



Our Picturesque Landscape Project

Steering Group Meeting Minutes,

Garth and Trevor Community Centre,

Heol Penderyst, Trevor.

Tuesday 14th February 2023 2pm to 4pm.

Members Present

David Shiel (DS), Alun Price (AP), Del Roberts Jones (DRJ), Hannah Marubbi (HM), Ffion Roberts (FR), Jillian Howe (JH), Kate Thomson (KT), Fiona Gale (FG).

Apologies

Samantha Williams (SW), Andrea Fox (AFX), Huw Rees (HR), Lynne Jones (LJ), Howard Sutcliffe (HS Chair), John Roberts (JR), Nicola Lewis-Smith (NLS), Mike Bather (MB), Rhun Jones (RJ), Fiona Grant (FGr), Paul Evans (PE), Sallyanne Hall (SH).

1. Welcome and Apologies	All welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.	Actions
2. Minutes of last meeting update	Dinas Bran Gatehouse update – Concerns have been raised with Recclesia as to when the work will be completed, and aim for the spring and better weather. There will be a retention of funds until the work is completed. Cadw have advised us to complete the claim for the work completed so far and an extension will be given for the remaining work. KT and HM to check with Cadw when the claim deadline is. Update on the staff changes. KT will remain on the project 1 day a week, with HM project managing for the other 4 days.	KT HM

<p>3. Project Risk Register</p>	<p>Copies of the risk register were circulated to the group. HM took the group through the document.</p> <p>Dinas Bran Gatehouse - Amber.</p> <p>This project is currently behind schedule as should have been completed before Christmas.</p> <p>CPAT have not yet completed the final report but have said it will be ready by March. Community events up on Dinas Bran have not yet happened during the project's lifetime but we are aiming to have a big event in July, and Open Doors event in September. As these events not happened yet the risk register is marked as amber.</p> <p>Restoring our Industrial Heritage</p> <p>Most of these projects have now been completed. The only outstanding work to be done is the fitting of the plaque for the Glyn Valley Tramway wall. A contractor is now appointed to complete this task in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Plas Newydd RAM pump building is delayed due to the contractor injury. He has now been to the site and aims to start work on the building in April. This work and the development of a bog garden will open up volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>The Lengthsman's Hut in the Horseshoe Falls have volunteering opportunities but remains in the hands of Canal and Rivers Trust to implement.</p> <p>DS noted that the AONB have had a volunteer recruitment drive that has been well received, and may be able to direct volunteers to this site.</p> <p>An underspend in Restoring our Industrial heritage means that funds will be directed to the lengthsman's hut in Froncysyllte basin. CRT have funds to restore welfare facilities at this site, and with OPL's funds will restore the front of this building. The roof and the back of the building will be restored by CRT in the future.</p> <p>Panorama Management</p> <p>This remains amber due to no spend being made yet. Events have taken place up there last summer as part of the community engagement, but talks have started regarding the signage and work limiting the extent to which cars can park. RJ has been in talks with the landowners who were positive about the ideas. NRW will need to be contacted regarding how these ideas can be carried out.</p> <p>Wenffrwd Pocket Park</p> <p>The park has been well received and there are plans for events to start here.</p> <p>The Picturesque Bus</p> <p>The bus service is now going into its 3rd year. It will start earlier on the 1st April and finish on the 4th November. It will be advertised further afield through Shire Magazine's circulation. An advert and editorial will appear from March through to June. Denbighshire County Council have asked that the bus stops at the Llangollen pavilion car park as</p>
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	<p>was felt the bus can help ease the parking problems in Llangollen. The route has been tweaked slightly to accommodate this change. The Horseshoe Falls is another site where it is hoped the bus will ease parking problems.</p> <p>An electric bus has been tested to see its capability around the route, and would make a good marketing option. KT to chase Martin Griffiths to see if this is an option for this season.</p>	KT
	<p><u>Picturesque Circular Trails</u></p> <p>A few of the trails remain unfinished.</p> <p>Artists and Engineers walk is waiting for the infrastructure to be installed during April by the Ranger team before circulating the printed leaflets.</p> <p>Chirk Walk Leaflet. The waymarker posts have been delivered and permissions from landowners for Chirk Castle and Kronospan obtained, but one other landowner very difficult to get hold of. The leaflet is complete and ready for print.</p> <p>The Cefn Mawr walk and leaflet has been postponed but need to re confirm the route.</p> <p>Discover the Dee Valley Walks, which was previously the Discover Corwen booklet. JH will redesign the leaflet and will include the walk from Wenffrwd into Llangollen.</p> <p>The Dee Valley team plan to meet up for guided walks fortnightly so can use some of OPL's routes.</p> <p><u>Interpreting the Landscape</u></p> <p>We have been given a date of the week commencing 13th March for the installation of the WHS interpretation boards. There are still some permissions from CRT outstanding, but hoping it will all go as planned. The old signs at Gledrid are due to be removed this week, ready for the new sign.</p> <p>The next meeting to be booked at Caffi Wylfa for the group to see the new Interpretation panels.</p> <p>The Horseshoe Falls panels will reuse the housing already there but will be rebrand and change the text in new panels. No permissions required.</p> <p>The Hand of Industry signs has been difficult to design and complete and needs a conversation as to how to brand these signs.</p> <p>Plas Newydd interpretation – Currently waiting for the first draft to arrive. Images required for the next stage.</p> <p><u>Education Packs</u></p> <p>SH leading on this project and has been mindful of not replicating any of the items on the WHS website. This project is currently still being worked on as community engagement events have taken up her time.</p> <p><u>Outreach</u></p> <p>SH has been working with many of the groups by setting up regular events for them. Dynamic is the one group we need to be able to meet up with this year to meet our outcomes. This project was affected by Covid 19 and lots of work has been done to meet our targets.</p>	FR

	<p><u>Monitoring and Evaluation</u></p> <p>Marked as amber, but after a meeting with the contractor, who has no concerns regarding the project, despite the changes made to the output and outcomes of the project due to Covid19.</p> <p>DS and HM are currently looking at the finances as Covid 19 adversely affected some of the projects. The intention is to apply to the lottery for an extension to the project and with the unspent funds due to the pandemic as reasonable justification.</p>	
4. Dinas Bran Summer Event.	<p><u>Dinas Bran Summer Event.</u></p> <p>1st of July will be the date for this event. The majority of activities will be concentrated on the pancake for accessibility, but there will be some events further up at the castle. The team are currently working on the events for the day, which will include the camera obscura, the VR headset, landscape painting workshops, the Victorian style camera, cake stand /refreshments.</p> <p>HM has met with Sarah Bayliss to discuss doing an audio soundscape to be produced as a podcast of her leading a walking up to the castle. This will be included in the final exhibition.</p>	
5. The Final Exhibition	<p><u>The Final Exhibition – Amber</u></p> <p>The Dory Gallery in Llangollen has been confirmed for the final exhibition which will run from the 16th September to the 8th October 2023. The whole gallery space has been hired working with curator Tracy Simpson to celebrate the art done during the project. New artwork is also being commissioned to ensure we have a good selection of work to display. Workshops, talks and interactive projects will be arranged during the exhibition.</p>	
6. Management and Maintenance Plan	<p><u>Management and Maintenance Plan.</u></p> <p>The project is required to plan to the Heritage Lottery how the projects will be looked after into the future and how the benefits of the project will be maintained. HM and DS will need to work on this document to ensure that projects are future proofed by partners, with a maintenance fund to help implement this for 10 years after the project has ended.</p> <p>DRJ asked if the plan can be circulated to the partners to see how this will impact them as partners.</p>	HM
7. AOB	<p>This week sees the Woodland Management work in Pontcysyllte continue.</p> <p>It was noted that the red carpet event for Ysgol y Gwenant at Llangollen Town Hall was very enjoyable successful event.</p> <p>Link to be sent out to all for the film shown that night.</p> <p>All were invited to view the work going on at the Pontcysyllte to improve the view.</p>	HM

7. Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on 23rd May 2023 – Caffi Wylfa, Chirk.	
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