



Our Picturesque Landscape Project
Steering Group Meeting Minutes,
Froncysyllte Community Centre
Froncysyllte, Wrexham.

Tuesday 30th April 2024 10am to 12pm.

Members Present

David Shiel (DS), Hannah Marubbi (HM) Jillian Howe (JH), Mike Bather (MB), Howard Sutcliffe (HS), Ffion Roberts (FR), Del Roberts Jones (DRJ).

Apologies

Sallyanne Hall (SH), Lynne Jones (LJ), Rhun Jones (RJ) Paul Evans (PE), Fiona Grant (FGr), Huw Rees (HR), Fiona Gale (FG) Carly Davies (CD), John Roberts (JR).

<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p>	<p>All welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting update</p>	<p>HS noted that Ian Hughes, NRW will join the group for the remaining meetings and all to be included in all correspondence.</p> <p>DS updated the group on the progress of the work to the Horseshoe falls. Work on the car park is now complete, with an increase in parking spaces and drainage work is complete, but work continues to the drop off points and to for future electric point. Height barrier still not installed. Discussions are in hand regarding the best way to move forward with paddle sports businesses.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the legitimacy of containers used for storage around the valley and the role of planning enforcement. HS asked MB if NRW can be invited to future WHS board meetings.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>MB</p>

<p>3. Project Risk Register</p>	<p>Majority of the projects in the risk register are now coloured green to denote they are complete. The exceptions are as follows –</p> <p><u>Volunteers</u> The number of volunteers working on projects are lower than anticipated, but OPL are working with the Rangers to schedule OPL volunteer numbers into their events and are on schedule to meet this target. OPL are collaborating with the Rangers on their volunteer Ranger events and have fifteen people interested in joining this scheme in the Dee Valley.</p> <p><u>Panorama Management</u> The Panorama signage has started to be installed. NRW happy with the location of the signs and the Rangers have started to install in them at locations. It is hoped that these signs will discourage careless parking which damages the ground in four key areas and raise awareness of the area’s status. A biodiversity walk is planned for May and another further into the summer.</p> <p><u>Picturesque Circular Trails</u> The guided walks trails are being used by the Rangers and are proving popular. The only outstanding leaflet is the ‘Discover the Dee Valley Walks’ booklet. The maps are still being developed by the designer and improvement work is being done by the Rangers at Gro Isa. The Railway at Corwen will have large copies of the map on display at the station, to promote Corwen walk routes.</p> <p><u>Interpretation</u> Still waiting for 4 of these panels to be finished and installed at the Horseshoe Falls site. The final draft and comments have now gone to the designer for manufacturing. CRT need to approve replacing the signs in the existing housing. Four Great Highways project want to put interpretive pillars around the WHS and may need to go through the planning group. Needs to keep the look of the WHS interpretation. DS to forward details to MB. A community miles map that proposed for Fron community centre car park is not in keeping with other interpretation boards in the project area. As a key location for the WHS it needs to be discussed with Fron Community Council to see if they are happy for it to follow WHS branding and consistency. DS to follow up with wider team. The Glyn Valley Tramway wall has been cleared of vegetation by their volunteers which will make the plaque more visible.</p> <p><u>Education Packs</u> JH took the group through a presentation of the website educational resources that have been developed. The team will now take the resources to the schools to advise teaching staff how to use.</p>
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	<p>Wenffrwd Pocket Park Parking charges start 1st May 2024.</p>	
<p>4.Final Evaluation Report.</p>	<p>The monitor has submitted his draft report up to February 2024. There will be some editing to do to the document towards the end of the project but it was very positive report. The link was circulated to the group prior to the meeting. HM took the group through the draft report presentation and discussions were had looking back at memories and successes of the project.</p>	
<p>5.National Landscapes.</p>	<p>The AONB has new branding, and now known as a National Landscapes. All AONB' s encouraged to join with branding funded by DEFRA. OPL logos have been modified to reflect this. New logos shared with the group.</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p>	<p>MB informed the group that a Welsh UNESCO (Welsh WHS and Welsh Geoparks) group is being set up. Any group members with agenda items for the inaugural meeting in June to contact MB.</p>	<p>DS/HS</p>
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting will be Tuesday 9th July 2024 venue – Cadwyn Clwyd, Yr Hen Fanc, Bridge Street, Corwen. LL21 0AH 10 - 12</p>	<p>FR</p>

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