

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD HELD AT FIRE STATION, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018

In attendance:

- Councillor Rosemarie Harris (PCC) (In the Chair)
- Julian Atkins (Brecon Beacons National Park Authority)
- Stephen Carr (WLGA/Policing in Wales/Welsh Government)
- Carl Cooper (PAVO)
- Prys Davies (Welsh Government)
- Siân Dulfer (PAVO)
- Patrick Green (NRW)
- Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB)
- Andy Pitt (Dyfed Powys Police)
- David Powell (PCC)
- Kevin Jones (MWWFRS)
- Amy Richmond-Jones (MWWFRS)
- Ben Wilson (NRW)
- Catherine Woodward (PTHB)

Supporting:

- Heather Delonnette (PCC)
- Diane Reynolds (PCC)
- Steve Boyd (PCC)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Siân Dulfer the newly appointed Chair of PAVO and Ben Wilson from NRW.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Rowland Rees Evans, Superintendent Jon Cummins and Martin Cox NRW.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Subject to an amendment to the minute on Step 7 correcting the number of homes the Welsh Government scheme aimed to decarbonise from 50,000 to 5,000, the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 September 2018 as a correct record.

3. UPDATE ON STEPS - ISSUES AND EXCEPTIONS

The PSB received updates on the steps and considered what value it was adding to the projects. It was noted that there were synergies between many of the

projects and that without the PSB providing oversight there was a risk of working in isolation. PSB also discussed how Members discussed how they shared information about the work of the PSB with their organisations. It was agreed to include in the terms of reference a requirement for members to share information with their organisations.

Catherine Woodward pointed out that Steps 11 and 12 related to the North Powys project rather than being a pan Powys project but that there would be learning principles applicable to other projects.

4. PRODUCTION OF DELIVERY PLANS

In preparation for the meeting in March steps needed to be firmed up into actions. There was a need for consistency, co-ordination and a common template. It was agreed to organise a half day workshop at the end of January.

5. PROGRAMME FOR PRODUCING THE ANNUAL REPORT

The PSB was required to publish its annual report by 2 July. HD suggested agreeing the broad content at the 28 March meeting and finalising it at the 6 June meeting. PSB was supportive of producing the report in a film format. This would be further considered at the workshop in January.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. Request from Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council

PSB considered the request from Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council for PSB involvement in their Place Plan Stakeholder group. HD would pass on details of colleagues from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, PAVO and NRW who had offered to help,

7. GROWTH DEAL PRESENTATION - DAVID POWELL

David Powell gave a presentation on the Mid Wales Growth Deal being developed jointly with Ceredigion County Council. The two councils saw the deal as a way of making Mid Wales sustainable by tackling low wages and depopulation. The six themes agreed by the joint Cabinet are

- Business growth
- Skills
- Tourism & Events
- Infrastructure
- Agricultural / bio-security
- Low carbon energy.

NRW asked to be involved on the aspects involving forestry and sustainability and PAVO with regard to the 3rd sector. Prys Davies offered to make introductions to the power distribution networks.

8. DECARBONISATION PRESENTATION - PRYS DAVIES
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Prys Davies gave a presentation on Step 7, Develop a carbon positive strategy that maximises green energy production. The National Assembly had agreed its own statutory targets to reduce CO² emissions by 80% by 2050 with interim targets every 5 years. Policies needed to be developed to meet these targets

This was an opportunity for Powys which had a number of factors in its favour:

- the second highest level of renewable energy production in Wales;
- 89% of energy consumed in Powys is generated by renewables;
- 31.1% of carbon sequestration in Wales was in Powys;
- Land use, land use change and forestry in Powys made a much higher positive contribution to greenhouse gas emissions than the Welsh average.
- Lower per capita emissions than the Welsh average.

On the negative side fuel poverty was more acute in Powys because of the numbers of homes off the gas grid and the number of older properties which weren't gas efficient.

The approach being taken was to:

- develop a strategy which reviews at all emission sectors (power, buildings, transport, agriculture and land use, businesses and industry, waste)
- Engage and involve different emission sectors
- Assess the role of the PSB in relation to each sector – delivering or influencing change
- Assess the challenges and opportunities of increasing renewable energy generation
- Set out the vision for Powys – what might it look like in 2040?

Ben Wilson from NRW suggested a joint approach with Ceredigion PSB: he would invite Prys to take part in the next meeting by Skype.

9. SAFER COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION - STEPHEN CARR

Stephen Carr gave a presentation on Safer Communities. He explained that the Cabinet Secretary was looking for agencies to take a collaborative approach with an initial focus on serious and organised crime and county lines.

Chief Inspector Andy Pitt highlighted the work of the Community Safety Partnership and made an appeal for all agencies to be involved and for better sharing of information. He advised the PSB of a successful police operation against county lines drug dealers in Powys as a result of shared information. Too

often however, fear of falling foul of GDPR was preventing agencies from sharing information.

10.	DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS
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The dates of meetings in 2019 were noted.

County Councillor