

Apologies:

Naomi Jones (Eryri National Park Authority), Kate Roberts (CADW), Christopher Catling (RCAHMMW), Andrew Edwards (Bangor University), Sian Rees (ICOMOS-UK), Dan Amor (Cyngor Gwynedd)

Present:

Lord Dafydd Wigley, Cllr Nia Jeffreys, Dafydd Gwyn (Govannon), Roland Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gwyneth Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd - Taking the Minutes), Michael Bewick (JW Greaves), Ceri Williams (National Trust), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Elen Roberts (National Museum of Wales), Helen Goddard (National Museum of Wales), Lucy Thomas (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gareth Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd), Jonathan Cawley (Eryri National Park Authority), Ashley Batten (CADW)

<p>The apologies noted above were received.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	
<p>Identifying the Priorities of the Partners and the Partnership Board for 2024-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed New Management Structure of the World Heritage Site <p>Board Members were reminded that the terms of reference were reviewed every year and the Partnership's membership would also be reviewed.</p> <p>Michael asked whether a smaller group was needed e.g. an Operational Group, to report back to the Partnership Board. If an Operational Group were established, the Partnership Board would hold fewer meetings. (The Board convened twice a year, other Meetings convened possibly up to six times a year).</p> <p>There was a need to consider how to move things forward dynamically.</p> <p>Community representation was needed on the Partnership Board.</p> <p>Important to keep the Board's status as the lead body.</p> <p>Councillor Nia Jeffreys thanked Michael for all his work researching the New structure. Nia reiterated that the status and importance of the Lead Body was very important to provide direction but also agreed with the idea of having a smaller group for that group to drive things forward and take action and report back to the Board.</p>	

<p>Ashley also agreed with this. He noted that we deliver actions but that some actions do not match the aims in the management plan. It was agreed there was a need to review the Management Plan to make it easier to implement (review to be held in 2025).</p> <p>The idea of holding a workshop that would map things out and identify gaps was discussed. Or perhaps a Workshop/Task and Finish Group could be held.</p> <p>Jonathan agreed with this and noted that this was very timely.</p> <p>The Slate Museum was very happy to have a further conversation about membership.</p> <p>Ceri, National Trust agreed with this.</p> <p>Dafydd Gwyn welcomed a workshop. There had been much talk of Education but there was a need to think who. International link. Strengthen the nomination if we were to go out to establish links with Museums across the world. Emphasis on University research.</p> <p>Gareth - Management plan needs to be central to the new structure.</p> <p>Sioned – Needed to make the best of what was already available. Flexibility was very important. Tendency for Partners to do everything themselves.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a workshop to look at the partnership structure and the most relevant Members to be a part of it.</p>	DA
<p>Item 4 - priorities during 2024-25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CADW - work on conservation projects ongoing. • National Trust - prioritise opening an exhibition, developing international links focusing on Jamaica and North Africa and the links with slavery, focus on vision for Castell Penrhyn. • Park - rationalise property within the Authority's ownership • Slate Museum - Gilfach Ddu site redevelopments, project staff recruitment ongoing, community engagement meetings beginning next week. • Cyngor Gwynedd - making the best of the World Heritage Site, implementing Levelling Up, Shared Prosperity and Lottery schemes, continue to collaborate, visitor economy plan, structure being developed as part of the Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable Visitor Economy Plan 2035. Look at the possibility of creating a Culture Strategy in Gwynedd. 	
<p>5. Communications Plan</p> <p>Everyone had received a draft copy of the Communications Plan before the meeting.</p> <p>It was decided to simplify the key messages, crucial to keep the <i>our story</i> element (living landscape)</p> <p>Suggestion to create a brief document between partners on how to communicate and speak to each other.</p> <p>Create a network of communications officers</p>	<p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>DA</p>
<p>6. Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Sub-group 	

<p>In Kate's absence, Ashley reported that the Sub-group had not met before today's meeting and there were no formal matters to report on by the Group.</p> <p>Scheduled Monument Planning Consent had been granted for the A1 Incline in Parc Padarn as part of the Llewyrch o'r Llechi scheme.</p> <p>The Llewyrch o'r Llechi schemes were progressing well.</p> <p>A site meeting was to take place soon at Dorothea to look at the Penybryn farmhouse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefitting Sub-group <p>Michael reported that the business breakfast held in Bethesda recently had been well organised and many small businesses had benefited from the event. A similar one would be held in the Meirionnydd area soon with a view to hold a number of them across the county.</p> <p>Michael and Lucy had had a good meeting with Cwmni'r Frân Wen recently regarding a community drama project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage Site Coordinator's Update (Hannah, in Dan's absence) <p>The WHUK conference held at Bangor University had gone very well. The speakers were very good and Dafydd Gwyn was thanked in particular.</p> <p>Management Plan - monitoring points in the action plan to report on the last financial year. Dan would contact some partners to obtain input for the monitoring.</p> <p>Slate Wales had recently been selected to be part of two case studies - a good example of community engagement as part of developing and managing the WHS and another one with Historic Scotland on how to ensure input from communities in the WHS nomination process.</p>	
<p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llewyrch o'r Llechi <p>The Levelling Up Llewyrch o'r Llechi programme - worth £18 million - included a number of projects in three hubs: Dinorwig, Ogwen and Ffestiniog. The original completion date for the programme was March 2025. In the October - December 2023 quarter, the Slate Museum reported that it would require an extension to complete its redevelopment project, and in the last quarter some of the other projects noted that they would also require an extension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This had been approved by the UK Government, with a possible extension. • Risks had been identified in terms of slippage and higher costs. The risks were being mitigated and the programme was progressing well. <p>Michael asked about the lack of signs acknowledging sponsors on the Blaenau Ffestiniog to Llechwedd Path scheme. Tom to follow up.</p> <p>A follow up question was asked about how the project was being interpreted. Interpreting the site as part of the Levelling Up programme, with the discussion on signage taking place between partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>Lottery (Lucy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application to the Lottery had been submitted by 29/02/24 	<p>TS</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had received a date from the Lottery for a site visit, namely 3 June. Pedr ap Llwyd would be visiting on behalf of the Lottery committee. • The next cycle of the Local Slate Groups would convene over the next three weeks. It would be an opportunity to hear more news about the WHS and projects and to work with Museum Wales to hold community engagement sessions about its plans to develop the Slate Museum. • A business course for staff working with visitors and the public to help them to understand more about the WHS and to respond to enquiries would be held on 10 June at Plas Tan y Bwlch. Contributions from Dan, Dafydd Gwyn and staff in our tourism service. 	
<p>AOB</p> <p>Everyone was reminded of the Event to Celebrate 150 years of the Quarrymen's Union, 4 May, 2024 at the Slate Museum.</p> <p>Everyone was reminded of the Event at Talyllyn Railway, Tywyn on 9 June to thank everyone for their contributions to the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Reference was made to this year's celebration of Bangor's 140 years of academic excellence and global impact. In 2024, Bangor University would mark its 140 year anniversary, celebrating 140 years of academic excellence, innovative research and excellent experiences for students.</p> <p>Elen referred to the visit of Minister Lesley Griffiths AS, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice to the Slate Museum next week.</p> <p>Best wishes were extended from Board Members to Judith Alfrey on her retirement from Cadw.</p> <p>Condolences from Board Members to the family and friends of Nigel Spires who was part of the Dorothea Pumped Hydro team</p>	
<p>The next meeting to be held in September. Aim to arrange a workshop within 6-8 weeks.</p>	