Gwent Public Services Board

8th Business Meeting – 13:00 Thursday 14th December 2023

Notes of Meeting

Present:

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| **Name** | **Organisation represented** |
| Ann Lloyd | Chair ABUHB |
| Cllr Anthony Hunt  | Leader Torfaen CBC |
| Damien McCann | Interim Chief Executive Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| Dave Street  | Deputy Chief Executive Caerphilly CBC  |
| Cllr Jane Mudd | Leader, Newport CBC |
| Matt G Jones, representing Huw Jakeway | South Wales Fire and Rescue |
| Nicola Prygodzicz | Chief Executive ABUHB  |
| Paul Matthews | Chief Executive Monmouthshire CBC  |
| Sian Curley | Chief Executive OPCC |
| Steve Morgan | Head of Operations, Natural Resources Wales,  |
| Steven Vickers | Chief Executive (Torfaen CBC) |
| Cllr Stephen Thomas | Leader Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| Cllr Sean Morgan (Chair) | Leader Caerphilly CBC |
| Tracy Daszkiewicz  | Director of Public Health and Strategic Partnerships Gwent - ABUHB |
| Tracy McKim representing Beverly Owen | Newport CBC |
| Chief Supt. Carl Williams, representing Pam Kelly  | Gwent Police |
| Amanda Lewis | Head of Probation Delivery Unit Gwent |
| Steven Tiley | CEO Gavo |
| Anne Evans | Torfaen Voluntary Alliance |

**In Attendance:**

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| Andrew Parker  | Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| David Arnold | Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| Heather Delonnette  | Caerphilly CBC |
| Heather Pells | Caerphilly CBC |
| Janice Dent  | Newport CBC |
| Karen Williams  | Caerphilly CBC |
| Richard Jones | Monmouthshire CBC |
| Lee Parker  |  |
| Sharran Lloyd | Monmouthshire CBC  |
| Steve Honeywell | Torfaen CBC |
| Lyndon Puddy | Torfaen CBC |

Apologies:

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| Cllr Steven Bradwick | Chief South Wales Fire  |
| Louise Bright | University South Wales |
| Sue Richards | Caerphilly CBC |
| Jeff Cuthbert | Police and Crime Commissioner |
| Christina Harrhy | Chief Executive Caerphilly CBC  |
| Mark Cadwallader  | University of South Wales  |
| Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby | Leader Monmouthshire |
| Beverly Owen | Chief Executive, Newport |
| Kath Peters | Caerphilly CBC |
| Huw Jakeway  | South Wales Fire and Rescue |
| Wendy Gunny  | Assistant Chief Constable, Gwent Police |
| Sarah King | Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| Pam Kelly | Chief Constable, Gwent Police |

# WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 8th meeting of the PSB.

# Notes and Matters Arising from the meeting of the Gwent PSB on 20th July 2023

Steve Morgan to be added to those present at the meeting.

Councillor Jane Mudd is listed twice.

Spelling of Beverly Owen’s name to be corrected.

Heather Delonnette (HD) spoke to the actions.

In relation to the action on the Third Sector Partnership agreement and contractual arrangements within Health, Ann Lloyd stated that they are considering moving away from a grant funding approach and towards a procurement approach.

All action points from the previous meeting had been completed. The minutes of the meeting were approved by the Boar

HD said that Howard Toplis has resigned from the PSB. She suggested that, if the PSB was in agreement, that she would write to all RSLs in Gwent to ask them for a nomination to represent the sector on the PSB.

Steve Thomas – expressed disappointment that Howard had left and stated that RSL involvement in the PSB is crucial and that a representative is needed.

Action: HD to write to all RSLs asking them for a representative to the PSB

# PRESENTATION FROM GSWAG ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DELIVERY PLANS – Andrew parker

Andrew Parker offered apologies from Sarah King and presented a paper on the development of the delivery plans.

**Comments**

Tracy D thanked Andrew for the paper. She stated that the paper does not give a strong lead on how to remain evidence based and that we need to ensure we have the baseline data to enable us to measure the impact of our actions. Tracy stated that we are looking to create a landscape of equity and that we need the data to prove our success against this, and that the fact that the issues we are looking on are hard to prove, makes it more essential that we have a clear evidence base.

Tracy further stated that in the subgroups we need to be clear that we are relying on a shared data source. She stated that Public Health are working on a joint strategic assessment and this may serve this purpose.

Andrew said this would be taken to the GSWAG on Tuesday next week. He added that there was a needs assessment for the Wellbeing Plan and data gathered for Building a Fairer Gwent and that GSWAG had the evidence packs from this. He stated that they would definitely look at the evidence base for the recommendations brought back to PSB.

Steve Morgan thanked GSWAG colleagues for all the hard work they are doing. With regard to the pace of delivery, he stated that he would rather we take the time to have a plan that we are all signed up to and delivers at the scale we operate at. He stated we have a unique opportunity in Gwent to deliver at scale and benefit from synergies and efficiencies too.

Steve Morgan supported Tracy’s comment on the evidence base for the action of the four areas of focus and stated that the subgroups need to develop that baseline.

He stated that we need to ensure that there is buy in from each of our organisations.

Andrew Parker stated that it was a good point by Steve, and that it would be very much appreciated if the PSB members, as Leaders in their organisations, can ensure that the requirements of the plans and actions are understood by all in their organisations who intersect with these.

Steve Tiley- thanked GSWAG for all their work and stated that a good process had been outlined. He stated that he was happy to approve the recommendations and provide any support he could. He was relaxed about the pace and that the Gwent PSB is still new and we need to make sure we get the start right. It was a tight timescale to deliver on what was outlined by March.

SteveTiley said he would be keen for other third sector organisations to be involved and were there opportunities for that?

Andrew Parker said that there will be opportunities for those not at the table today. He gave the example of the Climate and Economic Chances groups which are looking at how to get representation and wider input. He added that this point from Steve will be taken to the GSWAG group next week.

Cllr Jane Mudd stated that we need to understand the work of the Regional Board to avoid duplication of effort. She said she was happy to offer her support in whatever way she can to support the area of focus ‘That everyone lives in an area where they feel safe’.

Andrew P – thanked Cllr Mudd for her offer and said he would take this to the steering group.

Ann Lloyd stated that, as Chair of the Regional Partnership Board (RPB), the areas of focus are extremely helpful and will allow us to share our plans together. She said that they should ask if there was anything the RPB could do to inform the baseline.

Andrew P – thanked Ann Lloyd. He stated that Natasha Harris and Phil Diamond, co-ordinating the work of the RPB, are actively involved in the oversight of the four groups.

Cllr Hunt supported Cllr Jane Mudd’s offer in assisting in aligning with the work of the RPB.

Andrew Parker stated that the Scrutiny Committee would also be supporting the work of the PSB and that he would talk more about that later in the agenda.

**Recommendations**

PSB members are asked to:

* Provide feedback and agree the proposed approach.
* Identify/agree leads for the four Areas of Focus.
* Commit senior representation for the four areas of focus stakeholder steering groups and workshops.

**The PSB agreed the recommendations.**

**Action:**

**Andrew Parker to take Cllr Mudd’s offer of assistance, Steve Tiley’s question re opportunities for Third Sector Involvement, Tracy D’s question re shared data sources to GSWAG.**

# UPDATE ON BUILDING A FAIRER GWENT – TRACY DASZKIEWICZ

Tracy stated that the Public Health team will share the developing action plan with the PSB at the next meeting.

Tracy stated that they have been having conversations about how this is delivered across the partnership. She reported on a meeting she had attended bringing all the different Marmot regions together, where familiar themes emerged in different areas.

Tracy stated that she is conscious of being clear on how BAFG can deliver against other priorities and at a partnership level for everyone. She stated that BAFG should never feel like a separate piece of work.

**Comments**

Steve Morgan stated that he was a big supporter of the work. He asked for reassurance about how BAFG will align with the Gwent Wellbeing Plan.

Tracy D said the BAFG will inform the Gwent Wellbeing Plan. She said they are trying to bring it together into themes and seeing which actions will go into the four areas of focus.

**Recommendations.**

PSB members are asked to:

* Note the update.

**The PSB agreed to accept the report and recommendations.**

# REGIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FUTURE FUNDING OF THE SCRUTINY PROCESS – Andrew Parker

Andrew Parker stated that they had agreed and set up a scrutiny committee. Andrew explained that they had followed a model used in other areas and that Blaenau Gwent CBC is the host organisation for the Gwent PSB scrutiny function.

Andrew stated that no additional funding is needed for the scrutiny committee for the next financial year due to money that can be rolled over, if PSB agrees (see added recommendation).

**Recommendations**

* The remaining funding held by Blaenau Gwent Council, provided by PSB partners for 2023, is carried over into 2024 and a move from a calendar year to a financial year process.
* Blaenau Gwent Council utilises the remaining funding to cover the three months of financial year 2023/24 (1 Jan 2024 to 31 March 2024) and the whole financial year 2024/25 (up until 31st March 2025); and
* PSB consider a further report on evaluation of the finance and outcomes of the scrutiny process as part of their work programme in the final quarter of 2024/25.
* Remaining funding (£15000) to be rolled over to 2024/25 to support the funding of the scrutiny committee.

**Recommendations agreed by PSB**.

**FEEDBACK FROM GWENT PSB SCRUTINY MEETING – Andrew Parker**

Andrew stated that Stuart Bourne represented the PSB and took Scrutiny through the report.

Andrew said that Scrutiny made no recommendations in terms of the report.

He said that lots of questions and consideration was given to mental health, inequality and justice and community safety, and early years. There were questions in terms of cost implications and reassurance was sought that cost implications had been considered as part of the report and reassurance as to what BAFG meant in terms of cost. Stuart had reassured them on these points. They also raised questions about data and tracking of data.

Andrew also said that they were keen to have a work programme. They also want to see scrutiny operating effectively and so from now on they will see proposals, such as the delivery framework, before the PSB sees them.

The session is available on Blaenau Gwent website**.** [Link to meeting](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdemocracy.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk%2FieListDocuments.aspx%3FCId%3D1258%26MId%3D2622%26Ver%3D4%26LLL%3D0&data=05%7C01%7CPELLSH%40caerphilly.gov.uk%7C5987be74aa8a490551a708dbf63a6d20%7C5a3d68bcadcf462e918129b4b42b314d%7C0%7C0%7C638374503026816186%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sPDQa5BziHDMsCoz94Lnr1wUDWJvgyHEGIk7ilpm3tI%3D&reserved=0)

# COMMUNITY SAFETY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS – Carl Williams

Carl W apologised for the lateness in getting the community safety paper to the PSB. He said this paper was the result of a previous action from the PSB that a Task and Finish group should look at CS overall across Gwent and get some consistency in terms of principles and to define arrangements of the ways CSPs can provide reassurance to the PSB. He stated that many agendas fall under this including domicide, homicide, counter terrorism, serious violence and wellbeing plans.

**COMMENT**

Cllr Jane Mudd said that it was really important in partnership arrangements that we avoid duplication of effort, and she was glad that Carl had recognised this.

Cllr Mudd said that a lot of work had gone into the paper and that she felt the PSB had not had the paper long enough to be able to consider the recommendations and that she would like more time.

Carl W agreed with this.

Amanda Lewis (Probation Service) said that she had a different perspective. She stated she sat on many different boards and that she understood the paper and fully supported it. She stated that we would need the internal governance of all the Boards to support the structure.

She offered to speak with Carl W outside the meeting to discuss the Probation perspective.

Tracy D stated that reporting structures will be important. She stated that there has been a lot of talk on treatment for drug misuse, and Community Safety would be a key forum to allow these conversations to take place. Tracy said she supported what Cllr Mudd had said and that she feels drug and alcohol misuse are not high enough in the paper.

Tracy said the links between PH and crime production mean that she would like Public Health to feature in the mandatory attendees list.

Carl W agreed to these requests.

Stephen Vickers said this seems to be jumping quickly into form before knowing what the function is. He stated we need to understand what the priorities are and that groups may share objectives but that there can still be conflicting priorities.

Steve Vickers felt that a prescriptive list of attendees was not helpful, but it would be best to find out who is best in each organisation to attend – it does not have to be the Director.

**Action:**

**Amanda Lewis to speak to Carl Williams about Probation services and CS.**

**The CS Review recommendations paper to be deferred to the next PSB meeting for consideration.**

**Recommendations**

**RECOMMENDATION ONE –** that a new Community Safety strategic partnership group is established with the proposed structure and proposed attendees. The chairpersonship of this group should be a senior member of the OPCC.

**RECOMMENDATION TWO –** Local Authorities should work with the Community Safety strategic partnership group in order to try and create synergy between the way in which reporting takes place in order to limit bureaucracy but to ensure this new group and Local Authorities are reassured as to their statutory responsibilities and the effective, efficient running of each CSP.

**RECOMMENDATION THREE –** On behalf of the PSB, one of the first objectives of the new regional CS structure will be to establish the appropriate synergies between itself and other regional structures, such as the VAWDASV Board, Area Planning Board for substance misuse, Safeguarding Board, and Local Criminal Justice Board. There is a real opportunity to reduce the current duplication and cross-over of efforts between these structures, harmonise work programmes, and agree decision and escalation lines.

**No decision was made on the recommendations as the paper was being brought back to the March 2024 PSB meeting**.

**Action: Community Safety Review Recommendations paper to be brought back to March 2024 PSB meeting**

# INFORMATION ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS (STANDING ITEM)

**WRITTEN UPDATE FROM LOCAL DELIVERY GROUPS**

The updates were noted and there were no questions.

**WELSH GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SHARED LEARNING EVENT 22ND FEB 2024**

Heather D said the invite was to all PSB members and that it would be important for Gwent PSB to be represented.

Steve Morgan said he had heard that the venue may have moved to Wrexham. He asked how to co-ordinate who was going.

 **Action: Heather D to check with Welsh Government how many members can attend and the venue.**

# NEXT MEETING, DRAFT AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for 21 March 2024 @ 13:00pm via MS Teams –

Draft agenda items were as follows:

A regional approach to the provision of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller sites.

Community Safety Review Recommendations

The Chair thanked all attendees and those who helped draft papers for their contributions and closed the meeting. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Action Summary

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| **Agenda Item**  | **Action detail** | **Responsible** |
| **1** | Heather D to write to all RSLs in Gwent to ask them for a nomination to represent the sector on the PSB | Heather Delonnette |
| **2** | Regarding the delivery of the local delivery plans, Andrew Parker to take Cllr Mudd’s offer of assistance, Steve Tiley’s question re opportunities for Third Sector Involvement to GSWAG, and Tracy D’s question re shared data sources to GSWAG  | Andrew Parker |
| **5** | Amanda Lewis to speak to Carl Williams about probation services and Community Safety | Amanda Lewis |
| **5** | Community Safety Review Recommendations paper to be brought back to March 2024 PSB meeting. | Carl Williams |
| **6** | Heather D to check with Welsh Government how many members can attend the WG PSB shared learning event 22nd Feb 2024 | Heather Delonnette |