

Our Picturesque Landscape Project

Steering Group Meeting Minutes

Ty Mawr Country Park

09:30am 16th January 2019

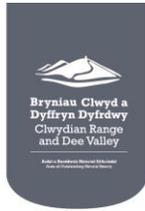
Members present

Howard Sutcliffe (HS) (Chair), David Shiel (DS), Martin Howarth (MH), Paul Mitchel (PM), Del Roberts-Jones (DRJ), Sarah Jones (SJ), John Roberts (JR), Allan Forrest (AF), Kate Thomson (KT), Sallyanne Hall (SH), Nicola Lewis-Smith (NLS)

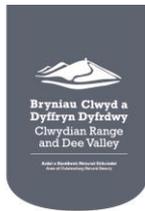
Apologies

Anna Irwin, Liz Carding, Samantha Williams, Karen Weaver, Huw Rees

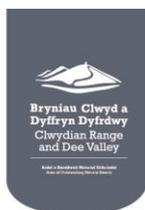
<p>Members of the Steering group moving forward</p>	<p>A discussion was held about inviting people to join the Steering group – Hugh Jones (Wxm), Steve Grenter (Wxm), Fiona Gale, a representative of Shropshire Council and from CADW</p> <p>Action KT and DS</p>
<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd October 2018</p>	<p>Funding</p> <p>DS- NRW funding is being spent. Permission to start has not been formal, so still ambiguous, documents are on the HFL portal and we have been given claim dates so we have started despite the absence of a letter. Office accommodation – moved into the Caban 15.1.19 and have a new phone number to circulate 01824 706163 Kate mobile 07979 704189 Sallyanne mobile 07979 704357</p> <p>Action – Kate/Sallyanne</p> <p>Signage of the WHS</p> <p>AF– deadline for responses to the signage plans is 25.1.19 – working with NLS on the interpretation of the main large car park. HS –A discussion was held around the car park with concerns that it feels like an old industrial site not an entrance to a WHS and perhaps we need to do some work on the vehicular access to make more inviting/welcoming. NLS suggested there may be some possible funding for this (needs to investigate) which could be used in the future. As the site is subject to only a 5 year lease planting to screen the industrial fencing may not be appropriate. There is a charge for parking at the Chapel Tearooms whether you use the tearoom or not. NLS – CRT will be taking over the car parks imminently.</p>



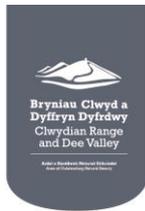
	<p>DS – there is some funding in the OPL for interpretation of Trevor Basin some of which has already been completed prior to HLF so we can free up that for alternative interpretation/signage.</p> <p>Visitor Impact Survey</p> <p>DS – New Economics Foundation draft report of evaluation study by the end of this week, hoping that there will be a value added to people’s opinions and perceptions to tie on more to the brief as what was presented at the AONB forum wasn’t as close to the brief as required.</p> <p>Sharing minutes for OPL Steering Group</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes could go to the Joint committee for JR to give an update to the AONB partnership and DS or AF to update WHS Board.</p>
<p>Project Update</p>	<p>See separate notes circulated prior to meeting</p> <p>A1 Improving the view - Pontcysyllte</p> <p>AF to investigate the historic slippage, however WCBC lease from Solutia has expired.</p> <p>MH – there is a public right of way that is closed for safety reasons too.</p> <p>KT - Funding from Cadwyn Clwyd will provide the full details of the work to be completed.</p> <p>MH – has Jefferies Wood got LNR status?</p> <p>KT – need to confirm which view it is we are concerned with to know exactly where the work will take place.</p> <p>DS – Clarified the view from the Bont Bridge and the community in Cefn Mawr are keen to improve the view from the car park, therefore not sure that we need to work in the part of the wood where the slippage has occurred. We can appoint a contractor to look at the feasibility of removing trees in those areas and take it from there. We have also discovered thanks to AF that Llangollen Anglers own the other side of the river so we could work with them. This project compliments NRW LIFE project which is being submitted regarding the SAC of the river Dee.</p> <p>DRJ – from the A5 towards Froncysyllte the view has been lost of the aqueduct, can we consider the long distance views as well?</p> <p>DS – that would be the woodland owned by Llangollen Anglers.</p> <p>DS- concerned that the length of time that has passed since the funding was given by Cadwyn Clwyd, does this restrict when the feasibility/woodland management plan can take place?</p> <p>HS – can we have the land registry maps?</p> <p>Action AF – to print large copies.</p> <p>MH – HLF lessons learnt previously that you need to take the public with you as people get very emotional about tree removal.</p> <p>HS – also need to manage the friction between the communities of Trevor and Cefn Mawr.</p> <p>DS – commissioning work with a message that we are managing the health of the woodland with a long term woodland management regime which goes beyond the lifetime of the project.</p>



	<p>HS – are we going to consult on this, can we take it to the community council? KT – We are in discussions with the councils already regarding other aspects of the project and we will continue to do this and we will also highlight the mitigation planting that will take place following the tree removal.</p> <p><u>A9 Wenffrwd</u> DS- neighbouring landowners have agreed access on to the canal at the end of the site and the access onto the old railway but would like access to go around the field along the road side as they have planning for a caravan site. This will keep members of the public out of the caravan site and will make it possible to walk or cycle from Wenffrwd around the caravans and onto the railway towards Llangollen. DS- would be useful to meet with NLS regarding the access to the canal and third party works. Action – DS and NLS organise meeting</p> <p><u>B2 Clinker Path</u> DS- Jon Brewin Tree officer has suggested putting a Tree Preservation Order on the woodland to increase the profile and develop a woodland management plan to make it more special for the community and support the future of the woodland. DS- perhaps the next meeting can be held in the community centre and then we can walk the path. Also this truly is a partnership project as we wouldn't have achieved this with HLF money alone, the NRW funding has made it possible. <u>B3 Horseshoe Falls</u> – NLS – we need the early involvement of CRT as the original staff involved have moved on so new staff will need to be up to date. Action - KT – to arrange meetings with CRT</p> <p><u>C1 Restoring the Dell</u> DS – make sure there is a notice and social media for the removal of the cherry trees and the new birch to explain to the site users. Action – SH/KT signs</p> <p><u>C3 Art inspired by Landscape</u> DS - Focus on WHS for year one, however to spread across the OPL project area we will be engaging with the Corwen community to mark the anniversary of the 1919 Peace Eisteddfod.</p>
<p>Risk Register</p>	<p>DRJ – can we add another column to the update table to traffic light the progress of the individual projects? NLS- would be useful to include the financial progress on the project update as well. To ease on the tracking and planning. Perhaps showing planned, committed and an actual spend. The project update becomes a dynamic document that we use for reporting, once the aspects of the project is complete we remove it from the list. DS- Our monitor Elinor Gwynn needs this Risk Register to be a dynamic document which becomes a focal point for the steering group. Should we combine all the financial details with the risk register and the project update so</p>



	<p>we look at everything for each project in one go? Construct something that is a reporting mechanism.</p> <p>NLS – could report by exception and focus on the projects that are the most prominent or at risk, the ones that need a consensus from the steering group, where a discussion with a wider group would be helpful.</p> <p>MH – could cut down on the details of each project as well so it is less unwieldy for the future.</p> <p>DS- financial should include the committed money and the budget and then the detailed financial information can be reported with each quarterly claim.</p> <p>MH- pick out the red risks and put these on the update to be discussed with the Steering Group.</p> <p>Action – KT to amend format of project update.</p>
<p>Press Release – agree notes to editors</p>	<p>NLS – include the value of the project.</p> <p>HS – is it under “extreme” pressure?</p> <p>NLS – could we put “growing” pressure as it is less negative?</p> <p>HS – Should put all three councils together.</p> <p>Action – SH to make amendments</p>
<p>Celebrations Events 2019</p>	<p>DRJ –It will be important the key people who were involved in the inscription originally to some of the celebration events.</p> <p>NLS – Developing a communications plan – Welsh Government are keen to invite ministers etc. to the key events as well.</p> <p>AF – WHS conference in October will be an opportunity but we should also invite them earlier in the year of celebrations too.</p> <p>HS – Offa’s Dyke 50 years and AONB 1949 anniversaries to consider as well.</p> <p>DS – probably more of an AONB wide focus rather than OPL</p> <p>DS – if we produce artwork within Corwen we hope that we can display something at the National Eisteddfod in Llanrwst in August and /or be part of the Corwen celebrations Edeyrnion festival, Owain Glyndwr festival and the walking festival.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>HS – met with the managing director at Dwr Cymru will be appointing a landscape officer to look at the sewage works, could be a potential partner in the future.</p> <p>HS – suggests a drop in event for the councillors (council and community) to come and meet the team and learn about the project, gives people opportunities to engage with the project.</p> <p>DS- need to make sure that it doesn’t become a consultation and that it is clear that the project is already set and we can brief them on the more fluid aspects of the project. It might a useful way of using the AONB community champions as a delivery mechanism for promoting OPL.</p> <p>NLS – is it easier to go directly to the groups directly?</p> <p>HS – we should do both.</p> <p>DRJ – needs to be clear that it is ‘OPL the project explained’.</p> <p>DS – two ways we could hold a meeting and say come to us or we can go to them. Both are beneficial, can be more specific at individual community meetings. We could do a press release to announce the project and then invite</p>



	<p>the people to come and meet us for an informal gathering and celebration event.</p> <p>AF – could we do it in the Caban?</p> <p>DS – danger of looking that it is focussed on Plas Newydd</p> <p>DRJ – may be a risk that people would drop in to the Caban unannounced, need to safeguard the staff.</p> <p>DS- make it a celebration event, to invite people and then less chance of people coming along unannounced.</p> <p>KT – could do one at Plas Newydd and one at Trevor to see the work that has already taken place.</p>
<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p>	<p>Change to a Thursday in future with a 10am start</p> <p>Action – KT to send out all the dates for the year</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 11:40am</p>