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## **Bwrdd Gwasanaeth Cyhoeddus Powys Public Service Board**

Meeting Venue  
**By Teams**

Meeting Date  
**Friday, 30 July 2021**

Meeting Time  
**10.00 am**

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### **AGENDA**

<b>1.</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</b>	<b>10.00 am Chair</b>
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To welcome attendees and receive any apologies.

<b>2.</b>	<b>PSB ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020-2021</b>	<b>10.05 am Chair / Emma Palmer</b>
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To consider and approve the PSB Annual Report 2020-2021 for publication.  
(Pages 5 - 34)

<b>3.</b>	<b>TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS ANNUAL REPORTS</b>	<b>10.15 am Chair / Emma Palmer</b>
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To receive a presentation from Brecon Town Council regarding their Annual Report.  
<https://brecontowncouncil.org.uk/wellbeing-report-2020-21/>

Ystradgynlais Town Council Annual Report 2020-21 attached for information  
(Pages 35 - 48)

<b>4.</b>	<b>UNIFIED MODEL FOR THE DELIVERY OF PROBATION SERVICES IN ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>10.35 am Christine Harley/ Steven Glasson/ Melissa Lobb Probation Service</b>
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To receive a presentation from the Probation Service on the recent developments around the unified model and to discuss local projects in Powys.

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<b>5.</b>	<b>WELL-BEING STEPS - QUARTER 1 2021-2022 HIGHLIGHT REPORTS</b>	<b>11.05 am Emma Palmer</b>
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To receive the quarter 1 2021-22 highlight reports for each Well-being Step.

Summary of RAG status is outlined below:

<b>Step</b>	<b>BRAG</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>9 and 10</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>11 and 12</b>	<b>Amber</b>

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<b>6.</b>	<b>OUTCOMES AND PROGRESS FOLLOWING PSB RECOVERY WORKSHOP ON 28TH JUNE 2021 - 'A FOCUS ON POVERTY'.</b>	<b>11.20 am Emma Palmer</b>
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To confirm the agreed actions following the PSB recovery workshop and to discuss progress and future actions.

<b>7.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT PROGRESS</b>	<b>11.45 am Catherine James</b>
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Verbal update on progress with the Well-being Assessment and work with Co-production Network Wales regarding engagement.

<b>8.</b>	<b>REPORTS FOR INFORMATION</b>	<b>11.55 am Chair</b>
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The following reports are provided for information:

- **NRW Funding Update**

(Pages 63 - 108)

<b>9.</b>	<b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b>	<b>12.00 pm Chair</b>
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To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and consider any matters arising.

(Pages 109 - 114)

<b>10.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<b>12.05 pm Chair</b>
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To consider any matters of urgency as agreed in advance with the Chair.

<b>11.</b>	<b>DATES OF 2021 PSB MEETINGS</b>	<b>12.15 pm Chair</b>
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# Powys Public Service Board



## Towards 2040

The Powys  
Well-being Plan

## *Annual Report*

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## A message from the Chair

On behalf of the Powys Public Service Board (PSB) I am pleased to present our third Annual Report, following what has been a challenging year for us all. The report gives a brief overview of what we have achieved in the third year of our five-year Well-being plan and also looks at the challenges ahead.

We ended the 2020-2021 year in a very different place to where we began, with public services, communities, the third sector and local businesses finding new ways of doing things, being both innovative and resourceful in their fight against the pandemic. The partnership response, coordinated and carried out through relevant emergency planning frameworks has been commendable and I have no doubt that the effectiveness is in part due to the relationships and connections developed through the PSB.

Alongside our covid-19 response we have continued to progress some of our Well-being Plan objectives and steps. These are at the heart of what the PSB is trying to do, to improve the opportunities and experiences for residents and communities in Powys. Projects that began in 2018-19 have continued to grow, with new ideas and the continued ambition of partners.

As we move forward, the PSB will have an important role to play in supporting Powys to recover from the pandemic, and in doing so we will need to build on the partnership working that has taken place over the past year. In November 2020, my colleagues and I held a recovery workshop and we agreed to prioritise three of our well-being steps, making these our main focus as a route to recovery, these are; improving digital infrastructure; developing a decarbonisation strategy and implementing a sustainable environment strategy. During June and July 2021, we will engage with residents through an online survey, and ask questions about their experiences of living in Powys - covering topics from employment and health to Welsh language, the findings will be used to develop our next well-being assessment and will provide valuable insight into how the pandemic may have affected people.

I am grateful to my colleagues on the PSB for their continued commitment towards improving the well-being of residents and communities in the county. Our Town and Community Councils continue to be represented on the PSB and some are also expected to publish annual reports setting out their contributions to the local objectives in Towards 2040.

We hope you will be interested in the work we are doing and would welcome ideas and contributions that can bring about change that will create the Powys we all want now and for future generations.

*Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Chair of the Powys Public Service Board*

## What is this Annual Report?

This is Powys Public Services Board (PSB) third Annual Report. It highlights work that the PSB has done during 2020-2021 to deliver the objectives in **Towards 2040 Our Well-being Plan** ([Towards 2040 - the Powys Well-being Plan - Powys County Council](#)). We launched our **Well-being plan** in July 2018 following a comprehensive assessment of the well-being of the local population and extensive consultation and engagement with a wide range of stakeholders. The objectives in our plan aim to address the issues which the residents and communities of Powys told us are most important to improving their well-being. We published our first annual report in July 2019, followed by our second report a year later – copies can be found here: [Powys Public Service Board - Our Annual Progress Report - Powys County Council](#). Our first year of delivery focussed on planning and prioritising activity for each of the 12 steps in our plan and considering how we can fully embrace the sustainable development principles in our work. This helped to create a clear roadmap for delivering our plan during 2019-2021.

## What is the Powys Public Service Board?

The Public Service Board (PSB) is a statutory strategic partnership established under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**. The Act requires key local organisation in Powys to work together and take a more co-ordinated and long-term approach to the issues that really matter to the people of the county. In doing so, the PSB must assess the state of well-being locally (a copy of the most recent Well-being assessment can be found here: [Full Well-being assessment analysis - Powys County Council](#)). It must use the finding of the assessment to set objectives and produce a plan designed to improve economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the local area. The statutory partners that make up the board are:



Gwasanaeth Tân Ac Achub  
Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru

Mid and West Wales  
Fire and Rescue Service



GIG  
CYMRU  
NHS  
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd  
Addysgu Powys  
Powys Teaching  
Health Board



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Natural  
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Wales

Other organisations who play a key role in the PSB include the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations, Dyfed Powys Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Welsh Government, Probation Service and One Voice Wales.



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POLICE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Cymru  
Wales  
Rhan o KSS CRC  
Part of KSS CRC



## What are the objectives in Towards 2040 Our Well-being Plan?

- *People in Powys will experience a stable and thriving economy*
- *People in Powys will enjoy a sustainable and productive environment*
- *People in Powys will be healthy, socially motivated and responsible*
- *People in Powys will be connected by strong communities and a vibrant culture*



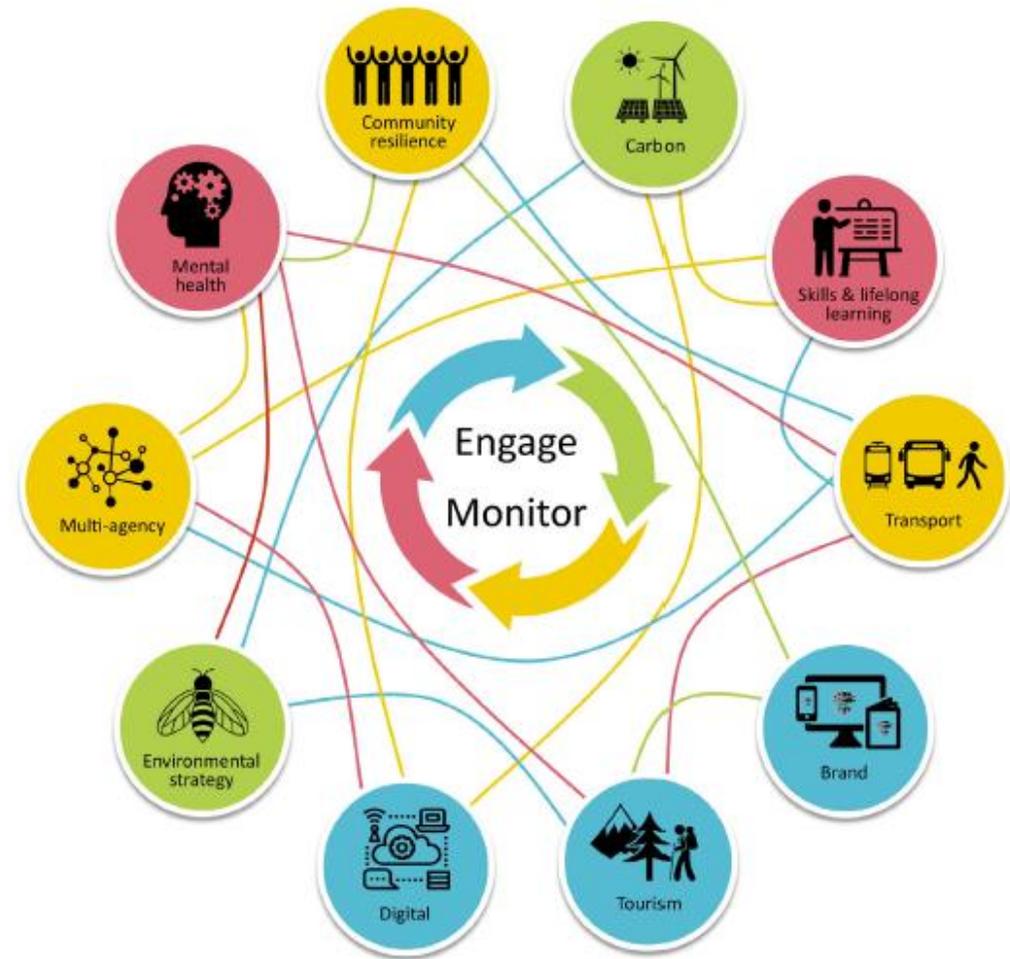
## Our 12 Well-being Steps

Our four objectives set out the goals we are aiming for in the longer-term. To help us reach these goals we agreed an initial 12 **Well-being Steps** to focus on delivering in the shorter term.

These are collective steps, where we need to work together and enhance the work we're doing as individual organisations and communities. None of these steps can be delivered in isolation and each will have an impact on the others. For example, better digital infrastructure will help with providing better care for those who need it; improved public transport will encourage tourism. The PSB is working **collaboratively** to ensure we make the most of these links and opportunities and challenge ourselves, and others, when things get in the way of doing what we've agreed we will.

Each of the 12 Steps is being led by a PSB partner, whose responsibility is to ensure that work is progressing as planned, and that results are being delivered.

This report looks at each of the steps in turn and includes examples of the partnership work undertaken by the Powys Public Service Board during 2020-21.



## **Well-being Step 1: Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040.**



Lead organisation: Powys County Council

Our vision is ambitious, and it can't be achieved without the help of others. We will need the contribution of businesses, communities, third sector organisations, colleges and others to improve well-being in Powys and achieve our vision for the future of Powys. As a PSB, we need to be enthusiastic about the vision and what it will achieve and promote that whenever we're dealing with stakeholders. We will use the vision as a golden thread when talking to other organisations and ensure that all those we work with are aware of the vision and what the PSB is doing to make it a reality.

### **What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?**

- ✓ We developed and published our 2019-20 Annual Report by the deadline of July 2020, to inform residents of the progress against our well-being objectives and to promote our vision for Powys.
- ✓ We have worked alongside the Regional Partnership Board to explore and cost-up options for a joint engagement platform for partners to use collectively. A shared engagement platform was identified called 'Engagement HQ'. The platform is being funded by the Regional Partnership Board, therefore is currently being led by the council, health board and PAVO.
- ✓ We have been successful in our bid to the Co-production Network for Wales, who were looking for 3 PSB's (or clusters of PSB's) across Wales, and to work with them over the next 5 years on implementing meaningful co-production and involvement.
- ✓ We continued to engage with the PSB Scrutiny Committee as one of our key stakeholders and considered their recommendations in developing our delivery plans.

### **What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?**

- ✓ In July 2020, Powys County Council lead on the development of a report called 'Understanding the Impact of Covid-19 in Powys' which set out the initial impact of the pandemic on the county's residents, communities and economy. The report was shared with all partners and was important in planning our recovery.
- ✓ The council with the support of partners launched the #SupportLocalPowys campaign in June 2020, which urged residents to shop locally wherever possible to support local businesses. Later in the year, the PSB was also successful in gaining £25,000 of grant funding from Natural Resources Wales, which helped to continue the campaign over the Christmas period and into 2021. The campaign has promoted collaborative working and encouraged residents to support locally produced goods, enjoy local attractions and facilities when possible, complying with

Covid restrictions, reduce the impact on the environment and promote responsible and sustainable use of resources. It has raised awareness, re-connected residents with the environment and encouraged a reduction in the county's carbon footprint.

- ✓ Powys County Council undertook a Business Survey asking businesses for their views to help understand the full effects of Covid-19 on the local economy. Feedback was crucial to ongoing discussions with Welsh Government, Business Wales and partner organisations and informing recovery plans.

### What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ Develop a Communications Plan to raise awareness of the work of the PSB and its achievements.
- ✓ Launch the joint public engagement platform 'Engagement HQ'.
- ✓ Develop our next Well-being Assessment and engage with stakeholders, to inform the next Well-being Plan.

### What challenges do we face?

- ✓ Ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and Welsh Government restrictions.
- ✓ Successful progression of the actions will rely on available capacity across PSB partner organisations.

## Well-being Step 2: Establish a simple and effective performance management framework to monitor progress in delivering the well-being steps and achieving the vision

Lead organisation: Brecon Beacons National Park

We need to know if what we're doing is making the differences we want. The PSB will create a transparent way of assessing the effectiveness of our Well-being Steps, as they are being developed, in achieving the vision so that everyone can see the progress that's being made.

### What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?

- ✓ Work planned under Step 2 was put on hold due to resources being deployed to support the covid response, and as a result of staff changes and capacity within the BBNPA. However, the PSB has continued to use the Performance Assurance Framework that was developed in 2019-20 to report progress/ risk against its 12 Well-being Steps at least quarterly to the PSB.



## What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ Evaluate the current performance management framework being used by the PSB and consider opportunities for automating the reporting process and aligning better with other reporting processes and systems used by individual partners. This will ensure a simpler performance management reporting framework to support the monitoring and delivery of our shared objectives and well-being steps.
- ✓ Focus on strengthening the performance measures and data currently being used by the PSB to understand the impact the steps are having on residents and communities.

## What challenges do we face?

- ✓ The on-going response to the pandemic and the impact on capacity.
- ✓ All PSB partners have their own approach and timescales for reporting performance which can sometimes duplicate or conflict with the PSB framework.

## Well-being Step 3: Work with and influence others to improve our transport infrastructure, our existing transport links and develop a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery

Lead organisation: Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

The rural nature of Powys means that frequent travel is inevitable whether for work or leisure and being able to get around Powys and beyond easily and safely underpins the 2040 vision. There are cycle routes and bus services available, however, they are not as connected, convenient or safe as they could be. People can find themselves isolated because they are no longer able to drive due to age or ill health. The public sector in Powys provides a lot of transport within the county and there are opportunities to improve the way we do this, potentially making better use of what we have, including community transport and providing additional benefits to our communities. The PSB will work collectively to make the case for Powys with national and regional government for investment in transport, including the provision of electric charging points and refuelling points for emerging fuels.

Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a considerable delay to the progression of this Step, with the majority of partners and stakeholders being required to re-direct their resources to maintaining business as usual, it is clear to see from the updates provided below from individual organisations, that there have been some key areas of work delivered to the benefit of the communities within Powys.

## What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?



- ✓ Partners delivered online road safety courses including Motorbike rider engagement courses, Project (EDWARD) Every Day Without A Road Death courses and Biker Down courses.
- ✓ A drink drive awareness and demonstration event was run at the Sennybridge Army camp. This event was organised to raise awareness of the risks and impact of drink driving. A simulated road traffic collision involving Army personnel was live streamed to 160 personnel and was also broadcast to an additional 650 personnel.
- ✓ Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) installed an Electric Vehicle (EV) charger in Newtown and staff within Powys have been trialling EV vans.
- ✓ Work continued on a potential transport interchange in Machynlleth with discussions with TfW/Network Rail continuing.
- ✓ A successful bid for funding for the construction of bus interchange within Welshpool was made.
- ✓ Powys County Council installed 16 EV chargers into 8 off streetcar parks.
- ✓ Dyfed Powys Police (DPP) purchased 8 BMW i3 vehicles and installed charging points at their headquarters site.
- ✓ A biodiversity survey was undertaken at the DPP HQ site with the view of increasing the biodiversity at HQ. They have reviewed their waste management contract, with a view of increasing the recycling rates across the Force.

**What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?**

- ✓ Funding from Welsh Government was utilised to aid social distancing within towns by repurposing parts of the highway and in some places closing road off for pedestrian use, this allowed some businesses, mainly within the hospitality sector to then make use of the highway to do business. This funding was also used to aid social distancing at the Lake in Llandrindod with a pop-up cycle lane being installed.
- ✓ 10 On Call staff from MAWWFRS were seconded to Powys Teaching Health Board on a 3 months fixed contract to assist with providing vaccinations.
- ✓ Partners supported the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) by driving ambulances and staff were trained and available to provide mortuary assistance.
- ✓ Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC's) were conducted via live streaming in order to continue keeping communities safe during isolation periods.
- ✓ Several of the partner agencies invested in their IT infrastructure to increase the number of laptops available to staff to allow them to work from home as per Covid-19 Guidelines. This, together with better connectivity, has meant that the mileage staff have had to travel to and from work and the business mileage of staff in work has decreased significantly, which has helped reduce the carbon footprint. It has also seen electricity consumption reduce across organisations which has further helped in lowering the carbon footprint.
- ✓ DPP carried out enforcement of the Covid-19 restrictions throughout the pandemic.

**What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?**

- ✓ Consult with local residents about ideas to improve active travel to enable safe walking and cycling routes.

- ✓ Identify who needs access to community travel and develop solutions for where the gaps are currently.
- ✓ Continue to increase the provision of electric vehicle charging points to support our environmental policies.
- ✓ Investigate options for investment from regional and national government to help us make these improvements.

#### What challenges do we face?

- ✓ Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic has placed significant delay on our ability to progress these workstreams due to the availability of partners.
- ✓ Attendance at meetings due to personnel changes within the Working Group have also made it difficult to progress the workstreams.
- ✓ The improvements we would like to make are a significant financial expense, and without investment from regional or national government these may not be possible to achieve.
- ✓ Many of the people who need the help or service the most do not ask for it, so identifying where these people live so that we can ensure we plan appropriate solutions in the right places is challenging.

### Well-being Step 4: Work with and influence others to improve digital infrastructure

Lead organisation: Powys County Council

Broadband and mobile phone connections are becoming increasingly important as ways of accessing services, information and entertainment as well as allowing people to work more flexibly, have a better work life balance and contribute to their communities. We know there are parts of Powys where this access is limited or absent and understand the importance of this infrastructure to the achievement of our vision for Powys. However, much of the responsibility for this lies outside of Powys, with the government and businesses, but where we ourselves can help we will. We will use our collective voice to lobby national and regional governments, as well as private providers where appropriate, to get good quality Internet and mobile phone provision across all of Powys.

#### What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?

- ✓ Recruited a Community Broadband Officer.
- ✓ Developed plans to deliver our strategy.
- ✓ Updated our wellbeing information bank with all the latest data. Follow this link to see the latest data - [Wellbeing Information Bank - Powys County Council](#)
- ✓ Secured grant funding to support our information sharing development.



## What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?

- ✓ Our digital response to Covid19 has seen the development of digital systems to support collaborative working such as Welfare support to shielding residents and telephony systems to support Mass Vaccinations.

## What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ Gather requirements from across our PSB to design our data integration ambitions.
- ✓ Design and implement a shared Data and Analytics Framework.
- ✓ Increase our publicly available data from 72 dashboards to 100 and promote to all stakeholders.
- ✓ Increase our capacity to support broadband and 4G rollout across our communities.
- ✓ Commission a connectivity study through the Mid Wales Growth deal.
- ✓ Support the development of digital skills with our residents to reduce travel and protect our environments through appropriate funding opportunities.
- ✓ Create a barrier busting digital connectivity group.
- ✓ Support the development of digital businesses.
- ✓ Develop opportunities through digital to help protect our natural environment.
- ✓ Collaboratively deliver an IOT gateway network in Powys to facilitate the use of low cost, long life sensors to support all public services.

## What Challenges do we face?

- ✓ Current restrictions to our lives in staying at home have highlighted the challenges for many families who have been excluded, overcoming these is a significant challenge even with government funding many families are unable to fund digital access.
- ✓ Response to COVID19 has delayed our plans for digital transformation and will slow our programme of change, our plans for 2021-22 may be affected whilst we focus on recovery.
- ✓ Many small businesses in Powys are on the brink of financial collapse and unable to invest in digital growth, meeting this gap is a significant challenge where we want to work with our partners for innovative solutions.
- ✓ Provision of broadband in hard-to-reach rural locations.

## Well-being Step 5: Develop a joint approach to community resilience by co-ordinating existing support and building the skills and capacity within communities helping them do the things they can't do for themselves



Lead organisation: Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations

Our communities are one of our biggest strengths, where people feel connected to their neighbours. The availability, expectations and delivery of public services is likely to change in the future and our communities are more likely to become the first place residents go for help and support. We want to ensure that our communities remain strong, friendly, supportive places that all residents feel able to contribute to, or receive from, as they need.

### What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?

- ✓ Registered 1381 new volunteers.
- ✓ Placed 254 volunteers within statutory settings to enhance public services.
- ✓ Placed 900 volunteers within third sector settings to enhance public services.
- ✓ Supported the development of 748 community initiatives that enhance and maintain the wellbeing of individuals and communities.
- ✓ Engaged external consultants to review volunteering in Powys and produce a strategy and operational plan for volunteering Powys for the next 5 years.
- ✓ The shared activity undertaken under Step 5 of Powys PSB's Wellbeing Plan has progressed via the Community Sector Response Group (CSRG). The purpose of the CSRG is to build upon the support and coordination of third sector activity during the COVID-19 pandemic led via the Community Sector Emergency Response Team (C-SERT). In partnership with all sectors and agencies, it seeks to galvanise and harness the contribution of the voluntary sector across Powys in order to deliver what matters to people, improve the independence of individuals and reduce the demands on statutory health and care services. The CSRG also fulfils the remit of the Social Value Forum in Powys, a statutory requirement of the Regional Partnership Board by virtue of the Social Services and Well Being Act. The outcomes and outputs of the CSRG are aligned with the outcomes set out in the Health & Care Strategy and in the Workforce Futures Strategic Framework. The CSRG is still in its nascency, having been formed around 6 months ago.

### What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?

- ✓ We responded to the COVID crisis by establishing a Community Sector Emergency Response Team that helped to recruit volunteers, support community response (including 114 new COVID community initiatives) and placed volunteers to enhance statutory services with a particular focus on the Mass Vaccination Programme.
- ✓ We established and developed 13 local community support networks across Powys. These are led by community connectors. PAVO has recently employed additional development officers to expedite the development of these networks. The networks have taken forward initiatives to address gaps and vulnerabilities in service such as hot food provision and day care activities for older people.
- ✓ We recruited over 400 volunteers to support Powys' Mass Vaccination Programme

#### CASE STUDIES:

- ✓ **Mass Vaccination Wayfinder Volunteers**  
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- ✓ **CARAD - Moving Forward**  
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- ✓ **PTHB - Mental Health Volunteers**  
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- ✓ **Stitching 4 Superheroes**  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IzvlTE0fzsq1wHQldrqACYz8nvgCBjKa8P5D7LlyTw/edit?usp=sharing>

#### What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ Consolidate the CSRG operational and governance arrangements.
- ✓ Further develop and strengthen the local community support networks.
- ✓ Work together to respond to the gaps in service and community needs identified via the local community support networks.
- ✓ Further promote and nurture volunteering in Powys, both formal and informal.
- ✓ Consider the adoption and implementation of the proposed 5 year strategy for volunteering, the 3-year implementation plan and the associated financial resourcing plan.

#### What challenges do we face?

- ✓ Volunteer fatigue.

- ✓ Inadequate or short-term resourcing of volunteering infrastructure and support.
- ✓ Insufficient coordination of volunteering support among partner agencies.

## Well-being Step 6: Develop a holistic approach to skills and lifelong learning which offers a range of formal and informal opportunities, including apprenticeships and traineeships



Lead organisation: Powys County Council

Studying at university or college isn't the only way to gain the skills needed for work and the organisations and businesses of the future will need skilled people to work in them. We could provide opportunities for specialist training to meet those needs enabling young people to continue to live in Powys and widening their career prospects. We could attract people to the county by being a centre of excellence for health care, environmental work or renewables, possibly creating a higher education establishment in Powys. We also want to develop opportunities across the county that will support learners, of whatever age or ability, whether retraining or learning for fun - combating loneliness and isolation. This will also help the economy, building on existing sectors and developing new ones where Powys can be at the forefront of innovation.

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### What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?

- ✓ Recruitment campaign for an Interim Chair of the Board, Board members and a programme manager for the Regional Skills Partnership (RSP).
- ✓ Online Careers Festival arranged by Careers Wales on 10 March for learners across Powys and Ceredigion. This event was bilingual.
- ✓ Collaborative partnership working across north and south Powys sixth forms.
- ✓ Informal stakeholder engagement (January – March 2021) has helped to evolve and shape the Post-16 proposals.
- ✓ Initial learner focus groups have been held with Ysgol Llanfyllin and Ysgol Uwchradd Caereinion 6<sup>th</sup> Form representatives.
- ✓ 80 apprenticeship applications received.
- ✓ Meeting held with the Employer Liaison Officer to consider possible opportunities of identifying apprenticeship positions external to Powys County Council (PCC).
- ✓ Additional support, such as CV writing and interview techniques, is being offered to those PCC apprentices whose apprenticeships are coming to an end shortly, to enable them to secure employment either internally or externally.
- ✓ Information regarding the benefits of apprenticeships and the Welsh Government Employers Incentive was published during National Apprenticeship week.
- ✓ Videos were created with past apprentices so that they can be used when undertaking awareness raising sessions in schools. An example is available on the PCC Apprenticeships internet page <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/989/Apprenticeships>

- ✓ Initial meeting of the Neath Port Talbot (NPT) Learning Skills Network (LSN) and Powys Adult and Community Learning (ACL) Management Group on 19 March 2021, following a decision to amalgamate the previous separate meetings to extend and consolidate collaborative working.

#### What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?

- ✓ The provision of an online Careers Festival provided learners with an opportunity to hear from industry experts, find out more about the world of work and take part in live Q&As with employers, despite the lockdown restrictions that were in place.

#### What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ Post-16 proposals to be presented to PCC Cabinet in May 2021.
- ✓ Establishment of Post-16 Strategic Management Board and Operational Management Boards by June 2021.
- ✓ Conclude recruitment of RSP Chair, Board Members and support staff by June 2021.
- ✓ Develop a RSP framework for action by December 2021 and a detailed work programme by March 2022.
- ✓ Online transition event for KS4 / KS5 learners to be fully aware of choices and possible pathways by June 2021.

#### What challenges do we face?

- ✓ The pandemic has been a challenging environment in which to deliver against the skills agenda, however collaborative working has been strong and priorities such as the Post-16 agenda have been moved forward at pace.

### Well-being Step 7: Develop a carbon positive energy strategy that maximises green energy production

Lead organisation: Welsh Government were leading on this for the main part of 2020-21, but then leadership was transferred to Powys County Council in the last quarter of the year.

Powys has an abundance of potential renewable energy sources. As well as providing green energy this can also provide jobs, skills and financial benefits that will contribute to making our communities more resilient. The diverse nature of renewable opportunities could support



research and skills development, with Powys becoming a centre of excellence in the renewable energy field. By contributing to a greener energy infrastructure we would also be helping to mitigate the impacts of potentially damaging climate change in Powys and beyond.

### **What have we been working on during 2020-2021?**

- ✓ Development of a vision for a Carbon Positive Powys and identify priority areas for intervention.
- ✓ Preparation of models and scenarios to illustrate the change required to achieve a Carbon Positive Powys by 2040.
- ✓ Engagement on the scenarios and opportunities with the businesses, citizens and organisations of Powys.
- ✓ Preparation of a draft decarbonisation strategy for submission to the PSB and analysis of the draft strategy at working group level.
- ✓ Change in workstream lead from Welsh Government to Powys County Council.

### **What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?**

- ✓ Gain approval for the draft strategy to undergo public consultation.
- ✓ Consultation and engagement with Powys communities and stakeholders.
- ✓ Strategy completed and adopted.
- ✓ Collate baseline information from localities in Powys.
- ✓ Provide advice and guidance on place-based decarbonisation.

### **What challenges do we face?**

- ✓ COVID-19 has slowed our progress and may impact upon the level of engagement of some stakeholders.
- ✓ A rapidly changing policy context. New data has been provided by the committee on climate change (Dec-20) since the consultants did their analysis. New Welsh Government targets on net zero (March-21) and a host of policy changes at Welsh, UK and international levels pre COP-26.
- ✓ We are already seeing the impacts of climate change in our county.
- ✓ Given the size of Powys and the increasing interest in climate change, effective stakeholder engagement could be challenging. We will look at innovative solutions to reaching as wide an audience as possible.

## Well-being Step 8: Develop a sustainable environment strategy: by strengthening activity to deliver the sustainable management of Powys' natural resources through coordinated conservation work and actions underpinning the Nature Recovery Plan and Natural Resources Wales Area Statement(s)



Lead organisation: Natural Resources Wales

Our environment is fundamental in sustaining life be it through food production, the supply of water, the biodiverse habitats and species which enable natural processes to function, or for our physical and mental health and well-being. We want to ensure that Powys' diverse natural environments are in good condition and can withstand pressures including climate change in years to come. The quality of Powys's natural environment sustains the local economy through a vibrant agricultural sector, forestry and through tourism but is also precious in its own right through all of the life it supports and for the natural landscapes we enjoy. We will need to work with landowners and managers, conservation organisations, communities and volunteers to identify how best to conserve and enhance Powys' natural resources and environment for future residents and visitors.

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### What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?

- ✓ Recognising the prolonged impacts of Covid-19 on PSB partners, specific work on this step was paused for a longer period than was expected at the time of the last annual report, but has recently been recommenced. We have used the opportunity to both review the scope and intent of the step, and those involved in its delivery to better reflect the needs of the environment and people of Powys.
- ✓ The core group has been reconvened and we are now inviting other key partners to participate.
- ✓ Since the publishing of the Mid Wales Area Statement there has been ongoing stakeholder engagement to further develop understanding of the themes and priorities.

### What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?

- ✓ The pandemic and associated constraints on the public have seen significant and changing pressures arising from the demands for local and wider visitor access to green spaces. Whilst this has been a real positive in many regards in opening the eyes of people to the natural environment available on their doorsteps, pressure on 'honey pot' sites has been significant and partners have worked together to seek to enable appropriate access and manage the impact of large visitor numbers and isolated anti social behaviour at sensitive sites.

## What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ This year is key for development of the strategy and identification of key areas for maximising individual and collective delivery of our activities to better achieve sustainable management of natural resources in Powys.
- ✓ Analysis of existing policies and partnerships will be undertaken to ensure improved coordination and efficient use of resources and identify potential gaps where additional interventions are required.

## What challenges do we face?

- ✓ Whilst partners will continue to see direct and indirect disruption from the response to and recovery from Covid19, the disruptive changes for the public and public services may allow us to explore opportunities that were not thought viable prior to the pandemic.
- ✓ This year provides increased global focus on the importance of this well-being step with the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) being held in Glasgow in November 2021 and the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) being held in October 2021.

## Well-being Step 9: Undertake market research and establish an effective infrastructure to support active enjoyment of the environment and adventure tourism

## Well-being Step 10: Develop a strong brand to promote and attract inward investment into Powys

Lead organisation: Powys County Council

Our environment is one of our biggest assets providing opportunities for a range of outdoor activities, from walking to potholing, kayaking to climbing. We want to make the most of our assets and take advantages of those opportunities. Tourism is also a big part of the local economy which offers opportunities for growth, though increased visitor spend and by creating new activities and attractions. We will need to work with businesses, existing ones and those just starting up, to identify the best options for creating new activities and attractions in Powys.

Powys has some unique attractions, amazing landscapes, safe and welcoming communities and space to breathe. We also have a thriving food and festival market. If Powys is to be the place we want it to be in 2040 we need to promote Powys and its businesses, in Wales and beyond, so that businesses chose to invest here because they can get a premium for their products and people chose to live and work here.



The Mid Wales Growth Deal has been reinforced as the priority activity under which Well-being Steps 9 and 10 will be channelled in the coming years, and its progress towards achieving full deal agreement by March 2022 has been encouraging. Developing the region's infrastructure across the priority economic sectors will see huge benefits to Powys over the 10-year lifespan of the Growth Deal and beyond.

#### **What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?**

- ✓ The Mid Wales Growth Deal Heads of Terms was signed by UK and Welsh Government in December 2020. The signing demonstrates a commitment by both governments, alongside Powys and Ceredigion County Councils to work together to deliver a deal to support the economy of the region. It also commits both the Welsh and UK Governments to back the growth deal with a £55m investment each. The Mid Wales Growth Deal portfolio business case is being developed and moving forward, the activities of Wellbeing Steps 9 and 10 will be developed through this prioritised workstream.
- ✓ ENRaW (Enabling Natural Resources and Wellbeing) funding for Canals, Communities and Wellbeing Project, to develop infrastructure along Powys' canal-side corridors over the next 3 years. Working in partnership with BBNP and CRT and other key stakeholders.
- ✓ Delivery of the Welsh Government funded Wales Way Project to promote the Cambrian Way (A470) route through Wales.
- ✓ The Council's Communications team led on a #SupportLocalPowys summer campaign encouraging people to support local businesses/high streets, followed by a 2020 Christmas campaign led by the Tourism team profiling 200 Powys businesses.

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#### **What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?**

- ✓ £1.8m Powys Covid-19 Recovery Fund announced in March 2021 to support county wide recovery initiatives over the next 2 years.
- ✓ Local Resilience Forum Tourism Sub-Group - planning and co-ordination between key agencies to support communities and mitigate negative impacts as visitors return, in particular to busier honey-pot sites.
- ✓ Business Support was prioritised as a business critical activity for the Council, and work is ongoing to help businesses navigate their way through the operational changes put in place to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, and the range of support mechanisms available to various business sectors.
- ✓ Town Centre alterations and grant support to create safe, open and inviting high streets and maximise outdoor seating for hospitality businesses
- ✓ Management of the Visitor Economy Hardship Fund to ensure key Council services and popular visitor sites can effectively manage the impacts of returning visitors in a way that ensures a positive visitor experience and alleviates concerns of local communities.
- ✓ Active participation in the Wales tourism marketing and research groups to understand and implement key safety messages, and to monitor consumer trends and sentiment as restrictions ease and people are allowed to travel freely and enjoy leisure activities.

## What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?

- ✓ Finalise the first phase projects and programmes within the Mid Wales Growth Deal Portfolio by December 2021.
- ✓ Achieve full deal agreement from UK and Welsh Government for the Mid Wales Growth Deal by March 2022.
- ✓ Maximise funding from UK and Welsh Governments, e.g. Levelling Up Fund, Community Renewal Fund, Transforming Towns Fund.
- ✓ Complete a new Mid Wales Regional Strategic Tourism action plan by December 2021.
- ✓ Complete Year 1 delivery of the ENRaW funded Canals, Communities and Wellbeing Project.
- ✓ Liaise with Welsh Government Major Events Unit to attract new events and audiences to Powys from 2022 onwards.

## What challenges do we face?

- ✓ COVID-19 has and will continue to have a significant impact on the delivery of Steps 9 and 10. The loss of visitor revenue in 2020 is estimated to be around 65%, and it is expected to be 3-5 years before the visitor economy returns to pre Covid-19 levels.
- ✓ Pressure on small rural businesses in Powys has been extremely difficult, and ongoing support for businesses is needed to help ensure confidence and key markets return as quickly as possible for a wide range of Powys products and services.
- ✓ EU Transitional arrangements remain a source of uncertainty for some Powys businesses, particularly those trading with the EU.

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## **Well-being Step 11: Implement more effective structures and processes that enable multiagency community focused response to wellbeing, early help and support**

## **Well-being Step 12: Develop our organisations' capacity to improve emotional health and well-being within all our communities**

Lead organisation: Powys Teaching Health Board

We all want to continue living in our own homes for as long as possible. However, we may need help to do so, whether informally from friends and neighbours or more formal support such as domiciliary care. Many people who live in Powys receive services from a range of departments and organisations. We want to work together across organisations, partners and specialisms to make it easier for you to access the most appropriate support for your needs by whoever is best placed to do that.

Emotional health is as important to well-being as physical health. However mental and emotional ill health is not as obvious sometimes as physical illness. The public sector in Powys employs a lot of people and we want to give them the skills to support each other, their families, friends, their



neighbours and communities. We already have strong and supportive communities and we feel that promoting emotional well-being will make them even better places to live.

Steps 11 and 12 of the PSB Wellbeing Plan have been deployed via the North Powys Wellbeing Programme.

### **What have we been working on during 2020-2021 to deliver our local objectives?**

- ✓ Finalised the Programme Business case for the Multi-agency Wellbeing Campus, this was submitted to Welsh Government on 6th November 2020.
- ✓ A range of engagement activities were carried out with a number of teams, services and individuals – their plans shared with a view to increasing collaborative working / multi-agency working in Newtown.
- ✓ Commenced more detailed service planning and modelling to support investment in a multi-agency well-being campus.
- ✓ Set priorities, objectives and targets within our 21 -22 delivery plan.
- ✓ Worked intensively with our Acceleration for Change project leads in order to support developing business cases that meet the needs of communities from both a clinical and wellbeing perspective.
- ✓ Worked with our Acceleration for Change Leads developing key indicators and milestones, in order to meet Welsh Government, Transformation Funding requirements.
- ✓ Signposted community connectors as the first port of call for all early help and support.

### **What have we been working on to support the Covid-19 response?**

- ✓ Sharing examples of good practice identified in Newtown, for example - Newtown Network, with a view to roll out further.
- ✓ Collating baseline data to support the scoping of the Community Wellbeing Hub.
- ✓ A review has been carried out of the Integrated Model of Care and Wellbeing in light of COVID-19.
- ✓ Re-focused the programme to embed learning from COVID-19 following robust evaluation across the partnership.
- ✓ Identified areas to accelerate change to support recovery from COVID-19 and support delivery of the new Integrated Model of Care and Wellbeing.
- ✓ Supported with the development of systems and processes to allow for further joint working, for example - Attend Anywhere.

### **What do we plan to do in 2021-2022?**

- ✓ Embed case studies of good practice into communities.
- ✓ Support communities to deliver services and activities jointly.

- ✓ Begin to develop service plans for the Community Well-being Hub.
- ✓ Begin to report synergies and integrated working opportunities, to inform Outcomes/ Benefits Framework.
- ✓ Consider joint commissioning approaches / models.
- ✓ Develop plans that offer a range of community activities in the community.
- ✓ Delivery of accelerated projects in communities and support them to become self-sustaining.

### What challenges do we face?

- ✓ Engagement activities face to face with communities.

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### Five ways of working

#### How are we doing things more sustainably?

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We have continued to embrace sustainable working practices as part of planning and delivering each of our steps. We do recognise that we still have a long journey ahead to ensure this way of working is fully adopted and embedded.

1. How are we balancing short term needs with planning for the **longer term**?

Our long-term ambitions are set out in our Towards 2040 Plan and are prioritised into four key objectives. The 12 Steps we are taking in the shorter term can be seen as steppingstones for reaching our ambitions. For example, we've started work on improving our digital infrastructure because the way we work and live our lives today is changing rapidly and will continue to do so into the future, especially as working from home becomes the norm for many. Digital technologies are having a big impact on the way we connect with each other, receive information and access a variety of services, and the range of digital options presents us with exciting opportunities to deliver for our residents. We know we need to provide opportunities to improve the digital skills of our residents to improve inclusion for all in the longer term. Our well-being information bank continues to be updated with the latest data on economic, cultural, social and environmental topics and we use this data to understand trends and needs. The pandemic has made us think differently about the way we live our lives and the way people want services delivered and this is why we have continued to update our delivery plans throughout the year to reflect new opportunities.



2. How are we **involving** people (with an interest) in making decisions?

We recognise that the involvement of our communities and key stakeholders must be at the heart of the work we are doing and that is why one of our Well-being Steps is all about actively engaging with our residents. Over the past year, engagement has been minimal, however as we start to recover from the pandemic and begin the development of our next well-being assessment, engagement with stakeholders is going to be critical to understand what matters to people and using their feedback to influence the decisions we make. Throughout the year our PSB meetings are available for members of the public to view/ attend and PSB meeting papers and minutes are published on the Council's website.

3. How are steps being delivered in **collaboration** with others?

While each of our 12 Well-being Steps are being led by an individual organisation, a number of delivery groups have been set up to manage the work and these have representation from a variety of organisations (public, private and third sector). Work has also been undertaken to further develop collaboration with Town and Community Councils and ensure integration between the wider PSB plans and local plans. Many partners on the PSB also sit on Regional Partnership Board, which helps to ensure we are working towards the same vision for Powys. We also collaborate with partners outside of Powys and learn from what is working well elsewhere.

4. How are we ensuring our plans are **integrated**? This means considering the impact of the Steps on the 7 Well-being goals, on each other and on other plans.

Where possible we are ensuring that our plans at a PSB level are integrated with the plans and objectives of individual partners organisations and with other local and regional partnerships. This will help ensure that we are all working towards the same vision and that there is a clear golden thread running between our plans. A well-being planning and delivery group, made up of officers from all PSB partners meets throughout the year to discuss progress against our well-being steps and to look for opportunities for better integration. Where possible, we are also looking at solutions for integrating our data to provide information on the most effective collaborative approach to meet the needs of our residents, especially those most vulnerable.

5. How are we **preventing** problems happening in the first place or getting worse?

Prevention continues to be an underpinning principle across all our Well-being Steps but is more clearly evident in some than others. For example, our step to develop a carbon positive strategy will ensure action to mitigate the risks of climate change and will contribute to the well-being of future generations. Working together on decarbonisation, rather than individually, will make a bigger difference to emissions in Powys and we can influence our communities to join in. Our steps to improve transport and digital infrastructure also aim to prevent unnecessary or cleaner travel. And our step around lifelong learning and skills aims to prevent unemployment, poverty and improved well-being.

## Seven Well-being Goals

### *How does Powys fair against the National Well-being indicators?*

The [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) required Welsh Ministers to set national indicators to assess progress towards achieving the 7 Well-being Goals. Outlined below are some of the key indicators, which are most relevant to our four objectives. Based on the most recent data available, they show the level of progress in Powys compared to Wales as a whole.



People in Powys will experience a stable and thriving economy

Indicator	Wales	Powys	Date information published
Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked (relative to UK average)	100.6	92.7	2018
Gross Disposable Household Income per head	81	86.7	2018
Percentage of people moderately or very satisfied with their jobs.	82%	85%	2019-2020
Percentage of people in employment.	72.8%	75.9%	Year end Dec 2020



People in Powys will enjoy a sustainable and productive environment

Indicator	Wales	Powys	Date information published
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Amount of waste generated that is not recycled, per person	173kg	141kg	2019-20
Capacity (in MW) of renewable energy equipment installed	3,213mw	222mw	2018



People in Powys will be healthy, socially motivated and responsible

Indicator	Wales	Powys	Date information published
Healthy life expectancy at birth including the gap between the least and most deprived.	Male = 78.2 Female = 82.2	Male = 80 Female = 83.5	2010-2012
Percentage of adults who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours (not smoking, healthy weight, eat five fruit or vegetables a day, not drinking above guidelines and meet the physical activity guidelines).	10%	8%	2018-2019&2019-2020
Mean mental well-being score for people	Adults = 51.4	Adults = 51.7	Adults (2018-2019)

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People in Powys will be connected by strong communities and a vibrant culture

Indicator	Wales	Powys	Date information published
Percentage who feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area.	19%	18%	2018-2019
Percentage of people satisfied with local area as a place to live.	85%	90%	2018-2019
Percentage of people who volunteer.	26%	32%	2019-2020
Percentage of people attending or participating in arts, culture or heritage activities at least three times a year	71%	71%	2019-2020
Percentage of people satisfied with their ability to get to/ access the facilities and services they need	80%	66%	2018-2019
Percentage of people agreeing that they belong to the area; that people from different backgrounds get on well together; and that people treat each other with respect	52%	60%	2018-2019
Percentage of people who are lonely	15%	16%	2019-2020

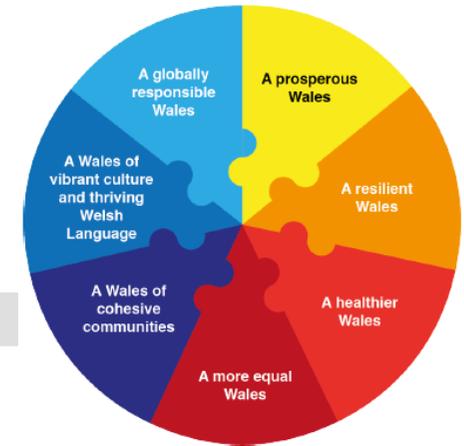
## Overall Assessment of our Well-being Journey

As a PSB, we are accountable to the residents of Powys, and this annual report provides assurance of the progress we are making against our plan. In some cases, progress has either been very slow or delayed completely over the past year, due to covid becoming our main priority. However, many benefits have been realised such as continued roll out of electric vehicle charging points, recruitment of a community broadband officer to support communities with local connectivity solutions, recruitment of hundreds of new volunteers, an online careers festival and apprenticeship support and finalisation of the business case for the multi-agency campus in North Powys.

These important milestones have been a step in the right direction, helping us on the journey to reach our long-term vision and meet the national Well-being Goals. We know that we must reflect on where we are as a partnership and that there are opportunities where we could be working together better, such as tackling climate change, supporting people living in poverty and enabling economic recovery.

Commitment from PSB partners continues to be positive and we will continue to look for opportunities to invite new partners where relevant.

We must remember that the challenge before us is about affecting longer term change, and this will take time. However, we are keen to ensure we build on the partnership working that has taken place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and will look to build on these opportunities. During the year ahead, we will continue to develop our performance framework to ensure that we have measures in place that will enable us to quantify the difference our actions are making to well-being in Powys. We will also continue to take on the challenge of improving digital infrastructure in the county because we know this is what is important to residents.



## Contact Us / How you can get involved

We are still in the early part of our journey and we are committed to involving everyone along the way, the more the people of Powys are involved in shaping our plans the greater the impact on well-being in Powys.

You can track progress against our Well-being Steps during the year, by viewing the reports that are presented to the PSB at their meetings – meeting documents can be found here: [Browse meetings - Public Service Board Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

The work of the PSB Scrutiny committee is also available to view here: [Browse meetings - Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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# YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL



**WELL-BEING REPORT**  
**2020-2021**

# **YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL**

## **The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

### **Well-being Report 2020-2021**

#### **1. Introduction**

Ystradgynlais, the southern most town in Powys, developed because of the coal and iron industries of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These have now been replaced by small industrial units throughout the district. The town is close to the northern terminus of the former 16 mile long Swansea Canal and the southern terminus of the 20 mile long former Brecon Forest Tramroad together forming a commercial artery from the sea to the heartland of Brecknock and provided local employment opportunities in the area. Their route is today broadly followed by the A4067 from Swansea to Sennybridge.

Ystradgynlais provides a gateway to the Brecon Beacons National Park making the surrounding area a popular venue for outdoor enthusiasts. The town is the area's business, transport and cultural centre with a busy shopping centre where the Welsh language is in common use.

The Town Council has 16 elected councillors with two part time members of staff representing approx.6,500 electors. The Council is divided into four wards:- Abercraf, Cwmtwrch, Ynyscedwyn and Ystradgynlais and has a current precept raised from Powys County Council of £304,000 (2021). The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected annually in May.

#### **2. Council's Current Responsibilities**

The Council is responsible

- to the local electorate for delivering a range of services.
- for the provision and upkeep of local amenities.
- for representing the interests of individual members of the public and the wider community.
- for supporting/encouraging members of the community to improve the local environment and services within the community.
- for maintaining and enhancing the area's biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems.

The Town Council vision as the closest level of government to the Community is to provide a voice for the Community, representing the area at County and National level. The Council works closely with the Local County Council Ward Members to ensure that County Council, Police, Welsh Government and other authorities take account of the needs of the Community when making decisions that affect local residents.

The Council uses the powers and resources available to it to proactively react to the needs of the Community and provide appropriate levels of relevant services to the community of Ystradgynlais.

### 3. What are the requirements of the Well-being Act ?

The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. It will make the public bodies listed in the Act think more about the long-term; work better with people and communities and each other; look to prevent problems; and take a more joined-up approach. This will help to create the Wales that people want to live in, now and in the future.

### 4. What are the Requirements of the Town Council ?

The Act places a duty on community and town councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan that has effect in their areas.

A community or town council is subject to that duty only if its gross income or expenditure was at least £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local well-being plan is published.

If a community or town council is subject to the duty, it must publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan.

The Act requires public services boards (**PSBs**) to involve community and town councils in the process of improving the well-being of their areas, regardless of whether the duty in section 40(1) of the Act applies to those councils. All community and town councils are classed as “other partners” of public services boards and must be consulted by those boards on the assessment of local well-being and subsequently on the local well-being plan. They will also have the opportunity of engaging with the public services board when invited to do so. The **Powys Public Service Board’s Well-being Plan** concentrates on four areas: *Social, Economy, Environment and Culture*.

Community and town councils which are subject to the duty will need to liaise closely with the public services board (PSB) for their area i.e. the Powys PSB on the setting of objectives in the local well-being plan, given that they are required to take all reasonable steps in their areas towards meeting these objectives.

**It should be noted that during the year 2020-2021 the work of Ystradgynlais Town Council (along with all other Councils) has been severely curtailed due to the lockdown arrangements imposed by the Wales and National Governments during the COVID pandemic.**

5. The Act sets seven well-being goals and gives a description of each of them.

<b>Well-being goal</b>	<b>Description</b>
A more prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.
A resilient Wales	A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).
A healthier Wales	A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).
A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage, and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

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## 6. The Council's response to the seven Requirements/Goals

### Powys PSB Plan

y = completed  
O = ongoing

Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment.	Culture	2020-21	2021-22
A more prosperous Wales	<p>The Town Council makes budget provision for Community improvement activities such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Festive Christmas lights in each of the four council wards</li> <li>Provision of bunting for use by local groups and decoration of the town centre and satellite villages.</li> </ul> <p>The Town Council is in the process of upgrading its current web site.</p> <p>The Town Council has representatives on the Governing bodies of local Primary schools.</p>	O	O			O	O
resilient Wales	<p>The Town Council has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Gorof Cemetery.</b> Grass is mown following a regular programme. Hedges surrounding the cemetery are maintained in good order. Timber and pruned branches from surrounding trees are stacked in the cemetery's expansion plot providing natural habitats for birds and small mammals found in the area. The use of pesticides/herbicides is not encouraged except on invasive species such as knotweed.</li> <li>Drainage work has been implemented at the cemetery to prevent flooding onto neighbouring land.</li> <li>Works completed in the Garden of Remembrance (Ashes area) to maximise space available, improve aesthetics and uniformity of standard. Regulations have been imposed to prevent non-biodegradable items being left in the cemetery.</li> <li><b>Children's Playground at <i>Swn y Nant</i>, <i>Cwmtwrch</i> , <i>Playground at Caerbont</i>, <i>Playground at Abercraf</i> and a <i>Skateboarding Park at Penrhos</i>.</b></li> </ul>						
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Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'men	Culture	2020-21	2021-22
	<p>There is a regular maintenance programme of grass cutting and tree maintenance during late spring and summer only allowing natural plant, birds and insect life to develop during the remainder of the year.</p> <p>The Town Council will always consider biodiversity and associated environmental issues in its projects and annual maintenance programmes.</p>	O		O		O	O
healthier Wales	<p>The Town Council owns and maintains four Parks/Open spaces near the town centre. These areas are well used by visitors and members of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coronation Park</b> covering an area of approx. 32 hectares. The development of this Park commenced in 1980s and is ongoing. The grass and hedges are maintained following a regular programme.</li> <li>• <b>District War Memorial at Gorsedd Park.</b> Working in partnership with the local branch of the Royal British Legion, Powys C.C. and <i>Ystradgynlais Heritage &amp; Language Society</i> two memorial benches were installed adjacent to the memorial in 2019-2020 and planting of appropriate shrubs/flowers in the immediate area.</li> </ul> <p>Refurbishment work was completed in 2017 and additional work in providing floodlighting of the memorial in 2020-21.</p>	O		O		O	O

Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Cullture	2020-21	2021-22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Diamond Park</b> covering an area of approx. 14 hectares. Development of this Park on former colliery sites began in 2005.</p> <p>Its facilities have been regularly enhanced. In 2020-21 a commemorative bench, based on the mining theme, has been installed alongside one of its many footpaths.</p> <p>Environmental work undertaken to shore up the bank of Nant Gylrais with tree trunk sections.</p> <p>A footpath improvement scheme has commenced in the park.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Daniel Protheroe Memorial Park</b> covering an area of approx. 0.125 hectares. Refurbished the hard landscape as a joint project with the <i>Ystradgynlais District Heritage &amp; Language Society</i> in 2017.</p> <p>Appropriate shrubs and planting have been completed and maintained by <i>Blodau</i> a local volunteer group.</p> </li> </ul> <p>The Town Council maintains these open spaces to a high standard and they provide quiet, contemplating areas close to the town centre and have been appreciated and well used by the members of the community during the period of the Covid Pandemic.</p> <p>The Town Council provides and maintains a number of benches in and around the town</p> <p><b>Public footpaths.</b> The Town Council maintains to a high standard a network of public footpaths in the area which are well used and appreciated by the members of the community. Two of which have been refurbished in 2019-2020.</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p> <p>Y</p>		<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p>	<p></p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>

Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2020-21	2021-22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath linking Wind Road, Glanrhyd and the National Cycle Route 43 (Systrans route) near Gorof Road. This has been resurfaced, landscaped, public seating provided.</li> <li>• Planting of appropriate shrubs and flowers. This footpath is wide enough to accommodate cyclists.</li>   <li>• Footpath linking Ynyscedwyn Road and Gorof Road following the line of a feeder canal off the former Swansea Canal to what is now the former site of the Ynyscedwyn Ironworks . This has been resurfaced and shrubbery alongside the path cleared. This footpath is wide enough to accommodate cyclists</li> </ul> <p><b>Sports facilities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council owns the Tick Tock Bowls club which is available for use by members of the community. The lease for which has been extend for a period of 25 years. The Town Council grants an annual payment of £5k to the Bowls Committee covering maintenance costs etc.</li> <li>• <b>Recreation Ground.</b> The Town Council along with Powys County Council and representatives of local sports clubs are negotiating an extension of the lease on this sports field for the benefit of the community. The Town Council has agreed in principle to make a major financial contribution towards a new 50 year lease for this area of land. Charitable status has been obtained for the Group tasked to manage the Recreational Grounds.</li> </ul>	Y		Y	O	Y	O
A more equal Wales	<p>The Town Council has representatives on the following local organisations promoting well-being and volunteering opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre</li> <li>• Nant Helen Liaison Committee Welfare Fund.</li> <li>• Brecknock Disabled Access Group</li> <li>• One Voice Wales</li> </ul>	O	O		O	O	O

Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2020-21	2021-22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ystradgynlais Welfare &amp; Community Hall</li> <li>• Tick Tock Community Bowls</li> <li>• Open Cast Liaison Committee</li> <li>• Ystradgynlais Focus on Health Committee</li> <li>• Discover Ystradgynlais</li> <li>• Recreation Grounds Steering Committee</li> <li>• Nant Helen OCCS Restoration Committee</li> <li>• Abercrave Welfare Hall</li> <li>• Cwmtwrch Wefare Hall</li> <li>• Ystradgynlais Task &amp; finish Group</li> </ul>	<p>○ ○  ○</p>	<p>○  ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○</p>	<p>○  ○ ○</p>	<p>○</p>	<p>○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○</p>	<p>○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 43</p>	<p><b>The Town Council supports the enhancement of the town centre and satellite communities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financially supporting the work of volunteer groups by contributing finance to provide floral displays along kerbside and strategic areas in the community and bilingual interpretation panels outlining the area's rich cultural and industrial heritage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Regular liaison with Dyfed Powys Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCTV cameras.</b> Cameras are being located in various parts of the town centre responding to reports of antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of the camera locations.</li> <li>• <b>Speed restrictions.</b> Regular consultations with the police service regarding reported speeding incidents through Cwmtwrch along the A4068.</li> </ul> <p><b>Town Centre toilets.</b> A grant is paid to the Town Amenities Society to maintain the town centre toilets closed by Powys C.C.</p>	<p>Y  ○  ○</p>	<p>○  Y  ○</p>	<p>○  ○  ○</p>	<p>○  Y  ○  ○</p>	<p>○  ○  ○</p>	<p>○  ○  ○</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language.</p>	<p>The Town Council generously supports financially the activities at three Welfare Halls:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall which it owns</li> <li>• Abercraf Welfare Hall and Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall by providing operational grants to the Management Committees</li> </ul>	<p>○</p>	<p>○</p>	<p>○</p>	<p>○</p>	<p>○</p>	<p>○</p>



Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2020-21	2021-22
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 45</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discover Ystradgynlais.</i> The group of volunteers is funded to provide summer and winter events in the town centre, Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall and the Gorsedd Park. Electric power has been provided in the Gorsedd Park to illuminate the Christmas Decorations, Community Christmas tree etc. in the park. Bunting for decoration of the town has also been provided.</li> </ul> <p>The Town Council maintains the town clock located in the town centre.</p> <p>The Town Council supports local community groups and organisation by providing an annual grants programme to support the organisations' activities. Grant recipients are listed in Appendix 1</p>	○	○		○	○	○
	<p><b>Cultural activities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council supports the work of the Welfare, Ystradgynlais as a cultural centre for performances by international arts and cultural collaboration groups.</li> <li>• The Town Council contributes grant aid to local choirs and youth groups that have organised overseas concert/ educational visits.</li> <li>• The Town Council is associated with its sister community at Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania U.S.A.</li> </ul>	○			○	○	○

## APPENDIX 1 Grant Recipients awarded to local Organizations & Societies

Abercraf RFC – Sporting Group  
Cwmtwrch RFC – Sporting Group  
Penrhos AFC Juniors – Sporting Group  
Ystradgynlais RFC – Sporting Group  
Ystradgynlais AFC – Sporting Group  
Ystradgynlais Ladies Bowling Club – Sporting Group  
Ystradgynlais Welfare Sports Ground

Ainon Chapel Sisterhood -  
Bethania Chapel  
Beulah Chapel  
St Cynogs Church  
St Cynogs Church Hall  
Eglwys Annibynol Sardis

Abercrave Senior Citizens  
Abercraf Regeneration Group  
Brydau – Community Action Group  
Cwmtwrch Regeneration Group  
Heritage Book publication  
Citizens Advice Powys – Not sure this award was drawn on due to the Welfare being closed  
Cor Dathlu Male Choir  
Cor y Gyrlais  
Discover ystradgynlais  
Stitching for Superheroes – Covid Community Group  
Penrhos Allotment Association  
Ystradgynlais Senior Citizens

1<sup>st</sup> Swansea Valley Scout Group  
1<sup>st</sup> Ynyscedwyn Scout Group  
Ystradgynlais District Heritage and Language Society  
Ystradgynlais Foodbank  
Ystradgynlais Public Band

Ystradgynlais Community Car Scheme  
Ystradgynlais Community car scheme  
Ystradgynlais Summer Playscheme  
Cwmtwrch Summer Playscheme  
Ystradgynlais Volunteer Service

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28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Colleague,

As announced by Alex Chalk MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, in his written statement to the Houses of Parliament today, and following the commitment given by the Lord Chancellor in June last year, I am really pleased to confirm that we have now reached a major milestone for our Criminal Justice System and unified our probation services.

We are delighted to welcome over 8,000 talented and committed probation professionals to our unified model, either directly into probation services or employed by one of the organisations we have appointed to deliver Commissioned Rehabilitative Services to offenders and are now one unified probation system.

To ensure that our reforms do truly represent the beginning of a new organisation, I am also pleased to let you know that, from today, we will simply be known as the Probation Service. We have consulted widely with staff and feel the new name is a strong signal of us as a new organisation which takes the best from current delivery, and for staff represents unification and one organisation.

Whilst today heralds significant progress for both probation and the wider Criminal Justice System, unification also represents an example of excellent delivery, a major, very complex Government project delivered on time, to budget whilst in a global pandemic so we are rightly proud of the scale of that achievement and grateful to all our staff and stakeholders for their contributions to make this possible.

As you know, we are investing an additional £155m a year to establish this strengthened unified probation service that keeps the public safe, supports victims of crime and gives the right rehabilitative support to address the often-complex causes of offending. Our twelve probation regions in England and Wales, each overseen by a Regional Probation Director, enable more local accountability, partnership working and delivery of services that more closely meet individuals' diverse needs. This supports a Criminal Justice System that commands public confidence.

From today we begin to implement the reforms to our probation services set out in our Target Operating Model, whilst continuing with our recovery from Covid-19, together this will enable us to work towards delivering excellent probation services. Our new Probation Service is now responsible for sentence management in both England and Wales, along with Accredited Programmes, Unpaid Work, and Structured Interventions. This simplifies delivery, making it

easier for those we work with and giving us greater control of resources to be able to deliver reform.

In sentence management our priority focus is on strengthening the probation worker's relationship with those they supervise. We will help them to use the right key skills, activities and behaviours to achieve the most effective outcomes and enable offenders to make positive changes to their lives. This will include more consistent management and delivery of sentence plans, better assessment and management of risk, more balanced caseloads and an improved case allocation process to support this.

For Unpaid Work, Accredited Programmes and Structured Interventions we want to drive up completion rates and deliver better outcomes, by making placements and programmes available locally, making improvements to the assessment and induction process, more regular reviews of active cases and ongoing professional development for staff delivering interventions. We want to develop an even better Unpaid Work service - one which is bold, ambitious and highly visible to the public. We want to move away from a reliance on individual placements towards incorporating larger national projects with public bodies and charities and we are keen to involve our stakeholders as much as possible in our plans. If you would like to discuss opportunities for us to put Unpaid Work to use in support of your wider priorities or find out more about how you could get involved with our plans, then please let either of us know or contact [jon.matthews@justice.gov.uk](mailto:jon.matthews@justice.gov.uk), our Head of CORRE, Effective Practice, Programmes and Unpaid Work.

Other interventions that meet rehabilitative and resettlement needs will be delivered by Commissioned Rehabilitative Service providers with cases managed according to the risk, need and sentence type. Last month the government announced an initial investment of £195 million, awarded to 26 organisations across England and Wales to provide vital support services in Employment, Training & Education, Accommodation and Personal Wellbeing and Women's Services, that help reduce reoffending, such as employment and housing advice.

For resettlement, we have created an enhanced pre-release system. A community responsible officer will lead on all the pre-release activities, undertaking a comprehensive assessment and developing a sentence plan aligned to need, risk, and victim issues. This will apply to individuals prior to release during the final phase of prison, through to transition, and post-release.

Of course, our staff are absolutely critical to the delivery of the new model and we are continuing to invest in the skills, capabilities and ways of working they need to do their jobs to the highest standard as set out in our Probation Workforce Strategy, published last year. We are developing a professional register, underpinned by ethical and training standards, to ensure probation practitioners receive the training, qualifications and recognition they need and deserve for a long and effective career.

We are also continuing our recruitment drive and earlier this month announced the recruitment of 1,000 probation officers, meeting a government target set last July.

Our reforms will deliver a stronger, more stable probation system that will reduce reoffending, support victims of crime, and keep the public safe, while helping offenders to make positive change to their lives. Through improving the level of continuity of supervision, we will improve offender monitoring, and our ability to react to sudden increases in risk, keep victims informed, and enforce licence conditions. Closer partnership such as working with Police and Crime Commissioners and other partners will help us respond to local and regional problems.

I look forward to updating you on our progress in implementing our reforms and, as ever, thank you for your continued interest in our work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office, your local Probation Delivery Unit Head or [tracey.owen@justice.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.owen@justice.gov.uk), our Head of Stakeholder Engagement and Court strategic lead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nic Davies'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'N' being particularly large and stylized.

**Nic Davies**

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Details	Step	Step number and title
	Lead	Lead contact at organisation
	Project/ Action/ Indicator	Element within step that is being reported
	Description	Description of what this element involves
Activity/ Status	Activity this quarter	What's happened?
	Implications for next quarter	What's going to happen?
	RAG	What is the overall status traffic light colour?
Risks and Controls	Main Risks	What are the risks to this element?
	Current and planned controls	How are these risks being, or going to be, controlled (mitigation, contingency, etc.)?
	Risk RAG	What is the overall risk traffic light colour?
Assurances	Recent assurance activity	What related assurance activity has occurred through scrutiny, audit, Wellbeing commissioner, etc.?

Reporting Period:	Quarter 1 April to June 2021
Overall BRAG Status of the Step:	AMBER

Details				Actions/Status		Risks and Controls			Assurances	
Step	Lead Officer	Project/ Action/ Indicator	Description	Activity this quarter	Implications for next quarter	Overall RAG status	Main Risks	Current and planned controls	Summary Risk RAG	Recent assurance activity
Step 1: Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040.	Clr Rosemarie Harris (Powys County Council) Emma Palmer, Powys County Council	Development and publication of PSB Annual Report 2021, in line with statutory legislation deadlines.		At the Powys PSB meeting in April 2021, it was agreed that the 2020-2021 Annual Report would follow the same format as the previous years report. Final approval and publication is planned for 30th July 2021.	All Step Leads to continue to provide quarterly updates to help inform the end of year report.	Not Applicable			GREEN	Quarterly Reports being submitted by the majority of Step Leads to gather information and evidence for the Annual Report.
Step 1: Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040.	Clr Rosemarie Harris (Powys County Council) Emma Palmer, Powys County Council	Development and implementation of a Public Engagement Platform.		Engagement HQ platform went live with a soft launch on Friday 28th May. Training has taken place for all parties involved with Engagement HQ (PCC, PTHB and PAVO) and Hub and Project admin roles have been assigned. Use of the site is well under way with various internal and external engagement projects. As of today (14th July) there have been 7,109 total site visits and 2,723 participants across the three engagement hubs.	Admins to continue to use the site for engagement projects.	GREEN				
Step 1: Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040.	Clr Rosemarie Harris (Powys County Council) Emma Palmer, Powys County Council	Develop Communications and Engagement Plan		Step Delivery Plans are not detailed enough to inform an effective overall Communications and Engagement Plan. Other Steps continue to carry out Engagement independently, rather than looking for opportunities to collaborate.		RED		PCC Comms and Engagement Officer to attend future Delivery Groups for Steps 4, 7 and 8 to identify opportunities for joint engagement and communications.	AMBER	PSB coordinator has contacted operational STEP Leads to discuss requirements around updating Delivery Plans.
Step 1: Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040.	Clr Rosemarie Harris (Powys County Council) Emma Palmer, Powys County Council	Develop Engagement Project (and associated communication) to inform the wellbeing assessment and plan		The 'Living in Powys' engagement project was developed and approved by PSB. The survey and associated communications went live on 8th June and will run until July 31st. The survey was promoted internally and externally by PCC, PTHB and PAVO.	Data to be collated and reported on	GREEN				
Step 1: Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040.	Clr Rosemarie Harris (Powys County Council) Emma Palmer, Powys County Council	Support the PSB Scrutiny function to ensure engagement from key stakeholders.		The PSB Scrutiny Committee were supported to review the Delivery Plans for Well-being steps 4, 7 and 8 at their meetings in May and July 2021. Step Leads were present at the meetings to give an overview of their plans and to receive the feedback raised by scrutiny.	Future Scrutiny meetings to be better aligned with planned PSB meetings to allow more timely feedback to be given to the PSB in respect of plans and reports. Support the development of a PSB Scrutiny forward work programme. Relevant Step leads to be invited to future Scrutiny meetings to provide accountability against Delivery Plans.	GREEN	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Reporting Period:	Quarter 1 2021-2022
Overall BRAG Status of the Step:	Amber

Details				Actions/Status			Risks and Controls			Assurances
Step	Lead Officer	Project/ Action/ Indicator	Description	Activity this quarter	Implications/ Actions for next quarter	Overall RAG status	Main Risks	Current and planned controls	Summary Risk RAG	Recent assurance activity
3	ACFO Iwan Cray		Revision of Step 3 Delivery Plan.	A Step 3 meeting took place on Tuesday, 29 June. The Delivery Plan was discussed during the meeting, and that in order to re-focus and re-energise the Step 3 group, it would be beneficial to revise the Step 3 Delivery Plan to ensure that its priorities were relevant and achievable, particularly given the pandemic and organisations requirements to direct their resources to maintaining business as usual. The Plan was amended to reflect the key areas the group felt they could make progress in. The revised delivery plan has three action areas which are; <b>work with and influence others to improve our transport infrastructure, work with and influence others to improve our existing transport links and to work with and influence others to develop a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery.</b> Group members agreed that the main area of focus for the group was to continue developing a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery, particularly the installation and mapping of EV charging points, as this area of focus was making good progress.	<b>Key areas of action for next quarter are:</b> <b>** To invite representatives from Welsh Government to discuss potential funding opportunities for the group to enhance the EV charging infrastructure in Powys.</b> <b>**Continue to explore collaborative and joined up procurement with regards to electric vehicle charging points across Powys.</b> <b>**Consider EV charging point locations across organisations in Powys, to map suitable alternative locations.</b> *	Amber	Regular attendance at meetings by partners due to availability and limited resources.		Amber	

Reporting Period:	Quarter 1 April to June 2021
Overall BRAG Status of the Step:	Green

Details				Actions/Status			Risks and Controls			Assurances
Step	Lead Officer	Project/ Action/ Indicator	Description	Activity this quarter	Implications for next quarter	Overall RAG status	Main Risks	Current and planned controls	Summary Risk RAG	Recent assurance activity
<b>Step 4: Work with and influence others to ensure improved digital infrastructure for Powys</b>	Diane Reynolds	Shared data for improved decision making	Gather requirements from across our PSB to design our data integration ambitions by March 2022.	None	Design a survey / hold a focus group to identify appetite for integrated data within partners	Not started	Appetite for sharing data amongst PSB		Amber	
			Design and implement a shared Data and analytics Framework by September 2022	We have published a Data and Analytics Framework for the council, we are currently promoting this within the organisation and helping services to understand how data can help provide evidence based decision making. This will help inform what is required for a shared data vision.	Shared data and analytics framework for PSB to be discussed with partners	Green	Agreement of framework can be quite complex	identify any successful framework versions in use	Green	
			Increase our publicly available data through Powys Well-being information bank and promote the use of the information provided across Powys	We have published a Track, Trace and Protect report on the Well-being Information Bank this quarter. We have been working on many other reports in preparation for our Wellbeing and Population Assessment, however these have not been translated and published online.	Next quarter, we aim to publish many more reports as we progress with gathering and analysing data for our Wellbeing and Population Assessments.	Green	Data available from partners	work with known PSB officers to obtain data	Green	
		Digital Connectivity	Increase our capacity to support broadband and 4G rollout across our communities – March 2022	Community Broadband Officer is currently supporting 14 community broadband projects in Powys with a potential for a further 6. Also supporting the roll out of 9 mobile masts as part of the Shared Rural Network in Powys.	Ongoing	Green	Continuation of UK Gigabit Voucher Funding key to community broadband projects.		Amber	
			Grow Mid Wales – digital connectivity study – September 2022	Digital Connectivity Report - Phase 1 completed with a long list of potential projects created. Phase 2 - commenced in July to create a business case and project short list with completion due in October 2021.	Work of Phase 2 to be nearing final stages, business case completed.	Green			Green	

			Support digital infrastructure improvement through a barrier busting joint working group - ongoing	Powys County Council has an internal barrier busting group that meet monthly, involving the Community Broadband Officer, Planning, Highways, Waste etc. The councils Community Broadband Officer is also part of the 'Regulatory' working group in the Welsh Governments newly formed Digital Connectivity Barrier Busting Taskforce which has its first meeting in July.	Powys County Council to have an input in the Welsh Government's Digital Connectivity Barrier Busting Task Force through Community Broadband Officer.	Green			Green	
		Digital Skills	Develop a proposed digital skills framework for our workforce – March 2022	Draft framework completed	test framework and final sign off	Green			Green	
			Bid for funding to develop the skills of our residents and workforce - June 2021	funding bid submitted	funding approval due July 2021	Green	Funding not approved	seek other funding sources or options	Green	
			Provide opportunities to improve the digital skills of our residents	funding bid submitted	funding approval due July 2022	Green	Funding not approved	seek other funding sources or options	Green	
		Digital Environment	Scope the activity already taking place for digital environment – Sept 21	no started although work to identify correct officers across PSB has been requested	Workshop to be held in Q2	Amber	dissengagement of PSB officers	raise with PSB represenatives	Amber	
			Identify opportunities digital can have a positive environmental impact – March 22	carbon accounts data is being collected across Council to understand current baseline	Identify opporunities for digital	Green	Baseline data may be hard to obtain	raise with PSB represenatives	Green	
			Deployment of LoRaWAN gateways	All gateways base stations have been received and procurement of contractor to install on test sites in Llanidloes has commenced	install 3 gateways and implement trial in Llanidloes	Green	install delays	work closely with contractor and site corordinators	Green	

Performance Measures	Target	Q1 Actual	Q2 Actual	Q3 Actual	Q4 Actual
Increase our publicly available well-being information bank dashboards from 72 to 100 by March 2022	100				
Increase Digital Funding Secured	45k				
Resident digital skills measure to be added					
Digital Skills Funding	50k				
LoRaWAN Gateways installs	??				

Reporting Period:			Quarter 1 2021-22							
Overall BRAG Status of the Step:			Amber							
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STEP 6: Develop a holistic approach to skills and lifelong learning, which offers a range of formal and informal opportunities including apprenticeships and traineeships	Dr Caroline Turner Sarah Page	Schools' transformation and post-16 options	The council's Transforming Education Strategy sets out a number of Strategic Aims and Objectives to shape the council's work to transform the Powys education system over the coming years. The requirement to improve post-16 provision falls under Strategic Aim 2: "we will improve learner entitlement and experience for post-16 learners". The initial focus of Strategic Aim 2 is to "focus on enhanced collaboration between schools to ensure a high quality post-16 curriculum that is accessible to all learners and is affordable within the funding received from the Welsh Government. This will include more digital learning opportunities where learners are taught via video-conferencing across more than one school". The council established the "Post-16 Workstream" in June 2020 to take forward Strategic Aim 2 of the Strategy. The workstream is taking a proposal to Cabinet in May 2021 to introduce a new structure for the strategic management of Powys post-16 provision. If approved this will comprise a high-level Strategic Management Board (SMB) and two "Powys Post-16 Centre" cluster groups with Operational Management Boards (OMBs). The cluster groups will operate in the north and south of the county and will be attended by Headteachers (or their deputies) from each Powys post-16 centre in the cluster area. The SMB will have delegated authority to determine how the Welsh Government post-16 funding for Powys will be allocated. The primary function of the SMB will be to commission providers (sixth forms, colleges and other providers) to deliver high quality academic and vocational provision. The secondary function of the SMB will be to oversee quality assurance of the provision it commissions to ensure that provision is of the highest calibre. To achieve these ends the SMB will publish policy and guidance documents which will set parameters around provision and value for money. Subject to approval of the proposal, the Post-16 workstream will work to support the establishment and operation of the new structure. It is intended that the SMB and OMBs will be in place ready to set a provision offer for the September 2022 Year 12 intake which meets the Learner Entitlement criteria. This offer is expected to be ready for applications by Christmas 2021.	<p><b>April 2021 - June 2021:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18th May 2021 Cabinet approved the proposal and the recommendation below: <i>It is recommended that Cabinet approves the establishment of a new structure for the strategic management of Powys post-16 provision, from the end of May 2021, in accordance with the proposal document at appendix 1 of the cabinet report!</i></li> <li>The Learning &amp; Skills Scrutiny Committee was in support of the proposal but also asked that the w/s focuses on improvements to "home-base" facilities in all centres</li> <li>The new Strategic Management Board and Operational Management Boards (OMBs) are being established. An introductory meeting for the OMBs took place 15th June and weekly meetings until the summer holidays will enable further training and development ahead of formal establishment of the OMBs in September</li> <li>The project intends to support the new strategic management structure to agree a curriculum offer for the September 2022 year 12 intake by Christmas 2021</li> <li>Work has also commenced to review the ALN provision requirements for the September 2022 intake by focusing on the needs and aspirations of the current Year 10's who have Additional Learning Needs</li> <li>Work has also commenced on the facilities review and will continue throughout the summer and autumn terms</li> </ul>	<p><b>July - September 2021</b></p> <p>This quarter will be mostly covered by the school summer holidays and as such will be quieter with regard to active engagement with board members. The focus of the w/s will be building a financial modelling to support curriculum planning when the OMBs and SMB meet in September.</p> <p>This quarter will also see continuation of the facilities review work.</p>	Green	There is a risk that we may be unable to access funding to accommodate any new "home-base" facility improvements.	Early engagement with workstream leads on potential funding opportunities	Amber	19th April 2021 - Education Transformation Board review of the proposal ahead of Cabinet  12th May 2021 - Learning & Skills Scrutiny Committee review of the proposal ahead of cabinet  Update issued to Welsh Govt following Cabinet approval of the proposal
6	Dr Caroline Turner Lynne Griffin	Apprenticeship Talent pool	This was launched in 2019 and is a new initiative where people can register their interest in future apprenticeship opportunities within Powys County Council	The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the council's drive to recruit apprentices, as it brought with it the added complications of working from home, restricted access to council officers and the necessity for social distancing and a shift to online learning. However in spite of this, 3 applicants from the Apprentice Training Pool (ATP) have been appointed to apprenticeship positions within the council, and a number have found positions external to PCC but still within the area of Powys. ATP group are sent weekly bulletins of positions within Powys, including those at PCC. As restrictions are gradually relaxed and we move away from a business critical footing we expect further apprenticeship opportunities to be advertised, this is happening already and in the month of June alone 7 apprenticeship positions will have been created.	With restrictions slowly being relaxed it is expected that service areas will be more willing to look ahead to the future and further apprenticeship opportunities will be created. The pandemic has accelerated the move to online learning and working from home and it is likely that in the future some of these changes will remain. Where apprentices are required to work from home it will necessitate a change in the way apprentices are supported in their day to day duties by their mentors/line managers and in their learning by their framework providers. Our apprenticeship guidelines will need to be amended to reflect this.	Amber	Lack of apprenticeship positions created. Risk: New apprentices do not get the required support and mentorship when working from home.	Control: Ensure that new posts are evaluated to determine whether they would be suitable for apprenticeships.  Control: Ensure that there is a suitable procedure in place to enable apprentices to receive the required support/mentorship.	Amber	Workforce Futures Board
06	Dr Caroline Turner Lynne Griffin	Raise Awareness of Apprentices	Raise Awareness of Apprenticeships to Powys learners	We have continued to promote the benefits of apprenticeships internally through staff communications such as all staff emails & intranet pages, we have not produced further videos in this quarter but hope to do so in the future, once restrictions have been lifted further. We continue to work with Careers Wales to promote apprenticeships through the planning of virtual school visits, although Covid has had an impact on the planning of such events.	School visits/interview days planned for July 21. Once restrictions are lifted further videos to be recorded of apprentices in different job roles working at PCC to demonstrate variety of apprenticeship possibilities.	Amber	There will inevitably be a break for school holidays, visits to resume in 3rd quarter	*To continue delivering virtual workshops on apprenticeships within secondary schools when requested by Careers Wales and to roll out across all schools once Covid 19 restrictions are lifted	Amber	Workforce Futures Board
6	Dr Caroline Turner Lynnette Lovell	Adult Community Learning	The Powys Adult and Community Learning Partnership works collectively to meet the Welsh Government's vision for increased participation by addressing the needs of anyone aged 16 and above accessing an ACL basic skills and/or ESOL programme, including contextualised basic skills and citizenship courses and those learners who wish to acquire or improve their Welsh as a language and those who wish to study through the Welsh Medium	Joint Powys Adult Community Learning (ACL) and Neath Port Talbot (NPT) Learning and Skills Network (LSN) met 25 June 2021 to agree a Terms of Reference for the new group to ensure that the governance, focus and direction of the group is appropriate. Partners also committed to developing an action plan to monitor existing provision and drive improvements.  PCC Schools Service worked with NPTC, Black Mountain Colleges, MWVG and PAVO to submit a collaborative bid for funding from the UK Community Renewal Fund to deliver a programme of skills development (particularly but not exclusively digital) for adults in Powys, including those in work, unemployed and volunteers. Whilst the outcome of this bid is not yet released, work to create the projects within the bid strengthened relationships and created a shared understanding that can be used to inform approaches going forward regardless of whether the bid is successful or not.	During the next quarter the action plan for the Joint Network will be drafted and approved.  Should the UK Community Renewal Fund bid be successful, work will commence to deliver the collaborative skills projects.	Amber	*Continued impact of COVID on adult community learning participation	* Continue with virtual delivery of courses	Amber	Schools Service Management Team (SSMT)  NPT Learning Skills Network and Powys ACL Management Group
6	Dr Caroline Turner Paul Griffiths	Skills in Powys	The development of a Regional Skills Partnership for Mid Wales is key to developing a demand side driven skills agenda. The Joint Committee agreed the Terms of Reference in November 2020, and work is ongoing to establish a RSP Board and infrastructure, and then develop a detailed skills plan for the Mid Wales Region.	The Regional Skills Partnership met for the first time and the meeting was well attended and achieved the objectives set. The Partnership Manager commenced work in June and will take over the lead Officer role for this activity. The supporting posts for the RSP team have been Job Evaluated and will be advertised shortly. The requirements of WG in respect of the Mid Wales RSP have been received and a work plan to meet these objectives is being constructed.	The next Quarter will see the recruitment of the remaining support posts and a further meeting of the Partnership Board. Close liaison between the Partnership Manager and WG Officers will be established to ensure full engagement.	Amber	* Although the staff structure for the Mid Wales Partnership replicates that of other RSP's, and the funding from Welsh Government is the same, it appears the staff costs may exceed this sum. Enquiries are currently being made as to how other RSP's are able to fund this infrastructure before any further posts are confirmed.  * The objectives set by WG that need to be achieved before grant aid is drawn down are challenging given the RSP Manager has only just commenced work and other support roles are yet to be recruited.	* Close liaison is taking place between the Finance Service and the RSP Manager to ensure the budget available is not exceeded.  * Close liaison with WG Officers in respect of progress against the objectives to ensure both parties are aware of expectations and progress.	Amber	Meetings with WG Officers and Council Finance Service with regular reports to the Growth Deal Management Group and the Regional Joint Committee (Powys/Ceredigion).
6	Dr Caroline Turner Anwen Orrells	Careers Advice	Reflecting on the lessons learnt from Covid-19 and the effective use of online services; to ensure that all Powys learners are provided with effective, accurate, progressive and engaging careers advice regarding options available for further education, life long learning, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Engagement should include advice around application methods and good practice and should consider Face to face, online and social media engagement with all Powys secondary phase learners.	Pupils across all Secondary schools have continued to be supported through online sessions with Careers Wales. On the 8th June 2021 a virtual open day was hosted by Authority officers to support Year 11 pupils in their next career steps. Two sessions were held, one for North Powys and one for South Powys pupils with representation from all Powys Secondary Schools and current Year 12 students to share their experiences. Both sessions were well attended by Year 11 pupils and during the session information was shared and queries answered regarding the Post 16 schools curriculum offer for Sept 2021, including e-ago subject offer, the application process and the availability of laptops to support study. As a result, applications for September via the Powys Learning pathways website has been strong and further press releases have been shared to encourage students to apply for a place at a Powys school sixth form and for a laptop.	Support for Year 13 students to make the correct choices with regards to University and subject choice, to apply for apprenticeships etc.	Green	Risk of another lock down which will hinder the support available around UCAS applications. Oxbridge deadline is 15th Sept and all other UCAS applications to be completed by mid January 2022.	* Seren network support arranged for all Secondary Schools. Continued support from Careers Wales.	Green	Schools Service Management Team (SSMT)

Reporting Period:	Quarter 1 April to June 2021
Overall BRAG Status of the Step:	Green

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<b>NB - both Steps 9 and 10 are now being taken forward through the work of the Mid Wales Growth Deal</b>										
Step 9 - Undertake market research and establish an effective infrastructure to support active enjoyment of the environment and adventure tourism	Diane Reynolds	Develop the Powys and Mid Wales visitor economy through suitable interventions identified as part of the Mid Wales Growth Deal	Complete and achieve full deal agreement for the Mid Wales Growth Deal by December 2021, including actions to strengthen the Mid Wales tourism offer.	6 x project business cases for the development of the tourism offer submitted by 30/06/21. Tourism Feasibility Study Brief developed and Leader Co-operation funding sought to enable this work to happen in Autumn 2021.	A series of workshops will be held in July to assess project proposals and agree a milestone plan towards FDA.	Green	Resources required, particularly staffing	Senior Management briefed about resource implications	Amber	Heads of Terms signed in Dec 2020
Step 10 - Develop a strong brand to promote and attract inward investment into Powys	Diane Reynolds	Develop the Powys and Mid Wales economy and its inward investment offer through the delivery of the Mid Wales Growth Deal	Complete and achieve full deal agreement for the Mid Wales Growth Deal by December 2021, including actions to strengthen the Mid Wales economy and attract inward investment	Detailed project business cases across key identified economic sectors submitted for consideration on 30.06.21	A series of workshops will be held in July to assess project proposals and agree a milestone plan towards FDA.	Green	Resources required, particularly staffing	Senior Management briefed about resource implications	Amber	Heads of Terms signed in Dec 2020
				<p><b>MWGD General Progress Update:</b> Progress across the Deal's development overall is good, with a number of strands of activity in place across the priority workstreams. Work is underway to develop the Portfolio in the manner expected by Government. There are live conversations with both Governments as to the detail expected in the Portfolio Business Case, Programme and Project proposals for submission for Full Deal Agreement by December 2021. A workshop will be organised to assess and agree a milestone plan towards FDA in July 2021.</p> <p>It is clear however, that capacity and capability is limited in both Local Authority teams, and limitations have become acutely apparent in recent weeks as the detail of the requirements for FDA start to become more apparent. Whilst the work ongoing is on the right track, the broad timescales the region want to see the Deal developed are under considerable pressure unless additional capacity is sourced. The issue has already been escalated at an exceptional meeting of the GMW Board held 26th May, with a recommendation to follow a similar approach to North Wales, and commission additional capacity to help plan and develop the remaining documentation to FDA.</p> <p>Three of the four members of staff appointed to the Portfolio Management Office have now commenced in their roles.</p> <p>Activity will intensify in Q2 and Q3 as projects are assessed/shortlisted and the wider Portfolio takes shape. Approval for the draft Portfolio will need to be formally approved by the Growing Mid Wales Board and both UK and Welsh Government by December 2021.</p>						

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## Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

### Scrutiny Observations to the Public Service Board meeting to be held on: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee met on 04-05-2021 and considered the following documents:

- Well-Being Step 4 – Digital Infrastructure
- Well-Being Highlight Reports – Quarter 4 2020-21

### The Scrutiny Committee made the following observations to the Public Service Board:

#### Step 2.

- The Committee suggested that all Steps should be using the reporting framework as developed by BBNPA as having different formats made it difficult to follow.
- The Committee expressed concern regarding the quality and lack of information in some of the performance reports.
- The Committee suggested that there was a need for more clear performance measures against which the Steps are monitoring progress.

#### Step 4.

- The Committee expressed concern regarding the lack of a Welsh Government representative on the Digital Businesses group.

#### Step 3.

- The Committee commented that there was no reference included under this step in relation to Safe Routes to Schools.

#### Step 7.

- The Committee expressed its disappointment with the lack of progress with Step 7 and asked the PSB to review this as a matter of urgency to speed up the process and so that some tangible projects could be commenced.

#### All Steps.

- The Committee commented that there was an inconsistency in steps in that some included detail of how that step linked with the other steps, where in others it was not included.

### Scrutiny Recommendations to the Public Service Board:

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
1 that the PSB considers			

	<b>whether the performance framework is meeting the Board's needs or whether it needs to be reviewed</b>			
<b>2</b>	<b>That the PSB considers the need for more clear performance measures against which the Steps are monitoring progress</b>			
<b>3</b>	<b>That the PSB pursue the nomination of a Welsh Government representative onto the Digital Businesses Group.</b>			
<b>4</b>	<b>That the PSB consider the inclusion of Safe Routes to Schools under Step 3.</b>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Step 7 – That the PSB review this step as a matter of urgency to speed up the process and so that some tangible projects could be commenced</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>That the PSB review delivery plans to ensure that links between steps were included for each delivery plan.</b>			

Neil Evans

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

Chair, Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee.

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## Latest Funding and Sector News....

### Practitioners' guide to Resilient Ecological Networks

NRW have published a [guide](#) providing practitioners with a three-step decision support framework for designing Resilient Ecological Networks based upon the principles of the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR). The guide is suitable for: Local Authorities and other public sector bodies, environmental non-governmental organisations and community groups, businesses, land managers and consultancies involved with land-use enterprises and projects.

### Research published of Biodiversity Intactness Index estimates for the UK

New research from the Natural History Museum, in collaboration with the RSPB, puts the UK third from the bottom across all European countries and bottom of the list for G7 countries in terms of the amount of biodiversity retained.

The research utilised the Biodiversity Intactness Index (BII) the analysis estimates biodiversity loss across an area using a combination of land use, other human pressures and species abundance data to give a simple figure for biodiversity 'intactness' – how much nature is left from a pristine state.

A league table showing how much of the natural world is left around the world shows Wales at 16th from the bottom of the 240 countries assessed. In comparison, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England come in at 28th, 12th, 7th from the bottom respectively.

See a summary of the research [here](#) with links to the evidence base used to compile the BII rankings.

### Wales Nature Week! 29 May - 6 June

This year the focus of WNW was on asking people to **Explore**, **Discover** and **Share** their nature stories and experiences during [Wales Nature Week](#).

Each day we highlighted different habitats -woodlands, wetlands, meadows, peatlands, marine & coastal, and urban habitats and the myriad of species you can encounter. For each habitat, we encouraged people to share their posts and pictures each day and join the conversation. Our community of experts were on hand throughout Wales Nature Week to help people get the most out of the engagement experience.

You can view the Wales Nature Week schedule [here](#)-scroll down to 'Events schedule' and click to open the tab.

## What's New?

### Landfill Tax Communities Scheme

The sixth round of the Landfill Tax Communities Scheme is now open! The Landfill Tax Communities Scheme is a grant funding programme to help communities living within five miles of certain waste transfer stations or landfill sites take action for their local environment. The Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government funding programme managed by WCVA. The scheme supports local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill.

The fund will be open to any organisation for projects focusing on one or more of the following themes:

- **Biodiversity**
- **Waste minimisation and the diversion of waste from landfill**
- **Wider environmental enhancements**

A full guidance document and eligibility area checker are available on [the website](#). If you would like to discuss your project with a member of the grants team please email [ldtgrants@wcva.cymru](mailto:ldtgrants@wcva.cymru) or call [0300 111 0124](tel:03001110124). To be kept informed of funding opportunities available through WCVA you can sign up to our [mailing list](#).

The Landfill Tax Communities scheme is open to applications **2 June 2021** and closes **31 August 2021**. Funding is available for projects starting no earlier than 25 October and ending no later than 31 March 2023.

### Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being grants

ENRaW supports the development and delivery of projects that make clear links between improving the resilience of our natural resources and well-being. The well-being benefits span economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. The grant supports projects that involve cross sector co-operation and collaboration in their delivery.

ENRaW provides a blend of revenue and capital costs associated with such projects.

Activity delivered under the grant has a clear focus on the following three themes of action:

- developing, regenerating and broadening access to sustainable green infrastructure
- improving the quality of the urban and rural built environment
- developing resilient ecological networks

The first funding window supported 36 projects the investment through the grant exceeding £14m. [Here](#) are brief summaries of these projects.

### UK Government Kickstart Scheme

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has announced the launch of the £2 billion Kickstart scheme to create hundreds of thousands of high quality six-month work placements for young people across the UK. Employers can use the Kickstart scheme to create new six-month job placements for young people (aged 16-24) who are currently on Universal Credit or Jobseeker's Allowance, and at risk of long-term unemployment.

Through the scheme, you will be able to access a large pool of young people with potential, ready for an opportunity. DWP will initially prioritise young people aged between 16 and 24 who are ready for an opportunity and will be supported by their Jobcentre Plus

work coach to enrol in the scheme.

For each employment placement DWP will pay:

- 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week
- The associated employer National Insurance contributions
- Employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions

Employers will also receive £1,500 per placement to recognise the investment they will make to develop the Kickstart employee, for example to cover training and other development costs.

### Sea-Changers Grant Programme

Sea-Changers gives one off grants to a range of UK-based, marine conservation charities and 'not for profit' organisations. The projects funded must take place in the UK and have one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

**Sea-Changers Innovation Fund 2021** is a new fund to support innovative marine conservation approaches and solutions. In 2021, the Innovation Fund will take the form of a single award of £2,000. It is hoped that the fund can be expanded in future years. Applications are welcome from all types of organisations, both not-for-profits and companies, who have an idea or a project they believe is a genuinely new and untested solution to the UK's marine conservation challenges. The closing date for applications is **18th June 2021**.

### Transforming Towns Place Making Grant - Mid Wales

A capital grant scheme that covers a number of capital investment regeneration activities in town centres across towns in Mid Wales, i.e. the counties of Powys and Ceredigion. The scheme is funded by Welsh Government Transforming Towns Programme and promoted by the Growing Mid Wales Partnership.

Under the 2021-22 funding programme, an initial 12 towns have been identified in the region to guide investment. Project proposals can however come forward from any town within the region under the Place Making Grant. These will be considered alongside those from the following towns providing the applicant can demonstrate how the project aligns with the town's placemaking plan or wider investments in the town.

Initially the scheme will just run for 1 year commencing 1/4/21, with projects needing to complete by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Find out more in the documents below.

[Transforming Towns Place Making Grant Fact Sheet](#)  
[Transforming Towns Place Making Application Form](#)

For further information please contact: [Regeneration@powys.gov.uk](mailto:Regeneration@powys.gov.uk) or call 01597 827657

## Crowdfunding & Online Fundraising

### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same selection of products as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when customers shop through the URL [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisations selected by customers.

### Crowdfunder

Crowdfunder is a community of over 400,000 people who are funding the change they want to see. Crowdfunder have been the funding platform for business ideas, charities, people in need, community groups, sports clubs, political movements and much more. Thousands of people have used Crowdfunder to raise the funds they need to make things happen. You can raise money through donations or by offering rewards, or with community shares. Funders grants are available for an extra boost of funding.

### Earth Ways

Earth Ways crowdfunding platform was created to help raise funds for projects which support three key ethical principles: Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share. Earth Care refers to activities which preserve the soil, keep the air and water clean, protect biodiversity, and conserve energy and natural resources. People Care is about health and well-being, nourishment with good food, lifelong learning, trust, respect, and meaningful work. Fair Share emphasises equitable distribution of resources, networking and cooperation, reduction of consumerism, and rethinking notions of growth, progress, and development. Any campaigns you wish to submit need to work towards helping at least one of the ethics and may not negatively influence any of the three.

### EveryClick

EveryClick is an award winning technology and fundraising company. Fees are retained by payment partner Technology Trust. EveryClick is a profit-making organisation that generates revenues from its Give as you Live shopping and price comparison website, which allows users to raise money when shopping on the web. It retains half the retailer's commission to develop the shopping platform and improve the user experience. Give as you Live aims to provide charities with new revenue streams, with no charges to charity or supporter, by using retailer commission.

### Givey

Givey is a for-profit organisation that charges fees to cover the cost of processing transactions and running its crowdfunding platform. Givey say: "We are the champions for small to medium-sized charities, we have an ethos of transparency and believe in using technology to help charities raise more money."

### GlobalGiving

GlobalGiving is the first and largest global crowdfunding community that connects non-profits, donors, and companies in more than 170 countries. It is a non-profit organisation and also offers training and support.

### GoFundMe

Launched in 2010, GoFundMe is the world's largest social fundraising platform, with over \$3 billion raised so far. With a community of more than 25 million donors, GoFundMe is

changing the way the world gives. Whether it is for a local charity, an international non-profit organisation or just a deserving person in your area, you can fundraise quickly and easily on GoFundMe. Use your GoFundMe campaign for end-of-year fundraising or special projects.

### **Just Giving**

Just Giving is a crowdfunding platform which makes good things happen! Just Giving's mission is to ensure no great cause goes unfunded. Since founding in 2001, Just Giving has helped 25,788 charities worldwide raise over \$4.2 billion for good causes. Funding can be raised for anything that has a positive impact on individuals, communities, and the environment

### **Localgiving**

Localgiving is a charity that helps grassroots organisations fundraise online, develop their digital skills, and connect with local people.

### **Localgiving's Wales Development Programme for charities and community groups**

UK wide, for over 10 years, Localgiving has helped over 7,000 charitable organisations to raise over £30 million online . In Wales, Localgiving is specifically supporting over 350 charities and community groups through a dedicated Wales programme. Are you interested in building sustainable income streams, developing your supporter base, and raising unrestricted funding for core costs? Online fundraising is easy and very cost effective. It refers to donations raised through the internet and Localgiving will give your organisation an online donation page, as well as free support to encourage donors and fundraisers. Localgiving is offering 25% off membership to organisations that are based in and benefit Wales. This brings the cost down to just £72 for a programme that includes:

- A year of Localgiving membership (usually £96) for local voluntary & community groups. This also gives all groups access to gift aid - an extra 25% - on all of their donations, whether they are registered charities or not.
- Opportunities for match funding, grants and prizes throughout the year – see [localgiving.org/about/campaigns](http://localgiving.org/about/campaigns) for more info on the different match funding campaigns.
- A package of training on online fundraising and 1:1 support from a dedicated, locally based Localgiving team member to help run online campaigns to raise money for specific needs

if you would like to sign up to Localgiving: use promo code WALES72 at the payment section: [join.localgiving.org/wales](http://join.localgiving.org/wales)

Please let Localgiving's Wales Development Manager, Lauren Swain, know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. She can be reached via [lauren@localgiving.org](mailto:lauren@localgiving.org) or 07808889672

### **PayPal Giving Fund**

PayPal Giving Fund gives charities of all sizes access to customer giving programmes, across PayPal, eBay and more. PayPal Giving Fund is a registered not-for-profit organisation that raises new funds for charities through technology. Participation in PayPal Giving Fund is free, and the site provides donation and donor reports, issues tax receipts, aggregates donations for monthly electronic distribution, and handles legal registration requirements.

### **TheBigGive**

The Big Give enables charities and projects of interest to be discovered and donated to easily. In addition to match funding campaigns, they also provide a number of other services to help charities, individuals and philanthropists to connect and raise more money online. The Big Give is supported by reed.co.uk which helps provide a cost-effective service for both charities aiming to raise funds, philanthropists wishing to leverage their giving and individuals wishing to donate money online.

### **Total Giving**

Total Giving is a free online fundraising platform for charities, with over 10,000+ UK charities registered. The money goes instantly and directly to your charity. There are no sign-up or on-going fees and the platform can accept donations in 137 different currencies.

### **Virgin Money Giving**

Virgin Money Giving allows charities, corporates, teams, and individuals to raise money online easily and efficiently to support a host of activities. Charities are currently able to join for free.

### **WeTheTrees**

WeTheTrees came about when a group of active permaculturalists realised that the environmental community could really use a unique way to raise money. WeTheTrees provides a way to present projects to family, friends and the greater community and offer them the opportunity to contribute.

### **Wonderful**

Wonderful is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers and funded entirely by corporate sponsorship from philanthropic businesses, which guarantees that charities, fundraisers, and sponsors pay nothing whatsoever to run crowdfunding campaigns.

## Charities, Trusts and Foundations

### ASDA Foundation

The Asda Foundation supports small, grass roots organisations in several ways throughout the year. Working with Asda's Community Champions in store, we are able to work with a range of organisations and groups on a variety of local community projects. Below are the different ways we support communities.

- [Bringing Communities Back Together](#)
- [Green Token Giving](#)
- [Match Funding](#)
- [Emergency](#)
- [Partnerships](#)

### Aviva Community Fund

We believe that the charities that make the biggest impact are those that are given the opportunity to innovate and test new ideas without fear of risk. That's why we're focusing on funding small charities with forward-thinking ideas. To this end, any projects submitted should be to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group.

Funding applications are open to projects looking to secure up to £50,000. Applications are now open for the next round of the Aviva Community Fund until **6th July 2021**.

### Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The [Bernard Sunley Foundation](#) is a family grant foundation which supports registered charities in England and Wales. Each year it awards just over £3.5 million to capital projects that deliver a real community focus or provide facilities to support those in need. There are four different grant categories - community, education, health, and social welfare. The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above and medium grants of up to £20,000 for projects costing over £100,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under for projects costing £100,000 and under. Small grants form the majority of the pledges. Once completed, projects are expected to be self-financing. Applications should be made online via the website – [www.bernardsunley.org](http://www.bernardsunley.org).

### Biodiversity Solutions Grants

Biodiversity Solutions is a Social Enterprise body with a stated remit to use any surplus funding for projects which enhance knowledge of wildlife issues in West Wales or contribute towards conservation work in the area. Applications are assessed on a regular basis. It is suggested that preliminary applications should be made setting out ideas before making a detailed submission. There is no application form but application guideline have been provided [here](#). To discuss your project idea contact [mail@biodiversitysolutions.org.uk](mailto:mail@biodiversitysolutions.org.uk).

### Bluestone Foundation Community Fund

The Bluestone Foundation Community Fund was established in 2017 in partnership with the Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) to offer financial assistance with the costs of community projects, initiatives, and volunteering throughout Pembrokeshire.

The Bluestone Foundation Community Fund offers funding to -

- Economic projects that will foster entrepreneurialism and enhance prospects for employment and development
- Projects which raise environmental awareness through education and a volunteer programme
- Social projects which address the effects of deprivation and poverty, with particular emphasis on youth

Organisations demonstrating that they are prepared to help themselves will be prioritised. Groups can apply for grants from £500 up to £2,500. To request a copy of the application pack or discuss a potential application then do get in touch with someone from the Third Sector Support Team at PAVS on (01437) 769 422 or email [development@pavs.org.uk](mailto:development@pavs.org.uk).

### **Bodfach Trust**

The Bodfach Trust is a family trust based in Montgomeryshire, Mid-Wales. The trust makes grants to charities in Mid-Wales and the Welsh borders and is also often actively involved in their work.

Recipient charities will be required to make an application to the Trustees of the Trust via Simon Baynes, Bodfach Hall, Llanfyllin, Powys, SY22 5HS, Wales, tel: 07880 786573 or [trust@bodfach.com](mailto:trust@bodfach.com). Applicants will need to provide details of their charity's objects, its financial position (supported by accounts), the sector of the community which it benefits, the amount sought, and the proposed activities or related facilities it intends to provide.

In general grants are less than £500 and the trustees are particularly keen to support smaller organisations. Please ensure applications reach the trustees by **30 September 2021**.

### **British Airways Carbon Fund**

The British Airways Carbon Fund supports community renewable energy and energy efficiency projects throughout the UK. It is a voluntary scheme for British Airways' customers who wish to travel responsibly and mitigate the impact of their journey. Pure Leapfrog manages donated funds on behalf of British Airways and both organisations work collaboratively to identify suitable community-based projects that not only reduce carbon emissions but also provide strong social impacts to communities. All projects must have a community element to them, and funding has to go towards the installation of renewable energy or energy efficiency measures rather than development costs. Eligible projects need to demonstrate a positive social impact in the local community, such as increasing education, health and well-being and reducing fuel poverty.

There is no funding round currently available – it is advised to check the [Pure Leapfrog](#) website for any changes.

### **British Ecological Society - Outreach Grants**

Grants are available to organisations to support projects that promote ecological science to a wide audience. This fund is managed by the British Ecological Society (BES). Ecology is defined by the BES as the scientific study of the distribution, abundance and dynamics of organisms, their interactions with other organisms and their physical environment. The maximum award is £2,000. It is essential that applications promote and engage the public with the science of ecology. All objectives must be aimed at a non-academic audience and all projects must provide a clear demonstration of direct interaction with the public. Find out more [here](#). **The next round of funding opens in mid-July 2021, closing in mid-September 2021.**

### **Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund**

Grants are available to a range of not-for-profit organisations for new or existing community and environmental projects that benefit local residents in Denbighshire, Flintshire, the Wirral and Sefton. The Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund has been set up by Ørsted, the firm behind the offshore wind farm in Liverpool Bay. The fund will provide up to £225,000 each year for 25 years (2015-2040); small grants £500-£5,000 and main grants £5,001-£20,000. Temporary changes have been made to the criteria due to Covid-19 and match funding is not required for the current round (22.09.2021 deadline). The funding can support community building improvements, environmental projects such as the enhancement of parks and open spaces, and wildlife projects including improvements to marine and coastal habitats. The next deadline for applications is **22 September 2021**. Further information and an interactive map showing the area of benefit is available on the GrantScape [website](#) or email: [bbecf@grantscape.org.uk](mailto:bbecf@grantscape.org.uk).

### **The Calor Rural Community Fund**

The Calor Rural Community Fund launched in 2017 with the ambition to support projects in rural communities, turning big ideas into reality. The fund offers three levels of funding depending on the size of projects. We'll be dishing out 11 x £5,000 grants, 6 x £2,500 grants and 5 x £1,000 grants to the winning rural projects. Even if you're not a winner, every finalist will receive £500.

The Calor Rural Community Fund is now closed, public supporting starts at 9am on Wednesday 9th June. If you'd like to receive a notification when applications open then please [register your details](#).

### **Cardiff YMCA (1910) Trust**

The Foundation will consider applications for grants from voluntary organisations, charitable organisations, and individuals up to the value of £5,000. The trustees consider that the core area to be served by the Trust is the South Wales region. The 1910 Trust is an 'Outcome-focused' funder. In consequence those organisations funded by the Trust must demonstrate how the grant has made a difference to the people they support. Grants will normally be made for capital expenditure.

All grant applications will need to meet one or more of the following outcomes:

1. Improving the quality of life for young people, groups or communities.
2. Promoting inclusivity in communities.
3. Ensuring vulnerable young people and adults are supported or helped gain access to support.
4. Promoting the mental, physical and emotional well-being of vulnerable individuals or groups.
5. Providing safe supporting accommodation for those who are homeless

Funding application forms and eligibility for submission can be found on the Cardiff YMCA (1910) Trust [new Website](#).

### **Ceredigion - Community Grant Scheme**

Financial assistance is available to voluntary and community groups in Ceredigion to support projects that will benefit the local community. Capital grants of up to 50% of the project cost with a maximum grant of £25,000 and revenue grants of up to 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum of £10,000 are available to community groups,

community councils or bona fide voluntary sports and play associations that aim to improve and increase the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion (Subject to funds available). For further information and application deadlines please visit <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/business/funding-grants/community-grants/> or contact [financegrants@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:financegrants@ceredigion.gov.uk)

### **Chapman Charitable Trust**

Grants are available for recognised charities in North Wales for new work in any of three areas: accessibility of the arts, physical and mental wellbeing, and our natural environment. The Trust has around £250,000 to give in grants each year and grants are usually between £1,000 - £2,000. The trustees meet twice a year, in March and September. The next deadline is August 30th 2021. For further information and an online application form, see the Trust website <https://www.chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk/>.

### **The Chestnut Fund**

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity. It makes grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by TCV. The grants fall into two categories – ‘Start-up’ grants and ‘Support’ grants.

#### **Start-up grants**

These are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses, e.g. postage, publicity, hire of meeting rooms, telephone bills and/or the first year of The Conservation Volunteers Community Network Membership plus Insurance fees. The maximum grant will be £150.

#### **Support grants**

These are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. Preference will be given to resources selected from The Conservation Volunteers sources. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted. Groups within their first year can apply for both the start-up grant and the support grant. The maximum grant will be £350.

[The Chestnut Fund application form](#) includes the application criteria.

For more information contact the Community Network Administrator on 01302 388 885 or [local-groups@tcv.org.uk](mailto:local-groups@tcv.org.uk).

The Chestnut Fund committee meets every 6 weeks to discuss new applications.

### **CLA Charitable Trust**

The CLA Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations that access the benefits of the Countryside to pursue the health and wellbeing of people and to provide opportunities for education about the Countryside. Priority groups are children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.

Objects of the Trust include:

- Advancing people’s physical and mental health and wellbeing, through financial support of charities, not for profit organisations and social enterprises which are delivering access, recreational and educational opportunities within and about the countryside.
- To promote and encourage education in sustainable farming, food production and rural land management.

The average grant size is £4,000 with a focus on smaller projects where the grant makes a real contribution to the success of the project. Applications can be for running costs, project works and capital works. Evidence of need should be demonstrated. Grants for individuals, retrospective funding and non-educational holidays are not generally considered.

For further information email: [charitabletrust@cla.org.uk](mailto:charitabletrust@cla.org.uk) or visit the [website](#) for more information and to download an application form.

### **Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has been actively working in Wales since 1999, investing more than £16 million in community regeneration. Development officers work with the community to tackle the issues that most affect the prosperity, resilience, and opportunities available. The Trust is particularly focused on asset retention and development. The Trust has established strong relationships with Government, local authorities, and a range of third sector organisations, networks, and support services. The Coalfields Community Grants Programme in Wales can award grants from £500 up to £7,000 for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify positive measurable outcomes for people. Projects will need to meet one or more of 6 themes to be eligible for support from the scheme. Competition for funding in Wales is high.

### **Communities Investment Fund – loan finance via Social Investment Cymru, WCVA**

Communities Investment Fund (CIF) is a long running fund that has supported dozens of social businesses in Wales to grow through the provision of millions of pounds of social investment loan finance. Previously an EU funded project, CIF is now in its third iteration and continues to make loans via the funds repaid from the investments made as part of the initial EU funded CIF project. So if you're a social business based in Wales and you want to expand, grow your income generating capabilities or purchase an asset then a CIF loan might be able to help you. Our aim is to lend where others will not; as such, our appetite for risk and pricing reflects that approach.

CIF loans are available from £50,000 to £250,000 with a guide interest rate of around 7%. If you're interested in WCVA's social investment options, contact Matt, Alun or Rhys for a preliminary discussion on 0300 111 0124 or email [sic@wcva.cymru](mailto:sic@wcva.cymru).

### **Community Programmes supported by the Players of the People's Postcode Trust**

Community Programmes supported by the Players of People's Postcode Lottery  
The aim of Postcode Community Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in Wales to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. Full details can be found on the trust website where you will also find the Funding Guide.

Organisations are asked to confirm which trust to apply to for funding using the Postcode Trust Finder - <https://www.postcodelottery.info/charities/local-funding-opportunities/>.

### **Community Gardens Award**

National Garden Scheme Community Gardens Award provides funding to amateur gardeners from community groups in England and Wales to create a garden or similar project with horticultural focus for the benefit of their local community. All applications are considered on their individual merits by a panel made up of the supervisor, a trustee and a vice-president. No fixed amount is set but awards do not usually exceed £5,000. If you have any queries, please contact the award scheme's supervisor, Doug Copeland: [doug.copeland@ngs.org.uk](mailto:doug.copeland@ngs.org.uk), T: 01799 550553.

**Due to the pressures of the Covid pandemic the organisation will not be seeking any new applications until at least September 2021.**

### Co-op Local Community Fund

If you're a group that needs funding for a particular project, apply to become a Co-op cause. Grants will support projects that:

- enable people to access food and co-operate together to feed everyone
- help improve people's mental wellbeing
- offer young people opportunities to develop new skills and make a difference in their community

Funding can be used to pay staff salaries or running costs for your project, but not your group.

### **Deadline for applications – 13 June 2021**

### D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds Registered Charities operating in the UK in the fields of the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare and environmental protection or improvement. The majority of grants are single grants over a one-year period of £500 - £6,000. All grant applications should be made online via

[www.doilycartecharitabletrust.org](http://www.doilycartecharitabletrust.org) where the Trust's full Application Guidelines can be downloaded. The Trustees usually consider applications in March, July, and November. If you need a version of the application form in a more accessible format, please email [info@doilycartecharitabletrust.org](mailto:info@doilycartecharitabletrust.org).

### DS Smith Charitable Foundation

The DS Smith Charitable Foundation supports charities engaged in conservation of the environment and providing training or educational opportunities. The charity aims to make a combination of small donations (£1,000 or less) and larger donations each year. Projects relating to biodiversity and circular economy education are favoured. Opportunities to develop multi-year partnerships with key selected charities are particularly welcome. For more information visit their [website](#) or contact: [charitablefoundation@dssmith.com](mailto:charitablefoundation@dssmith.com)

### The Dulverton Trust

The Trust awards grants to UK charities registered in Scotland, England, and Wales. Single year grants range from £25,000 to £35,000 with preference given to medium sized charities, meaning charities with an annual income between £200,000 and £3m. The Trust's current categories are:

- Youth Opportunities
- General Welfare
- Conservation
- Heritage
- Preservation
- Kenya and Uganda (please note this category is restricted to charities with which the Trust has an existing relationship)
- Peace and Humanitarian Support (please note this category is **closed**)

Youth Opportunities is the largest category and aims to support charities that help socio-economically disadvantaged children and young people develop life skills that enable them to thrive. General Welfare supports charities that work to strengthen family relationships,

work with offenders, support older people's independence, support the welfare of carers, and promote community cohesion. The Conservation category funds charities working to support the health and resilience of the UK's wildlife habitat, and Preservation supports heritage craft training, particularly where it may benefit a disadvantaged group. Trustees meet three times a year to consider grant proposals in February, June, and October. There are no deadlines or closing dates and applications are accepted throughout the year, although the Trust recommends submitting applications 2-3 months in advance of the meeting date.

### **Ernest Cook Trust**

Each year, the Trust donates around £2million of funds generated through income from our estates and investments. As leaders in the 'learning from the land' sector, we are committed to promoting land-based learning to the widest audience. The potential for growth feeds our desire to forge new connections and collaborations with those who share our vision of a more environmentally engaged society. Various grant schemes are available, we welcome your interest and participation in current and upcoming projects, marking a new era in the life of the Trust's important work.

- **Green Influencers Scheme** – launched summer 2020, applications currently closed due to full capacity. For further information contact [greeninfluencers@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:greeninfluencers@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).
- **The OWL Collaboration** - launched autumn 2020, applications currently closed due to full capacity. For further information contact [owlcollaboration@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:owlcollaboration@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).
- **Everything Outdoors** - Programmes for children and young people in schools and the community, for better educational, professional and life outcomes. This includes various opportunities to get young people outdoors, for more information contact [learning@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:learning@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).
- **The Learning Estate** – launching soon, for more information contact [learningestate@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:learningestate@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).

### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - Our Natural World**

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve our natural world, secure a fairer future and strengthen the bonds of communities in the UK. We make unrestricted, core and project grants for charitable work in the UK. 66% of our active grants are for core costs, or are unrestricted. Most of our grants are for three years (54%) or longer than three years (32%).

To help us improve our natural world, the organisation is open to applications for work that will help us achieve their goals: preserved and improved species health and habitats; sustainable and ethical food; clean and healthy freshwater. For further details please visit [the website](#).

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation also provides social investment support, making their first investment in 1997. Since then, we have formalised and grown our social investing. We have made over 150 social investments through our £45m social investment fund, the returns of which are recycled. We support organisations seeking to create impact, which align to our impact goals, as well as backing new ideas and infrastructure that would benefit the social investment market. We operate an 'impact-first' approach and seek to catalyse impactful organisations with our finance. We start with the social need and tailor our investment: adapting and selecting financial instruments that are most appropriate. We aim to work at a portfolio level: constructing a portfolio to further our [impact goals](#).

For further information contact [info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk](mailto:info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk).

### **The February Foundation**

The February Foundation makes grants to a range of charities and charitable activities in accordance with its grant making policy. The Foundation supports project or core or capital costs. The application process is simple, and the Foundation prefers applications to be submitted by email, in order to reduce postage costs for applicants, to be environmentally responsible, and to maintain the Foundation's responsiveness. A list of application exclusions are available on [the website](#). There are no application forms, details of request requirements are available on the February Foundation's website. Applications should be emailed to [Richard Pierce-Saunderson](mailto:Richard.Pierce-Saunderson@the-february-foundation.org) at [rps@the-february-foundation.org](mailto:rps@the-february-foundation.org).

It normally takes a maximum 12 weeks from application to applicants being informed of the trustees' decision. There are no application deadlines as trustees normally make grant decisions on a monthly basis.

The median award is £5,000 and we are happy to part-fund projects. We support capital as well as core costs. Re-applications can be for the continuation of previously-funded projects.

### **Field Studies Council – Kids Fund**

FSC's Kids Fund, Bursary Fund and Young Environmentalist's Fund are currently closed and will be reopening in a new simpler system in 2021. The disruption to education from the Covid-19 pandemic has once again highlighted the needs of our most disadvantaged learners. Because we expect increased demand for our subsidy schemes, we are taking the opportunity to review and revamp them. For further information contact [enquiries@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries@field-studies-council.org).

### **Finnis Scott Foundation**

The Finnis Scott Foundation makes grants for horticultural and art history projects. The Trustees can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as art history and the enhancement, conservation, and preservation of art.

In general, the Trustees only consider applications for grants up to £10,000, larger grants may be considered at the Trustees' discretion. Preference is given to smaller charities where a grant would have a significant impact. The Foundation funds both capital and revenue projects. Grants are not given for expenditure which has already been made.

You can download an application form and send this with your accompanying documents to the grant administrator at: [administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk](mailto:administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk). Additional documents may be required, and all applicants should check [the website](#) before making a request.

### **Ford Britain Trust**

Ford Britain Trust is committed to supporting local UK communities. Grant applications will be considered for projects in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting. The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, disabled people, and youth activities. There are two grants available:

- Small grants: up to £250,

- Large grants: from £251 to £3,000

Applications for large grants will be open from 1st September 2020 to 31st January 2021 (for review by the Board of Trustees in March 2021). Applications for small grants will close 28 February 2021 for review in April 2021.

### **The Fore Trust**

From Spring 2021, The Fore is returning to its standard offer of grants of up to £30,000, which can be spread over up to 3 years. We make unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. Transformational impact includes helping an organisations become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind. We see our grants as investments in the organisations we support.

The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past. We want to be different. Our funding process is specifically designed to level the playing field and give no advantage to those with fundraising experience or connections.

Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.

### **Foyle Foundation**

The Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that awards grants to UK charities across three schemes; since 2001 it has distributed £115.1M. The Foundation supports charities in three main areas: Main Grants Scheme ([Arts](#) and [Learning](#)), [The Foyle School Library Scheme](#) and [Small Grants Scheme](#) (for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum). Further information on each of these grants schemes can be found on the Foundation's website, [www.foylefoundation.org.uk](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk). There are no deadlines for submission and applications can be received at all times, but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees. Competition for funding is intense.

### **Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust**

The principal objective of the Trust is to support the improvement and welfare of British Agriculture for the public benefit. The Trustees have developed a progressive strategy, informed by strategic research and reports addressing global issues. This strategy is centred on enhancing the productivity of British Agriculture to meet the challenges of a growing world population and increased competition for resources. This must be achieved in partnership with the wider population and local communities. The Trustees are keen to encourage applications for financial support with projects and programmes that identify and spread best business and technological practice for the benefit of British Agriculture. However, grants will only be made where clear benefits are quantified, together with details of how these will be communicated and applied to the industry as a whole. The key element is 'leadership' - as the Trustees wish to see robust outcomes translated into widespread practical action. For more information call 07739183250.

### **Freshfield Foundation**

The Freshfield Foundation provides grants to voluntary and community organisations in the UK undertaking projects in the areas of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Contact the Freshfield Foundation for further information: [paul.k@bwm.co.uk](mailto:paul.k@bwm.co.uk)

### Fund for Wales

The Fund for Wales sits at the heart of the Community Foundation in Wales, which awards funds to community groups and charities each year on behalf of its donors and Fund holders.

This Fund is open to: constituted community-based charities and organisations (eg associations, social enterprises and clubs)

- whose beneficiaries are all in Wales
- with an income of less than £100,000 in the latest reported financial year
- which are volunteer-driven and have no more than one full-time equivalent member of staff throughout the year

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for small, volunteer-driven community groups whose projects aim to deliver one of the five following outcomes:

- Improving people's chances in life
- Building stronger communities
- Improving rural and urban environments
- Encouraging healthier and more active people and communities
- Preserving heritage and culture

Applications for this grant are closed as Community Foundation Wales Transition to a new grants system. Sign up to the [Grants Newsletter](#) to keep up to date with any development and be the first to hear about the re-launch.

### The Gannett Foundation - Newsquest Grants

The Gannett Foundation supports registered charities with projects which take a creative approach to important fundamental issues such as neighbourhood improvements, care for of the elderly, environmental conservation, and educational or cultural enrichment.

Newsquest grants are made once a year when the trustees meet in November. Promotions start in Newsquest regional newspapers from July onwards. Applications must be made locally by downloading an application form from the newspaper website. - <http://www.newsquest.co.uk/our-titles/>

### Garfield Weston Foundation

Established over 60 years ago in 1958, the Garfield Weston Foundation is a family-founded, grant-making charity which supports causes across the UK and gave over £88million last year. It has donated well over £1billion to charities since it was established. The Foundation is keen to see an increase in applications from Welsh charities. It accepts applications from organisations doing work in the following areas: Youth; Community; Welfare; Environment; Education; Arts; Faith; Health; Museums and Heritage. The Foundation accepts applications for activities (which include core & project costs) and capital costs. The Foundation accepts applications for up to 10% of the total budget. There are 2 programmes; Regular grants (under £100k); and Major grants (£100k+). To apply it involves a simple one stage application process, for which you can find all the information on how to apply and what should be included in the application on the Foundation's website [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org). To be successful in your application, it is strongly advisable to read all of the guidance on the website before applying.

### Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations registered with OSCR or the Charities Commission. Awards are made quarterly with submission deadlines at the end of March, June, September, and December for consideration in the following month. Grants of between £500-£2,500 are available. Applications should be made online at [www.gfct.org.uk](http://www.gfct.org.uk). Due to pressure on funding Trustees currently give some preference to projects in or for Scotland.

### Gwynt y Mor fund

A fund of £19 million is available from Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm for communities in coastal areas of Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire. The fund is open for small applications up to £10,000. It will be able to fund both capital and revenue projects that focus on the three themes of the fund:

- Building strong, cohesive and sustainable communities
- Developing prosperous, enterprising communities with strong economic growth
- Reducing poverty and inequality in communities

For more information visit [www.cvsc.org](http://www.cvsc.org)

### Hatcher Animal Welfare Charitable Trust

The trust supports animal welfare and related charities. Please contact organisation for details via 02392821251 or Bramsdon & Childs, 141 Elm Grove, Southsea, PO5 1HR.

### The Harry Bacon Foundation

The Harry Bacon Foundation grant is given to specified charities that support health / medical research such as cancer research, as well as animal welfare projects. Applications should be made in writing to 1st Floor, Tower Wharf, Cheese Lane, Bristol BS2 0JJ. For further information contact [charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com](mailto:charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com).

### The HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

**The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust grant** is available for the conservation of wildlife and environmental charities. The focus of our support is the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas. Grants are typically between in the £1,000 to £2,000 range, though sometimes up to £5,000. For further information and eligibility please check [the website](#).

**The general fund** is open to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit substantially from a donation of between £250 and £500. We also make grants to charities, which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically between £1,000 to £2,000. It is important that the charity will be small enough in size or be applying for support for a modest project, such that the grant will have a meaningful impact.

Grants are made on a periodic basis and there is no deadline for applications. The grants committee makes Grant decisions monthly.

**Large grants** are made by the trust on a fixed 7 year cycle. Large Grants are made for wildlife and environmental causes typically between £5,000 to £50,000. The next time applications for Large Grants for wildlife and the environment will be accepted are from

January 2023 through to December 2024. Please note that we will not be looking at any applications for Large Grants until January 2023.

### Henry Smith Charity

The Henry Smith Charity is an independent grant making trust. The Charity has two programmes under their Main Grants Strategy – Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities. Improving Lives focuses on organisations achieving specific results under clearly identified priority areas while Strengthening Communities looks at supporting small organisations doing community-based work in the most deprived areas of the UK. For more information visit their [website](#) or contact 020 7264 4970.

### Idea Fund

“*I’ve got an idea*” is a micro fund for individuals or small groups and organisations who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out. The grant seeks to fund ideas which:

- are based on a novel technical idea.
- would deliver a social or environmental benefit.
- are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun.

The fund offers grants ranging from £250 to £5k. The fund is currently closed to applications and will be re-open **July 2022**. You can read about the 3 award winners of the Spring 2021 round [here](#). Contact [alison@prospectory.co.uk](mailto:alison@prospectory.co.uk) for more information.

### Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Grants are available for animal welfare charities registered with the Charity Commission which benefit and protect animals. Grants are normally in the range of £1,000 to £10,000. The Trust favours applications from smaller animal welfare charities. The deadlines for application each year are **3 January, 1 May, and 1 September**. For more information and an application form visit [www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk](http://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk)

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### John Ellerman Foundation

The Foundation aims to advance the wellbeing of people, society, and the natural world by focusing on the arts, environment, and social action. Environmental funding is concentrated under two main headings:

1. **Protecting the seas** – safeguarding and restoring the marine environment, through more and better managed protected areas; engaging coastal communities; reducing overfishing and tackling other harmful effects of human activity on the sea, such as pollution.
2. **Creating richer, more sustainable places on land** – building healthier ecosystems in urban or rural settings, through better management of these areas; experimenting with or linking together habitats; large-scale interventions that help restore places of special significance. We will also support work to reduce or

prevent damaging effects of human activity, such as noise and air pollution or pesticides.

The focus is in the UK and UK waters, but the Trust will also support work in the UK Overseas Territories. Projects of national significance from UK-registered charities with an income between £100,000 and £10m are prioritised. The minimum grant available is £10,000; there is no specific maximum however grants in excess of £100,000 are rare.

### [John Spedan Lewis Foundation](#)

The John Spedan Lewis Foundation (JSLF) provides finance for charitable purposes reflecting the interests of John Spedan Lewis - notably entomology, ornithology, horticulture and associated environmental and conservation projects. JSLF Trustees meet bi-annually to consider funding appeals from registered UK charities. The JSLF accepts appeals from charities for which natural history topics are explicitly stated among their charitable purposes, including wildlife conservation, entomology, ornithology, and horticulture. Projects wishing to apply for funding should email the foundation for more information - [jslf@johnlewis.co.uk](mailto:jslf@johnlewis.co.uk)

**We are reviewing our grant giving for 2021 and do not have any open funding calls at this time.**

### [Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme](#)

JRCT is deeply concerned about climate change and its effects, and believes that our care for future generations morally compels us to play a part in tackling it. Addressing climate change will require long-term political, economic, and social changes. Trustees are aware that there is much work to be done in this field and JRCT's funds are limited. Please read the new funding priorities before making an application which are available on [the website](#).

At this time of crisis, JRCT is also keen to support work that responds to the dual harms of the Covid-19 pandemic and systemic racism. We have amended our funding policy to reflect this.

Deadline for registering an account **13 August 2021**, deadline for applications **31 August 2021**.

### [The Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust](#)

The Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust makes grants to registered charities in England and Wales. Grants are typically between £1,000 and £3,000. The Trust supports a wide range of charitable causes. In the past, these have included medical research, the welfare of young and old people, the arts, animal welfare, and for overseas benefit. There are no deadlines, and trustees meet twice each year to review applications. For more information and how to apply please contact: [charities@rftrustee.com](mailto:charities@rftrustee.com) or call 020 3696 6715.

### [The Lindley Foundation](#)

The foundation supports activities which include the relief of poverty, arts and culture, conservation and heritage, sports, animals and environment, and community development. For more information contact: [couttscharities@coutts.com](mailto:couttscharities@coutts.com)

### [Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales](#)

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales partners with small and local charities who help people overcome complex social issues. Through funding core costs, developmental

support and influencing policy and practice, charities are helped to make life-changing impact.

The Foundation supports charities with an annual income of £25,000 to £1 million with a proven track record of helping people on a journey of positive change through in-depth, holistic and person-centred support. They offer unrestricted funding, including around core costs, and tailored development support to help charities be more effective.

To find out more and apply for funding, please visit the website:

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund>

### Local School Nature Grants

The grants are available free to schools as part of Learning through Landscapes Local School Nature Grants Programme, supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery. The grant fund has two elements – a fully funded outdoor learning training for your staff and £500 of equipment for outdoor learning.

If successful you will be able to mix and match items from a product catalogue of hundreds of items, up to the value of £500. The packages offer a wide mix of products to appeal to a broad range of ages, are customisable, enabling Infant, Primary and Secondary schools.

2021 Deadlines:

- Round 1      Friday 30th April 2021
- Round 2      Friday 25th June 2021
- Round 3      Friday 3rd September 2021
- Round 4      Friday 12th November 2021

### The Lord Barnby Foundation

The Foundation offers grants of £1,000 to £5,000 to charitable organisations for general charitable purposes, the advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, the prevention or relief of poverty, and the protection of the environment. Grants are between £1,000 – £5,000, but no maximum amount is specified. Applications should be made in writing and include a brief description of the organisation and project plus a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts. Applications are assessed as a continuous rolling programme. The Trustees meet in February, June, and November. For more information and how to apply please contact: [lordbarnbyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lordbarnbyfoundation@gmail.com)

### Lush Charity Pot

Lush Charity Pot is funded by the fresh, handmade cosmetics manufacturer, Lush. 100% of the purchase price of this hand and body lotion (less tax) goes towards supporting humanitarian, environmental and animal rights causes in the UK and around the world. The majority of funding is allocated to small, grassroots groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and often struggle to find funding. Support ranges from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per application. The average grant is £2,000-4,000. More information is available [here](#).

### Marsh Christian Trust

The Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. Our funding strategy is to provide long-term core funding for such costs, as we understand that many of the organisations we support depend on unrestricted income in order to meet their operating needs. Grants are unrestricted and

range from £300-£2,000. Successful new applicants can expect to receive a grant at the lower end of this scale.

The trust funds activity under the themes of:

- Arts and heritage
- Education and training
- Environmental causes and animal welfare
- Healthcare
- Social welfare

The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time.

### **Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good**

Every three months, we'll share £10,000 between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment. To stay true to our ethos of donating funds to causes close to the hearts of our members, every three months, five shortlisted projects will be voted for by John Good Group employees. These five charities will all receive a share of £10,000 – the more votes a cause receives, the bigger the donation.

Charities and projects are welcome to apply all year round, and your application will be considered in the next funding round. Funding will be awarded every three months, in April, July, October and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before. Eg. for the April round, applications will close on the 15th March.

Your application must be on behalf of a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment and has an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

### **Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust**

The Trust has four themes; Sport, the Arts, Community and the Environment. Under the Environment theme, the Trust encourages applications relating to recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. Projects that improve the quality of Wales' environment, protect, and create a vibrant countryside, and develop and promote sustainable land use planning will be a priority for support. The Trust aims to fund programmes that protect and enhance Wales' natural heritage and promote its sustainable use and enjoyment in a way which contributes to local economic prosperity and social inclusion.

### **The Nineveh Charitable Trust**

The Nineveh Charitable Trust supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the General Public, with an emphasis on promoting better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. The trust prefers to award grants to UK registered charities and community interest companies, but individual applicants may be considered if the outcome benefits are clearly defined. Charitable funding proposals should address the Objectives of the Nineveh Charitable Trust (see the website's [Home](#) and [Trust's Aims](#) pages).

### **The Oakdale Trust**

The Oakdale Trust is a small family run foundation in Wales which distributes grants to a total value of £300,000 per annum. Grants range from £250 up to £2,000 with an average

of approximately £1,000. Its areas of interest include Welsh based social and community projects and environment conservation projects based in Wales. Applications can be submitted using the on-line form (preferred) or by post. Trustees do not accept emailed applications. The trustees meet twice a year in April and October to consider applications and to award grants.

**The next meeting of trustees to consider grant applications will be held in October 2021. The deadline for applications will be announced in due course.**

### **Pembrokeshire – South Hook LNG Community Fund**

The South Hook LNG Community Fund was established in 2015 in partnership with Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) to offer financial assistance with the costs of community projects, initiatives, and volunteering throughout Pembrokeshire.

The South Hook LNG Community Fund aims to support projects and initiatives which:

- Support communities in Pembrokeshire.
- Support safety, environment, education, and wellbeing.
- Have long-term sustainable benefit for the community.
- Encourage community volunteering.
- Encourage staff participation in the development of local communities

There are two levels of funding available; tier one is up to a maximum of £500 and tier two is up to a maximum of £5,000. Panel deadline dates for 2021 are:

Friday 16th July – 5pm

Friday 15th October – 5pm

### **Pen Y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund**

The £1.8 million a year Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund has been established for the benefit of host communities in the upper reaches of the Neath, Afan, Rhondda and Cynon valleys. Investment priorities - set out in the Prospectus on our website - have been defined by residents and communities themselves. There are two Community Fund streams – both will run until 2043:

- The MICRO FUND offers one-off grants from £300 – up to £5,000 to support important aspects of community life and to support enterprise development. There are 2 application rounds each year, one closes in February and one in August.
- The VISION FUND offers larger grants for activities that help to deliver one or more of the priorities set out in the Prospectus. We are looking for proposals that have the potential to make a real and long-term difference to the lives of people and communities.

Applicants must talk to us before putting pen to paper – phone us on 07458 300 117 / 07458 300 123 or drop us a line at [enquiries@penycymoeddcic.cymru](mailto:enquiries@penycymoeddcic.cymru)

### **People's Trust for Endangered Species**

People's Trust for Endangered Species offers a variety of grants for research and conservation work here in the UK and around the world.

The PTES Conservation Insight Grants is open to projects all around the world. It awards grants to scientific researchers and conservationists for work that is aimed at the preservation of endangered species around the world. See the [Worldwide Grant](#) criteria for guidelines and eligibility. If you are working in the UK on a non-mammal species, then you

may be eligible for Conservation Insight Grants. Please note that we do not fund work on bird species or general habitat management. Conservation Insight Grants are for projects focusing on endangered species for up to two years. We award funds between £3,000 and £10,000 per annum up to a maximum total of £20,000.

If you are working on a UK mammals project please see the [UK Mammals](#). Applications are welcomed from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers and consortia for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the United Kingdom. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Individual awards are likely to be between £10,000 and £20,000. The average amount granted per project has been about £15,000.

[PTES Wildlife Conservation Internship Programme](#) is open to British graduates looking to work in conservation. The unique internship program is designed to nurture the next generation of conservationists by providing grants to enable them to work on a specific project.

**PTES is not currently accepting new mammal research and conservation grants. Please check [our website](#) again in a few months for further updates.**

### [Persimmon Community Champions](#)

Persimmon Homes offer grants for community groups up to the value of £1,000. The fund was launched in March 2015 and has since given away over £3 million to local groups and charities across the UK, including dozens in Wales. Groups apply for funding on the online application form, giving details of funds already raised and how much you would like to be awarded from the community champions scheme. The Persimmon Community Champions scheme is open for applications on a rolling basis.

### [The Plunkett Foundation](#)

The Plunkett Foundation helps rural communities UK-wide to tackle the issues they face, through promoting the benefits of the community business model and providing free business support. Community businesses are enterprises that are owned and run democratically by members of the community and others, on behalf of the community. They come in many forms, including shops, pubs, woodlands, and anything which lends itself to community ownership. In addition to developing and safeguarding valuable assets and services, community businesses address a range of issues including isolation, loneliness, wellbeing, work, and training.

### [The Pollination Project](#)

The Purpose of a Pollination Project Seed Grant is to support passionate, committed people with an early-stage social change vision. We fund individuals and community groups, and you do not need to be a registered or established organization to apply. For more information please contact [grantees@thepollinationproject.org](mailto:grantees@thepollinationproject.org).

Grants can not fund an organisation or group with any paid staff or be used for ongoing operating expenses for an established group. The daily grant making began on January 1, 2013 and since then, has funded a different project every single day. All qualified applicants in any funding area are considered within the guidelines of this program.

### [Port of Milford Haven Community Fund](#)

Port of Milford Haven Community fund offers financial support to charities, voluntary organisations, community organisations and social enterprises that are working within Pembrokeshire. Through this fund, the Port is particularly keen to sponsor projects and events that support its aims of maintaining safety on the waterway; protecting the

environment and creating opportunities for future generations, as well as projects and events that support the Port's objectives and values. Community Fund applications can be submitted via an [online application form](#). The deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **The Revere Charitable Trust**

Grants to a hospice, a disabled children's trust, asthma and cancer research, other medical organisations nationally and internationally, environmental & cultural projects, animal welfare and youth groups. Please check with trust for your eligibility via [TEIFION@TEVANS.PLUS.COM](mailto:TEIFION@TEVANS.PLUS.COM) or call 01380859198.

### **Rhododendron Trust**

The Rhododendron Trust is a small family Charitable Trust which makes grants of between £500 and £1500 to Charities registered in the UK which support social welfare and humanitarian aid projects both in the developing world and the UK (but see [Grants Policy](#) for details). It also supports some cultural and wildlife projects. It generally prioritises smaller Charities over larger ones.

### **Rockwool Donations, Pencoed**

Charitable and not for profit groups are invited to apply for donations from Rockwool. Priority is given to groups located within 8 miles to the Rockwool factory – Pencoed, South Wales. Rockwool would like to ensure that all funded projects deliver real community benefits, with particular attention to – Environment, Housing, Health and Well-being. For further details email: [community@rockwool.com](mailto:community@rockwool.com)

### **Sea-Changers Grant Programme**

Sea-Changers gives one off grants to a range of UK-based, marine conservation charities and 'not for profit' organisations. The projects funded must take place in the UK and have one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

**The Main Grants Programme** is for applications up to £1200 with two grant rounds per year. Deadlines for applications are 31 March and 30 September. For grant applications up to £1200. More info on who can apply and eligibility is [here](#). Information on how to apply is [here](#).

**Sea-Changers Innovation Fund 2021** is a new fund to support innovative marine conservation approaches and solutions. In 2021, the Innovation Fund will take the form of a single award of £2,000. It is hoped that the fund can be expanded in future years. Sea-Changers will be seeking additional sponsors and donors to enable this. We welcome applications from all types of organisations, both not-for-profits and companies, who have an idea or a project they believe is a genuinely new and untested solution to the UK's marine conservation challenges. The closing date for applications is **18th June 2021**.

**Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund 2021** aims to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to purchase water drinking fountains and install them for use by the public in busy or environmentally

important areas. Grants of up to £2,000 are available, per applicant, towards the cost of a fountain.

### **The Sheepdrove Trust**

Supports initiatives which increase sustainability, biodiversity and organic farming, for example research into organic seed production and nutrition. Please contact [helen.cravenjones@sheepdrove.com](mailto:helen.cravenjones@sheepdrove.com) or call 01488674726.

### **The SMB Trust**

The Trust aims to benefit those in need, spiritually, physically, or mentally by distributing income throughout the world. The Trust offers funding to UK registered charities for activities that support the Christian Faith, social care, famine and emergency aid, the environment, education, and medical research. Funding is usually an amount of between £1,000 and £2,000. Applications can be made at any time and must be submitted in writing. More information about the funding can be sought by contacting: [smbcharitabletrust@googlemail.com](mailto:smbcharitabletrust@googlemail.com)

### **Tap Water Awards**

Tap Water Awards is a grants programme that aims to help schools provide access to mains drinking water on campus while reducing the use of plastic bottled waters. Grants are available for between £300 and £3,000. The grant is open to universities, schools and colleges. The Tap Water Awards programme aims to help schools significantly reduce our reliance on single-use plastics and the amount of plastic waste the UK generates. This is achieved by supporting schools install mains fed drinking water machines and using reusable bottles. We encourage reducing educational establishments dependency on expensive plastic bottled water shipped thousands of miles. Further guidance is available at <http://www.tapwater.org/grants>

### **Tesco Bags of Help Grant**

Tesco Community Grants is always open for applications from charities and community organisations to bid for up to £1,500. Three projects in 575 local communities are voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every three months. Before applying, we recommend that all applicants read the Guidance Notes, and FAQs for more detail about the [grants and project eligibility](#).

### **Track 2000 Community Resources Services Grant Legacy Fund**

If you are a registered small-medium size Charity, community voluntary group or small social enterprise based in South Wales, with an income of £500,000 or less, we can fund your project/organisation with up to £35,000 for revenue and capital needs.

There are three key areas for redistributing these funds:

- Environmental Improvements to both inner town/cities and semi-rural areas.
- Training/Education, especially for disadvantaged youth/adults, individuals with special needs or who are disabled for careers opportunities and overcoming barriers to mainstream opportunities.
- Strengthening Disadvantaged Communities, this will specifically be aimed at improving quality of life for individuals, families and assisting community regeneration, for improving quality of life for all who suffer hardship or poverty in deprived areas.

The fund is now closed, please check [the website](#) for further updates.

### The Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. The Trust wants to help smaller, community-led groups which are supporting people at the margins of society. The Trust doesn't have any specific funding programmes, preferring to allow the groups that they support to lead the agenda. The Trust has chosen to focus its grants on groups with an annual income of less than £1 million, so the Trust will not consider unsolicited applications from organisations with an income above that amount; though it may continue a funding relationship with an organisation which has grown larger than this over the life of a grant. There is a two-stage application process with a rolling deadline.

### Vale of Glamorgan – The Strong Community Grants

The Strong Communities Grant Fund will offer grants to Community Groups, the Voluntary Sector, and Town and Community Councils towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale of Glamorgan which help to support the Council's vision of "strong communities with a bright future".

The Strong Communities Grant Fund totals £837,533 over five years until March 2025. There is no minimum grant and the maximum grant is £25,000.

Due to limited resources, all applicants should be able to demonstrate how a grant will contribute towards one or more of the corporate priorities of the Council:

- Lifelong Learning: Promotion of the culture of lifelong learning for all
- Community Leadership: Promotion of a sense of community pride and active citizenship.
- Economic Regeneration: Promotion of a diversified and sustainable economy
- The Environment: Promotion of the use of sustainable practices
- Community Well Being: Promotion of a safe and healthy community in which to live

The Fund is opening to applications in late May 2021 and will remain open for 9 weeks.

For further information see the Councils [webpage](#) or contact [scgfapplications@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:scgfapplications@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

### Veolia Environmental Trust Grants (UK)

There are currently two grant schemes available: **Community Grants** and **Nature Conservation Grants Schemes**. The Community Grant Scheme is available to constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities. Grants of between £10,200 and £75,000 are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community. Please download the [funding criteria document](#) for further details.

The **Nature Conservation Grants Schemes** is available to Environmental Bodies that are enrolled with ENTRUST. Grants of over £75,000 are available to enable landscape scale improvement projects such as habitat creation/management, and/or species protection. Please download [Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding Criteria](#) (grants between £10,000 and £75,000) and [Environmental Improvement Grant Funding Criteria](#) (grants over £75,000) before making an application.

### The Virgin Money Foundation - Heart of the Community Fund

Every 3 months the Virgin Money Lounges in Glasgow, Sheffield, Edinburgh, Norwich, Manchester, Cardiff and London to give three local community organisations the chance to receive £2,000 – with awards of £1,000 and £500 for 2 runners-up. Funds can be used to buy materials and equipment, make improvements to a community building or sports facility or clean up an area of wasteland. The money could also pay for staff to run an activity. The awards will go to the community organisations with the most votes from Virgin Money customers and Virgin Money Lounge members.

### Waterloo Foundation

This independent grant-making Foundation is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of opportunities and wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. It prioritises funding for UK-based charities, many of whom work in close partnership with smaller local NGOs based in the countries in which they operate.

The Environment fund has two main themes:

- Marine – support for projects working to halt declining fish stocks.
- Tropical Rainforests – support for projects protecting tropical rainforest, principally through avoided deforestation.

In 2021 there are 2 deadlines for the Marine Fund and 1 for the Tropical Rainforest fund. There are specific requirements for each theme which should be checked on the Waterloo Foundation website before an application is submitted.

### The Whirlwind Charitable Trust

We seek to build long term relationships with charities and other organisations that can deliver against our agenda in an efficient, cost-effective manner with a strong emphasis on “making a difference” in the lives of individuals.

Applications which involve maritime or outdoor pursuits and a high percentage of volunteer involvement will be favoured.

The Whirlwind Charitable Trust also seeks to support research and conservation initiatives for the maritime environment and will occasionally support highly deserving cases from a wider remit.

### The Wilfred & Constance Cave Foundation

Grant for charitable organisations in the UK working in the fields of health, welfare, conservation and animal welfare. Grants range from between £500 and £4,000. Applications should be made in writing to The Wilfred & Constance Cave Foundation, New Lodge Farm, Drift Road, Winkfield, Windsor, Berks, SL4 4QQ. Contact [tcf@eamo.co.uk](mailto:tcf@eamo.co.uk) for further information.

Trustees meet in May and October each year to consider applications and applications should be received one month before the meeting.

### The Woodroffe Benton Foundation

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation is an independent grant making foundation. Small grants of £250 – £2,500 are available under four categories, one of which is Environmental / Conservation / Preservation / Protection / Improvement - in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public. Registered charities

and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Applications are only considered at the Trustees meetings in January, May and September.

**As of May 2021 the trustees have decided to temporarily suspend the small grant budget while the grant making strategy is reviewed.**

# Central and Welsh Government Funding and European Funding

## Active Inclusion

Active Inclusion is supported by the European Social Fund (ESF) and run by WCVA on behalf of WEFO. The funds aim to tackle poverty and social exclusion in Wales by providing grant funding for projects of all sizes up to £1,500,000 (including match funding) that assist economically inactive and long term unemployed people, and young people who are not in employment, education or training, in gaining employment, workplace skills and qualifications through paid supported work placements and practical activities.

These activities, or the nature of the supported employment if that option is chosen, are not prescribed and it is up to the grant recipients to determine what would best suit their participants, including projects or employment with an environmental focus. Organisations can apply online through WCVA's application portal, [MAP](#), to become an approved beneficiary of the Active Inclusion fund: once successful they will then be invited to apply for grant rounds and will also be informed of funding opportunities available to organisations in Wales.

Even though the UK has left the EU, for Active Inclusion it is very much 'business as usual'.

The most recent round of funding was invited this month: if you are already an approved beneficiary, you can apply now. It includes a specific allocation of funding for projects that support the 'National Nature Service for Wales' initiative.

The funds now offer new, more flexible grant rounds, improvements to match funding requirements and one-to-one support available at every stage from initial enquiry to project closure. If you're not sure whether this is for you, contact the Active Inclusion team at [activeinclusion@wcva.org.uk](mailto:activeinclusion@wcva.org.uk) or ring WCVA on 0300 111 0124 and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

## Circular Economy Capital Fund

The £6.5m Circular Economy Fund is open to local authorities and other publicly funded bodies will help accelerate Wales' shift towards a circular economy driving further increases in recycling and decarbonisation. It also directly supports post-covid response and recovery improving resilience in Wales. Activities eligible for funding are those helping to deliver actions within the Circular Economy Strategy consultation document; Beyond Recycling; -

1. Become the world leader in recycling
2. Phase out single use plastic
3. Invest in clean technology for materials collection
4. Make more efficient use of our food
5. Prioritise the purchasing of wood, remanufactured and recycled content
6. Enable communities to take collective action
7. Create the conditions for business to seize the opportunities
8. Take full responsibility for our waste

Please note:

- Applicants must be a publicly funded body in Wales.

- The project activity must be located in Wales.
- Grants are available up to £500,000.
- Complete one application form per project.

The grant is currently closed, for further information please contact [CircularEconomyFund@gov.wales](mailto:CircularEconomyFund@gov.wales)

### **Cynnal y Cardi (Rural Development Plan, Ceredigion)**

Cynnal y Cardi, which is administered by Ceredigion County Council has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government. The LEADER programme is a 7 year investment scheme, which aims to improve resilience and promote transformational change in agriculture, forestry and rural communities.

The project has helped to make ideas become a reality through project development, evaluation, feasibility studies, facilitation, training, mentoring, consultation and pilot projects. Each project falls under five areas of activity within LEADER scheme. The areas include:

- enhancing the natural and cultural resources of Ceredigion
- trialling product/processes and creating new business partnerships and networks
- exploring new ways of delivering services, facilities and activities
- exploring renewable energy opportunities
- making the most of digital technology in local communities

To discuss your ideas and for information regarding eligibility of support, call the Cynnal y Cardi team on 01545 572063 or visit [www.cynnalycardi.org.uk](http://www.cynnalycardi.org.uk). All ideas are welcome on a rolling basis.

### **Community Facilities Programme**

The Community Facilities Programme is a Wales-wide capital grant fund. It offers grants at two levels, up to £25,000 and up to £250,000 which can be used to improve community facilities. Community Facilities to be improved must offer activities or services which increase prosperity and provide opportunities for local people to improve their day to day lives. Applications must evidence how their community is involved in developing the proposals and also how the community will continue to be involved in the running of the facility. Priority will be given to applications from communities which previously benefited from Communities First funding.

Please read the [guidance document](#) carefully before completing the “small grant application form” or the “expression of interest form” if seeking a larger grant.

### **The Energy Service**

The energy service provides free technical, commercial and procurement support to develop:

- energy efficiency
- renewable energy projects

The energy service helps with financial planning and funding, for example interest free loans and grants. A named person from the service will be dedicated to helping you. We

can also help secure the commitment of senior management in your organisation. The scheme is for public sector and community groups.

Contact the energy service to discuss finance, they will give you advice on options including:

- Development Bank of Wales; flexible loans and investment for community owned renewables
- Wales Funding Programme; interest free finance for public sector projects
- Public Works Loans Board; low cost, long-term public-sector finance
- public sector internal funds; support to access capital budgets or recycling funds
- alternative finance; such as power purchase agreements or selling energy to other organisations
- development grants; non-repayable grants from the energy service

Types of projects supported include: Estate wide energy efficiency, Building mounted renewable energy, Street lighting upgrades, and Renewable energy projects.

### Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being grants

ENRaW supports the development and delivery of projects that make clear links between improving the resilience of our natural resources and well-being. The well-being benefits span economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. The grant supports projects that involve cross sector co-operation and collaboration in their delivery.

ENRaW provides a blend of revenue and capital costs associated with such projects.

Activity delivered under the grant has a clear focus on the following three themes of action:

- developing, regenerating and broadening access to sustainable green infrastructure
- improving the quality of the urban and rural built environment
- developing resilient ecological networks

We funded a total of 36 projects as a result of the first funding window. The investment through the grant exceeded £14m. [Here](#) are brief summaries of these projects.

### Green Recovery Capacity Building Scheme

The Green Recovery Capacity Building Scheme is a new £920,000 revenue grant scheme to increase capacity within the environmental non-governmental organisation (eNGO) sector. National Lottery Heritage Fund are distributing this fund in partnership with Welsh Government. Applicants must be based in Wales and developing projects within Wales.

Applications can include any of the following activities. Please do not try to do them all:

- strengthened governance, financial resilience and other relevant skills
- developing plans or strategies (eg: business plans or communication strategies)
- improved community engagement and consultation
- project planning and development activity
- improved service provision
- identifying challenges presented by COVID-19 and possible solutions
- strengthened partnership working

Grants are available between £5,000 - £100,000. The grant scheme has no longer accepting applications, please check the [website](#) for further updates.

Pre-application advice is available via email – contact: [natur@heritagefund.org.uk](mailto:natur@heritagefund.org.uk).

### Interreg - European Territorial Co-operation 2014-2020

INTERREG provides funding for co-operation projects across Europe. Partnership projects made up of organisations from across Europe can apply for open calls which focus on sharing knowledge and transferring experience in order to improve regional policy.

There are three strands to the programme:

- INTEREGG VA – cross-border co-operation
- INTERREG VB – transnational co-operation
- INTERREG VC – inter-regional co-operation

The funding period for 2014-2020 has now ended, please check [the website](#) for future funding opportunities.

### The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

A grant funding programme to help communities living within five miles of certain waste transfer stations or landfill sites take action for their local environment. The Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government funding programme managed by WCVA. The scheme supports local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Before applying, please check you are in an eligible area using the [location map](#) on the WCVA website.

The way that applications are submitted is changing – WCVA has listened to funding applicants and in consultation with the sector, has developed a new Multipurpose Application Portal. This new easy to use web platform makes applying for grants through WCVA a much simpler and user-friendly experience. Get ready to apply to the LDTCS and view other current funding opportunities by registering your organisation on the portal here <https://map.wcva.cymru/>

**The Landfill Tax Communities scheme is open to applications 2 June 2021 and closes 31 August 2021.**

### The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is managed by the Department for Culture Media and Sport and makes retrospective awards in respect of VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to those listed buildings mainly used for public worship (minimum value of eligible work £1000 - although one application where the value of the eligible works falls between £500-£1000 may be submitted in a given 12-month period). The scheme has a fixed annual budget which is advertised on the LPoW Grant Scheme website each year. Applications can be completed online or by post. Full details of the scheme can be found on the official website: <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk>

### Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCF)

Halting the loss of biodiversity and adapting to climate change requires increasing investment in natural capital. To do so, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission have partnered to create the Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCF), a financial instrument that supports projects delivering on biodiversity and climate adaptation through tailored loans and investments, backed by an EU guarantee. At the same time projects financed through the NCF need to generate revenues or demonstrate cost savings.

**Call for projects:** The NCF has been extended and we now accept project proposals until the end of 2021!

Do you have a project that contributes to promoting the EU's biodiversity or uses a nature-based solution to adapt to climate change? Are you looking for financing? If so, we would like to hear from you! Please send us the [contact form](#) with your project details at [NCF\\_Instrument@eib.org](mailto:NCF_Instrument@eib.org).

The facility has now been extended until 2021 and applications are welcomed at any time.

### **Plug-in vehicle Grant Scheme**

This Central Government initiative enables motorists purchasing a qualifying ultra-low emission vehicle to receive a grant of 35% towards the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum of £3,000. The plug-in grant has been designed to help make the whole-life costs of a qualifying van more comparable with petrol or diesel equivalents. Both private consumers and businesses can benefit from the plug-in grant. You don't need to do anything if you want to buy one of these vehicles - the dealer will include the value of the grant in the vehicle's price.

### **Powys County Council Community Grants**

The Council's grant aid is designed to help and support voluntary and community organisations. Generally, it will consider applications for grants which:

- support the Authority's corporate objectives
- assist in delivering its core values and principles detailed within the Powys Change Plan and the Corporate aims specifically through Regeneration of Powys communities to ensure
- support the local people of Powys in improving their quality of life
- encourage partnership working within the local community
- represent value for money
- show commitment to equality of opportunities

The programme's main purpose is to support social and community development at the heart of the community. Voluntary groups and organisations must demonstrate that they are properly constituted and sustainable.

### **Community Regeneration development fund**

Community Regeneration development fund is available for capital projects that:

- Create or refurbish facilities available to the community as a whole, or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled people as required under the Equality Act (2010)
- Improve the built or natural environment for local people
- Improve the well-being of the community by encouraging active and healthy lifestyles
- Provide facilities or activities, which reduce poverty, inequality, discrimination and social disadvantage.

The fund is able to consider up to a 50% grant rate on the total project cost, up to a value of £10,000 against an expenditure of £20,000.

For further information and an application pack please contact:

Email: [funding@powys.gov.uk](mailto:funding@powys.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01597 827659

## **The Transforming Towns Place Making Grant**

Support for a wide range of projects, from green infrastructure developments to internal and external commercial and residential improvements for business owners.

Under the 2021-22 funding programme, an initial 12 towns have been identified in the region to guide investment. However project proposals from any town within the region under the Placemaking grant are welcome. Find out more in the documents below.

[Transforming Towns Place Making Grant Fact Sheet](#)  
[Transforming Towns Place Making Application Form](#)

For further information please contact:

Email: [Regeneration@powys.gov.uk](mailto:Regeneration@powys.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01597 827657

## **Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020**

The Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 is a 7 year European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) programme funded by the European Union and Welsh Government. It aims to improve resilience and promote transformational change in agriculture, forestry, and rural communities. The fund planned to bring almost £830 million to rural Wales from 2014-2020 and will support activities to improve competitiveness in the agriculture and forestry sector; safeguard and enhance the rural environment; and foster competitive and sustainable rural businesses and thriving rural communities.

## **Social Business Growth Fund – via Social Investment Cymru, WCVA**

The Social Business Growth Fund supports social businesses in Wales financially to enable them to grow and create job opportunities. SBF is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Welsh Government and is added to the suite of investments administered by Social Investment Cymru.

The fund can provide investment of up to £150,000 in West Wales and the Valleys (WWV) and £125,000 in East Wales (EW). Match funding of at least 40% in WWV and 50% in EW is required. So, to access £150,000 of support in WWV would mean you need to provide £100,000 of additional match funding. The support provided is a mix of grant and repayable assistance; the more you overachieve in creating jobs the less that needs to be repaid.

The structure of financial assistance available is:

- 40% a traditional grant
- 60% repayable assistance (0% interest, max 5 year term)

The over-achievement of job-creation targets will be rewarded with turning an element of repayable assistance into non-repayable grant.

SBGF is now open for applications. Please contact Social Investment Cymru to register your interest by emailing [sic@wcva.cymru](mailto:sic@wcva.cymru) or calling 0300 111 0124.

## **Sustainable Development Fund - Brecon Beacons National Park**

The Sustainable Development Fund aims to support projects that demonstrate sustainable development in action and improve quality of life for communities in the Park. We are

especially interested in carbon reduction, climate change mitigation and nature recovery projects. Applications for funding to continue existing projects or to continue services where a transfer of public services has taken place are not eligible for support.

Sustainable Development Fund grants can support:

- Projects – towards the cost of materials, hand tools, printing, contractors' costs.
- Project Management – to support staff costs over one or more years.
- Project Development – for example: new action or partnerships, training, pre-project studies.

Grants can fund up to 50% of total eligible project costs. This means that 50% of costs must be met from elsewhere, but you can count the value of volunteer time and donations in kind as match funding.

**Applications are now being accepted for 2021, full application deadlines are:**  
31st March 2021, 2nd June 2021, 25th August 2021 and 3rd November 2021.

Before making an application, please contact [helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk) or [ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.gov.uk) to discuss your project.

### **Gower Valley AONB – Sustainable Development Fund Grant Scheme**

The AONB Partnership operates a small grant scheme which aims to develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in Gower. The scheme seeks to conserve and enhance the local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and community. Sustaining the social well-being and economic viability of communities are also important aims of the grant scheme. Applications over £3,000 are assessed by a panel of local people, which meets four times a year.

Before applying, you are strongly advised to discuss your ideas with us to make sure that your project is eligible for funding. Please contact Mike Scott, AONB Officer for details of the application process. Email - [mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk)

### **Llyn AONB - Sustainable Development Fund Grant Scheme**

The Sustainable Development Fund provides grant aid for innovative environmental, economic and community projects that develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of life within the AONB. Sustainable development has four themes:

- Environmental
- Economic
- Cultural
- Social

“Sustainability” is about balancing current environmental, social and economic requirements with the need to protect the environment and the interests of future generations.

SDF will provide project grants, management grants to support staff costs and development grants to provide a catalyst for new action or partnerships. Funding will normally be set at between 50% and 75% of the total project cost but possibly more in some exceptional circumstances. Applicants will be expected to provide at least 25% of the total project costs, either from their own money or those of other grant funds. Officers from the AONB Unit can provide details of possible match funding sources.

Applicants are always advised to discuss their project ideas with the officers before submitting an application. The Grant Panel meet 3 or 4 times a year as needed and is a sub-committee of the main AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

### The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund is a fund supporting community projects in and around the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The Fund supports community led projects that contribute towards a reduction in carbon and help respond to the climate emergency.

Applicants can apply for projects to deliver the following:

- Install renewable energy generation facilities to a community building i.e. solar panels
- An initiative to promote reduction in carbon emissions in transport i.e. installing an electric charging point for bikes or cars or by supporting access to non-individual travel
- Install a community facility that minimises waste, i.e. water fountain
- Any other community-based carbon reduction initiative.

In the 2021/22 financial year, the Sustainable Development Fund has a total of £200,000 available to fund projects in Pembrokeshire that support carbon reduction and help respond to the climate emergency.

There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be applied for, but it is envisaged that funded projects will be between £5,000 to £25,000.

There will be two deadlines each year. **The next deadline for completed application is 12 noon on 10 September 2021.**

### Wye Valley AONB - Sustainable Development Fund Grant Scheme

The SDF aims, through partnership, to develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in a landscape of great natural beauty and diversity. This grant fund seeks to conserve and enhance the local characteristics of wildlife, landscape, land use and community. Sustaining the social well-being and economic viability of communities are also important aims of SDF. The Fund is for practical, innovative schemes that engage local communities. Projects that will be supported must meet the statutory purpose of the Wye Valley AONB, which is to conserve and enhance its natural beauty.

Around £50,000 is available for projects in Wales. Applications can be for small grants of less than £1,000, or larger grants of up to £25,000 in exceptional circumstances.

**Landscape & Biodiversity Enhancements**, The SDF grant can support works at a rate of 50% of the total cost up to a maximum of £1,000. The grant is aimed at small scale holdings, parish/community councils and community spaces, or where existing agri-environment grants are not available but where biodiversity gains can engage and benefit those who live within the local environment. Eligible works may include:

- Orchard planting/gapping up
- Hedgerow management
- Dry-stone wall restoration

- Life sustaining work to veteran trees
- Pollarding, coppicing and activities relating to the promotion or conservation of biodiversity

The scheme is available to any organisation, including community or voluntary groups, local authorities, as well as the private sector and individuals. The private sector and individuals must demonstrate that their projects have a wider public benefit. The proposed project must meet the purpose of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the objectives of the scheme and be located in, or have direct benefit to, the Wye Valley AONB. Your project must comply with any relevant regulatory requirements e.g. planning permission, building regulations etc.

## Lottery Funding

### The National Lottery Community Fund

Our priority is to keep money flowing to support communities across Wales. We're open to all applications that meet our criteria, including support during COVID-19. We are also working closely with WCVA and other funders to ensure we are forming the best support for Welsh communities. We therefore welcome applications that meet our revised priorities:

- supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

We're here to help. Please contact us if you have an idea by calling 0300 123 0735 or emailing [wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk).

### National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund

The Climate Action Fund is a new 10-year, £100 million fund set up with money provided by the National Lottery Community Fund with the aim of reducing the carbon footprint of communities across the UK. The funding is expected to support a mix of different places, communities, themes, and initiatives, across the UK.

Criteria:

- **Community-led:** We want to see that you've involved the community in the design, development, and delivery of your project.
- **Working in partnership:** You'll be a place-based, community-led partnership that brings together a wide range of people and organisations with a shared vision of what local climate change action should look like. Partnerships will be expected to put in place an agreement as to how they will work together.
- **High impact:** Our funding will focus on activities that have the potential to make a meaningful and lasting difference on the carbon footprint of communities. This includes action on sustainable energy, sustainable transport, consumption (food and waste), and the natural environment. To make a real difference, projects might need to have an impact on a number of those areas.
- **Lasting impact:** To reduce the impact of climate change, it's important that the changes made are sustainable beyond the funding we might give. Long-term changes in behaviour, ways of working, and practices need to be at the core of all local climate action activities.
- **Reach:** Partnerships need to engage with people outside of those already taking action on climate change in their local communities, and beyond.
- **Learning and engagement:** We'll expect partnerships to produce and share their learning from the start, regularly, and be active participants in a broader movement of change.

We expect all partners to consider their own environmental impact and to have a robust policy and action plan in place. [Read the UK Government's information on environmental responsibility for charities.](#)

**Round 2 of the Climate Action fund is now open.**

### The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All

National Lottery funding can help you to make a difference in your community. We offer funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. We're open to all applications for community projects that meet our criteria. This includes support responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Through our National Lottery Awards for All programme, we're looking to support projects that are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by:

- supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

Although we are supporting responses to the pandemic, your project does not have to be related to COVID-19 to be funded. If you are applying for something that is **not** related to Covid-19, then your project must meet at least one of our usual funding priorities, which are:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest stage

Applications are assessed on a rolling basis, for further information contact [wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk).

### The National Lottery Community Fund: People and Places

People and Places will fund projects where working together, people and communities use their strengths to make positive impacts on the things that matter to them the most.

Funding is split into two strands, **medium grants** (£10,001 to £100,000) and **large grants** (£100,001 to £500,000). The programme is open to any not for profit organisation and you can apply at any time.

The funder is prioritising projects that are:

- supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

Although we are supporting responses to the pandemic, your project does not have to be directly related to COVID-19 to be funded. Successful applications must be [People Led, Strengths Based and Connected](#).

### The National Lottery Heritage Fund

At The National Lottery Heritage Fund, we will do everything we can to help the UK's outstanding heritage sector adapt through this most difficult of times and thrive again. We are the largest dedicated grant funder of the UK's heritage. Since 1994, we've awarded over £8bn to more than 44,000 projects across the UK. Together we can

demonstrate the critical role that heritage can play to help people, communities and places through this crisis.

Programmes open for applications

- [Local Places for Nature](#) - Local Places for Nature is a capital grant scheme intended to enable communities in Wales to restore and enhance nature. Grants available of up to £250,000.
- [Community Woodlands](#) - A capital grant scheme intended to restore, create, connect and manage woodlands in Wales. Grants available from £10,000-£250,000.
- [Grants for Heritage](#) - Applications are now open for National Lottery Grants for Heritage from £3,000 to £5million.

### **The Welsh Government Coastal Communities Fund**

The Welsh Government Coastal Communities Fund encourages the economic development of coastal communities in Wales by giving funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. It's anticipated that a total of £3.7 million will be awarded to successful projects in 2020/2021, subject to final Crown Estate' marine revenue income. Applicants can apply for individual grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 per organisation, for projects that will support the economic development of coastal communities in Wales by promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs.

Round Six is now closed. To stay informed of any future rounds please email [ccfwales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:ccfwales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

### **Supporting great ideas**

Through our Supporting great ideas funding, we can make grants to organisations that support innovative and strategically important project ideas that encourage positive social change in Wales.

We are here to help and want to talk to you about your ideas to support innovative and strategically important project ideas that encourage positive social change in Wales.

We therefore welcome applications that meet our revised priorities.

- Supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- Supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- Supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

Please contact us if you have an idea by calling 029 2168 0214 or email [wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

## Useful Resources and Support

### [Aderyn - Biodiversity and Information Reporting Database of Local Environmental Records Centres Wales](#)

Aderyn is the Biodiversity Information and Reporting Database of Local Environmental Records Centres Wales. To learn more about the wildlife data available, and to submit your records, visit the website [here](#).

### [B&Q](#)

Each B&Q store operates a community-reuse scheme through which local schools, other educational institutions and community groups can benefit from donations of unsellable products and materials for re-use. B&Q also works with Community Repaint, a network of schemes that collects any surplus, re-usable paint and redistributes it within their communities to individuals and families on low income, charities, and community groups.

### [Carbon Trust Green Business Fund](#)

Small and medium sized organisations can benefit from fully funded support and advice to save money on their energy bills and become more energy efficient. Hundreds of organisations have already achieved substantial energy and cost savings through the advice, training and support provided by the Carbon Trust. Carbon Trust experts will provide energy assessments to identify energy saving opportunities at no cost to businesses and assist with finding reputable suppliers for projects. Organisations can also benefit from free energy efficiency support and training at the Green Business Fund workshops, which are held across the country, and via online webinars, guides, and resources. See the website for details of upcoming free workshops and webinars and to register for an energy assessment and advice.

### [Coed Cymru](#)

Our aims are to improve the landscapes of Wales containing woodlands and trees. Our staff provide advice and support, access to innovation and grant aid. Contact us for information and support regarding any aspect of woodland creation, management and timber.

### [The Conservation Volunteers - Practical Conservation Handbooks](#)

TCV's Handbooks have long been the definitive 'how to' guides to managing the countryside and green spaces; containing over 1,000 pages of fantastic background, advice and instruction, written by experts, illustrated and clearly laid out in a step-by-step format. These handbooks are now available in digital format, covering everything from tree planting to dry stone walling, sand dunes to footpaths.

### [Energy Local](#)

Energy Local enables local communities to work together to pool their locally owned generation and manage local demand to reduce bills and carbon emissions – [read more here](#). Energy Local believes that communities should be able to benefit from moving their use of energy to cheaper times of day and matching it to local generation. If you have a community energy project or are interested in the idea, please [get in touch](#) and [sign up for the newsletter](#).

### [Good Practice Wales](#)

Good Practice Wales is a single access online portal to Welsh Public Services good practice and knowledge.

### **HIPPOWASTE Grants up for Grabs**

The 'Grants up for Grabs' scheme awards free waste disposal help to applications from charities, community groups and organisations from across the UK that inspire respect for the environment or have a positive effect on the community.

### **In Kind Direct**

Founded by The Prince of Wales in 1996, In Kind Direct takes donations of goods from companies such as Amazon, Procter & Gamble, Disney, etc. and then distributes these to charities and not for profit organisations. Goods include toiletries, cleaning products, household goods, toys, sports equipment, and a range of other items that charities can use to deliver their services and support their beneficiaries. Goods are all new and usable but are donated because of small defects in the branding or packaging. It's free to join, with just a small charge for the goods which equates to approximately 20% of their retail price. This includes delivery. Items are ordered from a catalogue and delivered directly to the charity.

### **LEADER Theme 4 – Renewable Energy at a Community level**

LEADER theme 4 aims to provide specific and tailored support to help communities and social enterprises explore renewable energy sources. This work could involve initial feasibility and viability studies on potential schemes for renewable energy generation, including proof of concept and trials for community-owned renewable technology projects on a micro scale, which, if successful, could then be scaled up. The theme will also provide training, educational visits and capacity building for community groups looking to take on a community-led renewable energy scheme. Other activities will include testing new technology and raising awareness of renewable technologies energy efficiency and climate change mitigation initiatives.

### **Llais y Goedwig - the community woodland network for Wales**

Llais y Goedwig represents and works with community woodland groups and practitioners across Wales. The organisation also supports Public Bodies and private landowners to enable more community managed woodlands. Llais y Goedwig has Development Officers across Wales and provides a range of resources along with an enquiry service where queries can be shared or answered by other network members. Membership of Llais y Goedwig is free.

### **Local Nature Partnerships (LNP) Cymru**

An all-Wales network for nature recovery as part of the efforts to make Wales a nature-rich nation that supports the nations well-being. A 3 year project is being coordinated by WCVA until April 2022 creating new nature-based projects in communities across Wales. The project is helping link partner organisations to other sections to maximise reach, providing opportunities for volunteers to develop skills, and collaborating in designing projects for natures' health. Find your local nature partnership at

<https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/Local-to-You>

### **Local Energy - Renewable Energy Toolkit**

The Wales Community Renewable Energy Toolkit has been developed to help community groups take forward the development of renewable energy projects. It is designed to be accessible to people with different levels of understanding of the technology, project development, financial and legal issues.

### **NCVO**

NCVO's KnowHowNonProfit website provides a wide range of resources and guides on funding and income generation including grants, digital fundraising, cultural commissioning, trading and shops and social investment.

### **Now Donate**

NowDonate™ provides a free online payment system for UK charities. Whether you are a beginner or advanced, taking donations is possible using a simple link, button, widget or even integrate the whole donation process within your charity's website. All donated money goes directly to your charity. NowDonate™ provides you with the powerful tools to enable you to take donations.

### **Social Farms & Gardens**

Social Farms & Gardens is the name of the new organisation created following the merger of the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and Care Farming UK in April 2018. There is a wide range of online information and advice about starting and developing farming or gardening projects, including community farms and gardens, school farms, wildlife and roof gardens, community orchards, community-run allotments, and community supported agriculture schemes.

### **Community Land Advisory Service in Wales**

CLAS Cymru aims to enable local people to access, own and improve green spaces in their area. The service provides community groups, local authorities, and landowners with free access to support and advice on issues such as finding land, leases and planning permissions.

### **Third Sector Support Wales**

Third Sector Support Wales is a network of support organisations for the whole of the third sector in Wales. It consists of the 19 local and regional support bodies across Wales, the County Voluntary Councils (CVCs) and the national support body, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

### **WCVA - Environmental Volunteering Toolkit**

Many people care about the environment but might be unsure how to make a positive impact. Environmental volunteering is a great way to start supporting the planet whilst giving back to your local community, and there are many opportunities that can fit into your schedule. This [toolkit](#) is designed to help people into environmental volunteering who might not have thought about it before and promotes the exciting opportunities available from local and national organisations.

### **WCVA - Support to Find European Partners for Projects or Cooperation**

WCVA is a member of the European Network of National Civil Society Organizations (ENNA), a network of national NGO networks from EU, Norway and Turkey, which has created the NGO Partnership e-database that helps NGOs to find partners around Europe either for a project partnership or general international cooperation.

### **WCVA - Third Sector European Team (3-SET)**

WCVA's 3-SET service is part funded by the European Structural & Investment Funds to support third sector organisations seeking to access European funding with information, advice, resources and training.

### **WCVA - Volunteering Wales – New Volunteering Database**

Register on the new Volunteering Wales database to search for or advertise volunteering

opportunities in Wales.

### **The Woodland Trust – Free Tree Planting Packs**

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to the protection of the UK's native woodland heritage. The Trust campaigns to protect ancient woods, improve woodland biodiversity, increase native woodland cover, and increase understanding and enjoyment of woods. The Trust has a range of free tree packs to suit schools, youth groups and communities with two delivery periods per year, in March and November.

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD HELD BY TEAMS ON  
THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2021**

<b>1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</b>
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In Attendance:

- County Councillor Rosemarie Harris (PCC) (In the Chair)
- Gavin Brown (NRW)
- Alison Perry (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)
- Carol Shillabeer (PTHB)
- Caroline Turner (PCC)
- Christine Harley (HM Prisons and Probation Service)
- Derrick Pugh (One Voice Wales)
- Hugh Pattrick (One Voice Wales)
- Assistant Chief Fire Officer Iwan Cray (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)
- Jamie Burt (PAVO)
- Superintendent Steve Davies (Dyfed Powys Police)
- Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB)
- John Heneghan (CLES)
- Anne Weedy (NRW)
- Claire Rumsby (Department for Work and Pensions)
- Diane Reynolds (PCC)
- Vince Handly (PCC)

Supporting:

- Wyn Richards (PCC)
- Rhian Jones (PCC)
- Catherine James (PCC)
- Emma Palmer (PCC)

Apologies for absence:

- Carl Cooper (PAVO)
- Chief Inspector Jaqui Lovett (Dyfed Powys Police)
- Stephanie Evans (Brecon Beacons National Park Authority)
- Stuart Bourne (PTHB)
- Nigel Brinn (PCC)

<b>2. RECOVERY PLANNING AND WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT</b>
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2.1. To discuss Covid-19 recovery planning:

The Board noted that teams had been working jointly in response to the pandemic, both across the Council and also between partnership bodies. The Towards 2040 plan was in place and the Board was required to report annually on the plan's progress.

A workshop had been held in November 2020 to review the plan and the steps to be undertaken in future. It was considered that the Board would need to take a wider view on the economy and what the Board could do to take account of new

ways of working, reduction in travelling, the effect on the carbon footprint and the joint use of buildings. It was proposed that a further workshop was necessary to consider these aspects together with any other aspects suggested by partners.

The Board supported a further workshop, reviewing each of the Well-Being steps. It was also suggested that sharing workspace was something all of the partners could contribute to.

2.2. To receive a presentation on the planned approach for development of the Well-being Assessment.

The Board received a presentation on the approach to be taken in the development of the next wellbeing assessment. The next wellbeing assessment was due to be published in May 2022 but the work to prepare it should be completed by March 2022. It was hoped to combine the well-being and population assessment this time and the Well-being Information Bank would provide an useful starting point to fill in any previous data gaps. The phases of the project would be as follows:

Discovery phase – commenced in April 2021.  
Insight Phase – May to October 2021  
Deliver Phase – October 2021 to March 2022.

A Covid-19 well-being assessment had been undertaken in June 2020 which had been updated in March 2021. In relation to raising awareness, the Board was advised that the Well-Being assessment is a legal requirement. Welsh Government had been using examples of work being undertaken in Powys as examples of good practice for other areas to use. Welsh Government had also provided funding to the PSB to support the development of the well-being assessment, and there was a need to engage with partners in the development work as well as identifying lead officers from other organisations who could act as lead officers for the provision of data as well as for communications.

The review of the Well-Being assessment would lead to a review of the strategic plan to assess whether it was still fit for purpose. Engagement on the plan had been undertaken previously on a face to face basis with the public, but it was uncertain whether that would be possible for the next review. It was possible that digital engagement could be undertaken as well as using focus groups.

The Board agreed that the Council take the lead on the well-being assessment, and that partner organisations be contacted to identify lead officers.

It was suggested that if there is to be a public inquiry into the Covid pandemic, that data from that could be helpful in identifying how well organisations responded to the pandemic. It was also highlighted that the Well-Being Information Bank as it developed was a resource for all organisations and the public to use rather than just the Council.

2.3. To consider the paper from the Welsh Government and Future Generations Commissioner's on their expectations of the next Well-being Assessments.

The letter from the Minister and Future Generations Commissioner provided guidance on the way forward. The guidance provided details of the expectations of the Commissioner and Welsh Government in relation to the well-being assessment. The assessment would need to be published by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, and should include any lessons learned from the previous assessment and identifying previous data gaps.

The Board indicated that its planning would be based around long term modelling. Data Cymru had also advised the Board of measures that they wanted considered, and the Council had asked for some measures to be added to the data sets already in existence.

2.4. To consider the offer from Co-production Network for Wales, and agree if Powys PSB should confirm an interest in being one of three PSB's they provide support to.

The Co-production Network had received five years' funding from the National Lottery and were seeking to assist PSBs in co-producing their well-being assessments. The support would be advice and support for 250 hours over the five year period.

The Board agreed that a bid should be made to the Co-production network for assistance.

<b>3.</b>	<b>OVERVIEW OF OUTCOMES FROM THE PSB RECOVERY WORKSHOP AND TO CONSIDER DELIVERY PLANS FOR STEPS 4, 7 AND 8</b>
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3.1. To present and confirm the outcomes of the PSB Recovery Workshop held on 6th November.

The Board noted that the outcome of the workshop was that most value could be added to Steps 4, 7 and 8 and that the Board should also retain governance and accountability of Steps 1 and 2. The governance and accountability of the other steps rested with partner organisations. It had also been decided that all the steps would remain relevant until they had been reviewed by the PSB.

3.2. To receive presentations on the Delivery Plans for Steps 4, 7 and 8.

Diane Reynolds, Head of Digital Services made a presentation to the Board on Steps 4 and 7.

**Step 4.**

In relation to improving the digital skills of residents, there were opportunities with work ongoing with PAVO and the college. It might also be possible to create videos across the sector to assist residents. The Council was already working with twelve communities in Powys to improve broadband accessibility. There is a need to keep young people in Powys as well as grow businesses in the area and therefore broadband is essential for this. However, even with the Welsh Government voucher scheme there will continue to be properties where broadband access will be difficult. The emergency Services network may assist some of this, but that project is currently delayed. The Council is also working

with BT and EE, looking at what can be provided in the most difficult areas for broadband access.

**Step 7.**

It would be necessary to develop a carbon positive strategy, establish a carbon baseline for the county and then prepare a decarbonisation action plan with the final plan established by March 2022.

In response to the thirteen consultation events which it was intended to be held, other partners asked if they could also join the Council for these events as well as for any other consultations that others were proposing as combined events would be an effective way forward.

It was stressed that for a decarbonisation strategy to be effective it needed local groups and the public to be involved.

**Step 8.**

Gavin Brown (NRW) and Ann Weedy made a presentation regarding this step. It was noted that Step 8 had encountered a few issues due to a change in personnel. There had also been a changing context for delivery e.g. Covid-19, EU exit, climate change and learning from the floods of 2020 and other changes in Wales and regionally.

The key actions for step 8 had been adjusted and there is a need to work closer with step 7. Whilst timelines had been shortened, there was confidence that those timelines could be achieved. It was noted that some Town and Community Councils prepared local delivery plans and it would be necessary to ensure that these local plans aligned with the strategic plan.

The Board agreed to ask Town and Community Councils to present their local plans to the Board so that those wider links could be made and how those plans also tied into Towards 2040.

<b>4.</b>	<b>PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING / PROGRESSIVE PROCUREMENT</b>
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The Board received a presentation from John Heneghan, Associate Director CLES together with Vince Handly, Powys County Council Procurement Section.

CLES had been appointed by Welsh Government in relation to community wealth building. It was suggested that there was a need to expand the list of organisations that CLES were working with to include organisations such as PAVO and PTHB. It was also suggested that this work should link to the work being undertaken by NHS Wales as there were broader aspects to the work which could be included. CLES were interested to include health services within its work.

CLES has looked at the vulnerable sectors such as business and the effects on it from the pandemic. It could also work with businesses in future looking at alternative procurement opportunities. CLES at present was working with procurement and economic development leads in organisations.

**5. PSB LEADERSHIP OF STEP 2**

The Board noted that a new lead needed to be identified for Step 2 and this could be pursued outside the meeting. It was emphasised that the step was about the performance measures in delivering Towards 2040 and there was a need to ask step leads for a full set of measures in respect of all the steps, what had been delivered and what impact this had. Should the BBNPA not be able to lead on this step then another organisation, other than the Council would need to take this on.

The Board agreed that officers write to BBNPA seeking their views on retaining the lead for step 2.

**6. WELL-BEING STEPS - QUARTER 4 2020-2021 HIGHLIGHT REPORTS**

The Board received the highlight reports. It was noted that many of the measures were amber which was not surprising under the circumstances. There also needed to be a discussion with all of the organisations involved regarding their communications plans for the steps.

In relation to Steps 11 and 12 (North Powys Well-Being Programme) it was reported that a business case had been submitted to Welsh Government in March 2021. However, there was no outcome prior to the end of the parliamentary term.

The Board agreed that if the bid was successful that it should receive another presentation on the North Powys Project.

**7. PSB ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**

The PSB has a duty to publish an annual report and this would be published in July 2021. The recommendation to the Board was to utilise the same template as used to produce the report in 2020. The final approval and publication of the report would be following the next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**8. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

The Board received the reports submitted for information.

**9. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 as a correct record.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The representatives of Town and Community Councils asked if the information from PSB agendas could be shared with One Voice Wales. It was suggested that as all PSB agendas were public documents that a link from the One Voice Wales website could be made to the Council's PSB website, which would also show the representation on the PSB. It was noted that the representation information on the website needed updating and it was confirmed that this would be updated.

<b>11. DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS</b>
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The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

The Board also asked officers to arrange a further workshop as agreed in the meeting.

Meeting ended 11:56 a.m.

**County Councillor Rosemarie Harris  
In the Chair**