

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD HELD AT PAVO OFFICES, UNIT 30, DDOLE RD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS LD1 6DF ON THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In attendance:

- David Powell (PCC) (in the Chair)
- Melanie Davies (PTHB)
- Samantha Ruthven-Hill (PTHB)
- Martin Nosworthy (PAVO)
- Peter Lathbury (PAVO)
- Kevin Jones (MWWFRS)
- Amy Richmond (MWWFRS)
- Jonathan Oates (WG)
- David Powell (NRW)
- Patrick Green (NRW)

Supporting:

- Heather Delonnette (PCC)
- Diane Reynolds (PCC)
- Peter Jones (PCC)

Apologies:

- Cllr Rosemarie Harris (PCC)
- Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB)
- Carl Cooper (PAVO)
- David Harris (DPP PCC)
- Martin Cox (NRW)
- Prys Davies (WG)
- Emma Palmer (PCC)
- Julian Atkins(BBNPA)

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting on 11th July were agreed.

3. DELIVERY OF THE WELL-BEING STEPS
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Step 1 – Engage with Residents, Communities and Stakeholders

To be circulated.

Step 2 – Performance Management Framework

Julian Atkins had contacted all nominated officers in partner organisations seeking details of current performance reporting arrangements. A number were still outstanding and colleagues were reminded of the need to reply to Julian.

Each organisation tailored their reports to suit their own needs so it would be challenging for the PSB to develop its own consistent approach without increasing the burden of performance reporting.

There was agreement on the need for a common template which set out:

- What was being done
- How well it was being done
- The outcome
- Clear lines of responsibility and
- Signposted work in organisations contributing to the 2040 Vision

Action: Julian Atkins to produce a template.

Step 3 – Transport Infrastructure

Kevin Jones (KJ) urged colleagues to attend the transportation workshop on 18 September. The workshop would examine data provided at a Cruz Cymru event in June along with statistics from the road safety unit. KJ wanted to develop a better understanding of how transport impacted on services and wider themes such as rural isolation.

Jonathan Oates (JO) asked for consideration to be given to the opportunities and risks arising through the increase in the number of electric vehicles. High vehicle costs and a lack of charging infrastructure meant that Mid Wales was likely to be slow to exploit the opportunities.

Step 4 – Improve the Digital Infrastructure

Developing the digital infrastructure would form part of the Mid Wales Growth Deal.

David Powell advised that PCC Cabinet had recently visited Skibbereen, Co Cork to look at how the town and Cork County Council had worked in partnership with Vodafone to develop a 1 gb economy.

Digital infrastructure and access to fast broadband was key to attracting people to come and work in the county and to how organisations delivered services. It was noted that BT were not the only broadband providers available.

Step 5 – Develop a joint approach to community resilience

To be circulated.

Step 6 – Skills and Lifelong Learning

Low wages were an issue in Powys and both the private and public sectors were struggling to recruit skilled workers. The public sector in particular faced problems of attracting and retaining younger staff. The 3rd sector was also facing recruitment problems. More consideration needed to be given to what would attract young workers to Powys.

Partners on the PSB were asked to report on the number of apprentices they employed and set a target for 2020.

PCC had taken a number of actions, including organising a careers fair which was the biggest in the UK and attracted a wide range of employers and higher education providers. The Council was also in discussion with Aberystwyth University.

There was also a need for more apprenticeships and courses for young people not going on to university education.

Step 7 - Develop a carbon positive strategy that maximises green energy production

This was an opportunity to reduce the amount of money going out of Wales. There was a lot of land in Powys that could be used for generating and storing electrons. It would require investment but there would be great economic benefits for communities that did invest.

JO also reported that the Welsh Government scheme to decarbonise 5,000 homes every year was an employment and skills opportunity.

Next steps would be agreed at a workshop on 1st October. The purpose of the workshop was to set out the broader context for this work, review the existing evidence base, discuss and agree the scope of the Step and agree the approach and broad timetable to developing the Step.

Step 8 – Develop a Sustainable environment strategy

4 key areas had been suggested:

- Connecting people with nature
- Reducing society's impact on the environment
- Ecological and climate change resilience
- Sustainable use

A working group of PSB partners and stakeholders would be convened to scope out flagship projects in Powys demonstrating good practice and draft some initial environmental priorities for Powys.

Brexit needed to be factored in both as a risk and as an opportunity, for example, to shorten supply chains and develop local processing.

Step 9 – Support active enjoyment of the environment and adventure tourism

Tourism was a key outcome of Vision 2025 that PCC wanted to focus on. The Council would continue to develop a strategic tourism offer through marketing and promotion of Powys as an events county. Consideration needed to be given to local people who may not be able to access attractions due to costs.

JO offered to make an introduction to Professor Calvin Jones of Cardiff Business School who had a lot of specialist knowledge through his work on the Swansea Bay Deal.

Step 10 – Develop a brand to attract inward investment to Powys

The activity to date and forthcoming activities to promote inward investment to Powys were noted. It was noted that some planning policies acted as a disincentive to businesses investing in the area.

Step 11 - Implement more effective structures and processes that enable multiagency community focused response to wellbeing, early help and support.

Step 12 -Develop our organisations' capacity to improve emotional health and well-being within all our communities.

The ambition set out in steps 11 and 12 fits closely with the aims of the North Powys project to develop a new integrated model of care being overseen by the RPB. Further work was required to ensure the aims set out in the two steps can be properly achieved through this alignment, and that PSB members can feel assured regarding oversight and delivery. Similarly, RPB members need to be in support of any changes to the objectives set out in the new model of care.

4. GOVERNANCE - PSB/RPB

It was agreed to sign off the PSB terms of reference, subject to including a Well-Being Planning officer group in place of the Leadership Team and replacing references to named individuals with postholder titles.

PSB asked for the arrangements for sharing information with the RPB to be formalised with reports and minutes being shared.

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
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The Board accepted the proposal that the Powys Community Safety Partnership provides an annual report to the PSB detailing how the CSP priorities are contributing to the Towards 2040 – The Powys Well-being Plan.

6. INFORMATION BANK

Diane Reynolds (DR) gave a demonstration of the information bank website which was available to use now with 40 out of 50 interactive pages written. Partner organisations were asked to have a look and flag up any mistakes. NRW offered to provide links to land use statistics. The next step would be to promote the site.

Diane and her team were thanked for their work.

7.	NEXT / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
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Steps 1 and 5

Briefing on the Mid Wales Growth Deal by David Powell

8.	DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS
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13th December – Fire Station, Llandrindod Wells at 10.00 a.m.

9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
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KJ advised that MWWFRS were seeing an increase in the instances in hoarding which as well as being a fire risk was an indication of potential health and well-being issues. He asked that partners share this information when they came across it.

He also advised that MWWFRS were acquiring land at Dole Road in Llandrindod Wells to develop a training centre for Mid Wales.

Peter Lathbury advised that the PAVO annual conference and AGM would take place on 13 November.

DR noted that there was a need for a strategic lead on the officer working group and that Peter Lathbury had accepted provisionally.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair place on record his thanks to Peter Jones who was attending his final meeting of the PSB before he retired from the Council.

David Powell
(In the Chair)