

of North-west Wales World Heritage Site 13.10.2022 The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales



Apologies:

Cllr Nia Jeffreys, Naomi Jones (Snowdonia National Park Authority), Jonathan Cawley (Snowdonia National Park Authority)

Present:

Lord Dafydd Wigley, Dafydd Gwyn (Govannon), Roland Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Kate Roberts (Cadw), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gwyneth Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd - Taking Minutes), Ashley Batten (Cadw), Michael Bewick (JW Greaves), Kath Davies (National Museum), Ceri Williams (National Trust), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Sian Rees (ICOMOS-UK), Gareth Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd), Christopher Catling (RCAHMW), Andrew Edwards (Bangor University), Elen Roberts (National Museum)

The apologies noted above were accepted.	
Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising Gwenan was wished every success in her new post. Gwenan's post was now vacant and was being advertised for the second time.	
Michigan Technical University - It was reported that a student from Michigan University had come to Gwynedd in August. Bangor University were thanked.	
1. WHS Update	

Conservation Sub-group

Overview – Kate (Chair)

Design Guidance now finalised.

It was reported that Zip World had attended the recent meeting of the Planning and Conservation Sub-group to discuss possible developments. The suggestion was that relevant appropriate developments were discussed before the developer presents a pre-planning application.

Protection – Ashley

Ashley gave an update on Dinorwig, Pen yr Orsedd and Dorothea designations.

Roland made reference to international collaboration by reporting he had held initial discussions with James Douet recently regarding an international event next year in Gwynedd for global excavation sites.

Interests Sub-group

Overview – Michael (Chair)

It was reported that Dorothea Pumped Hydro attended the recent meeting of the

Interests Sub-group. Zip World would be invited to the next meeting of the Interests Sub-group.

Dorothea was discussed and Sioned made reference to the Regeneration Framework. It was noted that a further discussion was needed in the area with partners considering Dorothea in the wider discussion - developments and priorities, and the possibility of a partnership with the local community.

The Chair asked Michael Bewick and Elen Roberts from the Slate Museum if the world heritage site status had brought more visitors to the area or created any difficulties. "Marginal impact" was MB's answer, due to Covid and lack of awareness of the world heritage site status.

The Slate Museum agreed by adding that they had seen more visitors shortly after receiving the world heritage site status but that it had slowed down by now.

Sioned reported that there was a need to identify their priorities and take advantage of the value of the pound.

• Strategic Funding Plan - Hannah

It was reported that a draft had been circulated with the agenda of this meeting. Any observations would need to be submitted to Hannah by the 31 October. A copy would also be included with the minutes of this meeting.

• Financial Applications - Hannah

Sioned reported that it would be an idea to hold a meeting outside of this meeting to discuss SPF possibilities/ideas.

Levelling Up - Hannah had received a request to present more information and the response had been returned since 12 October, awaiting a decision on the application before the end of November.

Interpretation - Hannah
 None to note.

Cross-cutting themes

• The Welsh Language - Gwenllian / Roland

Roland reported that he was meeting with Gwenllian on 14 October. Roland made reference to the University's successful research application which would concentrate on tourism and linguistics.

Visitor economy - Roland

The new visitor economy plan would be placed before Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet and relevant Snowdonia National Park Authority committees in December. It would be launched next year.

2. Any other business

UNESCO Periodic Report - Kate

Kate made reference to the condition to prepare a periodic report. The hope was to complete it before the end of March. Following its preparation, DCMS could come back with questions. It might be a good idea to bring together a small group to prepare the essential information. The response could come before this Board at the start of the year to be signed off.

3. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 15 December between 1-3 p.m.

Matters to be discussed:

- Finance
- UNESCO Periodic Report