

Partnership Board World Heritage Site of the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales

21.4.2023

Apologies:

Naomi Jones (Snowdonia National Park Authority), Jonathan Cawley (Snowdonia National Park Authority), Ashley Batten (CADW)

Present:

Lord Dafydd Wigley, Cllr Nia Jeffreys, Dafydd Gwyn (Govannon), Roland Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Kate Roberts (CADW), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gwyneth Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd - Taking the Minutes), Michael Bewick (JW Greaves), Ceri Williams (National Trust), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Christopher Catling (RCAHMMW), Andrew Edwards (Bangor University), Elen Roberts (National Museum of Wales), Esther Roberts (National Museum of Wales; Lucy Thomas (Cyngor Gwynedd), Kath Davies (National Museum of Wales), Sian Rees (ICOMOS-UK), Gareth Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd)

The apologies noted above were received.	
<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	
<p><u>1.</u> WHS Update</p> <p>Conservation Sub-group Overview – Kate (Chair) It was reported that the Conservation Sub-group were reviewing the management plan at every meeting that was held.</p> <p>Protection As Ashley was not available to attend, he sent an update to Hannah. Hannah to circulate.</p> <p>Interests Sub-group Overview – Michael The last meeting of the Benefitting Sub-group was held at the end of March 2023. Maenofferen Mill was being considered for the second phase of the CADW Capital Grants. Discussions were ongoing re interpretation hubs. Breedon planning application for a review of the Blaenau Ffestiniog site in 2025. Llechwedd - Planning application submitted from Zip World for re-developing the visitor centre at Llechwedd.</p>	HJ

<p>Dorothea - discussions were ongoing regarding the pumped hydro scheme.</p> <p>Vandalism and heritage crime would be discussed at the next meeting of the Benefitting Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial applications - Hannah Joyce <p>Hannah had circulated a resources paper beforehand.</p> <p>The coordinator post would be re-advertised soon with an effort to convey the possibility that the post could be extended beyond the 3-year period dependent on finance and performance. There was a recruitment problem across the sector.</p> <p>The Project Manager post that was associated with Levelling up was also being re-advertised.</p> <p>Attention needed to be drawn in the paper to staff and the resources of the Planning Service that hasn't been noted thus far, and the resources of partners associated with the Llechi project.</p> <p>It was noted that it would be beneficial for the structure to be presented to the Benefitting Sub-group.</p> <p>Resolved that there was a need to include an additional column that showed the grant funding.</p> <p>Michael suggested that it would be useful for Local Members to be invited to the Benefitting Sub-group.</p> <p>Hannah would add the above observations to the paper.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ/MB</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>HJ</p>
<p>Llewyrch o'r Llechi Scheme - Hannah Joyce</p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding had been received from UK Government, that Cyngor Gwynedd had signed and a final copy was awaited in order to contract with the external partners.</p> <p>Inception meeting held on 19.1.23 between the Levelling Up team and Cyngor Gwynedd officers.</p> <p>Individual plans were being implemented to complete the individual aspects within the tight timetable (by March 2025). Element of risk associated with the tight timetable.</p> <p>Lottery Scheme - Lucy Thomas</p> <p>Local Llechi Groups had met jointly for the first time recently.</p> <p>A workshop was being held next week at the Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon. It would be an opportunity to discuss with all stakeholders across the communities what they would like to see in the communities. It would be an opportunity to see what were the activities that should be included in the project.</p> <p>A photography competition held jointly with the Slate Museum had attracted over 200 photos. The winners would be notified shortly, and they will receive a session with the</p>	<p></p>

<p>photographer, Geraint Thomas. The photographs would be displayed in the Slate Museum between May and December.</p> <p>Community Grants would be available for activities relating to heritage protection through the Lottery scheme.</p> <p>We are working jointly with Headland to review the Interpretation Strategy. Looking at new stories - women in slate communities, experiences, the international role of the industry on history.</p> <p>Lucy reported that she was also looking into training for staff working closely with visitors so they could convey the story of the world heritage site. Roland noted that it would be useful to hold these sessions before the summer.</p> <p>Lucy's report would be attached with the minutes.</p> <p>Interpretation and promotion - Hannah Joyce</p> <p>Hannah showed pictures of some of the interpretation panels installed across the area - thanks to CADW for the funding. The feedback from partners and communities had been positive.</p> <p>Presenting development ideas - Hannah Joyce</p> <p>There would be guidance on the world heritage site website which would offer an informal feedback service for potential developers on development ideas, it would be possible for planning officers to direct enquiries here.</p>	<p>LT</p> <p>LT</p>
<p>4. UNESCO Periodic Review - Kate Roberts</p> <p>The review was submitted by the end of March 2023 to the UK National commission and a response was expected by the end of May. Everyone who were a part of preparing the response were thanked. We would be required to submit the final version by the end of July 2023.</p>	
<p>5. Cross-cutting Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welsh Language <p>A presentation was given by Dr. Sara Parry that conveyed what had been completed thus far within the research work into the opinions of young people in Dyffryn Ogwen area on the WHS designation.</p> <p>Data collection had been completed. Project not completed, there was more analysing to do.</p> <p>Roland to follow up with Dr. Sara Parry.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to lack of time, Dr. Cynog Prys's presentation had to be re-arranged.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>RE/HJ</p>

<p>The Visitor Economy</p> <p>Roland reported that the launch of the Visitor Economy Plan would take place shortly.</p>	
<p>6. Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slate Museum - move the planning forward for the Slate Museum development project. About to appoint a design company. Positive discussions taking place with WG re. similar funding to the Levelling up scheme. Decision to concentrate on re-developing the present site was the first step. Resolved that this would be an item on the agenda of the next meeting of this Board. • Slate Museum - Elen reported that the Slate Museum officers had joined the launch of Blwyddyn Cymru in France 2023 in Paris recently. • The first meeting of the Wales UNESCO Designations Group was held under the guidance of the UK National Commission. • Performance of 'Llechi' by Math Roberts and Ifor ap Glyn at the Harp Festival. Lucy to look if it would be possible to hold performances across the area or use the music in some way in the Lottery project (Lord Dafydd Wigley's speech could be intertwined as part of an event. 	<p>HJ</p> <p>LT</p>
<p>7. Date of the next meeting</p> <p>29 June in the afternoon.</p> <p>Agenda items:</p> <p>Levelling Up update in its entirety (including an update on the Slate Museum plan)</p> <p>In the meantime, Roland would circulate an e-mail re. Eisteddfod</p> <p>Roland to meet with Dr. Sara Parry soon.</p> <p>Meeting with the Leaders of the World Heritage Sites</p>	<p>HJ</p>