

**Meeting 26**

**12<sup>th</sup> of July 2021, 14:00pm**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn (EaG)	Chair, Ceredigion County Council
Russell Hughes-Pickering (RHP)	Ceredigion County Council
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL)	CAVO
Iwan Cray (IC)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Duncan Hamer (DH)	Welsh Government
Ch. Insp Christina Fraser (CF)	Dyfed Powys Police
Ros Jervis (RJ)	Public Health Wales
Anna Bird (AB)	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Cllr Elwyn Williams (EW)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Eifion Evans (EE)	Ceredigion County Council
Christine Harley (CH)	HM's Prison & Probation Service
Yvette Eley (YE)	National Resources Wales

**PSB Support team:**

Diana Davies (DD)	Corporate Manager, Partnership and Performance (CCC)
Sara Dafydd (SD)	Partnerships Officer (CCC)
Manon Horscroft (MH)	Support Officer (CCC)
Lynne Walters (LW)	Partnerships Officer (CCC)

**Also in attendance:**

Rob Starr (RS)	Ceredigion County Council
Amy Richmond-Jones (ARJ)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Caitlin Theodorou (CT)	Ceredigion County Council
Cllr Rowland Rees-Evans (RRE)	Ceredigion County Council

<b>26.1</b>	Apologies, introductions & disclosures of interest
<p>The Chair began the meeting by welcoming all. There were no disclosures of interest.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>  Steve Moore, Hywel Dda University Health Board  Alun Williams, Ceredigion County Council  Maria Battle, Hywel Dda University Health Board  Matt Morden, Coleg Ceredigion/Sir Gar  Helen Powell, Department of Work and Pensions  Dr Andrew Cornish, Coleg Sir Gar/ Coleg Ceredigion  Gwilym Dyfri Jones, University of Wales Trinity Saint David  Rhodri Llwyd Morgan, Aberystwyth University  Gillian Wells, Natural Resources Wales  Pat Smith, Department of Work and Pensions</p>	
<b>26.2</b>	Minutes of previous Ceredigion PSB meeting – 22.02.21
<p>The minutes from the meeting held on 26.04.21 were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<b>26.3</b>	Matters arising from previous meeting
<p>There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.</p>	
<b>26.4</b>	Re-connecting Nature Presentation- Dr Yvette Eley, NRW
<p>The Chair began by sending her deepest condolences on behalf of the whole board to Gillian Wells on her recent bereavement and the sad loss of her father.</p> <p>In the absence of Gillian Wells, Dr Yvette Eley provided members of the PSB with a presentation on “Re-connecting Nature” scoping report. In December 2020, following confirmation of funding from Natural Resources Wales an open tender process was held by Ceredigion County Council, acting on behalf of Ceredigion PSB and the Climate Change and Natural Resources Project Group and Resources for Change Ltd were commissioned to prepare a scoping report. The aim of the project was to identify publicly owned land across the county that would be accessible and would promote biodiversity and health and well-being.</p> <p>The report, which had been circulated to members in advance of this meeting, provides a compilation of a long list of over 170 publicly owned sites with the potential for</p>	

ecological/community enhancement. YE noted that when the tender document was originally submitted, understandable adaptations were subsequently required as a direct result of continued COVID-19 restrictions. These adaptations, which centred on being unable to undertake site visits led to an amendment in the project outcomes resulting in assemblages of sites being identified. In total seven selections of projects were identified throughout the county and these were linked to appropriate themes to reflect the characteristics and priorities of areas. Individually and collectively, these projects are able to demonstrate a variety of opportunities for interaction and development within communities.

The seven selected project sites are namely :

1. **Aberaeron-** Creation and Restoration of Semi natural Grassland.
2. **Aberystwyth-** Community Wildlife Projects.
3. **Cardigan-** Afon Teifi and Pollinators.
4. **Lampeter-** Woodland and Freshwater Wildlife.
5. **Llandysul-** Creation and Restoration of Semi natural Grassland.
6. **Llanilar-** Circular Wildlife Walk.
7. **New Quay to Llanarth-** Coastal scrublands and water quality.

YE noted that the report focused on overcoming barriers to participation and consideration had been given to what needed to be undertaken in order to improve the diversity and access required by people who make usage of the green spaces across Ceredigion. Considerations which have been taken into account include the following:

- Overcome physical and psychological barriers.
- Breadth and diversity of ideas to take forward.
- Community art to draw new audiences.
- Creating wildlife refuges (e.g. bird and bat boxes) to attract craft and community groups.
- Creation of circular walks that do not depend on access to cars or public transport.
- Production of apps and/or leaflets to encourage participation.

To conclude her presentation YE covered the final section of the report which had identified a range of funding/grants available. A range of grants between £10,000 as an upper limit and £500 as a lower limit had been identified by Resources for Change Ltd as being potentially suitable for individual project actions to be taken forward.

These project ideas now need anchor organisations to be identified for moving them forward to an implementation phase and the support and assistance of PSB partners was requested. It was agreed that these will be considered in greater detail as funding opportunities are presented and each partner agreed to discuss the content of the report with colleagues.

YE was thanked for her informative presentation and for addressing the points raised during the positive discussion which followed.

During this discussion Ros Jervis (RJ), who was welcomed back, having not been able to attend PSB meetings for the last 18 months as a direct result of Covid-19, raised a query in terms of actively securing community participation for all. She referred to the regional Social and Green Solutions for Health symposium held at the University of Wales, Lampeter in January 2020 and the opportunity to consider the feedback alongside the Resources for Change report. These opportunities included direct reference to the provision of integrated services for those who are mentally and physically disabled. RJ welcomed further details on overcoming physical and psychological barriers and it was agreed that these points would be reported back to the Climate Change and Natural Resources Project Group at their next meeting later this month.

At this point RJ also wanted to confirm the importance of the identification of engagement leads within communities and thanked everyone for the warm welcome back to today's meeting.

**ACTION: Dr Yvette Eley to liaise with the PSB Support Team and Climate Change Project Group and share further details of the Action Plan with PSB members once available.**

At this juncture, Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL) raised the matter of Project Group work plans moving forward. HLL stated that from discussions with other Project Group Chairs it is felt that we are currently in a transition phase where focus is shifting to the gathering of thoughts and ideas for the next Local Well-being Plan 2023-28. It was suggested that the focus now needs to be on how the remaining period within the current plan can be utilised as a transition phase to maximise impact. Due to Covid-19 capacity has been a great issue within the Project Groups and HLL emphasised that with an increased focus a lot can be done whilst working together in partnership. Consideration was given to a possible place based approach for the future work of the PSB and its groups and HLL suggested that by utilising a pilot based delivery framework this could benefit future actions and inform the new Local Well-being Plan.

A discussion ensued and the PSB requested for the Project Group Chairs to discuss this proposed change in approach at their individual Project Group meetings during July and August with a view to presenting a revised place based delivery framework to the PSB at its next meeting in September for consideration.

**DECISION: The PSB agreed to review the current delivery framework with a view to move to pilot a place based approach for the remainder of the current Local Well-being Plan.**

**ACTION: The PSB Project Group Chairs to hold meetings of their respective groups during July and August in order to present the view of the PSB and to seek their input into themes and project ideas for the new place based delivery framework pilot. The new delivery framework to be presented for consideration at the next PSB meeting in September.**

**26.5** Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020/21

Lynne Walters (LW) provided a brief update to members on the work completed on the Local Well-being Annual Report for 2020-21. A copy of the Annual Report 2020-21 had been circulated to all members for their consideration prior to this meeting and in a similar approach to last year LW confirmed that the guidance released by WG requested a brief report within the context of COVID-19.

A reflection of the work undertaken throughout the year is included in the Annual Report and it has been organized around three areas of consideration for each Project Group, namely;

1. To revisit key priorities.
2. To provide details of individual activities from each group including any task and finish groups established.
3. Consideration of future priorities.

LW also highlighted that in addition to the 6 Project Groups information is also included within the report of the activities of the PSB Subgroups with particular attention on the Poverty Subgroup, the Refugee Resettlement Group and the Ceredigion Bilingual Futures Forum.

Following discussion relating to the content of the Annual Report all members approved the document and it was agreed that it would be published on the Ceredigion PSB website and copies sent, in line with agreed procedures to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Audit Wales and Welsh Government.

**DECISION: The PSB approved the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21.**

**26.6** PSB Project Group Updates

**i. Enterprise and Innovation:**

Russell Hughes-Pickering (RHP) updated members on the previous Project Group meeting and emphasised that the focus for members would be on two priorities. These priorities would be based on ensuring an understanding of the range of interventions available to support and encourage business establishment, survival and development and a consideration of the changing make-up of market towns. RHP raised that during the meeting only two Private Sector attendees were present and he noted that this limited attendance has been an issue in this Project Group. The Chair RHP felt the time is now

opportune to address this matter and he endorsed the matter raised by HLL earlier in the meeting to consider a place-based approach to joint action.

**ii. Social and Green Solutions for Health:**

The Chair RJ reported that understandably this Project Group has not met due to COVID-19. RJ noted that her whole capacity has been towards dealing with the pandemic and the requirement for the urgent implementation of the biggest mass vaccination programme ever experienced.

**iii. Climate Change and Natural Resources:**

YE had nothing further to report on behalf of the Chair Gillian Wells and the Project Group Report was accepted.

**iv. a) Understanding our Communities:**

Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL) provided an update on the last meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. The Project Group have created a subgroup to support the process of drawing up the new Assessment of Local Well-being. Emphasis has been placed on the identification of engagement leads and the creation of an information pack for those interested in facilitating short discussion sessions as part of the information gathering process. It was emphasised that the priority must be placed upon encouraging as many people as possible to become involved in the engagement. HLL also noted that the Project Group has started to consider the development of a co-operative budgeting scheme in the New Quay area which will build upon the previous consultancy work undertaken by Rural Futures.

**b) Understanding our Communities – Reopening of Community Venues Panel**

HLL provided a brief update that the panel are continuing to meet weekly offering support to Community Venues. The panel are currently arranging another briefing session to update those organizing any activities in their community venues as the provision of information to allow this to happen in an organised fashion is essential.

**V. Co-location and Integration:**

Iwan Cray (IC) informed members of the key actions that had taken place in this Project Group. The main agenda item at its last meeting was centred around a Facilitated Workshop provided by Rob Starr on the Assessment of Local Well-being. The report for this Project Group was accepted and to conclude his overview IC also noted his agreement to a place based delivery framework for the PSB in moving forward.

**Vi. Resilience Training:**

Sara Dafydd (SD) provided a brief update to members in the absence of the Project Group Chair, Matt Morden. It was noted that the Chair had informed the PSB of concerns regarding regular partner attendance at meetings in April. It was also noted that the Chair had asked, given the current challenges around capacity, whether there continued to be an appetite for a shared resilience training resource to be established across PSB

organisations. This matter is set to be discussed by the Project Group at their next meeting. It was noted that whilst meetings had been well supported by the Local Authority, CAVO, Aberystwyth University, MAWWFire & Rescue Service and UWTSO, unfortunately other PSB organisations had not actively involved themselves in the work of the group and this was now reflected in the resource being developed. It was confirmed that in-line with all other Project Groups Rob Starr, Performance & Research Manager had facilitated an interactive workshop session focussed on the Assessment of Local Well-being and this had been welcomed by meeting attendees. To end SD noted that the Chair Matt Morden, had informed the Project Group of his retirement from his post at Coleg Sir Gar/ Coleg Ceredigion and as a result will be stepping down as the Chair of this Project Group.

## 26.7 Assessment of Local Well-being

Rob Starr (RS) provided a brief update on the progress of the work being undertaken on the Assessment of Local Well-being. Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting for member information. It was highlighted that the main points which members now needed to be made aware of is that data leads have now been identified in each member organisation and these will prove vital as the work progresses. It was reported that the team had successfully managed to host engagement workshops for the assessment with each Project Group during May/June and these had provided an excellent opportunity to receive input and feedback across different PSB partners on the themes and the overall approach to the engagement activity.

RS noted that the main focus at the moment is the work which is being undertaken with the Regional Survey group. The team are currently evaluating the feedback and collating the evidence in order to inform the next step of the engagement process. The intention is to undertake a Regional Well-being Survey, very similar to the format used last time, during August and September. RS confirmed that the draft would be circulated to PSB members.

**ACTION: Rob Starr and the Research Team to circulate the draft survey to PSB members once available.**

**ACTION: Rob Starr and the Research Team to circulate a draft copy of the Stakeholder Toolkit and Engagement Brief for PSB members once available.**

It was noted that the Regional Well-being Project Coordinator, employed through the PSB Support Grant, will commence in post on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

As part of his update RS went through a paper on proposed Community Areas for the assessment. A detailed paper had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and

following discussion it was agreed that the MSOA's Community Areas would be adopted for the assessment.

**DECISION: The PSB agreed to utilise the MSOA's as the Community Areas for the Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being.**

<b>26.8</b>	Feedback from Ceredigion County Council Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Diana Davies (DD) provided a brief update on behalf of Cllr Rowland Rees-Evans. The minutes from the Ceredigion County Council Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June had been shared with members. The outline for the Annual Report had been discussed at the Committee along with the minutes of the previous PSB meeting and accompanying Project Group report cards. DD thanked HLL for attending the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee, where the Annual Report section for the Understanding Our Communities Project Group was discussed. Members of the Scrutiny Committee had also thanked HLL and the Project Group members for their work throughout the year.

Following approval of the Local Well-being Plan Annual Report today, the final report will be presented to the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting which will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

**ACTION: The final Local Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21 to be presented to the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

<b>26.9</b>	Any Other Business
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The Chair closed the meeting by thanking all for attending and for their continued contributions to the discussions.

<b>26.10</b>	<b><u>Date of next meetings:</u></b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> of September 2021</b> , 10:00-12:00 <b>18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021</b> , 13:30-15:30
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