

**Apologies:** Roland Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gary Robinson (Bangor University), Ceri Williams (National Trust), Christopher Catling (RCAHMW), Michael Bewick (JW Greaves)

**Present:**

Lord Dafydd Wigley, Cllr Nia Jeffreys, Dafydd Gwyn (Govannon), Kate Roberts (CADW), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gwyneth Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd - Taking the Minutes), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Louise Baker (RCAHMW), 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), Jonathan Cawley (Snowdonia National Park Authority), Ashley Batten (CADW)

<p>The apologies noted above were received.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b>          The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>A North West Wales Heritage Site Coordinator (Dan Amor) would be starting with us on 10 July.</p> <p>A Llewyrch o’r Llechi Project Manager (Tom Simone) would be starting with us on 14 August.</p>	
<p><b><u>1.</u> WHS Update</b></p> <p><b>Informal Feedback on Developments</b></p> <p>Hannah had already circulated a document regarding the above. The purpose of the document was to raise proposed developers’ awareness that it was possible to receive informal feedback on possible developments within or near the WHS. It was an opportunity to discuss with officers and representatives related to the management and development of the WHS in an informal way before the pre-application process with the Local Planning Authorities.</p> <p>A way to avoid any conflicts of interest must be ensured.</p> <p>It was agreed for the future to host a special meeting of the Conservation Group with the Chair of the Benefitting Group, the Chair of the Partnership Board and any members that we felt would be beneficial when any developer wanted informal advice.</p> <p>It was agreed to include the guidance on the Wales Slate website, and then for the Coordinator to have an initial talk with developers and make an offer for them to meet with the above Group for Informal Feedback.</p>	

## **Conservation Sub-group**

### **Overview**

- Periodic Report - Response from UK National Commission had arrived and no more work was needed on it. It was expected to receive feedback around October.
- The presentation received from Zip World regarding a possible new development on the Penrhyn Quarry site was discussed.
- 'Looking after the Slate Landscape' booklet in place.
- The task of monitoring progress against the Management Plan would be the responsibility of the new Coordinator.

### **Protection**

An update was received from Ashley. A copy of the update had been attached with this meeting's papers.

- HBO filming on Dinorwic Quarry site - an example of good practice, conservation work had been carried out as part of their agreement, an archaeologist had been on site throughout the filming period, using local contractors, and contribution to the nearby communities for local plans.
- Allocating process was dynamic, need to respond to new opportunities/information and acknowledge that the areas could change in the future.
- Conservation Areas - Blaenau Ffestiniog area report in place, awaiting recommendations by the end of the year.

## **Benefitting Sub-group**

### **Overview (MB)**

In terms of the sustainable economy plan - it was important to work with communities to get the right balance. It was hoped that there would be opportunities to take advantage of SPF money to support businesses and engage more with businesses. Forums, etc. Sioned to speak with Michael outside of this meeting regarding these. There would be meetings with businesses and these would be raised.

Promotion, marketing and keeping in contact with businesses and the community.

Visit Wales to attend the Benefitting Group in September - discussion about International Visitors.

### **Slate Resources**

Hannah had circulated a discussion paper before the meeting.

CADW needed to be added to the document.

Needed to try and capture the resources that were there.

### **Abergynolwyn Interpretation Panel**

Reference was made to the observation received from an individual regarding an Interpretation Panel in Abergynolwyn. Following a discussion, it was agreed on a solution - it would be possible to propose installing an additional panel referring to the quarry's early and later history (local ownership). The Local Community Council would need to be contacted to discuss. CADW was thanked for ensuring the finance to create a new panel if required.

<p><b>4. Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Llewyrch o’r Llechi Scheme</b></li> </ul> <p>Hannah had shared a short presentation updating the Llewyrch o’r Llechi scheme (LUF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Redevelopment of the Slate Museum</b></li> </ul> <p>An update was received from Esther Roberts.</p> <p>The observation that the timeline was very challenging was received. It was noted that core funding was available should there be a problem.</p> <p>By the next meeting, Esther would be able to give more details.</p> <p>Consultation work was undertaken, but a while back - it was noted that it would be beneficial to host open days, ask for input, workshops, input on designs, etc. Sioned raised the public transport consultation regarding Llanberis - Esther agreed that it was worth discussing with Public Transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lottery Scheme</b></li> </ul> <p>A results Workshop and target groups/activities were hosted recently to reach the communities.</p> <p>These were the priorities of the attendees:</p> <p>Improve well-being and skills. Improve the communities where people work and live.</p> <p>A photography competition was recently hosted - an exhibition of the winners’ pictures was currently held in the Slate Museum.</p> <p>Lucy would begin to prepare Round 2 of the Lottery Application soon. Lucy would contact partners to discuss co-funding and time/staffing commitments.</p> <p>Oral History Project had begun. The period of the eighties had been identified as a subject as there was a gap in the period's record. Wales Slate Museum and Cyngor Gwynedd Archives Service would be partners in this element of the project. A tender for the virtual interpreting commission brief was about to be released.</p> <p>We had hosted a session to pilot training for staff who welcome the public, to support them in reporting our WHS story, to refer people to relevant locations across the site and raise awareness of our WHS’ main messages. It had been hosted in the Slate Museum the previous day. Sixteen were present from seven companies/organisations. A draft information package had been developed to coincide with the course including a lot of information and resources for staff.</p> <p>There would be an item on Communication on this meeting’s agenda in the future.</p> <p><b>Cross-cutting themes</b></p>	<p>HJ</p> <p>ER</p> <p>LT</p> <p>HJ</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Welsh Language - Bangor University would be conducting research over the summer - reporting on the findings in September. Cynog Prys to attend the next meeting. Put this item as the first item on the Board's agenda in September.</li> </ul>	HJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Visitor Economy - The scheme would be launched on 25 September. There would be a reference to the scheme in the Eisteddfod. The details of the launch would be shared with the Slate Board's members. Put this item as one of the first items on the agenda of the Board's meeting in September.</li> </ul>	HJ
<p>Andrew Edwards referred to a new Tourism Management course held in Bangor University from September 2023 onwards.</p>	
<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	
<p>Eisteddfod - an event would be held as part of the Prosperous Gwynedd day in the Eisteddfod on Wednesday, 9 August. More details would be circulated.</p>	HJ
<p>The cancellation of the T19 Bus from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Llandudno - it was asked that any support could be given to ensure available provision. It was agreed to write a letter as a WHS, noting the importance of public transport to the WHS.</p>	HJ
<p>Date of the next meeting - 22 September.</p>	