



2.00pm, Wednesday 24 November 2021
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Present	
Name	Organisation
CLlr Emlyn Dole (Chair)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales
CI Stuart Bell	Dyfed Powys Police
Carys Morgans	Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner
Ruth Mullen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kevin Jones	Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
CLlr Elwyn Williams	Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Authority
Anna Bird	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr
Wyn Morris	Department for Work and Pensions
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government

In attendance	
Name	Organisation
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council
Wendy Phillips	Carmarthenshire County Council
Mandy Rogers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Lesley Rees	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carys Huntly	Ceredigion County Council
Amy Richmond-Jones	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

1. Welcome and Apologies

Emlyn Dole, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and special thanks were given to Ruth Mullen and Kevin Jones who are attending their last meeting as PSB members.

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Barry Liles	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Maria Battle	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Ros Jervis	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Huw Thomas	Hywel Dda University Health Board

Supt Gary Phillips	Dyfed Powys Police
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
Christine Harley	Probation Service
Kelvin Barlow	West Wales Regional Partnership Board
Catherine Mealing-Jones	Brecon Beacon National Park Authority

2. Draft Carmarthenshire Well-being Assessment

An overview was provided of the Draft Well-being Assessment with key areas highlighted and the following comments made:

- It is shocking that one third of children are living in poverty, and in addition, the cost of living is rising, increasing the pressure on families. There are links between children living in poverty and obesity. Poverty issues will need to be taken into account when tackling obesity, activity levels, physical fitness and wellness of children. It was agreed to reclassify the cost of living and the impact of poverty to red in the matrix.
- The number of English first language parents that would support their children through a Welsh medium education is encouraging but more needs to be done particularly with an influx of people moving into rural areas.
- Can gain the support of young people by addressing their concerns about COVID-19, climate change, jobs, poverty and the environment.
- At which point will the data differentiate between a general increase and covid-related increase of children classified as 'children in need' by Social Services?
- Further clarification is required on the data on homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.
- Risk of flooding affecting properties has increased with new Tan 15 maps received. Need to clarify if properties referred to are residences or businesses.
- Data on fly tipping in Carmarthenshire is calculated differently to many other authorities with bags left next to a litter bin being included, for example.
- Property prices are affected by migration into the county which could impact the Welsh language.
- Tackling road traffic collisions is a challenge due to the number of organisations who have varying responsibilities.
- There is no reference to carers in the 'Adulthood' or 'Ageing Well' themes. Hywel Dda Health Board have seen a 64% increase in individuals self-reporting as unpaid carers.
- Phosphates and nitrates in water will have a direct impact on poverty as households will face higher water bills for treating sewage and cleaning drinking water.
- The selection of the 'Key Themes' was queried as they include a mixture of issues and opportunities. A broad spectrum of how well-being in the county has been assessed is shown, and it is hoped to take action in partnership on all themes identified.
- The issue of energy capacity not only relates to renewable energy but also the grid infrastructure. This will have a significant impact on the public sector in trying to achieve Net Carbon Zero, but also challenges to industry and new businesses establishing in the county. The grid capacity is behind the time as far as the ability to generate more renewable energies in the county to be more sustainable is concerned. Energy Service Wales is doing some work around ownership models of renewables.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner is also currently consulting on his Police and Crime Plan and will be promoted this using short 1-2 minute videos for use on social media. An offer was made to assist in the promotion of the well-being consultation.
- Although the report is in a readable format, an easy read summary would be advantageous.

- Although schools and young people were consulted in developing the draft Well-being Assessment, there needs to be continuous engagement with the public and other community groups.
- It would be good to receive proportional representation of responses based on the population profile and protected characteristics.

The recommendations were endorsed, and Emlyn Dole thanked all those involved in the development of the draft Well-being Assessment.

ACTION	
Reclassify cost of living and the impact of poverty to red on the draft Well-being Assessment	PSB Support Team
Advise of any changes to the draft Well-being Assessment including scoring by end of 26 November	All
Provide case studies of interventions which have been implemented in response to the challenges identified in the draft Well-being Assessment by 22 December	All
Develop an easy read summary of the draft Well-being Assessment	PSB Support Team
Respond to PCC Policing Priorities and Funding 2022/23 consultation – closing date Tuesday 30 November	All

3. Minutes and Matters arising

29 September 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Action Log

Updates were provided on previous actions.

4. Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan Updates

Workplan

An overview of the updates was provided as shown in bold on the document.

Further funding has been secured from the WG Foundational Economy Challenge Fund to progress the food procurement work. There are two elements to the project - working with the Health Board in terms of developing a feasibility study around food provision for patient meals, and looking at potential methodology for direct supply of local food into school sites. The recent announcement regarding free school meals changes that dynamic slightly, but it gives an opportunity to further the discussion at a national level as well as taking it forward locally.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business raised.