

Carmarthenshire Local Service Board
Tuesday 27th January 2009
1:30am, Board Room, Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen

Minutes

Present:

Meryl Gravell – Chair (CCC)
Brian Robinson (Coleg Sir Gâr)
Mark James (CCC)
Steve Brown (EAW)
David Hawker (Welsh Assembly)
Peter Llewellyn (Local Health Board)
Medwin Hughes (Trinity College)
Jane Jeffs (Chair of the Health, Social Care
& Well-Being Partnership Board)

Matt Morden (CCC)
Martin Turner (Hywel Dda NHS Trust)
Sarah Veck (CCC & LHB)
Ken Jones (Local Health Board)
Chris Martin (Hywel Dda NHS Trust)
Ieuan Williams (CAVS)
Lynne Berry (CCC)
Joanna Jones (CCC)
Lesley Rees (CCC)

1. Apologies

Chief Supt. Keith Jones (DP Police), Colin Morris (DE&T), Huw Thomas (DE&T), Dr. Michael Thomas (NPHS Wales), Caroline Roberts (Community Sector), Chris Burns (CCC), Bob Palmer (Chair of Regeneration Partnership representing Private Sector).

2. Development of New University

Dr. Medwin Hughes gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the development regarding the New University.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding funding and identifying the need for generic courses to provide the right level of skills and training especially for integrated services in health. There are a number of structural barriers which cause difficulties. It was agreed that MH and BR take forward proposals for a joint bid for skills and training initiative which will meet partnership/future service needs. DH to champion funding changes within WAG and identify potential funding opportunities for a joint funding bid – possibly Strategic Capital Investment Fund, Convergence, DCELLS Capital Programme. The Board endorsed the proposals and asked MH & BR to update them on developments at the next meeting

ACTIONS: To report back on skills/training project – MH/BR
To identify potential funding opportunities for project – DH

3. Carmarthenshire Strategic Outline Programme for Transforming Education & Training Provision

Matt Morden updated that Board on the proposal for transforming education and training provision for Carmarthenshire and highlighted that strategies would be developed to incorporate workforce, higher education and health. It was agreed to submit this proposal to the Welsh Assembly Government as an LSB proposal. DH stated that the draft proposal which had been submitted was a high quality proposal and the Assembly were pleased with the suggestion about the compact. It was highlighted that funding would provided difficulties for the proposal. DH stated that WAG were aware that funding is a problem for this matter and whilst times are not favourable he would make enquiries regarding financial assistance.

ACTION: Enquiries regarding funding for proposal to transform education and training provision within Carmarthenshire – DH

4. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes were accepted as a true record. Actions from the last minutes have been undertaken.

3 Counties Transport Project –

- PL reported that he had met with Steve Pilliner to discuss the 3 Counties Transport Scheme. Waiting for Making The Connections bid result for Project Manager before being taken forward
- PL also informed the Board that he would be meeting with Ann Morgan (Ambulance Trust) and Richard Davies (Social Care) to ascertain whether we could develop a local scheme and use Carmarthenshire as an example. PL to report on progress at next meeting.

WAG Feedback –

- Minister has commissioned a report on grant funding schemes and discussions have taken place with the WLGA. Feedback to be made on this at future meetings
- The climate change document has been published and includes a number of anti recession measures.
- DH also gave information on training money which would be available though WAG rescue package and European Funding to assist businesses. An estimated £48million could be rolled out of which £20million will be ringfenced for apprenticeships throughout Wales. (Pro Act). Discussion around the table highlighted protracted delays and unnecessary bureaucracy.

A&E Data –

- CM informed the Board that staff had been identified within the organisations for the exchange of data and the data sharing was proving very successful and beneficial.
- PL also informed the Board that statistics were being gathered using the WAG Substance Misuse template which gathered information from the Ambulance Trust about pick ups, assaults etc. It is anticipated that a Strategic Analyst Role be

confirmed. Proposals for an All Wales aggression and task groups and Carmarthenshire will be piloted. Evidence being obtained that information sharing is proving to be very successful.

ACTIONS: To clarify with MCT team, outcome of recent bid for Project Manager for 3 counties transport project– DH
To raise issues/clarify with WAG audit/procurement/conditions of accessing funding (Especially Pro Act). DH to check with HRD Officer - DH
Update on meeting with Ambulance Trust & Social Care at next meeting – PLI

5. Updates

Sustainability -

- SB briefed the board on latest developments (see attachment 6a)
- Funding for the Environment Partnership Co-ordinator role runs out in November 2009, there is need to secure funding from partners for this role to continue. At present the funding is obtained from the Environment Agency and Carmarthenshire County Council.

ACTION: Discuss funding for the role of Environment Partnership Co-ordinator – MJ/SB

Health –

- JJ briefed the Board on latest developments (see attachment 6b) and emphasised the delight at the work and support which is being given through Integrated Community Services to enable the elderly/disabled to live a better quality of life.
- JJ also highlighted a presentation she had seen regarding the Suicide Prevention Plan, JJ asked that it be presented at the next LSB meeting by the relevant officer.
- Concerns were raised about the NHS reforms and the involvement of local authorities within the 3 counties affected. It was agreed that as local authorities impact massively on NHS a member from each Local Authority should sit on the Board.
- MG informed the Board that she had recently met with Susan Roberts from the Red Cross Society and complimented them on the excellent work which was being undertaken. MG stated that it was vital that the third sector be involved with the project and suggested she be invited to the next meeting.

ACTIONS: Invite officer to give a presentation on the Suicide Prevention Plan to next meeting – LB
Developments on NHS reforms to be discussed at next meeting – JJ
Invite Susan Roberts from the Red Cross Society to next meeting – LB

6. Spatial Planning Meetings

LB informed the Board that representation was required at the Pembrokeshire Spatial Planning Ministerial meeting. It was agreed that SB represent Carmarthenshire LSB at the meeting.

ACTIONS: Represent Carmarthenshire LSB at Pembrokeshire Spatial Planning Ministerial Meeting - SB

7. Appointment of Vice Chair for LSB

BR was unanimously appointed vice chair for the LSB.

8. Officer Seminar – 5th February 2009

- LB informed the Board that an Officer Seminar had been organised for Wednesday 5th February for Heads of Service and business planners from partner organisations. LB asked for representatives from partner organisations which had not responded as yet.
- LB also updated the Board on responses which have been received from the Community Strategy consultation. LB circulated the information gathered and emphasised that the figures/priorities will change as the process is on-going. JJ complimented the exercise and felt that it was a robust process which highlighted key areas such as transport which were compatible with issues raised with her.

9. Partnership Update Reports

- For more information please refer to attachments 8a-8e, circulated prior to the meeting.
- MG highlighted the community update which had been circulated to the Board by CR regarding the future of the Community Networks. MG informed the Board that the Networks had been put forward as a budget saving for the council. Discussions took place regarding the importance of community engagement. It was agreed that this would require much broader consideration than the Networks especially in light of the need to consult on changes within the health field. Partners were asked to consider what resources they could contribute to future community engagement. JJ and MT would make enquiries regarding resources

**ACTIONS: Further discussion on community engagement models to be discussed at future meeting
MT/JJ – to make inquiries regarding available resources**

10. Any Other Business

As this was the last meeting for KJ, MG thanked him for all his hard work and contribution to partnership working which has played an immense part in the success of the LSB. On behalf of the Board MG wished KJ well for the future. KJ thanked the Board and stated that the Board had evolved so much he considered it to be a terrific Board and the best

with regard to partnership working. KJ was pleased that the Board were now obtaining the recognition that it so rightly deserved.

The meeting concluded at 4:10pm.

