

CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board held on Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 10.00 am at the South Wales Fire and Rescue Services Headquarters, Llantrisant.

<p>PRESENT</p>	<p>Mark Brace (Chair) Paul Mee, RCTCBC Cllr Neelo Farr, BCBC / Chair of Bridgend CSP Cllr Huw David, BCBC Martin Morgans, BCBC Cllr Ann Crimmings, RCTCBC Emma Richards, National Probation Service Huw Jakeway, SWFRS Philip Daniels, CTM Public Health Linda Prosser, CTMUHB Mark Shephard, BCBC David Letellier, NRW Steve Jones, SWP Ellis Cooper, MTCBC Cllr Geraint Thomas, MTCBC Sharon Richards, VAMT Natalie Rees, Tfw Viv Buckley, Bridgend College Emma Howells, Valleys to Coast Heidi Bennett, BAVO Gareth Prosser, SWP Neil Jones, DWP Mark Attwell, SWP</p>
<p>IN ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>Treena Davies, Co Production Wales Becky Lythgoe, Co Production Wales Becky Davies, NRW Lisa Toghill, PSB Support Officer Kirsty Williams, Partnerships Manager Stephanie Davies, PSB Support Officer Helen Hammond, PSB Support Officer Sarah Handy, RCT Scrutiny Officer</p>
<p>APOLOGIES</p>	<p>Joanne Oak, Valleys To Coast Paul Mears, CTMUHB Cllr A Morgan, RCTCBC Ceri Wichard, Welsh Government</p>

No	Outcome. Example: Decision/Direction/Approval/Next Steps
1.	<p>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and apologies of absence were noted.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The RCTCBC Scrutiny Officers updated Members on the progress of the JOSC and advised that the first meeting of the JOSC will be held on the 6th October where a Chair and Vice Chair will be duly elected.</p> <p>PSB Support Officers and Viv Buckley informed the Board about the Voices of Young People Event due to take place on 17th November, 10:30-14:00 and encouraged Board Members to attend where possible. There are 100 students from 3 different colleges across Cwm Taf Morgannwg due to attend the event, which will be facilitated by Calvin from 'Loud Speaker'.</p> <p>Action: PSB members to attend event where possible.</p> <p>Board Members were updated on the progress of the CTM PSB webpage and advised that this is being developed in conjunction with Data Cymru. Further to the pages that are already live a section is being created to hold the meeting agendas, minutes and guidance information for members to refer to. There is also opportunity for an e-learning module space and calendar of events. The contract with Data Cymru includes a data dashboard and support for exploring the PSB's needs in terms of data links as it has potential to be a useful resource.</p> <p>Action: Members to provide feedback and share links, information, and referrals for the webpage to PSB support officers.</p>
2.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18 MAY 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2023 were APPROVED as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>
3.	<p>HEALTHY HILLSIDES</p> <p>Board Members received an update from Becky Davies, NRW, in respect of Healthy Hillside. Board Members were shown a PowerPoint presentation and it was emphasised that this was a collaborative project dealing with wildfires across the South Wales Valleys.</p> <p>Board Members were encouraged to push the Climate Change agenda and the value of our landscapes in their individual organisations.</p> <p>Members queried how often culprits were identified and could be prosecuted and were informed that unfortunately this is not very often. Board Members that wildfires are more prevalent in the South Wales Valleys region. They were also advised that there is a greater demand in hot and dry weather and that it is a very challenging environment.</p>

	<p>HJ stated that 80% of fires attended are deliberately set and even though they are aware that it isn't always a young person creating the incident, they have been working with schools to try to change human behaviour for the long term.</p> <p>DL added that the fires in June caused bare soil, therefore there is increased flood risk due to water run-off. BD stated that this is everyone's responsibility, and everyone can take action to prevent fire and its knock-on effects but understands that every community is different and has different challenges. Whilst the project itself has ended; wildfires are a continuing problem likely to worsen with the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that information about Healthy Hillside and resources could be placed on the PSB webpages and research from the project will contribute to the climate change risk assessment.</p> <p>Members AGREED that we need a collective approach to tackle these issues.</p>
4.	<p>WORKFORCE WELL-BEING SUB BOARD FORWARD WORK PROPOSAL</p> <p>Emma Howells, Chair of the sub-board, informed members that it was established in Bridgend to improve the well-being of the substantial public sector workforce in the area and the intention was for it to be widened to the CTM region.</p> <p>In July a workshop using the Three Horizons method was held in Bridgend College for existing and potential new members of the CTM Workforce Well-being sub-board. The meeting papers included a paper setting out the findings of that workshop session that included work life balance, resilience, diversity, and recruitment.</p> <p>LP asked who was in attendance from the Health Board as they have an internal workforce wellbeing team, that could be linked in with.</p> <p>Action: Invitation to the sub-board to be shared with members to give opportunity for relevant attendees from organisations to join.</p> <p>The Board APPROVED the creation of a CTM Workforce Well-being sub board.</p>
5.	<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Board Members were shown a PowerPoint presentation by Gareth Prosser, Community Safety Manager, South Wales Police in respect of the Serious Violence Duty and related data for the region.</p> <p>Board Members were advised that the Serious Violence Needs Assessment must be published by January 2024.</p> <p>It was noted that, in the Mid Glam BCU area, Merthyr Tydfil has the highest incidents of violence when considering events per population. There is also a link between depravity and serious violence.</p>

It was also noted that there can be a disparity between other organisational data such as A&E attendance and South Wales Police (SWP) data in respect of how that data is recorded and how individuals disclose information.

Going forward, SWP will be compiling a serious incidents profile as part of the assessment. Board Members were informed that the data doesn't include terror offences or any type of weapon offences.

There is also a quarterly monitoring process through a working group, and this can be linked in to the CTM PSB.

It was emphasised that this is an ongoing project and doesn't just finish in January 2024. It was also noted that the Housing Association can link into this in respect of the issues they see, including substance misuse and any causal link. It was agreed that partnership working is key. Board Members were advised that the Community Safety Partnership will share information with the Board on how we can tackle this together.

Cllr NF asked whether there was an element of the data that included hate crime. GP stated that it will be included in the report and that it is an under reported crime.

Cllr GT asked if there is a trend in relation to night-time economy, and if resources can be targeted based on that given that there are more people out in Merthyr during the evening compared to the daytime. GP stated that a night-time economy strategy is being developed but may be something that needs more consideration going forward.

Action: Serious violence profile report to be distributed

ER asked if there is a way of matching the data to the underlying drivers to identify if there are trends relating to the crimes and pinpoint route causes to resolve or change. there are some good examples we can learn from. Avon and Somerset Police have done some very effective profiling work. Public Health Wales and the Criminal Justice Board have also undertaken some profiling work. The challenge is often in sharing information between organisations.

Board Members **AGREED** to support the assessment and explore data sharing and profiling further.

6. **SERVICE LINKS SPREADSHEET**

Philip Daniels, CTM Public Health, provided Members with the service links spreadsheet, where it was recommended that members review the template contained in appendix A and identify what Members, as organisations, professionals and community members, can do to contribute to shared priorities, including identifying new ones, to support partnership working across the region.

Cllr GT asked how the data can be compiled into something that can be used by all members and the possibility of working with Data Cymru on this. HH stated that there is an opportunity already established with Data Cymru to create a data repository within the PSB website.

	<p>EH added that members could consider what would be the first step to take in an ideal world to begin the compiling of the data sets.</p> <p>PD agreed that choosing a focus and setting a data sharing opportunity to identify the items that stand out and have the potential to make a significant difference.</p> <p>Action: PD, via PSB Officers, to circulate to members to complete and return</p> <p>HJ noted that the delivery of the PSB’s Well-being Plan and objectives relies on collaboration.</p>
7.	<p>CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Board Members were advised that there is a breadth of natural resources across the CTM region combined with many deprived neighbourhoods and that work is ongoing to complete a Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) in response to the proposal from NRW. There are few examples that have been released, such as from Pembroke, and PHW has completed a Health Impact Assessment on climate change that could help to inform the CTM PSB CCRA, for example, ensuring the views of communities are included.</p> <p>Board Members were advised that the support team will be looking to secure a consultant to work with them on the work. It was emphasised that it is an opportunity to build skills in our organisations. The idea of creating a small project design team with links to a wider group to ensure all partner organisations are involved was suggested.</p> <p>Action: Members to allocate a project leader and project delivery team to be decided.</p> <p>LT advised that in terms of funding the project, an option would be to use the PSB Support Team underspend to fund it as a multi-agency contribution. Meeting members, specifically those making financial contributions, AGREED.</p> <p>NR added that TfW are completing a Change Risk Assessment on core valley lines that can be shared to provide some insight.</p> <p>DL offered the NRW teams support and is open to exploring funding support also.</p>
8.	<p>AOB/MEMBERS UPDATE</p> <p><u>Sustainable Food</u></p> <p>HH advised that there is a new sustainable food officer position due to be introduced in BCBC and that this, and the associated mapping project will support the delivery of the Well-being Plan in areas such as healthy weight, climate change, procurement and help with cost-of-living crisis. Similar posts already exist in RCT and Merthyr Tydfil and we will be looking to learn from others about what has worked well.</p> <p>Cllr GT noted that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal has a similar plan in place, the Food Prosperity Network, that has completed some mapping work also and noted that it would be useful to link this in with them.</p>

	<p>DL noted that this role could link in with procurement and food quality, for example through improved soil quality, therefore offered support for this role. SR added Merthyr Tydfil were working with 'Feeding Britain' and have excellent examples of food sufficiency working that they would happily share.</p> <p>Members NOTED the update.</p> <p><u>Foster Friendly Employers</u></p> <p>PM updated the Members he was presenting a Foster Wales proposal. Board Members were informed that it is a challenge placing foster children close to their home area and that there is a need to increase the number of foster placements. Foster Wales are therefore calling for a foster friendly workforce place for employers to adopt in their organisations. They are looking for employers to adopt a service level agreement for a foster friendly workforce, such as additional leave, increased flexibility, etc. This proposal has been rolled out across three local authorities so far. If the PSB organisations agree, Foster Wales has agreed to support them in rolling the policies out.</p> <p>EH stated that the Workforce Well-being sub-group could take the lead on promoting this item also.</p> <p>Action: Briefing note, leaflet and template to be shared with members that are interested.</p>
9.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM COLLABORATION WORKSHOP</p> <p>Treena Davies, Co Production Wales, provided Members with an overview of the key points arising from the collaboration workshop and the next steps.</p> <p>Board Members were reminded of the five 'ways of working' and it was emphasised that collaboration needs to continue outside of Board meetings. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act emphasises a collaborative approach and that a change in culture needs to happen. We also need to look at the diversity of the Board.</p> <p>TD asked PSB members to consider how can we use our meeting time together more effectively and feedback to her with reflections and proposals.</p> <p>Members AGREED to remain engaged in the Project Dewi work with Co Production Wales.</p>
10.	<p>ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Chair noted the next meeting of the CTM PSB would be on the 14th December 2023.</p>
11.	<p>CLOSE</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished Members a safe journey home.</p>

The meeting closed at 12.37 pm

**Mr Mark Brace
(Chairman)**