



POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES

6 June 2019 at 10.00

County Hall, Llandrindod Wells

1.	ATTENDANCE
	<p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Rosemarie Harris (PCC) (In the Chair)• Stuart Bourne (PTHB)• Nigel Brinn (PCC)• Ifan Charles (Dyfed Powys Police)• Carl Cooper (PAVO)• Martin Cox (NRW)• Stephen Gray (BBNPA)• Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB)• Mydrian Harries (MWWFRS)• John Lloyd Jones (National Infrastructure Commission for Wales)• Emma Palmer (PCC)• Caroline Turner (PCC) <p>Supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heather Delonnette (PCC)• Bethan Ledger (PCC)• Steve Boyd (PCC)• Jayne Bevan (PCC) for item 4
2.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
	<p>The Chair welcomed John Lloyd Jones, the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales, Superintendent Ifan Charles representing Dyfed Powys Police and Mydrian Harries representing Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Rowland Rees Evans and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Iwan Cray (MWWFRS), Carol Shillabeer (PTHB), Chief Inspector Stuart Bell and Chief Inspector Jacqui Lovatt (Dyfed Powys Police, Alison Perry (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) and Julian Atkins (BBNPA).</p>



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	The Rev. Ian Charlesworth had been appointed Chair of PAVO and would be invited to future meetings.
3.	ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATES
	<p>The annual report would take the form of a series of videos on each of the steps and the PSB had sight of the points that would be covered in the videos. PAVO advised that recent funding cuts had resulted in compulsory redundancies of roles that were leading the PSB work. Consequently, there is insufficient capacity to lead on steps within the Well Being Plan. PTHB offered to lead on Step 5 given the links with Steps 11 and 12 and it was agreed that PTHB and PCC would meet PAVO to see how best to progress it.</p> <p>The Annual report had to be published by 3 July. Step 7 may not be ready but this would not prevent the publication of the rest of the report. It did not require approval by each of the partners but should be reported to them for information and given prominent publicity.</p>
4.	DELIVERING TOWARDS 2040
	<p>PSB Reporting (Schema) This was deferred to the September meeting when Julian Atkins would be available to present.</p> <p>Carbon Positive Strategy The Welsh Government Energy Policy Team had written setting out a proposal to support the development of a carbon positive strategy sharing the costs proportionately between partners. PCC had confirmed their commitment, but a number of other partners needed to check their governance and procurement rules before committing to contributing to the costs. It was agreed that PCC would co-ordinate a collective response with partners asked to confirm their views by the end of June.</p> <p>Learning and Skills Jayne Bevan gave a presentation on PCC's approach to Learning and Skills highlighting the very successful annual careers festival and links with adult community learning and the Growing Mid Wales Partnership. The Council's Cabinet was committed to providing young people with the skills sets employers were looking for. It was suggested that links could be developed with the agencies providing training for health and with Black Mountain College and Jayne asked for details to be forwarded to her so they could be shared with young people.</p>



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5.	NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION FOR WALES
	<p>John Lloyd Jones, the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales, outlined the role of the Commission. He explained that he and his fellow commissioners had been tasked by Welsh Government to identify Wales' future infrastructure needs for the next 5 - 30 years and to provide independent reports to inform the government's approach to building a strong, inclusive economy. The Commission was due to produce its first annual report in November. Mr Lloyd Jones identified rurality as the main issue affecting Powys from the challenge of delivering services in widely dispersed communities, to the impacts of meeting Welsh Government renewable energy targets on communities that may not directly benefit from them. He also noted that despite the issue of rurality, Powys had amongst the highest level of small business start-ups in Wales and that this was worth looking into to see what attracted them to the county.</p> <p>The Leader thanked Mr Lloyd Jones for his presentation and acknowledged the importance of infrastructure in maintaining viable and dynamic rural communities.</p>
6.	ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS
	<p>PSB considered ways in which to engage with Town and Community Councils, particularly the 5 Town Councils required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act to take all reasonable steps towards meeting local objectives including the local well-being plan. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Town and Community Councils following the PSB meeting scheduled for September with PCC Taking the lead in making the arrangements.</p>
7.	MINUTES
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting held on 28th March 2019 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Publication of the Annual Report Emma Palmer agreed to discuss with the PCC Comms Team publicising the PSB Annual Report at the Royal Welsh Show and invite the Future Generations Commissioner.</p>



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8.	DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS
	<p>19th September – Brecon Beacons National Park offices, Brecon 19th December – Llandrindod Fire Station</p> <p>It may be necessary to move the 19th September meeting to Llandrindod Wells if representatives of Town and Community Councils were going to be invited.</p>
9.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
	<p>Items for future meetings were noted. It was agreed to focus on two steps per meeting.</p> <p>The Leader noted that it was Heather Delonnette’s last meeting before she left the council. She thanked Heather for all her work on behalf of the PSB and wished her well for the future.</p>

**County Councillor Rosemarie Harris
Chair**