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The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site Partnership Board

Meeting notes: 06.03.2026

Apologies:

Phil Bushby (Amgueddfa Cymru), Jonathan Cawley (ENPA), Sian Rees (ICOMOS), Catrin Wagner (Partneriaeth Dyffryn Peris), Councillor Stephen Churchman (Dolbenmaen Community Council)

Present:

Lord Dafydd Wigley (Chair), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cyng Medwyn Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd), Kate Roberts (Cadw), Michael Bewick (JW Greaves), Helen Goddard (Amgueddfa Lechi), Naomi Jones (ENPA), Ceri Williams (Castell Penrhyn), Cyng Elwyn Evans (Llanfihangel y Pennant Community Council) Dafydd Roberts (Partneriaeth Ogwen / Dyffryn Ogwen), Roland Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Lucy Thomas (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gareth Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd), Nia Haf Lewis (Cyngor Gwynedd), Dan Amor (Cyngor Gwynedd)

<p>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies DW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were noted and DW welcomed all 	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising DW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All actions have been followed up • No response from Dŵr Cymru (representation, governance structure) • Action DA: ask NJ for alternative contact at Dŵr Cymru to approach 	<p>DA: Dŵr Cymru, NJ</p>
<p>3. Management plan review RE, HJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (RE, HJ) • We've been conducting a midpoint review of WHS management plan • Review methodology was summarised • Addendums (corrections and updates) rather than full rewrite • Changes to corresponding WHS action plan • Partners and subgroups have been inputting into the process • Presentation summarised progress against actions, highlighting achievements during the last 5 years • Implementation group recommends that Partnership Board approves proposed changes • Positive feedback from UNESCO on our approach to review • Action DA: circulate presentation to Board members • We've developing a more effective means of measuring the effect of the designation on Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved monitoring - Sharing best practice with ARFOR programme - We will stay in contact with ENPA, who are conducting similar work - We will keep NHL informed as to progress 	<p>DA: presentation</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We're also progressing our monitoring of the recording of Welsh place names, working with RCAHMW. ENPA conduct work on this too, LleCHI LleNI have co-worked with ENPA on the provision of drop-in sessions - Amgueddfa Llechi are also keen to be involved in work on language / place names • Traditional skills: - LleCHI LleNI project is now focussing on this, as are Amgueddfa Lechi and ENPA - We're also in conversation with other stakeholders (e.g. Coleg Merion Dwyfor, Talyllyn) - Traditional skills could be recorded on Intangible Cultural Heritage list • Partnership Board agreed to adopting proposed changes to WHS management plan 	
<p>4. WHS update</p> <p>WHS Conservation sub-group</p> <p>Overview KR (Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB (Cadw) chaired most recent meeting • The group has been contributing to the WHS management plan review process • KR summarised her new role. The successor in KR's former role will be appointed soon • The group has been updating the state of conservation table. Priorities therein will shape future conservation objectives • The group is also arranging a workshop on developing guidance on the management of former quarrying landscapes. It was agreed that planning authorities, landowners and other stakeholders would benefit from proposed guidance. Action DA: remind group members to submit contact details for proposed contributors to workshop <p>WHS Benefitting sub-group</p> <p>Overview MB (Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB summarised our thematic workshops: - Network and Gateway strategy – some areas of the WHS are ready for promotion, some are not. Marketing must be conducted in a manner sensitive to the needs of communities - Some concerns over legacy interpretation (e.g. out of date signage) - Eco Amgueddfa model adopted moving forwards • MB summarised most recent WHS Benefitting subgroup meeting: - Blaenau Ffestiniog community heritage officer has been appointed - Gwynedd tourism team very much engaged present - FhR encouraged to adopt WHS branding - Concerns regarding 'gap in provision' whilst Amgueddfa Lechi is closed, and resulting effect on businesses, visitor numbers etc • It was agreed that Llechi Cymru needs to fastrack its digital presence in terms of promoting the WHS. Amgueddfa Lechi happy to collaborate on this. Cyngor Gwynedd can lead on this, but will require help and pooling of resources from partners in order to extend combined reach • Targeting overseas visitors a priority • We need to promote current provision and list where people can go. This could involve working with Eryri Mynyddoedd a Môr (e.g. commissioning of themed articles), or establishing a task and finish group to achieve short-term objectives 	<p>DA: reminder</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is provision within LleCHI LleNI project for this (website, digital presence, Gateway and Network strategy, itinerary) but any help from our Partnership would be welcomed • Action RE: contact LleCHI LleNI, Amgueddfa Lechi and Gwynedd Tourism team in order to progress matters 	<p>RE: LleCHI LleNI, Amgueddfa Lechi, Gwynedd Tourism team</p>
<p>5. Funding update HJ, LT</p> <p>Llewyrch o’r Llechi project HJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplification process has been adopted by UK Government • New outputs have been agreed with each partner • Projects are all underway or completed • Expecting the first interim evaluation report soon • Wider package of support across other communities in the slate landscape is progressing • Action DA: circulate HG’s presentation (Amgueddfa Lechi activity whilst museum is closed) after this meeting <p>LleCHI LleNI project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has led or taken part in 83 activities • 2,128 people have participated, including 1,188 young people and children • Education: 43 workshops in 12 Schools. 86 new educational resources • £117,174 in grant funding awarded to 21 community groups • Now in second year of 5-year project. Effective planning will ensure meaningful engagement in each component part • Implementation group also serves as the project steering group. We went through LleCHI LleNI achievements and future aims and objectives in detail during last Implementation group meeting • Next steps include: addressing gaps identified in data collected, WHS website, Gateway and Network strategy, grants for landowners, family STEM sessions, sessions for businesses etc 	<p>DA: presentation</p>
<p>6. Risk management arrangements DA</p> <p>Heritage crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in heritage crime, component part 2 of WHS • Public concern has been voiced, including via press. Partners have been expressing concern • Risk to historic landscape, also reputational risk • We’re in the process of arranging a second meeting: First Hydro, Parc Padarn, Cadw, Amgueddfa Lechi and Police • Llechi Cymru website has a dedicated heritage crime page • School sessions are planned • We’ll ask the Board for assistance if we encounter any hurdles (e.g. stakeholder engagement in above meeting). We will also report back to Board on progress, co-working etc • We are attempting to assist North Wales Police in the correct recording of heritage crime statistics • KR summarised other heritage crime initiatives, and some associated challenges, across the rest of the country • Link to Cadw information on heritage crime: Heritage Crime Cadw. Some wording could be transferable 	

<p>7. Horizon scanning RE, HJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities, priorities • Meeting time was running over and so there was a consensus to revisit this in September, and for subgroup agendas to focus on future priorities • A workshop on future priorities could be organised in the interim. RE urges partners to contact us if they have any input • Future funded projects will need to strike the right balance between capital and revenue • Senedd election result may affect the funding landscape • Llechi Cymru annual report has been to sent to Senedd candidates 	
<p>8. WHS community representation HJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had agreed to review the situation after a year. Not all community representation present today • Action HJ: organise meeting with current community representation to review situation 	<p>HJ: meeting</p>
<p>9. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action DA: circulate HG papers (Amgueddfa Lechi provision whilst museum is closed) • Intangible Cultural Heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for submission to the list is 27th March. KR doesn't see any slate landscape-related entries at present. Real-time list can be viewed here - Submission process is straightforward - Let us know if you have any ideas for submissions 	<p>DA: email</p>
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probably 25th September – we'll confirm nearer the time 	<p>Action: DA</p>