

Carmarthenshire Local Service Board
Wednesday 15th July 2009
10:00am, Betws Room, CAVS

Minutes

Present:

Meryl Gravell – Chair (CCC)	David Hawker (Welsh Assembly)
Mark James (CCC)	Bernadine Rees (Hywel Dda Health Board)
Steve Brown (EAW)	Meri Huws (Trinity University College)
Peter Llewellyn (Local Health Board)	Dr. Michael Thomas (NPHS Wales)
Jane Jeffs (Chair of the Health, Social Care & Well-Being Partnership Board)	Cllr. Mair Stephens (CAVS)
Jan Hawes (Hywel Dda Health Board)	Lynne Berry (CCC)
Caroline Roberts (Community Sector)	Joanna Jones (CCC)
Chris Burns (CCC)	Lesley Rees (CCC)

Also in attendance for presentations were the following: Ken Jones (Hywel Dda Health Board), Kendal Davies (CCC – Sustainability Manager), Owen Jones (CAVS), Debbie Williams (CCC Press Manager).

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from the following: Brian Robinson (Coleg Sir Gar), Colin Morris (DE&T), Martin Turner (Hywel Dda Health Board), Chris Martin (Hywel Dda Health Board). MG welcomed everyone to the meeting and duly congratulated SB on his promotion to Area Manager for the Environment Agency and Bernadine Rees on her new role as Director of Primary Care, Community & Mental Health Services. MG also informed the Board of the retirement of Chief Superintendent Keith Jones.

ACTION: Letter of thanks be sent to KJ for his contribution to the progress of the LSB - LB

2. Sustainability – Partnership Actions in taking forward Energy/Waste proposals – Steve Brown

SB gave a detailed presentation on the developments which have been undertaken in Carmarthenshire. Many excellent projects were highlighted from all the partner organisations. The Ferryside pilot project was highlighted and interest had been shown by many other communities for such a project.

**ACTION: Investigate the position of Green Dragon Award with WAG – DH
 Community News/information to be publicised to raise awareness of the progress on sustainability by partner organisations – DW/
 Communications Team**

3. Generic Skills Project - Update

Ken Jones updated the board on development. Progress had been achieved very quickly and gained much support and interest from partner organisations. January 2010 target date for a pilot area to be established. MG wished to thank KJ and congratulate him for the rapid progress on this scheme. MH highlighted the potential links to Higher Education opportunities.

ACTION: Meeting to take place with Meri Huws of Trinity University College to ensure links with Higher Education – SV/KJ

4. Trade Union Pilot – Lynne Berry

LB updated the board on progress to date. Proposals as in Attachment 4 agreed. Representatives are required from partner organisations for this matter, Paul Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive, CCC has agreed to undertake that role for the local authority. The following names were given as representatives Janet Wilkinson (Hywel Dda Trust), Annette Gravell (Trinity College).

ACTION: TU Liaison meeting to be arranged for Sept/October. MG, MJ and BR to be representatives - LB
Link officers to be identified from partner organisations and contact details sent to LB

5. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

Getting About scheme - PL provided an update. Progress is being made and links have been made with the rural development plan, Roger Walters and Owen Jones of CAVS.

MG highlighted that the twilight service issue has been resolved as a further two years funding has been secured.

Funding Support from Partners for Teleskop Project - CB - project proposal would be presented to executive board. Project to be supported through WAG Development Grant, Health Authority and Trinity College. Launch material is being gathered and any suggestions for news items to be forwarded to CB

Feedback from WAG – DH

Funding for the three counties transport scheme had been unsuccessful, only option now to find funding from within organisations

Concern over WEFO delays - MJ informed the board that things were progressing regarding this matter and that a property development grant scheme had recently been received and updated the board on the progress of this project to date.

DH informed the Board that his department was working on rationalising education grants down to 4 grants whilst mainstreaming others.

Financial settlements will be very difficult there was pressure for reduction in all departments and efficiencies would be sought

Transport Plan – published today

Suicide Prevention Plan – An evaluation will be presented to the LSB at a future meeting.

Ministerial Meeting - JJ updated the board on the Ministerial meeting which had recently taken place. The generic worker project was received favourably and given much support. LB circulated the outcomes report and Jane Davidson saw the project as an efficiency saving not just a service improvement.

LSB Prospectus/ Local Government Measure – A link to the prospectus from WAG had been circulated to the board and it was felt that Carmarthenshire is advancing well against the prospectus. The Local Government Measure will impact on the future Community Strategy and how progress is measured. It also places a duty of cooperation on partner organisations to help deliver the long term vision. Governance and scrutiny are raised within the measure and a future report will be made to the Board on this matter. A letter from Andrew Davies used Carmarthenshire LSB as a good example.

ACTION:

Suicide Prevention Plan evaluation to be agenda item at future meeting
Suggestions for publicity items for Telesgop project to be sent to CB/Joanna J - ALL
Scrutiny options paper to future meeting - LB

6. Updates

- Please see attachments 6a and 6b, circulated prior to the meeting.

Health - Barriers and Blockages– JJ raised concerns regarding the announcement on Fair charging guidance. It was agreed that a response be sent on behalf of the board opposing the measure of fair charging.

ACTION: Co-ordinate a response on behalf of the board to oppose the measure of fair charging - GA

7. Partnership Progress Reports

- For more information please refer to attachments 7a-7d, circulated prior to the meeting.

8. Agenda for Next LSB:

It was agreed that the next LSB meeting would be workshop meeting with a facilitator to challenge what the board is doing in response to the current economic climate, and to ask the question as to what the Board should be doing in response. Feedback item to include 3 counties project

9. Any Other Business

LB asked the board if anyone wished to alter the date for the November LSB meeting as the regional LSB conference is to be held in Llandudno on the following day 26th November. It was agreed to keep the 25th November as the date for the LSB meeting.

Meeting concluded at 11.45pm