



28.02.2023 – 14:00

Democratic Conference Room, County Hall, Carmarthen and
Remote presence via Zoom

MINUTES

Present	
Name	Institution
Andrew Cornish (PSB Vice Chair and chair of the meeting)	Coleg Sir Gâr
Cllr. Linda Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council (representing Councillor Darren Price)
Noelwyn Daniel	Carmarthenshire County Council
Mydrian Harries	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Phil Kloer	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales
Cllr. Kim Broom	On behalf of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and representing Cllr. Elwyn Williams
Jo McCarthy	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Amy Richmond-Jones	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Barry Liles	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Marie Mitchell	Gar County Voluntary Service Association
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government
Kelvin Barlow	Regional Partnership Board
Catherine Mealing-Jones	Brecon Beacons National Park (online)

Present	
Name	Institution
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Llinos Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council

1. Welcomes, Presentations and Apologies

Apologies	
Name	Institution
Cllr. Darren Price	Chairman of PSB and Leader of County Council Gâr
Councillor Elwyn Williams	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Authority
Superintendent Clark Jones-John	Dyfed-Powys Police

Cassandra Bennett	Department for Work and Pensions (new representative on the Board)
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2. Records and Issues

It was agreed that the minutes from the 19 January 2023 meeting were an accurate record.

Kate Harrop guided the Board through the action log stating the following points:

- Members were kindly reminded to nominate a link in terms of sustainable land use (step 131)
- Natural Resources Wales have shared details of the Resilient Communities Grant scheme with Helen Morgan (stage 156).

3. Well-being Plan Update

A copy of the Well-being Plan was circulated in advance.

Following the Public Services Board's meeting in January, and the closure of the consultation and public involvement period, it was noted that work had progressed to develop a final version of the Well-being Plan.

It was explained that the Well-being Plan had been updated as a result of the following steps:

- Feedback from PSB members at a workshop held on 20 December 2022
- Specific feedback sessions with PSB members
- Feedback from online survey (107 responses)
- Feedback from participation opportunities
- Feedback from statutory partners
- Feedback from the Office of the Commissioner of Future Generations
- Feedback from Welsh Government
- Feedback from the Welsh Language Strategic Forum

Everyone who contributed towards the consultation and through the engagement were thanked.

The main changes in the Plan are as follows:

- Updated objective to reflect our work on bilingual communities - "Helping to create safe, diverse, bilingual communities".
- A reduction in the number of steps to provide a clear focus on where the PSB can add value.
- Information has been added about the 2021 Census.

It was explained that the Well-being Plan would move forward for approval by the four statutory partners and that dates had been confirmed for submission in the coming weeks, before coming back and finalising to the PSB on April 25.

The timeframe was set out here for the statutory partners:

- Hywel Dda University Health Board (30 March)
- Carmarthenshire County Council (Cabinet – 11 April)
- Natural Resources Wales (12 April)
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (17 April).

The changes keep a clear focus on where the PSB can add value to the work already taking place across member bodies and the next phase will involve developing detailed action plans with SMART steps to realise the objectives.

There was discussion amongst members, and it was encouraging to note that 79% of respondents agreed with the Well-being Objectives.

There was discussion about the ability of projects such as the Tyisha Project to be discussed at PSB meetings and it was noted that there was an opportunity to strengthen these links while recognising it is not the PSB that will necessarily lead on similar projects.

THE ACTION	
It was agreed to clarify the timetable for implementation within the Well-being Plan, and it was suggested that Phase 1, 2 and 3 be used (rather than short, medium and long-term)	PSB Support Team
It has been agreed to move the phase of the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy as a short-term phase extending over the period of the Well-being Plan	PSB Support Team
Agreed to clarify what is meant by 'Green and Blue' Places Strategy within the Well-being Plan	PSB Support Team

4. Develop the Regional Partnership Board Area Plan

Kelvin Barlow (KB) was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

The West Wales Care Partnership was established to oversee the ongoing transformation and integration of health, social care and well-being services in the West Wales area. The Partnership brings together the three local authorities in West Wales (Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion Council and Pembrokeshire County Council), Hywel Dda University Health Board and representatives from the third and independent sectors. A Regional Partnership Board has been established to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. Users of care and support services also sit on the Board, along with a carers representative.

KB detailed the structure of the Partnership and the main areas of work undertaken in the last 12 months, including the Population Assessment and the Market Stability Report.

KB explained the main themes across the population groups involved in the Population Assessment, namely:

- Access to services in the community
- Wait for assessment and diagnosis
- Communication, across services and organisations
- Need to use of Digital Technology
- Focus on Prevention & Wellbeing
- Workforce
- Transition between services
- Better outcomes through Co-production.

In terms of the priorities of the Area Plan, the following areas were identified:

- Support People to Manage their own Well-being

- Support People to stay closer to home
- Have the right services available to meet demand
- Have a Stable and Resilient Workforce
- Plan and deliver our services with people who use them.

Recent conversations have been had in terms of how the Public Services Board and the Regional Partnership Board can work together, to reflect where the wider partners are able to proactively prevent (e.g., Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service).

It was explained that the Well-being Plan recognised the need to strengthen the relationship between the two bodies.

The Chair of the Regional Partnership Board is keen to avoid duplication and ensure that we work across borders. It was agreed that the relationship between the two areas of legislation needed to be strengthened in the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the Social Services and Well-being Act.

There was discussion about the definition of 'Prevention' and how we can ensure partners can contribute positively and constructively.

There was discussion about the workforce and how the Regional Partnership Board looks at this for the future. There is a specific board looking at this but there is a clear understanding that a workforce is needed to realise the ambitious plans they have.

There will be specific work with schools, apprenticeship schemes and there is work for joint development e.g., social care and collective well-being. It was also noted that there will be work in terms of harmonisation of job conditions in terms of working hours and salary etc.

KB added that the Board is looking at the range of provisions and options to improve people's well-being and resilience. The Preventative projects will amount to around a third of the investment and there is an opportunity to look at how the investment is assigned.

Andrew Cornish asked about Education and its role within the Area Plan? It was noted that Carmarthenshire County Council's Director of Education forms part of the partnership, however, Higher and Further Education would be outside that discussion.

Scrutiny of the work of the RPB goes back to the governance structures of the individual bodies and therefore to the scrutiny committees within the county councils.

It has been noted that the website is being updated but the data being published is 'live' and it is hoped that it is useful for all PSB partners.

THE ACTION	
It was agreed that Kelvin Barlow would check RPB membership to ensure representation from the Higher and Further Education sector.	Kelvin Barlow
It was agreed that Kelvin Barlow and Noelwyn Daniel will have a further conversation regarding Digital Services.	Kelvin Barlow/Noelwyn Daniel

PSB Members were encouraged to complete the short survey in terms of the RPB's Area Plan next steps https://forms.office.com/e/4VVxskMxQQ	Everyone
It was agreed to re-establish the presence of the Regional Partnership Board at meetings of the PSB.	KB / Head of RPB
It was agreed to circulate the RPB presentation to all following the meeting	PSB Support Team

5. Welsh Government support for Public Service Boards - regional funding 2023-24 to 2025-26

Kate Harrop noted that the Welsh Government allocates funds for the cluster of PSBs regionally. Welsh Government have confirmed that the funding will be available for three years.

£69,803 will be allocated for the region, with a firm focus on community engagement and ensuring the availability of a dedicated data platform.

The following were identified as within the work plans for the funding:

- Create and recruit to a Regional Data Post
- Funding for the data platform Gorwel annual fee
- Local community engagement activities

Due to the approval timeframe, the allocation of funds was discussed with the PSB Chair prior to the date of the meeting.

THE ACTION

Circulate the PSB Regional Data Post link when live on Ceredigion Council's website	BGC Support Team
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8. Any Other Matter

The Public Service Board Support Team were thanked for their work in preparing the Well-being Plan.

7. Future meeting dates

- 25 April 2023 (2pm)

It was agreed that this meeting would be held face to face due to nature of the agenda items to be discussed.