



Our Picturesque Landscape Project

Steering Group Meeting Minutes,

Caffi Wylfa, Glyn Wylfa,

Castle Road, Chirk.

Tuesday 23rd May, 2023 10am to 12pm.

Members Present

Howard Sutcliffe (HS, **Chair**), David Shiel (DS), Alun Price (AP), Del Roberts Jones (DRJ), Hannah Marubbi (HM), Ffion Roberts (FR), Jillian Howe (JH), Kate Thomson (KT), Sallyanne Hall (SH), Fiona Gale (FG), Fiona Grant (FGr), Mike Bather (MB),

Apologies

Samantha Williams (SW), Andrea Fox (AFX), Huw Rees (HR), Lynne Jones (LJ), John Roberts (JR), Nicola Lewis-Smith (NLS), Rhun Jones (RJ), Paul Evans (PE),.

		Actions
1. Welcome and Apologies	All welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.	
2. Minutes of last meeting update	The job share for the project managers is working very well between Hannah Marubbi and Kate Thomson. The management and maintenance plan for the project has not yet been produced and will be shared with the group once progress is made. The project has been appointed a new investment manager who will help to plan and develop format for this document.	
3. Project Risk Register	Copies of the risk register were circulated to the group. HM took the group through the document and the outstanding projects. <u>Dinas Bran Gatehouse</u>	

	<p>This project is currently behind schedule as should have been completed.</p> <p>The 1st of July Dinas Bran /Camera obscura event will take place, and it would be good if the scaffolding was removed and we were able to open up the gatehouse as intended. The use of quadbikes by the contractors has damaged the grass slopes which needs to be rectified in the autumn. The contractors have not been back to the site to complete the work. DS to contact Recclesia</p> <p><u>Restoring our Industrial Heritage</u></p> <p>Most of these projects have now been completed.</p> <p>An underspend in Restoring our Industrial heritage means that funds have been directed to the lengthsman’s hut in Froncysyllte basin that have restored the front of this building. The roof and the back of the building and the wooden doors have been left for restoration in the future. MB to investigate funding for the doors.</p> <p><u>Ram Pump Building</u></p> <p>Work is now continuing on the Ram pump building at Plas Newydd. The building will be restored but the mechanism itself will need additional funding in the future to complete. The team hope to have volunteer days working with the contractor and some dates are in the pipeline. It is hoped this will lead to volunteers to work on the bog garden around the site.</p> <p><u>Panorama Management</u></p> <p>Ranger Morgan is taking the lead on gaining owners consent and signage needs for this site. Estimates for the signs are in hand with a contractor. Manufacture and installation expected before August 2023. There are bio diversity and further clean up campaigns planned for the summer.</p> <p><u>Wenffrwd Pocket Park</u></p> <p>The park has been well received and the access to canal towpath is progressing through Levelling Up funding, tender for work currently on Sell2Wales. There is a Park Run trial on the 17th June.</p> <p><u>Picturesque Circular Trails</u></p> <p>A few of the trails remain unfinished.</p> <p><i>Artists and Engineers</i> walk is almost ready to launch. The infrastructure has started to go in, and the Rangers have been working with volunteers to complete this task. The leaflet is complete. A route has been identified for the <i>Cefn Mawr walk</i>, between the Pontcysyllte aqueduct, the viaduct and to Trevor Basin visitor centre. Some of the paths along this walk will be improved using the Levelling Up fund in 2023. The leaflet is currently being developed.</p> <p><i>The Chirk Walk</i>, the route has been agreed and way marker posts delivered and to be installed with volunteers in May and June. The leaflet design complete, content is to be finalised.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>MB</p>
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	<p><i>Discover the Dee Valley Walks</i>, which was previously the Discover Corwen booklet. JH will redesign the leaflet and is currently waiting for some maps to be designed.</p> <p>The Dee Valley AONB 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>Along the World Heritage Site, the interpretation panels have now been installed. There have been a few issues with the height of the Gledrid and Fron signs. The Steering group will be viewing the ones in Chirk Marina and Station Road, Chirk after the meeting today. The Llangollen interpretation sign may need to be re orientated after a complaint, and it may need a finger post for direction purposes.</p> <p>WOW Factor Interpretation have been appointed to deliver four interpretation panels at the Horseshoe Falls and Wharf, in a consistent style with the panels for the rest of the WHS. First drafts have been submitted.</p> <p>MB made the observation that the interpretation panel outside of the Glyn Wylfa building car park looked tatty and would be an opportunity to tie this in with all the other style of panels and could be something that may be a consideration if the project were granted an extension?</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. Muddy Publishing have worked with CRT and WHS, and the aim of the packs is to compliment the work on these sites. Local schools in the project area have been trialling the packs and have received very positive feedback.</p> <p>Sue Williams at NRW – SH to make contact with her regarding cross conversations regarding this project</p>	SH
<p>4. Final Exhibition update.</p>	<p><u>Final Exhibition</u></p> <p>The gallery space in Llangollen has been booked for this event, and the team are working with a curator to help come up with a floor plan for the exhibition. The exhibition will be over 3 weeks which will showcase the artwork and other aspects produced during the life of the project. Workshops, talks and interactive projects will be arranged, and a discussion was had by the group regarding a suitable person to open the exhibition and form a suitable guest list for the first night.</p> <p>Team to source someone to open the event and a Minister responsible for Heritage Lottery Funding</p>	HM / KT / DS /SH JH/ FR
<p>5. The Project Legacy Book.</p>	<p>The final book will feature images and writing. Local writer Jessica Hatcher- Moore has been commissioned to narrate the book, bringing together writers, travellers and artists. Image licences are being sourced, quotes are in hand for the design and production, and we hope to have the book ready for the launch during the exhibition.</p>	

6. Project Extension Plan.	<u>Application for Project Extension</u> There is to be a meeting next month with the new Investment Manager for the Lottery to look at how the project may be continued and for how long. There is no formal method of applying for an extension, but our underspend means we would like additional time to complete all aspects of the project. We will update the group as soon as there is any news.	
7. AOB	HS mentioned that HM had sent him a bullet point list of all the work the project has completed. He found this a valuable tool to see at a glance all of the good work done and suggested it could be a good method of a list of achievements for the final exhibition.	
7. Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be during late July /August 2023 – DATE AND VENUE TBC..	FR