

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD HELD AT BY TEAMS  
ON MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor James Gibson-Watt (Leader PCC) In the Chair  
Meredit Bowley (Director Public Health PTHB)  
Gavin Bown (NRW)  
Nigel Brinn (Executive Director Economy & Environment PCC)  
Carl Cooper (Chief Executive PAVO)  
Deputy Chief Fire Officer Iwan Cray (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)  
Duncan Hamer (Welsh Government)  
Emma Palmer (Interim Director of Corporate Services PCC)  
Councillor Hugh Patrick (One Voice Wales)  
Chief Inspector Andrew Pitt (Dyfed Powys Police)  
Councillor Derrick Pugh (One Voice Wales)  
Amy Richmond-Jones (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)  
County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority)  
Caroline Turner (Chief Executive PCC)  
Thomas Vetter (NRW)  
Kirsty Williams PTHB

Supporting:

Steve Boyd (PCC)  
Catherine James (PCC)  
Andrea Mansfield (PCC)

<b>1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from Christine Harley HM Prisons and Probation Service, Professor Vivienne Harpwood PTHB, Chief Inspector Jacqui Lovatt Dyfed Powys Police, Carol Shillabeer PTHB and Ann Weedy Natural Resources Wales.

<b>2. UPDATE ON THE WELL-BEING PLAN</b>
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A workshop had been held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August to look at shaping the objectives that would form the next Well-Being Plan. Meetings had been set up with partners to discuss if they agreed with the objectives and what they could do to deliver them. A feedback session arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> October. Partners were asked to notify Catherine James who would be attending.

<b>3. WARM BANKS</b>
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Nigel Brinn, Executive Director Economy and Environment PCC, and Andrea Mansfield, the Economic Development lead for PCC, gave an update on the Council's response to the cost-of-living crisis.

- A Warm Spaces press release had been issued on 15<sup>th</sup> September asking for expressions of interest from organisations willing to provide a warm space. To date there had been 35 responses.
- £1m funding for Warm Spaces had been announced by First Minister on 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- A webpage was currently under construction and partners were asked to forward any links so these could be added to the page.
- A map showing Warm Spaces and Food banks was currently under construction.

The Council welcomed any suggestions and support from partners and would look to work with them to avoid duplication. It was suggested that informal food networks and healthy food supplies should also be mapped out.

The Council was seeing an increase in the numbers of requests for support from residents and businesses. PAVO reported a 40% increase in queries to Citizens Advice about debt related to the costs of living crisis.

Meredid Bowley from PTHB shared a diagram mapping out the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis on individuals and on communities more broadly.

The Council would like to discuss what co-ordinated action could be taken with the strategic partners to feed back to the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

<b>4. NATURE AND US</b>
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Thomas Vetter presented the findings of the first phase of the Natural Resources Wales campaign Nature and Us. A web-based survey had been undertaken asking people what concerned them about the environment, what action they would like to prioritise and what changes they would like to see. The top ten actions were:

- Action 1: less waste, more recycling and reuse, less or no plastic, and less litter.
- Action 2: progress on green energy and other energy issues.
- Action 3: protect species, nature, and habitats to enable better biodiversity.
- Action 4: sustain healthier lifestyles through a circular economy, more nature-focused lives, better education about the environment, less materialism, and sustainable diets.
- Action 5: more sustainable and diverse land use, and more sustainable farming practices.
- Action 6: improved and varied sustainable public transport, better roads, active travel.
- Action 7: more localised solutions such as local food growing, work from home, self-sufficiency, more local initiatives, and communities working together, and less imports.
- Action 8: less pollution of all kinds, and less pesticide use and less slurry.
- Action 9: improving rivers, seas and lakes, better marine management, fishing sustainably, addressing coastal erosion, flood management and saving water.

- Action 10: more enforcement and action, better funding and legislation, co-working, better or different government and planning policies, more campaigns.

The PSB discussed how the concerns and priorities for action were reflected in the draft Well-Being plan and what links there were to existing programmes, for example, the PTHB strategy for healthy weight.

**ACTION To map out links with the Well-Being Plan and partners existing programmes.**

NRW explained that phase 2 of the campaign would look at filling in gaps in the data set and engaging with sectors such as small businesses.

The Leader thanked the NRW for their presentation and said he would arrange for it to be shared with his Cabinet and all County Councillors.

<b>5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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Nigel Brinn advised that Ystadau Cymru had offered to assist in looking at additional opportunities for public sector bodies to share accommodation. He proposed setting up a task and finish working group to report back to the next PSB and would email colleagues with details and asking for representation.

<b>6. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b>
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The minutes of the last meeting held on 29 July 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

<b>7. DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS</b>
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There would be a workshop on 14 October and a further meeting in mid November.

**County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)**