

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>)			
Ceredigion County Council	Cllr Alun Williams, Hazel Lloyd Lubran , 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, Tesni Woodfall 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, Huw Williams

		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
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SYNOPSIS OF PROJECT GROUP MEETING

Key Points discussed at Project Group meeting: 08.07.24

14.1 Welcome, introductions, and apologies

The Chair, Gillian Perry (GP) welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were noted from the following members:

Dewi Day, Aberystwyth University
 Carwyn Davies, Welsh Government Energy Services
 Gemma Delafield, Mid Wales Energy Plan
 Rachel Auckland, Ceredigion County Council

During the meeting apologies were also received from Sharon Hughes.

14.2 Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 01/05/24 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:

- **Invite representatives from Mid and West Wales Fire and Dyfed Powys Police to future meetings.** Complete- Apologies were received from DPP for today's meeting. Representation from the fire service and police is something they will pursue to secure for future meetings.

ACTION – GP to raise at the next PSB meeting: The importance that a representative from DPP and MAWWF Service attends the PSB subgroup meetings.

- **Members to receive an update on the Gorwel platform at a future meeting.** This work is currently continuing and at present the Gorwel Platform update has been deferred to a future meeting.

14.3 PSB Update: Governance & Delivery Framework for Ceredigion PSB – Including feedback from the PSB and an update on the promotional video for the Annual Report.

Discussion on Consultations showcases and events.

The PSB Task & Finish group has met and has agreed a recommendation to the PSB that local events should be utilised to explain and share information about the Local Wellbeing Plan 2023-28. PSB Members will be asked to identify suitable events over the coming period and to assist in attendance as appropriate. The Partnerships team will facilitate this programme on behalf of the PSB.

This year, the PSB Chair agreed that the Annual Report should be delivered via a video production. The company undertaking the filming has been commissioned and filming took place at Penmorfa on the June 18. The draft video has focused upon the preparatory work which has been undertaken in the formation and prioritisation of the Wellbeing Plan and it will be available for viewing at the next PSB meeting which will be held on the 18th of July. The Chair of the PSB and the Chairs of the project groups and the Poverty Group will feature within the video. Following the PSB's endorsement of the video, it will then be shared with the PSB subgroups. The video will form the basis of the WG requirement to publish an Annual Report and also with the updated delivery report and plan this will go to the PSB for their consideration.

Action- The PSB video report and PSB delivery plan will be shared with this group following approval at the PSB meeting on 18th of July.

In discussion and as noted above it was explained that the production features the PSB Chair and the delivery group chairs being interviewed on their hopes and aspirations for the years ahead, and they are also asked about current projects, successes, and how their delivery has been organised. It is hoped that this sets the scene for communities in an easily understood and accessible format. The use of the video during engagement events will also assist in the ambition of the PSB to increase its activity within the framework of a communication and marketing strategy. PSB Chair, Hazel Lloyd Lubran (HLL) emphasized the significance of sustained engagement and invited members of this group to reflect on any organised conferences or events that could serve as platforms to present the PSB video report.

Lynne Walters (LW) also noted the importance of sharing consultations as a means of strengthening the sharing of information and promoting engagement. There are currently 4 consultations open within Ceredigion County Council at the moment and details of these can be found via the following link: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/> .

ACTION : Partners to share details of consultation on an ongoing basis to further support the transfer of knowledge and collaboration across the County.

On a national footing members were advised that “The Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee” is currently undertaking an inquiry on Biodiversity - halting and reversing the loss of nature by 2030. Members were asked to consider this opportunity to submit evidence and they were advised of the closing date for written evidence. This has been set for Friday, 23 August 2024. For more information, please find the link below and the consultation page:

<https://business.senedd.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=553>

ACTION : Group members to consider the opportunity to contribute to evidence to “Th Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee by the 23rd August, 2024.

14.4 Group priorities & Climate and Nature Actions Update- Excel Spreadsheet (Including key updates from all Partners)

GP noted that the Excel spreadsheet that is shared with members before each meeting is a useful document to record all projects that are being implemented against the priorities of this group. This information can then be collated in a timely manner and reported upon to the PSB. LW noted that they wish to build upon the regular reports that GP provides to the PSB. The commencement of this has been action via the introduction of a Climate and Nature spotlight session at the next PSB meeting on the 18th of July. This provides a good opportunity for group members to highlight any issues or concerns which they have for this work along with sharing examples of best practice and positive intervention. GP suggested creating a document that is clearer and more interesting from the context of the Excel spreadsheet of partner actions, to showcase the successful work that has been done.

Action- Group members to update the action log Excel spreadsheet with a deadline and provide feedback on this template as a reporting structure.

Action- Using the information that the group has provided through the action log Excel spreadsheet to create a presentable format to showcase the group’s accomplishments.

LW advised the group that the following update had been received from Dewi Day via email:

“Due to the Universities current financial position and a lack of any significant external funding support, the University has made the difficult decision to cease developing the district heat network scheme. The University are now exploring more affordable smaller scale options for heat decarbonisation across the estate”.

LW proposed that for future meetings of this group specific individual priorities would be included within the Agenda in order to provide a focus of consideration. These would link directly to the Local Wellbeing Plan for instance, nature or energy efficient housing. This would also enable members to draw in additional expertise and involvement from partners and would open the doors to enhanced community engagement as deemed appropriate within tasks.

ACTION : Members to consider the appropriate timing for consideration of the agreed priorities and to forward details of specific suggestions to the Partnerships team.

14.5 Overview of Climate and Nature priorities, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner.

GP welcomed Colleen Cluett (CC) to the meeting on behalf of the Office of Future Generations Commissioner and asked her to introduce herself to the group. CC thanked GP for the invitation and welcome and informed the group that she is the Sustainable Development Adviser for the Future Generations Commissioner's Office. An overview was provided of the Cymru Can strategy which was published in November 2023. It sets out their strategy for 2023 - 2030 along with their long-term vision. The strategy summarises the approach they intend to take over the next seven years, providing an overview of the way they'll work and outlining how they'll measure their impact. As a team CC explained that they hope to advise and challenge, holding decision makers to account.

The report will be published in May 2025.

Action- It was agreed that a copy of the Cymru Can presentation by Colleen Cluett will be shared with group members and this can now be seen below.



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GP thanked CC for her informative presentation and invited comments and discussion from members.

LW noted that there has been a recognition of the importance of aligning initiatives in Ceredigion with the overarching priorities outlined in the Cymru Can strategy, thus attempting to maximise the impact of leveraging existing efforts of all partners and to build upon these for the future. LW also noted a specific reference to procurement in the context of carbon reduction and along with colleagues who are working in these specific areas it may be appropriate to focus upon this matter further to foster growth in these areas.

Alsion Heal (AH) informed the group that the Ceredigion Nature Partnership is currently pulling together the nation recovery action plan and there are indeed aspects of the work which will naturally be targeted via this work.

HLL noted the importance of getting the communities involved, ensuring they make a difference by focusing on individual missions within communities and doing them well. HLL informed the group that the shared prosperity fund programme would come to an end in December and follow-up action needs to be in place.

In further discussion information was shared by Cllr Williams with the group regarding new arrangements which are now being implemented for “verge cutting” across the County. Consideration was given to the rationale for change, and this included reference to the use of herbicides along with budgetary considerations. It was noted that these changes in procedures were being mirrored across Wales and beyond and with this in mind a request was made for the sharing of good practice. Specific reference was made to the experience of Cardiff City Council and Colleen Cluett, FG Office noted that they have access to additional case-study material within this field which may be of interest to the group. It was agreed that Colleen would share links to these documents following today’s meeting.

Action- Colleen Cluett (CC) to share evidence of “verge cutting” practice with the Partnerships Team for circulation to interested members involved in this discussion.

Links were subsequently shared by the group for other areas that have implemented this policy. For reference purposes for members below is a link to Monmouthshire's webpage and the Welsh Government's webpage:

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/nin/>

<https://www.gov.wales/its-them-campaign-stakeholder-toolkit>

Action- Links shared by group members pertaining to the road verges campaign are to be disseminated to group members post the meeting.

Cllr Keith Henson (KH) suggested the road verges initiative could also be taken for consideration to the Local Nature Partnerships(LNP) meeting.

Action: Consideration of the adapted road verges initiative to be taken to the LNP.

14.6 Update on PSB Spotlight 18.07.24

As previously advised the PSB has timetabled a spotlight session within its Agenda for the above meeting on the 18/7/24 and this will focus upon the work of this project group. The Chair, GP will provide extended feedback at the meeting and members will be asked to discuss and advise on future action. This is the first PSB spotlight session and the following items have been specifically noted for feedback:

- Race for Zero

This was an initiative which was presented at the recent FG sharing of good event held at Wrexham. Further details and advise as appropriate are currently required by the PSB as attendees on behalf of Ceredigion PSB are aware that other areas are considering its implementation.

- Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment

GP will present the national request for a Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment. Following the PSB meeting, GP will share the feedback with the group members. Vikki Butler (VB) noted they sit in all the subgroups and have supported Carmarthenshire PSB in a workshop to undertake some of the first steps for this work. As a network VB noted that they would be able to support Ceredigion PSB in the same way.

Action- Feedback from the spotlight session at the PSB meeting to be shared with group members.

- Travel Charter

GP will also be presenting the draft Travel Charter commitments to the Public Services Board meeting on 18th of July for subsequent partner consideration and adoption / sign up. Following agreement, the PSB will need to agree on its approach to who will lead on mobilising the Charter.

Having previously discussed the draft Charter with this group Rhian Rees (RhR) provided a further update based upon the activities of a Steering Group. RhR explained that a group of representatives from each of the local authorities were pulled together along with Powys Health board and Hywel Dda Health board, 17 commitments were agreed. These have in-built flexibility and could be adopted as part of the Travel Charter over a

period of 3 years across the region. The Mid and West Wales Healthy Travel Charter was passed by Hywel Dda Executive Team at its meeting on Wednesday 5th June. The anticipated timeline for the Charter's soft launch is within the next few months, coinciding with the launch of a dedicated Mid and West Wales Travel Charter webpage on the official Healthy Travel website. It is now anticipated that the official launch of Charter will take place in December. The Regional Partnership group continue to meet to organise the Charter Launch, share progress / good practice / opportunities.

KH noted that they are currently having issues with the Welsh Government around funding available to expand their active travel network within the county. KH expressed his concerns on the challenge presented in implementing the Healthy Travel Charter in rural areas.

GP thanked everyone for their comments and noted that details of the draft Charter would be presented to the PSB. LW reiterated the importance of gap driven policies, along with a recognition from the outset that not all 17 pledges are appropriate and immediately achievable by all organisations. It will be important to highlight the flexibility which has been built into the Charter to enable partners to take a progressive approach to its implementation within a rural context.

14.7 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 of the LAEP. The LAEP has been endorsed by Cabinet. The LAEP document will be shared once received back from translation. They are now transitioning into the delivery phase. Huw Williams (HW) introduced himself to the group as the regional energy officer for Growing Mid Wales, the LAEP at Powys will go to cabinet week commencing the 8th of July.

Action: The published LAEP (Local Area Energy Plan) to be shared with this group when available.

14.8 Update on the Ceredigion Food Partnership.

Unfortunately, Ann Owen (AO) was unable to attend this meeting, however LW advised the groups that funding is now in place for AO's post as the local food partnership co-ordinator. This initiative will be provided on the basis of 2 days per week. The Ceredigion Food Partnership have a steering group meeting on the 18th of July, following this meeting LW will link in with AO and circulate an update to group members.

For the information of members it was also noted that moving forward AO will also be working on behalf of the Biosphere and with the involvement of Ann at future meeting this this will further strengthen the links with this work.

Action- Update will be circulated to group members following the Ceredigion Food Partnership steering group meeting on the 18th July.

14.9 Local Nature Partnership and Local Places for Nature update.

Unfortunately, Rachel Auckland (RA) was unable to attend the meeting however RA provided the group with a written update. A copy of this update is enclosed below :



PSB Climate and
Nature update 08072.

14:10 Any other business:

- Further Items for PSB consideration at their next meeting on the 18th of July 2024.

VB informed the group that she will be departing from the Co-production network by the end of August. There will be continuity for her work with a new member of staff currently in the process of being appointed. GP thanked VB for all her work and wished her well for the future as she embarks on a new venture.

14.11 Dates of next meeting:

14/10/24

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held in person at the Golf club in Aberystwyth with a visit included to the recently completed enhancement works undertaken at Penglais Woods.

Action summary Log

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

b) Matter to raise at the next PSB meeting: Noting the importance that a representation from Dyfed Powys Police and Mid and West Wales Fire Services attends the PSB subgroup meetings.

c) The PSB video report and PSB delivery plan will be shared with this group following approval at the PSB meeting on 18th of July.

d) Group members to update the actions Excel spreadsheet with a deadline and provide feedback on this template as a reporting structure.

e) Using the information that the group has provided through the actions Excel spreadsheet to create a presentable format to showcase the group's accomplishments.

f) A copy of the Cymru Can presentation by Colleen Cluett will be shared with group members.
g) Colleen Cluett (CC) to share evidence of “verge cutting” practice with the Partnerships Team for circulation to interested members involved in this discussion.”
h) Links shared by group members pertaining to the road verges campaign are disseminated to all group members post the meeting.
i) Update will be circulated to group members following the Ceredigion Food Parentship steering group meeting on the 18th of July.
j) Feedback from the spotlight session at the PSB meeting to be shared with group members.
k) Distribute Rachel Auckland’s written update to Group members.