

PSB Project Group Report

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| Well-being Plan Aim | All place-based pilot projects will aim to address the 6 well-being aims as outlined in the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2018-23. A place-based delivery framework will prioritise integration and will incorporate a deep-dive holistic approach to both community and individual resilience. |
| Our Values | Welsh Language, Tackling Inequalities, Involvement, Sustainability, Leading by Example |
| Project Group Name | PSB Climate and Nature delivery group |
| Chair | Gillian Perry , Natural Resources Wales |

| Project Group Membership (<i>Names in bold signify attendance at the meeting</i>) | | | |
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| Ceredigion County Council | Cllr Alun Williams, Rhodri Llwyd, Cllr Keith Henson, Beti Gordon, Alison Heal , Bethan Howell, Nicola Davies, Llinos Williams, Rachel Auckland , Gareth Payne, Andrew McNiff , Cathryn Morgan , Connor Cook , Caitlin Theodorou , Bethan Lloyd Davies Partnerships Team: Timothy Bray , Sara Dafydd, Lynne Walters , Anwen Thomas, Teleri Elias | Aberystwyth University | Dewi Day |
| | | Natural Resources Wales | Rebecca Wright |
| Hywel Dda University Health Board | Paul Williams, Terri Shaw, Owen Harris Sharon Hughes , Rhian Rees | National Library of Wales | Mark Stevens |
| Welsh Government Energy Services | Carwyn Davies | Mid Wales Energy Plan | Dr Gemma Delafield, Thomas Yeo |

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| | | Coleg Sir Gar / Ceredigion | Vanessa Cashmore, Louis Dare |
| Mid & West Wales Fire Service | Neil Evans | CAVO | Chesca Ross |
| EcoDyfi | Jane Powell | Co-Production Wales | Vikki Butler |
| Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) | Juliet Morris | University of Wales Trinity Saint David | Kelly Williams, Daniel Priddy, Kate Williams |
| Menter a Busnes | Ann Owen | | |

SYNOPSIS OF PROJECT GROUP MEETING

Key Points discussed at Project Group meeting: 01.05.24

13.1 Welcome, introductions, and apologies

The Chair, Gillian Perry (GP) welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were noted for the following:
 Cllr Alun Williams - CCC
 Cllr Keith Henson - CCC
 Koi Merebark - University Wales Trinity Saint David

13.2 Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22.01.24 were accepted as a true and accurate record and action items are covered throughout today's agenda.

A discussion was held around the previous actions:

- **Lynne Walters will re-circulate the Excel spreadsheet for priorities, for members to input and update their information.**

The Excel spreadsheet was circulated with papers prior to this meeting, Lynne Walters (LW) notes there's an ongoing opportunity for members to provide updated information within this document. GP noted the importance of group members updating this table.

- **Ann Owen to provide a written report, mapping out where all the food sector projects are at the end of this phase of the project in continuation of the work to establish a Ceredigion Food Network.**

The Food Network final report will be circulated once it is available, elements of this project are continuing to move forward, in particular for this group, food procurement and food poverty issues are key. LW hope's there are plans to continue Ann Owen's contract which was initially via Menter a Busnes but confirmation of the funding is currently awaited. GP noted that this group will support this resource being extended.

13.3 Standing Item: PSB Update: Governance & Delivery Framework for Ceredigion PSB – Including feedback from the PSB.

Timothy Bray (TB) provided an update on the PSB's delivery plan, which is currently being translated and will be published before the next PSB meeting. It was agreed at the previous PSB meeting that they will be holding spotlight sessions within meetings; this group will be the first to trial this, looking at the priorities for the group along with the Climate Change Risk Assessment, which is a piece of work for each and every PSB. This is an item on today's Agenda and will be taken by the Chair later.

TB reported that Hazel Lloyd Lubran and himself attended an earlier learning event at Wrexham where they were presented with details of shared experiences and potential new ideas on how other PSB's are operating. One idea that has been implemented in other areas centred around PSB governance are the use of the gold, silver, and bronze model as a framework for how they operate. This framework has now been incorporated into the delivery plan, and there is an action tracker included that will be updated at each PSB meeting. It was stressed that all groups are responsible for the range wellbeing objectives although priorities for action have been set as a result of the workshops. As requested by the PSB a task and finish group met recently to discuss the launch; they are currently gathering suggestions from the meeting, and a proposal will go back to the next PSB meeting. Given the timescales involved TB noted that the launch might now be centred around the three PSB subgroups, looking at events in these focus areas which could unite in a launch. These events may lead to hosting a launch at the end of summer for a professional gathering.

TB informed the panel that the Commissioner will be visiting local authorities in the near future to discuss rural poverty. It was also referenced that a 'Ways of Working' (WoW) progress checker has been published on their wellbeing site, which is a tool that enables PSB's and organisations to check their progress against ways of working under the Wellbeing Act. In a recent letter to public bodies, the Commissioner encouraged public bodies to use the tool, and these results are to be shared by September 9, 2024. TB informed the panel about the availability of the PSB's bulletin. This WoW progress checker resource is to be considered by the PSB over the next few months.

GP suggested having a conversation with TB outside this meeting to discuss how the WoW progress checker would work in regard to the Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment.

13.4 Terms of Reference, priorities & group membership.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) had been circulated prior to this meeting for members to consider. If any group members have feedback, please contact the partnership team at partnerships@ceredigion.gov.uk. The ToR's have been updated in regard to the new wellbeing plan and to reflect

the cross-cutting themes. The matter of group membership of this group has been raised at a previous meeting and partners were kindly requested to inform the partnership team of any identified gaps in representation.

Action- Invite representatives from Mid and West Wales Fire and Dyfed Powys Police to future meetings.

GP noted she hopes for this group to become more active and involved within local communities. Within this context GP also suggested meeting face to face or having site visits as a future meeting.

Action- An Agenda item agenda for a future meeting to include discussion on a meet face to face meeting. Group members to consider this matter in preparation for providing their ideas.

There was a discussion around communicating and sharing information on what projects and initiatives are being delivered that relate to the objectives of this group. GP noted that the Excel sheet that is shared with members before each meeting is a starting point for this and is a useful document to record all projects that are being implemented. This is also important in the context of reporting on the strategic fit of actions with the published strategies of partners. GP noted it's worth exploring having a mechanism for sharing information with group members. In response TB informed the panel about the development of the Gorwel application by the PSB, noting that this platform will provide a notice board and give organisations and local authorities the ability to log on and input documents. Chesca Ross suggested looking at the Connect Ceredigion platform which connects communities and organisations across Ceredigion providing a bridge between different platforms.

Action- Members to receive an update on the Gorwel platform at a future meeting.

Action- The partnership team will contact other PSB subgroups to discuss how they communicate and share information around what projects and initiatives are being delivered.

Action- Members to share experiences from partner organisations on how they communicate, and share information centred around what projects and initiatives are being delivered.

13.5 Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment

GP provided a brief overview of the Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment. This sets out the Framework for the PSB's responsibility to carry out a "Climate Change Risk assessment". GP introduced Rebecca Wright to the Group who will play a key role on behalf of NRW in developing the Climate and Risk Assessment for the PSB. Full details of a PSB supporting framework can be accessed following the link below. This framework has been developed specifically to help PSBs consider the risks identified in the UK CCRA in a local well-being context. It has been

created by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) in collaboration with the Welsh Government (WG) and Public Health Wales (PHW), for use by PSB practitioners. It has been designed to accelerate effective adaptation action for PSBs. Its application will help PSBs become more informed about the threats that climate changes now, and in the future pose to the well-being of communities in a locality.

PSBs should use of this framework to help inform the delivery of Well-being Plans. It will also help PSBs to ensure that other partnerships and public sector initiatives are considering the multiple, diverse, and cumulative impacts of a changing climate on well-being in their locality.



Climate Change Risk
Assessment Framework

GP noted this assessment doesn't come with funding, some local authorities have been successful in accessing and securing funding via the shared prosperity fund and they have appointed additional members of staff to work specifically on this piece of work. GP noted there's a legal requirement to undertake this work but that there's no deadline stipulated for completion. It is an essential component within the next wellbeing plan. TB informed the group that the current PSB wellbeing plan expires in May 2028.

Sharon Hughes (SH) informed the panel about the ASPW3 grant, which is climate and decarbonization related. It has to be in collaboration with another public sector body, they can apply for capital and revenue. GP noted that the Health Impact Assessment, Data Map Wales and Climate Just will be recognised as resources that could be referred to.

Vikki Butler (VB) informed the panel about a discussion that they've had within Project Dewi, Co-pro Network for Wales and they would like to host shared learning events. VB also queried whether there will be community involvement within the Climate Change Risk Assessment. This will both inform and guide the preparation of the risk assessment via focus/interest groups.

Cathryn Morgan (CM) questioned if the framework would include how prepared the workforce is in terms of what skills and training are already available to support the response to the green infrastructure and the development of adaptation actions. GP confirmed that in terms of conducting the work, it looks for people that would have the correct skills and experience to develop the assessment itself. CM can provide links which may be of interest, detailing the skill capacity.

GP noted there will be a discussion on the Climate Change Assessment Framework at the PSB meeting in June.

Action- Group members will receive the PSB Framework on Climate Change Risk Assessment that was delivered by Gillian Perry at this meeting.

Action- Members noted that the CCRA will be a focus within the spot-light item provided at the next PSB meeting in June on behalf of this delivery group.

LW noted that within the tasks and priorities identified for this groups they have the Climate Change Assessment and Community Engagement clearly noted. Progress on these matters will further inform the monitoring data of the tasks and the work of this group, relating to all matters environmental and climate related.

13.6 Update on the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) and an overview of the Regional Energy Strategy and Action Plan.

Bethan Lloyd Davies (BLD) provided an update on the LAEP. BLD noted their document is currently being revised having accessibility amendments applied to it. The LAEP is due to go to Cabinet in May and BLD noted it will then be posted on the council's website in the cabinet documents over the next few weeks.

They will be looking at the actions identified in the LAEP looking at how they align with the mid Wales Energy Strategy Action Plan. They will be looking into further engagement and communication with the stakeholders, businesses, and residents of Ceredigion. There has been a survey published, with over 500 responses and these are now due to be analysed. The report of the findings will then shared with this group.

The business event, which was held at Bargoed Farm, on decarbonisation, attracted over 100 attendees. Feedback from this session is now being considered. It is positive note that, in general businesses are indicating their interest in engaging with this work. Officers are now looking at hosting a webinar with a view to keeping these conversations going. They hope to investigate smart local energy system opportunities and the dates of future events and assessment information will be shared with the group.

Action- A future update of the LAEP, along with links to the published document to follow the Cabinet meeting in May.

Action- BLD to share the event report following its completion and details of future webinars/events to be shared with partners.

13.7 Healthy Travel Charter – Hywel Dda University Health Board

Rhian Rees (RR) provided a presentation and updated details on the pledges within the Mid and West Wales Healthy Travel Charter to the group. Agreement was sought to the progression of the draft pledges to the PSB at its meeting on the 3rd June.

Action- GP to include the Mid and West Wales Healthy Travel Charter pledges in the PSB spot-light in June and to seek support from partners to its signing.



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Sharon Hughes (SH) noted there's a need to be mindful of all considerations as future services are considered as there could potentially be extra revenue costs placed upon services itself when looking into matters such as moving office accommodation or having a public sector hub.

GP confirmed that they will present the Healthy Travel Charter to the PSB for consideration and adoption / sign up. GP will discuss how they present the charter to the PSB with LW and TB outside this meeting.

CM informed the group that the poverty subgroup had created a monthly bulletin. May's topic is Travel and Transport. CM noted they have an action within the Strategic Equalities Plan of the Local Authority to look at working with partners to develop an 'affordable way of getting around', the healthy travel charter ties in well with this action.

RR will share information about a meeting she's attending with the Charter's stakeholder group' in the next few weeks about an update on 'Trip to', which is a scheme in Powys that has car clubs with electric cars.

SH informed the group about the free bus service in collaboration with Transport for Wales which comes to an end in May. As detailed in the presentation from RR the pilot has been very successful with over 1300 extra bus journeys recorded. SH confirmed that the health board is now working on a longer-term strategy for health board staff within this field.

LW noted at the Cardigan group meeting held last week that they received a presentation on the Whole Systems Approach: Healthy Weight Healthy Wales strategy by Geinor Jones (GJ). This is a long-term approach which has many themes. With regards to this group there are considerations in terms of transport, energy, and food provision. GJ has expressed her interest in linking with this group over the coming period and a link is provided below to a short video which outlines this strategy.

<https://healthyweight.wales/systems/>

Action- Members are asked to consider and take a few minutes to watch the video of the Healthy Weight Healthy Wales strategy and GJ will be invited to present at a future meeting of this group.

13.8 Partner updates – All and a Local Nature Partnership (LNP) update

Rachel Auckland (RA) gave a brief update on the LNP. A link to the council's page on the Ceredigion LNP can be found here:

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/ceredigion-local-nature-partnership-survey/>

RA informed the group of the latest details pertaining to the Local Nature for Places funding opportunity which should be open soon. They have secured funding to fund projects which are aimed at creating, restoring and enhancing natural habitats to enhance biodiversity within communities.

RA noted the Nature Recovery Action plan is currently in its second draft and the intention is to get this into publication during this financial year. RA informed the group that there will be another round of engagement and consultation based upon the contents of this plan this year.

13.9 Any other business:

- Transport and Health Integrated

A link for the Transport and Health Integrated research Network (THINK) was shared during the meeting:

<https://think.aber.ac.uk/>

GP noted that if partners have any items for consideration at the next PSB meeting in June, to email the partnership team:

partnerships@ceredigion.gov.uk .

13.10 Dates of next meeting:

8/7/24 10am -12pm

Action summary Log

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