



2.00pm, Tuesday 8 March 2022
Virtual 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
Mydrian Harries	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
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government

In attendance	
Name	Organisation
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Llinos Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council
Wendy Phillips	Carmarthenshire County Council
Rachel Clegg	Carmarthenshire County Council
Mandy Rogers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Lesley Rees	Carmarthenshire County Council
Gail Pearce-Taylor	Carmarthenshire County Council
Ian Llewelyn	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carys Huntly	Ceredigion County Council
Beth Cossins	Public Health Wales
Amy Richmond-Jones	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Mark Galbraith	Llanelli Rural Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Barry Liles, Chair, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and conveyed his best wishes to Ros Jervis who is retiring.

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Noelwyn Daniel	Carmarthenshire County Council
Maria Battle	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Huw Thomas	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Rhian Dawson	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Jo McCarthy	Public Health Wales
Carys Morgans	Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner
Christine Harley	Probation Service
Kelvin Barlow	West Wales Regional Partnership Board
Catherine Mealing-Jones	Brecon Beacon National Park Authority

2. Minutes and Matters arising

24 November 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Action Log

Updates were provided on previous actions.

3. Draft Carmarthenshire Well-being Assessment

Following the last meeting, the draft Well-being Assessment went out for public consultation and was also sent to Welsh Government, Future Generations Commissioner's Office and the County Council's Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee. The feedback received from the Scrutiny Committee was very positive in terms of content and presentation, and feedback from Welsh Government and the Future Generations Office was also positive, acknowledging that the document has taken a different path in that it is more of a commentary rather than a statistical document.

Thanks were extended to the staff who prepared the assessment and organisations who provided an input to the report.

An overview was provided of the additional documents with key areas highlighted. The following points were made:

- Consultation on draft Well-being Assessment took place 2 December - 20 January.
- 33 responses were received - 26 on-line and 7 in writing from the Future Generations Commissioner's Office, Welsh Government, Council's Housing Department, Council's Biodiversity Officer on behalf of Nature Partnership, Integrated Services (Council & Health Board), NRW and the Health Board/Public Health Wales.
- Changes to the report as a result of the feedback were highlighted.
- The Consultation and Involvement Report including the Regional Well-being Survey which received 609 responses.
- The Data Sources document contains a link to the sources of all data used within the report.
- Environment and Climate Change Analysis has been verified by NRW.
- The Community Area Well-being Profiles are at 6 Upper Super Output Area level– not at Middle Super Output Area as there are 25 of these in the county and not all data is available at this lower level.
- Case studies were received from the Fire & Rescue Service, Early Years Integration Team, Coleg Sir Gâr, Police, Tyisha Regeneration Team and Health Board.

- Once approved, the Well-being Assessment will be translated, published and promoted following the local elections in May. The next step will be to develop the Well-being Plan.
- There were concerns on how to tackle key issues identified in the assessment, such as obesity, poverty, suicide and cost of living.
- It was unanimously agreed that organisations should be using this data in a meaningful way to tackle the key issues.
- It is important to be honest in what is achievable and the need for focused interventions rather than trying to tackle all issues.

ACTION	
Consider how best to publish the Well-being Assessment and appendices	PSB Support Team
Establish timescales for Gorwel	PSB Support Team
Consider including Health data in with the Well-being indicators in future assessments	PSB Support Team
Look at adding number of online survey responders in addition to the percentage within the report	PSB Support Team
Link in with Beth Cossins to establish additional information on Health to be included in each community profile	PSB Support Team
Consider an infographic summary for the Well-being Assessment	PSB Support Team
Find ways to use well-being data in meaningful way across PSB organisations	All

4. Development of the new Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan

An overview was provided on the suggested timescales for the Plan's development, in order to meet the publish deadline of May 2023. This was unanimously agreed.

It was commented that the PSB previously made good strides to secure additional funding and resources, to run projects such as the Foundational Economy Challenge Fund. New funding streams will be coming online and there is a need to be prepared to take advantage of these which can add capacity to the work of the PSB which yields results in terms of outcomes.

5. Phosphate Guidance – briefing

Gail Pearce-Taylor, the County Council's Nutrient Management Officer, gave a presentation on the implications of the NRW Phosphate Guidance for Land Use.

River quality affects a number of aspects including fisheries, tourism, employment opportunities, development opportunities and positive health benefits. Phosphate is an essential, naturally occurring mineral but can cause problems to wildlife in high quantities. It enters rivers in run off from agriculture (fertiliser and manure); wastewater from homes (detergents, shampoo, cleaners); sewage generated from homes; wastewater treatment works that do not have phosphate removing capability and directly via sewer overflows which is an increasing occurrence.

New evidence on the damaging effects of phosphate, combined with the effects of climate change, led to the development of the new guidelines, which only applies to Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) rivers; of which there are 4 in Carmarthenshire – Teifi, Tywi, Cleddau and Wye.

Guidelines require that any development within a SAC catchment, that will result in increased wastewater, will have to achieve nutrient neutrality. This will impact communities in a number of ways:

- Rural catchments are unlikely to receive costly investment in hard infrastructure
- Provision of affordable housing due to planning restrictions
- Social implications – community cohesion, ability to retain younger generations within county, Welsh culture and language
- Economic implications – Ten Towns initiative affected (Llandeilo, Llandovery, Llanybydder and Newcastle Emlyn)
- Resilience of the construction sector.

There are a number of solutions to help facilitate nutrient neutral development combined with measures to improve the condition of rivers:

- Working with Welsh Water to improve infrastructure
- Most effective solutions are nature based – sustainable drainage systems, wetlands, woodland creation, riverine planting, buffer strips, cover crops and land management
- Private treatment plants.

Action taken by CCC

- Created phosphate calculator (first in Wales)
- Commissioned guidelines to help implement mitigation
- Co-ordinated land use agenda – working with landowners.

Next Steps

- Working with landowners
- Benefit of public owned land
- Optimise benefits for Carmarthenshire – flood alleviation, Net Zero Carbon, air quality, nature crisis, amenity value
- Credit trading system.

A discussion took place with various concerns raised such as the impact on community cohesion, employment and Welsh language, recovery plans, regional development and four of the Ten Towns initiative. There is good practice available to learn from and funding channels are starting to emerge.

Welsh Water are currently looking at identifying the principal source of phosphate in the rivers. Although generally, the agricultural sector is acknowledged to contribute most to this issue, all sectors contribute.

ACTION	
Map partner organisations' land use and potential collaborative work	All

6. Any Other Business

Phase 2 Foundational Economy

Gwyneth Ayers informed that work with HDUHB is ongoing and that two lots have gone out to tender - one for the Health Board and the other for the school meals provision. The Welsh Government announcement of free school meals for all has changed the remit. However the feasibility work is looking at what needs to change to enable local produce to be used in school meals.

Refugees

Emlyn Dole stated that a response to the Ukrainian crisis has been discussed at a national level and that the Authority will be taking refugees.

Welsh Language Commission

Following the sudden death of Aled Roberts, Welsh Language Commissioner, a condolence letter is to be sent to WG.

PSB Grant

Approval has been received for the annual WG PSB grant, which is used to fund a Regional Co-ordinator post. However, Carys is leaving to take another post and a replacement will be sought. Carys was thanked for her work.

Local gov elections

The Council will go into pre-election period from 18 March and a protocol will be in place to ensure the council maintains a neutral stance and does not give prominence or publicity to any candidates or parties. The delivery of council services remains unaffected.

Commemorative Woodland Consultation

A consultation on the Commemorative Woodland is currently live on the NRW website for any that wish to contribute.

ACTION	
Letter of condolence to be sent to WG following the death of Aled Roberts, Welsh Language Commissioner	PSB Support Team
Complete NRW consultation on the acquisition of land for commemorative woodland	All