

CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board held in Glasdir, Llanrwst on Friday, 5 July 2019 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Siân Williams – Natural Resources Wales (Chair)
Iwan Davies – Conwy County Borough Council
Judith Greenhalgh – Denbighshire County Council (Deputy Chair)
Helen Wilkinson – Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council
Councillor Goronwy O. Edwards - Conwy County Borough Council (substitute for Councillor Sam Rowlands)
Bethan Jones – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Helen MacArthur – North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Justin Hanson – Natural Resources Wales
Richard Firth – Public Health Wales (substitute for Teresa Owen)
Sioned Rees – Welsh Government

ALSO PRESENT

Fran Lewis – Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager (Conwy CBC)
Hannah Edwards – PSB Development Officer (Conwy CBC)
Iolo McGreggor - Strategic Planning and Performance Team Leader (DCC)
Natasha Hughes - Strategic Planning and Performance Officer (DCC)
Emma Lea - Business Support Manager – Central (BCUHB)
Rachel Jarvis - Senior Natural Resources Planning Officer (NRW)
Helen Milliband - Senior Officer, People and Places North West Wales (NRW)
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Rhodri Tomos-Jones – Committee Administrator (DCC)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Hugh Evans – Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Sam Rowlands - Conwy County Borough Council
Gary Doherty – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Jason Devonport – North Wales Police
Teresa Owen – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (Public Health Wales representative)
Wendy Jones – Community and Voluntary Support Conwy

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board held on 25 March 2019 were submitted for approval.

The matter of the PSB becoming more action orientated would be discussed at the next meeting in September.

Bethan Jones (BCUHB) – Queried whether the Local Development Plan (LDP) would be working closely with health to ensure that housing would meet people's health needs. Both DCC and CCBC were in consultation stages and would work closely with the BCUHB.

Sian Williams also noted that access to green spaces should also be included in the LDP.

RESOLVED that, subject to the above, the minutes of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board meeting held on 25 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

ID informed the Board that the inaugural meeting of joint PSB scrutiny committee took place in May 2019. Cllr Brian Cossey from Conwy County Borough Council was elected as chair and Cllr Graham Timms from Denbighshire was appointed as vice chair.

The Committee scrutinised the PSBs annual report. The joint committee are developing their forward work plan. The next meeting would be held in September and will focus on the environment priority.

It was also agreed that the PSB scrutiny arrangements could be discussed with other PSB's across Wales, as Conwy and Denbighshire are the first to create a joint committee. The contacts for the joint scrutiny committee were Dawn Hughes at Conwy County Borough Council and Rhian Evans in Denbighshire County Council.

4 UPDATE ON PSB PRIORITIES

a. People - Mental Well-being

It was clarified that there was no major information to present since the last update.

It was raised that other PSB's across Wales had been approaching mental health differently. It was suggested the PSB could liaise further with the Regional Partnership Board and Local Implementation Team (LIT) as. It would be beneficial to discuss what avenues of work were being carried out by both organisations. The landscape of the work being carried out in regards to mental health was clustered and clarity of the work being conducted would be beneficial.

It was agreed that the Mental Well-being would be the focus of the next PSB meeting.

b. Community - Community Empowerment

Judith Greenhalgh – Chief Executive (JG) presented the update on the Community aspect of the PSB priority.

The implementation of the Weight Management project was likely to be focused in Rhyl within Denbighshire, there would be close working with the BCUHB on the project. Nominations of organisations to work on the project would be sought and returned to the PSB.

A dementia awareness workshop which was carried out during Dementia awareness week was commended as being a community led event, with stakeholders present. There was an impact report being produced which would be presented in the autumn; following the report being brought a joint event between DCC and CCBC would be arranged to engage with a larger demographic.

Dementia awareness was highlighted by the board and whether there had been correspondence with the Alzheimer Society. It was clarified that communication had not been carried out, but discussions would be carried out in the future. Welsh language within the Dementia friendly organisations was highlighted and whether there was enough work being carried out with Welsh speaking staff. Responding it was clarified that the Welsh language was taken seriously, it was noted that current vacancies within the DVSC were highlighted as Welsh essential. It was agreed the vacancies could also be advertised through DCC's sites.

RESOLVED – *that a progress report on dementia projects be returned to PSB in autumn, including considerations for scaling the work up and including partners.*

c. Place - Environmental Resilience

Iwan Davies Chief Executive (ID) of Conwy County Borough Council presented Community Green Pledges and Environmental Policy Statements update (previously circulated).

The purpose of the report was for members to note the progress with the Community Green Pledges and Environmental Policy Statements.

In relation to the Community Green Pledges, the Board agreed to approve this work. The Chair proposed that any final amendments be circulated to the project officers by the end of July.

The Board were informed that a communication plan is in development to launch the scheme. Funding is being sought from the regional PSB grant to support this work.

In relation to the Environmental Policy Statement, it was clarified that it would be beneficial if the board would agree to focus on select number of commitments within the environmental policy statements as initial priorities.

The commitments that were suggested to be focused on were the first two, which were:

- To reduce our carbon and energy usage, so by 2030 we would be a carbon neutral public sector.

- To reduce the amount of waste generated from our activities, so by 2050 there would be zero waste sent to landfill.

It was advised that a partnership approach towards the commitments would be beneficial; with the environmental policy especially, as all organisations within the PSB had their own approaches to deal with the carbon neutral commitment. The board was informed of a workshop to discuss climate change ~~was~~ organised for the 18th September.

The board was informed that both DCC and CCBC had declared climate emergencies and aimed for both counties to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Bethan Jones (BCUHB) commended the work, and the commitments that were listed would be a challenge for the BCUHB as the size of the organisation would make it difficult to adopt the environmental policy statements.

The funding avenues for the commitments were being sought. The community fund with windfarm developments was a possible avenue for funding.

The Board agreed that carbon and energy should be the overarching priority but the 'commitments' shouldn't be limited at this stage.

Members agreed to take the refreshed version of the policy statement document to their organisation to obtain views. Following the discussion the matter of the Community Green Pledges and Environmental Policy Statements would be returned for discussion at the next PSB board meeting.

RESOLVED that

- Mental health be the focus on the next PSB meeting, including an update from the Regional Partnership Board and Local Implementation Team (LIT).*
- A progress report against the Dementia element of the community empowerment priority be presented at a future meeting.*
- The Community Green Pledges are approved, with final amendments to be sent by the end of July.*
- The policy statement is revised in line with Board discussion and circulated to the Board in order to seek views internally from Member organisations.*
- An update on the environment outputs be provided at the next meeting.*

5 PSB ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19 - FINAL APPROVAL

The Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager (CCBC), Fran Lewis, introduced the draft annual report (previously circulated).

It was clarified that final approval of the Annual report was sought, and it was asked whether there were any comments.

There were no comments from members of the board.

RESOLVED that the PSB annual report 2018/19 be approved.

6 NATURAL RESOURCE WALES OVERVIEW

Sian Williams Natural Resources Wales (NRW) presented the overview of the work which was being carried out by the NRW.

The board were informed that there had been a recent reorganisation within NRW, North Wales had been divided into two regions of East and West. The West regions consisted of Anglesey, Gwynedd and Conwy, whilst the East region included Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham.

Both regions would have their own environmental priorities and statements, and almost all positions within the reorganisation had been filled.

RESOLVED – *that the committee note the overview from Natural Resources Wales.*

7 UWCH CONWY PROJECT OVERVIEW

Sian Williams Natural Resources Wales (NRW) presented the overview of the site visit to Penmachno.

It was stated that the site visit to Penmachno was not a direct project connected to the PSB. However it highlighted the good partnership work which had been carried out at the site. The site visit would also highlight the work being carried out with flood prevention in the area.

The formal meeting concluded at 10:49.

8 SITE VISIT TO CWM PENMACHNO

This item was discussed informally.

9 REVIEW OF SITE VISIT

This item was discussed informally.

10 REVIEW OF FORWARD WORK PLAN

This item was discussed informally.

11 AOB - REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

This item was discussed informally.

12 FOR INFORMATION - ITEMS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED ELECTRONICALLY

This item was discussed informally.