



Our Picturesque Landscape Project
Steering Group Meeting Minutes,
Caffi Wylfa, Castle Road
Chirk, Wrexham.

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 10am to 12pm.

Members Present

David Shiel (DS), Hannah Marubbi (HM) Jillian Howe (JH), Sallyanne Hall (SH), Mike Bather (MB), Howard Sutcliffe (HS), Huw Rees (HR), Ffion Roberts (FR), Fiona Gale (FG) John Roberts (JR).

Apologies

Lynne Jones (LJ), Nicola Lewis-Smith (NLS), Rhun Jones (RJ) Paul Evans (PE), Del Roberts Jones (DRJ), Fiona Grant (FGr),

1. Welcome and Apologies	All welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.	Actions
2. Minutes of last meeting update	Alun Price's replacement to be followed up with Ian Hughes at NRW. MB updated the group on the SPF £250k funded project creating artwork along the WHS which is to be delivered by October 2024. A consultation meeting will take place in Trevor Basin on the 7 th / 8 th February meeting Claire who is managing the project and will want to discuss community engagement, schools, partners and links to work that will compliment and add to the work already achieved by OPL. OPL to forward our interpretation strategy to the project and to share details of the consultation with Emma Jayne Holmes. No change on any news for further funding to complete the Lenghtsmans hut in Froncystyllte.	HS/DS OPL

	<p>Discussions that were had for the minutes of the last meeting have been recorded in 3. Risk Register under specific topics.</p>	
<p>3. Project Risk Register</p>	<p><u>Dinas Bran Gatehouse</u> Repairs to the path up to the gatehouse on the panorama side will commence in the spring when the weather has improved.</p> <p><u>Interpretation</u> Still waiting for 4 of these panels to be finished and installed at the Horseshoe Falls site.</p> <p><u>The Project Legacy Book.</u> The OPL book was launched before Christmas at Llangollen Library. 1030 copies printed and 200 copies sold to date through the TIC Llangollen, the museum in Llangollen, Wrexham’s TIC and Loggerheads shop. In March Plas Newydd and Trevor Basin visitor centre will stock the book when they open. Books are sold to suppliers with a recommended retail price. No plans to reprint currently.</p> <p><u>Ram Pump Building</u> Work continues on the Ram pump building at Plas Newydd and the contractor needs to finish the roof. The work is weather dependent. The iron work is being fitted to the building this week. Lisette the gardener has plans to start the bog garden in the next 3 months after the building has been completed.</p> <p><u>Panorama Management</u> Panorama signage has had to be redone due to a small error. NRW have raised some further questions regarding the installation of the signs in an SAC area, the team hope these problems will be overcome and the signs will be installed soon. It is hoped that these signs will discourage careless parking which damages the ground in 4 key areas and raise awareness of the area’s status. A biodiversity walk is being arranged here for May and further into the summer.</p> <p><u>Wenffrwd Pocket Park</u> Wenffrwd’s link path to the canal is now complete and has been well received with good feedback. Options for costings for further work at the site beyond the scope of OPL project have been done. The area where the compound is will be developed, tidied and made into a functional space with improved fencing. Work with the biggest impact will be done first due to financial constraints. Community groups and volunteers will be able to use the space for activities. Parking tariffs will begin before Easter.</p> <p><u>Picturesque Circular Trails</u> The <i>Cefn Mawr</i> walk leaflet has now been completed. Some of the paths along this walk will be improved using the Levelling Up fund. The leaflet will be circulated to Trevor Basin’s opening and for the</p>	

	<p>walk launch for March with the AONB ranger team. MB suggested having signage on the interpretation panel for JC Edwards site to inform people of the walk, an opportunity to promote the walk. A discussion was had regarding how to promote the routes at these sites.</p> <p><i>The Chirk Walk</i> took place in December despite the rain was enjoyed by those attending.</p> <p><i>Discover the Dee Valley Walks</i>, which was previously the Discover Corwen booklet. JH is redesigning this and is currently waiting for some maps to be designed. The team have been checking some of the routes that will be used to ensure they are suitable and accessible, and all infrastructure and signage are in place. Llangollen Railway are interested in funding signage to be used in the Railway in Corwen. The Chair asked if all members could be presented with a complete set of all walk leaflets in the next meeting.</p> <p>Chair asked for the walk launch in March the team invite Walkabout Wrexham and the local members for the areas.</p> <p><u>Picturesque Bus</u></p> <p>The service proved very popular and will run again next year from the 30th March to the 31st August. The fare system will change this year, as you will be able to pay a tap on tap off where you only pay for your journey.</p> <p><u>Education Packs</u></p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Muddy Publishing about tying in some of the illustrated characters/ images on the WHS website to OPL's education packs and costings of using these.</p> <p>SH -dance pack now finalised and linked to the new curriculum with JH working on the branding and creating new power points for some of the activities.</p> <p>The Clwydian Range AONB Education packs will eventually be tied in with this work on the Dee Valley. A meeting on the 17th March will look at the core resources on the portal.</p> <p><u>Final Exhibition</u></p> <p>Llangollen Museum will display some OPL exhibition from the end of January and the Ebenezer Chapel in Cefn Mawr have expressed an interest in the exhibition for the spring / summer.</p> <p>HM is in discussion with the International Eisteddfod to display some of the exhibition during the Eisteddfod week.</p> <p>The full myriorama panels are to be displayed in an exhibition in Aberystwyth from February to May.</p> <p>HS commented that Cadwyn Clwyd have space in their building for the exhibition which would enable it to be displayed in Corwen. HS to explore with Cadwyn Clwyd.</p> <p><u>OPL Staffing</u></p> <p>Staffing flagged as amber on the register as the project has under a year to run until it finishes.</p>	<p>OPL Team/HM</p> <p>HS</p>
<p>4.Project Exit Documents.</p>	<p>The final detailed evaluation report for the project will be produced by Twenty Degrees Consulting for the Lottery by September. HM will be meeting with them this week to discuss the timescale for a draft</p>	

	<p>report so that the team can pull together statistics. A smaller document with key statistic and highlights that capture the successes in the main report in an infographic format will also be produced. A discussion was had by the group regarding the type of report and its uses.</p> <p>The maintenance plan will map out that the project plans for the following 10 years for maintaining work completed during the last 6 years. This plan will unlock £50k worth of funding for the maintenance.</p> <p>DS expressed an interest to take the exit strategy to the partners to show what the project has delivered over the course of the last 6 years. The WHS board meeting on the 12thApril could be the first meeting where OPL’s successes and maintenance plan could be reviewed and raise the question of the future of the work within the WHS.</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p>	<p><u>Horseshoe Falls Update</u></p> <p>The carpark at this site is currently closed as works on installing a septic tank takes place until the end of February. This work includes additional parking spaces and improving the front of the toilet block. The access points will change with a better link from the car park to the church at Llantysilio. During March the height barrier will be installed. Outside of the parking area there will be a drop off /minibus parking point created for the canoeing community.</p> <p>The Picturesque Bus service this year will have a tap on/off service which may help with people being able to access the Horseshoe Falls site, and Llangollen Railway are discussing the option of having a shuttle type service for a train from Llangollen to Berwyn.</p> <p>A general discussion was had by the group regarding parking around the main honeypot sites within the Dee Valley.</p>	
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting will be Tuesday 30th April at Froncysyllte Community Centre.</p>	