

Meeting 28

18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021, 09:30am

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

**Present:**

Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn (EaG)	Chair, Ceredigion County Council
Eifion Evans (EE)	Ceredigion County Council
Alun Williams (AW)	Ceredigion County Council
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL)	CAVO
Iwan Cray (IC)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Gwilym Dyfri Jones (GDJ)	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Anna Bird (AB)	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Cllr Elwyn Williams (EW)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Thomas Vetter (TV)	National Resources Wales
Rhodri Llwyd Morgan (RLM)	Aberystwyth University
Ch. Insp Christina Fraser (CF)	Dyfed-Powys Police

**Also in attendance:**

Rob Starr (RS)	Ceredigion County Council
Mari Hopkins (MH)	Ceredigion County Council
Caitlin Theodorou (CT)	Ceredigion County Council
James Gibb (JG)	Department of Work and Pensions
Cllr Rowland Rees-Evans (RRE)	Ceredigion County Council
Dewi Day (DD)	Aberystwyth University
Elen James (EJ)	Ceredigion County Council
Carwyn Young (CY)	Ceredigion County Council
Helen Griffith (HG)	Coleg Ceredigion/ Sir Gar
Amy Richmond-Jones (ARJ)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Carys Huntly (CH)	Ceredigion County Council
Yvette Elev (YE)	National Resources Wales

**PSB Support team:**

Diana Davies (DD)	Corporate Manager, Partnership and Performance (CCC)
Nia Wyn Jones (NWJ)	Partnerships Officer (CCC)
Manon Horscroft (MH)	Support Officer (CCC)
Cathryn Morgan (CM)	Partnership Manager (Temp.) (CCC)
Lynne Walters (LW)	Partnerships Officer (CCC)

<b>28.1</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>  Barry Rees, Ceredigion County Council  Russell Hughes-Pickering, Ceredigion County Council  Steve Moore, Hywel Dda University Health Board  Maria Battle, Hywel Dda University Health Board  Ros Jervis, Public Health Wales  Gillian Wells, Natural Resources Wales  Vanessa Cashmore, Coleg Ceredigion/Coleg Sir Gar  Supt. Robyn Mason, Dyfed-Powys Police  Pat Smith, Department of Work and Pension  Carys Morgan, Police and Crime Commissioners Office  Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government</p>	
<b>28.2</b>	Minutes of previous Ceredigion PSB meeting – 17.09.21
<p>The minutes from the meeting held on 17.09.21 were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<b>28.3</b>	Matters arising from previous meeting
<p>CM updated members on the new <b>Afghan Relocation Scheme</b>. Two properties were identified as suitable. One property is currently ready for a family, the other was withdrawn due to delays in the family arriving. A suitable family had been matched to the property, but they refused to relocate to a rural area. Another family was matched but could not arrive until January and the landlord subsequently withdrew from the scheme. Similar issues are happening across Wales. Concerns have been raised with the Home Office that the scheme is not running as smoothly as anticipated.</p> <p>In relation to the progress report on the <b>Tackling Hardship Strategy</b>, members raised concerns about the £20 a week deduction to Universal Credit. Welsh Government have announced that those on lower incomes will receive an additional 'Winter payment' of £100. This is welcomed but it creates additional work and the CCC Benefits team did not have much warning to prepare prior to the public announcement.</p>	
<b>28.4</b>	Assessment of Local Well-being
<p>RS presented the main findings of the draft Assessment. The report and appendices were distributed prior to the meeting. This is an important milestone in the process; the next stage is public consultation before the final Assessment is presented for approval to the</p>	

PSB in March 2022. RS thanked PSB members and the team for their input and support in the work so far.

RRE noted that high levels of phosphates in the county has halted planning development in Ceredigion. He asked if this is highlighted enough in the Assessment and requested a progress update from NRW on the issue. TV agreed that this should be included as a critical priority and that NRW will respond to this point as part of their feedback on the draft Assessment.

IC was surprised at the response of individuals to 'Feeling Safe' and asked for more detail about how 'feeling safe' is defined. There is more detail within the evidence collected to support the Assessment but it's likely that we will need to address this issue as we move through the process of developing the Well-being Plan.

HLL noted that the slide showing the impact of population change is striking and suggested that, if the slides are used for future presentations, this one is tweaked to include the impact on Social Care as well as on Health services.

AB raised concerns about engaging with the public given the context and size of the documents. RS confirmed that the team are working on breaking down the presentation to main findings and hope to use appropriate technology to present the information in a friendly and interactive way.

CF noted that a lot of the data ties in with Dyfed Powys Police's data on crime and demand trends. She agreed with IC's observation on 'Feeling Safe' since Ceredigion is known to be one of the safest counties in Dyfed-Powys. The police are experiencing recruitment issues and Ceredigion teams are being covered by officers from Carmarthen and Haverfordwest, this corresponds with the data on population demographics.

The Chair and Members thanked RS and the team for all their work. Members of the PSB were asked to promote the consultation on the draft Assessment within their networks as well as providing feedback from their own organisations. This part of the process is crucial in making sure that the Well-being Plan is effective and fit for purpose.

**ACTION: Members to promote the consultation and the draft Assessment within their networks for feedback.**

<b>28.5</b>	PSB Place Based Pilot Project Updates
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The Board have now moved from 6 PSB workstreams to 3 pilot project groups in order to progress the current Well-being Plan.

**i. Carbon Neutral Aberystwyth and Decarbonisation Strategy**

DD of Aberystwyth University is leading on this project. The key partners are Aberystwyth University, Hywel Dda University Health Board and Ceredigion County Council with advisory

support provided by Welsh Government Energy Services and Heat Network Delivery Unit. The National Library is working on its own carbon neutral plans and will share information and knowledge to support this pilot project.

The group met on 15/11/21. The plan is a building to house low carbon heat generation that will be piped to the various buildings involved. An initial feasibility study was undertaken 5 years ago (to meet the commitment to achieve Zero Carbon by 2030) but lack of money meant that the work did not progress at the time. There may now be WG funding available, but it is heavily oversubscribed, and the timescale is tight.

The group agreed that there are benefits in collaborating on the project and identified the need for an updated feasibility study, the estimated cost is £70,000. If funding cannot be found, a financial commitment will be requested from each of the 3 partners. All partners agreed to seek to secure senior management support to pave the way for an updated feasibility study to progress next Spring.

## **ii. Community Health and Social Solutions for Tackling Poverty and Promoting Well Being in Cardigan**

HLL is leading on this project. She reported that the first meeting was held on 03/11/21 and there was excellent attendance and participation. It is clear that there are a range of challenges facing the community and a great deal of groups and organisations are working in Cardigan to offer a wealth of activities in the town. The group agreed that empowering the community from within is essential and initial steps in the action plan will include:

- **Mapping** of assets and resources
- **Researching** and gathering existing consultation reports and strategies in order to identify outstanding actions and recommendations
- **Investing** by bringing together any available funding aimed at tackling hardship
- **Targeting** provision by setting up an outreach programme to make it easier for citizens in Cardigan to access support and advice
- **Linking** by work with key stakeholders to promote and increase opportunities for people to engage in activities to improve their own outcomes and the outcomes of others, and
- **Monitoring** the data sets available for Cardigan.

The group have also agreed that all future references to the aims and objectives of this pilot project will now emphasise “tackling hardship and promoting well-being”. The group will meet again in December to discuss available data sets, the mapping of assets and resources and decide on the best delivery method for the pilot project.

## **iii. Multi-agency approach to Well-being in Lampeter**

EJ of Ceredigion Council is leading on this project. The group have not met yet, but internal discussions have taken place. The intention is to focus on working together to promote well-being in Lampeter and neighbouring areas. There are numerous groups and organisations offering activities, it is recognised that the demographics are changing and there is a need to map and better understand what is on offer to ensure that the health and wellbeing needs of those living in the area are being met.

The Through Age and Wellbeing model has set out a strategy for an integrated service delivery model and this PSB project will further enable the delivery of the strategy.

CY provided an update on progress of the transformation of Lampeter leisure centre into the Council's first Well-being hub. The new floor plans were presented; these are now ready, and the work will go out to tender soon.

**28.6** An All Wales Review of Assaults on Emergency Workers

Ch. Insp CF presented a report commissioned by Chief Constable Pam Kelly, former Dyfed-Powys Officer. The Joint Emergency Service Group (JESC) covers the four Welsh Forces, British Transport Police, Welsh Ambulance Service and the three Fire and Rescue Services in Wales. The report, circulated prior to the meeting, outlines the number, type and location of assaults (punching, kicking, pinching, spitting and verbal abuse) on Emergency Workers from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 until end of June 2021.

AW raised that CCC staff have experienced similar issues, mainly Social Care staff, the Covid enforcement team and Animal Health team. The officers now wear body cameras, this sometimes calms the situation but can also provide evidence if needed.

Members were asked to acknowledge the report and to consider whether the PSB can use it to positively influence the agenda to reduce assaults on our emergency workers in Wales.

**28.7** Feedback from Ceredigion County Council Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15th September, 2021

RRE thanked DD and LW who presented the minutes of the PSB meeting in July 2021. The minutes of the last PSB meeting were approved. The issue of phosphates was raised by Scrutiny committee members and RRE welcomed the opportunity to raise this again today.

**28.8** Green Infrastructure Action Plans

Ceredigion Planning Policy Team worked with the Rural Communities Team to prepare a funding bid to Welsh Government Transforming Towns Initiative. The Planning Policy team helped to prepare the business case for Green Infrastructure Action Plans for the six towns in Ceredigion.

Over the last 18 months, capacity has been built through engagement and evidence building, but this has not fully concluded in delivering projects to transform our towns.

There is still work to be done to reach the final stage of capacity building so as to be able to support project delivery and move forward with projects to enhance or build upon our Green Infrastructure assets in the short, medium and long term.

These are the essential elements of Green Infrastructure Action Plans (GIAPs) and would help advance the aims of the PSB Climate Change sub-group. It has been confirmed that the Re-Connecting Nature report by R4C may be used as a reference for baseline information and will be made available in the tender specification to consultants for the completion of GIAPs.

Welsh Government have approved the GIAP project under the Transforming Towns Initiative and the Rural Towns Development Officer is currently expediting a procurement framework for the Transforming Towns revenue funded projects to go to tender.

**DECISION: The Chair and PSB members agreed to support this work moving forward.**

<b>28.9</b>	Any Other Business
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AB updated members on the Covid-19 vaccination and Flu programmes. COVID VACCS-JCVI have updated their guidance to include boosters for everyone over 40 and 2nd doses are available for 16-17 year olds. The Health Board still have 7 mass vaccination centres open and access to a mobile vaccination unit where needed. GPs are giving booster jabs to housebound patients, with support from the vaccination team. The flu vaccine programme is well underway, GP surgeries and community pharmacies are offering vaccinations to all over 50's and those under 50 at risk. The schools programme this year includes secondary school children for the 1st time.

AW raised that it has been agreed to end the Covid element of the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) groups across Wales, as there are other multi-agency groups who can respond to Covid.

There was no other business. The Chair closed the meeting by thanking all for attending and for their continued contributions to the discussions.

<b>28.10</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting:</u></b> <b>7th of March 2022, 13.30-15.30</b>
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