



2.00pm, Wednesday 28 September 2022
Multi-location Meeting – DSU, County Hall, Carmarthen & Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Name	Organisation
Cllr Darren Price (Chair)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Noelwyn Daniel	Carmarthenshire County Council
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales (online)
Mydrian Harries	Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (online)
Cllr Elwyn Williams	Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Authority (online)
Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr (online)
Carys Morgans	Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner (online)
Dr Daniel Warm	Hywel Dda University Health Board (online)
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (online)
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government (online)

In attendance

Name	Organisation
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Llinos Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council (online)
Wendy Phillips	Carmarthenshire County Council
Mark Howard	Carmarthenshire County Council (online)
Owain Enoch	Carmarthenshire County Council (online)
Beth Cossins	Public Health Wales (online)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Barry Liles	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Maria Battle	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Supt Clark Jones-John	Dyfed Powys Police
Mark Bowling	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Jo McCarthy	Public Health Wales
Dr Michael Thomas	Public Health Wales
Wyn Morris	Department for Work and Pensions

Cllr. Darren Price, Chair, welcomed everyone to the first multi-location meeting.

3. PSB New Ways of Working Llandeilo

Mark Howard presented the context of the work in terms of New Ways of Working and the objectives for the project. A subgroup has been set up with a number of PSB partners to explore the potential opportunities for future collaboration. The aims and objectives of many of the partners are very similar as we move out of the pandemic, including making the best use of buildings and work settings.

The public sector has a number of joint objectives in terms of workplaces, energy costs, optimising locations and ensuring quality services for our customers. There are differences in culture, IT equipment, budget, and work practices, however, partners have agreed to bring the best possible opportunities to the table in terms of the negotiations from the outset.

There has been an ongoing challenge in allowing access to venues. It was agreed that Llandeilo was an ideal location for trialling this new way of working. The space will be available from 9-5 Monday to Friday and a reservation system is currently being developed. The wireless facilities will connect individuals to their own organisations. This will not be permanent office space but there is still an opportunity to discuss that, should it be required.

Positive steps have emerged from the work so far and one recent instance was noted where MAWWFRS was able to offer office space to an individual supporting a partner receiving treatment at Glangwili Hospital to save travel and to improve their emotional well-being.

It was noted that Natural Resources Wales has not had office space in Llandeilo for a number of years but members of staff would use if available. There are challenges in terms of the organisation's fleet and asked if parking and charging space can also be shared between the partners. Historic parking at the Beechwood estate was discussed and whether it would be possible to look at that location. It was agreed that Mark Howard and Huwel Manley will have a further discussion and Huwel will be invited to attend future project meetings.

A number of charging sites are being developed by the MAWWFRS and it will be possible to consider further how these can be shared resources for the future. Work is also underway within the County Council in terms of an electric fleet and opportunities to share an electric fleet could be explored for the future. Mark Howard agreed that it will be possible to map out current charging sites at a future project meeting.

ACTION		
To invite Huwel Manley to the Better Ways of Working sub-group		Mark Howard
Link in with Mydrian Harries regarding utilising electric vehicle charging points at Fire Stations		Huwel Manley
Map locations of electric vehicle charging points at the next Better Ways of Working meeting		Gwyneth Ayers / Mark Howard

2. The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee

Owain Enoch, Business and Portfolio Manager, explained the context for the Corporate Joint Committee and the establishment of the new structure. An outline was provided of the

governance of the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC). The Chair is Councillor Rob Stewart of City and County of Swansea Council, and the Vice-Chair is Councillor Darren Price.

The CJC has adopted two plans to work towards - Regional Economic Development Plan and Regional Energy Plan. These will give a framework to the CJC. There will be a Local Authority levy based on population size and each County will lead on certain elements i.e. Legal, ICT, Democratic Services, Internal Audit, Finance and Communications.

There will be a number of workstreams which will have place-based policy interventions on the Strategic Development Plan, Regional Transport Plan and Economic Well-being. The next steps are to progress the workstreams as part of a portfolio approach, develop a Committee structure, develop branding and raise awareness.

It was asked if there is potential for the Well-being Plan objectives to be included in the CJC work streams? Owain Enoch explained that the objectives of the CJC are focused on the statutory areas but there is consideration of local Well-being Plans going forward. There will also be consideration in terms of the Levelling Up funding and the Shared Prosperity Fund. There is a continual challenge in terms of the regional partnership's footprint and that of the Public Services Boards, but the important point is to ensure that we are flexible in terms of those partnerships going forward. Similarly, there needs to be a discussion in terms of the footprint of the City Deal and how this links in with the CJC.

It is assumed that the CJC will link in with the National Energy Programme. There is potential that one of the first sites will be in Carmarthenshire and an announcement from the Welsh Government Minister is expected in the coming months. Owain Enoch stated that the Regional Energy Strategy will be a focus for the work of a specific subcommittee of the CJC.

ACTION

Invite Owain Enoch to a future meeting to provide update on CJC Workstreams	PSB Support Team
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4. Minutes and Matters arising

12 July 2022

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Action Log

Updates were provided on previous actions.

5. (Draft) Well-being Plan 2023-28

Llinos Evans provided an overview of the Draft Well-being Plan following the agreement of the Well-being Assessment at a previous meeting.

The structure of the report is concise and is clear in terms of its aim, vision of the PSB, possible steps and how the five ways of working have been considered in its preparation. As the Plan is further developed and consulted upon, the aim is to develop short, medium, and long term actions. A summary was provided on the feedback streams which have fed into the Plan.

The next step is to include any additional feedback received before 17 October into the draft Plan and to continue to discuss action steps with the WBFGC Office. A 12-week consultation will run from 25 October to 17 January along with various engagement and consultation events.

Questions were asked relating to Welsh specific data and the specific impact of Covid-19 on Black and Minority Ethnic groups. Beth Cossins confirmed that local data is available and that she would link in with Llinos Evans over the next week.

Cllr Darren Price commented that, as a new Chair, and due to the number of apologies received, he felt that it would be advantageous for the Board to hold a workshop to discuss the added value of meeting as a Public Services Board and to develop a forward work programme. It was agreed to hold a face-to-face meeting before the next scheduled meeting on 23 November.

ACTION	
Provide comments on draft Well-being Plan by 17 October	ALL
Link in with Beth Cossins and Huwel Manley regarding Well-being Plan	Llinos Evans
Arrange Reflection Workshop prior to next meeting in November	PSB Support Team

6. Any Other Business

Real Living Wage

An update was provided on the MAWWFRS progress on becoming a Real Living Wage organisation. This is to be further discussed at the November meeting along with an invitation to the Police and Crime Commissioner as Chair of Mid and West Wales Regional Group of Real Living Wales, and Mari Arthur from Real Living Wales organisation to attend the meeting.

ACTION	
Invite Dafydd Llywelyn and Mari Arthur to discuss the Real Living Wage at the next meeting	Gwyneth Ayers