



2.00pm, Tuesday 23 March 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Present	
Name	Organisation
Barry Liles (Chair)	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Cllr Emlyn Dole	Carmarthenshire County Council
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales
Supt Gary Phillips	Dyfed Powys Police
Carys Morgans	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Ruth Mullen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr
Kevin Jones	Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Cllr Jan Curtice	Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Authority
Martyn Palfreman	West Wales Regional Partnership Board
Anna Bird	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
Christine Harley	National Probation Service
Menna Davies	Department for Work and Pensions
Helen Roderick	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Prof Jean White	Welsh Government

In attendance	
Name	Organisation
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council
Wendy Phillips	Carmarthenshire County Council
Noelwyn Daniel	Carmarthenshire County Council
Jane Lewis	Carmarthenshire County Council
Rebecca Llewellyn	West Wales Regional Partnership Board
Jessica Svetz	West Wales Regional Partnership Board
Beth Cossins	Public Health Wales
Amy Richmond-Jones	Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Gary Jones	Llanelli Town Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Barry Liles, Chair, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and guests were introduced. This was the last meeting for Jean White, Menna Davies and Julian Atkins will be leaving the BBNPA at the end of the month. Thanks were conveyed for their contributions to the PSB.

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Maria Battle	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Ros Jervis	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Huw Thomas	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Rhian Dawson	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Julian Atkins	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

ACTION

Write to members that are leaving the PSB to thank for their representation	PSB Support Team
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2. Minutes and Matters arising

2 February 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Action Log

Updates were provided on previous actions.

6. New priorities focus – outline of arrangements

Town Centre Public Services Hubs

Noelwyn Daniel stated that the Working Group has met to discuss the new ways of working and the opportunities around the Town Centre Hubs. Organisations currently involved are Coleg Sir Gâr, Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Health Board. A broad charter and a set of principles were agreed with a brief outline provided. The next meeting arranged for mid-April will focus on the three main towns identified in the 10 Towns project, to identify assets in each area and the potential for collaborative working.

ACTION

Liaise with DWP and HMPPS on future opportunities on the Town Centre Public Services Hubs	Noelwyn Daniel
Discuss UWTSD representation on the Town Centre Public Services Hubs	Barry Liles / Andrew Cornish
Update on Town Centre Public Services Hubs to be provided at a future meeting	Noelwyn Daniel

3. Learning & Skills Update

Jane Lewis provided a presentation covering levels of furloughed workers, claimant levels, Self-employment Income Support Scheme, redundancies, vacancies data and skills demands. The main findings relating to skills by sector has shown a demand for IT skills across all sectors due to the new ways of working. The next report to Welsh Government is due mid-May which will include new skills and outline what is happening in the marketplace.

There was a discussion around skills that were not included in the presentation but are included in the report such as HGV drivers, logistics, drone technology and apprenticeships.

ACTION	
Provide update on Learning & Skills at a future meeting	Jane Lewis
Discuss opportunities for Engineering Apprenticeships	Huwel Manley /Andrew Cornish

4. Regional Partnership Board: A Healthier West Wales Update

Martyn Palfreman and Rebecca Llewhellin provided a presentation on the Healthier West Wales Transformation Programme, in particular, the 'Proactive Technology – Enabled Care' (Connect) and 'Creating Connections for All' Programmes.

The Connect programme provides proactive care for people, using appropriate technology to promote and support chronic condition management, reduce loneliness & isolation, reduce hospital admissions & use of emergency services. Covid-19 has resulted in over 2,000 sign-ups to the programme between March 2020 and February 2021, 12,030 proactive calls have been made and 42,152 call monitoring conversations with clients; 7% of which were referred on for statutory assessments. The priorities for 2021-22 are to expand the programme to support more clients across the region, develop an effective sustainability plan for the programme and engagement with statutory services and other providers to increase referrals both to and from Connect.

Creating Connections for All is engaging with communities to develop health and well-being. Covid-19 resulted in the digital delivery of engagement being done on an individual focused approach. The achievements and outcomes to date were provided which included the accelerated launch of the Connect Platform, kindness pledges on the connect to kindness website, grant funding to 11 intergenerational projects, volunteers engaged in the delivery of community activities and establishment of Local Action Hubs. Priorities for the coming year are to extend the use of the Connect to platforms, focus on organisations and workforce for the Connect to Kindness, engagement for Connector Plus, building skills and confidence, re-establish the Local Action Hubs and incentivising volunteering.

The Connect To Wellbeing app has been developed and will go live on 1 April.

Both were congratulated on the work to date and a discussion was held around engagement.

ACTION	
Make link between Martyn Palfreman and Mydrian Harries to discuss Fire & Rescue Service engagement from Home Care/Safety angle	Kevin Jones
Consider how can engage and support the work of the RPB	All

5. Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan Updates

Foundational Economy Challenge Fund Public Sector Food Procurement Project: CLES Procurement Report

An overview was provided by Gwyneth Ayers which covered the two sessions held last week, one focusing on strategic direction and the other focusing on developing the local food supply chain. The events attracted a lot of interest. Funding comes to an end at the end of March

2021; however discussions are on-going regarding continuation for a second phase of the project. Specific recommendations from the CLES report were put forward for agreement in principle but as the Health Board member had left the meeting, leaving the PSB not quorate, the report is to be circulated by email for member approval.

Natural Resources Wales funding update

Two projects were supported for £25,000 – a Green Infrastructure (GI) project covering Newcastle Emlyn and Jackson’s Lane in Carmarthen and a tree planting and habitat improvement project led by the seven town and community councils. The tree planting initiative had been extended to include habitat improvement such as nesting boxes, benefitting from the underspend on the GI project. Confirmation is awaited on whether funding will be available for the next financial year.

Coronavirus Volunteering Recovery fund project

The online portal and digital training are progressing well.

Workplan

The workplan is a live document with updates provided in bold.

ACTION	
CLES report to be circulated for member approval	PSB Support Team

7. Well-being Assessment Update

The Well-being Assessment is due to be published by 5 May 2022. Members have previously agreed to support a regional approach and a working group has been established to progress this. Initial discussions have been held which included reflection on feedback from the Future Generations Commissioner and Welsh Government on the last assessment. A joint letter has been received from the Commissioner and Minister for Housing and Local Government and provides clear expectations. This will be a standing item at future PSB meetings.

8. Any Other Business

Future Generations Commissioner report workshop

It was agreed to arrange a date for the workshop and that the content should also cover other topics as appropriate to inform the Well-being Assessment.

Senedd Public Accounts Committee

A response was submitted to the Committee enquiry on how the Well-being of Future Generations Act has been embedded. The Committee’s report was published last week and will be circulated to members for reference.

UK Government funding opportunities

UK Government announced two funds last week: Levelling Up and Community Renewal. The local authority has been appointed as the lead organisation for Carmarthenshire with a potential for up to £3m worth of bids to be submitted for the Community Renewal Fund. PSB partners have been requested to be involved in an advisory group for consideration of projects and to submit applications themselves. Projects would need to focus on skills, local businesses, communities and places and support to employment.

Town and Community Councils

Following a meeting with the Town and Community Councils, it has been proposed to hold an annual event with the PSB to identify good practice and share annual reports. This was agreed in principle by the PSB. Further information to be provided in due course.

Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan

A Management Plan for the park is being developed and a vision and objectives document is currently out for consultation.

ACTION	
Circulate copy of Senedd Public Accounts Committee	PSB Support Team
Provide further information and arrange meeting to discuss UK Government funding opportunities	PSB Support Team
Arrange a date for the Annual Meeting for the Town and Community Councils	PSB Support Team
Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan to be brought back to a future meeting	PSB Support Team