

Partnership Board Meeting, Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site

02.02.2024

Apologies:

Ashley Batten (Cadw), Tom Simone (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gwyneth Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gary Robinson (Prifysgol Bangor), Johnathan Cawley (Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri), Sian Rees (ICOMOS).

Present:

Yr Arglwydd Dafydd Wigley (chair), Cyng. Nia Jeffreys (Aelod Cabinet Cyngor Gwynedd), Kate Roberts (Cadw), Michael Bewick (JW Greaves), Naomi Jones (Parc Cenedlaethol), Elen Roberts, (Amgueddfa Lechi), Phil Bushby (Amgueddfa Cymru) Ceri Williams (Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol), Dafydd Gwyn (Govannon), Andrew Edwards (Prifysgol Bangor), Llywela Owain (Cyngor Gwynedd), Nia Lewis (Cyngor Gwynedd), Roland Wyn Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Lucy Thomas (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gareth Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd), Dan Amor (Cyngor Gwynedd).

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| <p>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies noted, everyone welcomed by chair | |
| <p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No corrections and everyone has carried out their actions | |
| <p>3. WHS Implementation Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW has stepped down from his role as Chair of External Steering Group at Amgueddfa Lechi • We need to review WHS management structure each year • Next meeting – ask partners to consider changes therein: add as agenda item • Screen share – current WHS governance structure • Current structure seems to work at present • We need to arrange meetings for landowners and local groups in coming months | <p>DA: add to agenda</p> |
| <p>4. Identification of Partners' and Partnership Board Priorities for 2024 Round table discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on whether there should be greater community representation at board level (as is case with Benefitting sub-group) • This is an option but we would need make sure meetings weren't overcrowded • Full discussion on this in next meeting • Landowners and businesses are represented at Benefitting group meetings, a future benefitting meeting could be themed around Landowners representatives | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from Cwmystradllyn have been invited to participate but we will continue to seek greater engagement in this component part of the WHS • The Welsh language needs to play a prominent role in what we do, e.g. the heritage we present to visitors • Sub-groups are working well – one or two gaps in provision, but we’re addressing these, for example now a greater focus on education and learning • These gaps can be addressed during the next meeting • Disappointing more local councillors didn’t attend annual meeting, despite being invited • Do Deiniolen feel sufficiently involved? • More work for us to do in terms of community engagement, but also across CG departments – it’s good the language department are present today • PB has taken over from KD at Amgueddfa Cymru, will be working on the Amgueddfa Lechi re-development • LUF deadlines remain challenging – Cyngor Gwynedd are discussing the possibility of submitting a Project Adjustment Request (PAR) to UK Govt in order to extend the delivery period • PB to brief Benefitting sub-group on economic impact assessment work • Amgueddfa Lechi are addressing community engagement – making sure Llanberis residents feel part of the re-development process • Discussion between museum and WHS NHLF project would be beneficial in term of potential for co-working • Still the intention to have museum, when redeveloped, as a central hub • Dorothea Pumped Hydro: ongoing discussion regarding hydro project and car park • Llechi Cymru priorities: secure NHLF funding, facilitate LUF and SPF projects as proposed whilst keeping to deadlines, continue as WHS accountable body, responsible for day to day running of site at an operational level | <p>PB: brief Benefitting group</p> <p>DA: bridging email</p> |
| <p>5. National Lottery Heritage Fund: LleCHI LleNI Project (LT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW asked all members to approve the submission of the Round 2 NHLF funding application for £1.7m. All members supported the submission of the project and confirmed their support to the associated Action Plan. • Activity plan (60 activities) has been circulated – Board members to submit any comments by end of week <p>Presentation (LT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of NHLF application • Building on LleCHI project and work accomplished during pilot phase of the new project • Application for second round of funding currently being submitted, decision by end of June 24 <p>Aims include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking advantage of World Heritage status to benefits those living in and around WHS • Instil communities with a greater awareness of their heritage • Partnership working within Llechi Cymru but also working in partnership with communities • Project focuses on people - compliments other funding (LUF, SPF) which focus on places • Wide range of resources, events and activities, many focusing on health and wellbeing and learning | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on community pride, but addressing concerns too – e.g. health and safety messages, Welsh language – resources for learners, any research will be bilingual • Conservation, traditional skills • Project will include ongoing public engagement and consultation • Professional evaluation • Successful pilot phase • Project legacy is important • Project addresses many areas deemed important by the Benefitting and Conservation sub-groups • Consult ENPA for examples of best practice during Carneddau Landscape Partnership • Staff capacity to be expanded to meet project objectives • Cyngor Gwynedd Language department – could meet separately to discuss effect of activities on language • Thanks to those who have helped so far | <p>DA: bridging email</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHS Update <p>Conservation sub-group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary report submitted to Board • <i>Slate Communities of Gwynedd: Care and Conservation</i> booklets are being circulated amongst planners • <i>Caring For The Slate Landscape</i> guide will be completed by end of financial year • Most recent Conservation meeting: presentation on LUF conservation projects • Built Environment was the meeting theme, some good progress on this front (e.g. conservation area assessments and appraisals) • Do both sub-groups need to reassess communications? • Are we sufficiently sharing opportunities about the WHS more broadly? • Coms, strategic level – important to make an impression on the incoming first minister • Proposed possibility of arranging new first minister visit to WHS • Coms comes under cross cutting themes, our new communication strategy is in draft • ENPA still has marketing grants, overlap here with Lottery projects <p>Benefitting sub-group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary report submitted to board • Greater positivity towards tourism including overseas visitors according to feedback, recent North Wales Tourism Forum meeting • Agreement there should be a separate task and finish group for management Plan Theme 5 (Learning), DA progressing with scoping work • Management Plan needs to be on Benefitting agenda • Business event date now March 8th • Doroethea Pumped Hydro: too early to engage in pre-planning exercise, when we do we can bring together elements from Conservation and Benefitting groups • Zipworld: group was briefed on recent informal advice session held regarding proposed developments at Llechwedd Quarry. The new meeting format was well received. • Part of Benefitting group role is creating international energy around the WHS - developments like this could contribute to that <p>WHS Coordinator Update</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHS Action Plan: 2022-23 plan has been signed off, some changes to how we record information for 2023-24 – type of information we collect, what do we use it for • Annual meeting: (November 23) thanks to those who helped and attended, positive feedback from attendees • Theme 5 (Learning): decision to form a separate task and finish group, DA conducting scoping work: assessing existing learning provision • Industrial Heritage workshop, April 10th and 11th 2024. Organised by World Heritage UK and Bangor University. Llechi Cymru helped plan itinerary • Tickets and additional information here | |
| <p>6. Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPF projects are moving forward • LUF projects are progressing, timescale is challenging for some partners. Other LUF projects in the UK have been granted time extensions through the PAR process though this is not guaranteed. • HBO fund: both programmes of community funding (Pentra Pwyllgor Deinolen, Llanberis Community Council) can begin once Deiniolen have their CIC in place | |
| <p>7. Crosscutting Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Strategy will be shared when finalised • Chair thanked representatives from CG language department for attending • Sustainable tourism economy: we can cover this in more details next time, when the governance structure has been decided upon • Suggestion that cross-cutting themes be placed nearer the top of the agenda | |
| <p>8. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talylyn have offered us a day out, details to follow • Castell Penrhyn: trains have been redistributed, challenging logistics but now in place • Amgueddfa Lechi and the Archive will be organising event for anniversary of the Quarrymen’s Union (April 27th 2024) | |
| <p>9. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional date: 26th April 2024 (TBC) | |