



**The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales
World Heritage Site Partnership Board**



Meeting notes: 04.10.2024

Apologies:

Louise Barker (RCAHMW), Christopher Catling (RCAHMW), Sian Rees (ICOMOS-UK), Andrew Edwards (Bangor University), Tom Simone (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gareth Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd)

Present:

Lord Dafydd Wigley (Chair), Cyng. / Cllr. Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd, Cabinet Member), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Hannah Joyce (Cyngor Gwynedd), Roland Evans (Cyngor Gwynedd), Lucy Thomas (Cyngor Gwynedd), Nia Haf (Cyngor Gwynedd), Ffion Gwyn (Cyngor Gwynedd), Bet Huws (Cyngor Gwynedd), Lowri Owen (Cyngor Gwynedd), Dan Amor (Cyngor Gwynedd), Kate Robert (Cadw, Zoom), Ashley Batten (Cadw), Michael Bewick (WJ Greaves), Gary Robinson (Bangor University), Ceri Williams (National Trust), Helen Goddard (National Slate Museum, Zoom), Jonathan Cawley (Eryri National Park Authority, Zoom).

<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were noted and DW welcomed all, including LleCHI LleNI new staff members BH and FG • Video shown – Llewyrch o’r Llechi conservation project, Penrhyn Quarry Hospital. Restoration and interpretation of project work discussed. • Action DA: to circulate link to video, MB and JC wish to share on social media 	<p>DA: circulate video</p>
<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action, Llechi Cymru: Llechi Cymru to move forward with forming communications officers network • JC updated group on situation at Plas Tan y Bwlch, agreed to provide further updates as more information is known. Members were reminded property is part of component part 5, which JC acknowledged 	<p>Llechi Cymru: create communications network</p>
<p>Llechi Cymru Partnership: new structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE summarised feedback received (via workshops) on proposed new Llechi Cymru governance structure and partnership membership (written summary of feedback was circulated with agenda) • Changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More effective communications (e.g. between subgroups and board) - Improved representation at board level - Formation of an action group which reports upwards to the board, also to act project management group for LleCHI LleNI - It was asked whether we spend enough time discussing risk 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new action group to discuss risk (including risk register and risk strategy) and report back to board. Escalate prominent risks to board level - Board to focus on decision-making at a strategic level - Fewer partnership board meetings, with potential for some meetings to be thematic - New way of updating members – quarterly update document (which can also supplement monitoring and wider communications) ● Action DA: discuss Welsh language representation with NH, including possibility of inviting Menter Iaith Gwynedd to sit on Benefitting sub-group ● The need to ensure effective representation at board level was repeated: community and private sector representation should influence board’s perspective on matters ● Landowner representation also needed ● There needs to be synergy between this operational structure and our tourism and visitor strategy ● We need to be clear about roles of members ● Sub-group agendas need to run in unison with board agendas to avoid duplication ● The Board approved of moving forward with these changes 	<p>DA: liaise with NH, approach Menter Iaith</p>
<p>Streamlining of WHS action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DA outlined current work on streamlining the WHS action plan. This will also be pertinent to next year’s review of the WHS management plan ● Action RE: contact university for update on their work looking at effect of WH status on language. NH happy to be involved and will find the information we already have on this. Action DA: to include this item when liaising with NH ● Already many Welsh language elements as part of the way Llechi Cymru operates, particularly in terms of LleCHI LleNI project ● RCAHMW work on Welsh place names could feature during annual meeting and annual report. Action DA: contact RC, make sure there is enough room on annual meeting agenda ● Language is core part of the museum’s new interpretation strategy ● Recent place names session a success (Cwmystradllyn: Parc Eryri, RCAHMW, Llechi Cymru) 	<p>RE: contact university DA: liaise with NH</p> <p>DA: contact RCAHMW</p>
<p>WHS update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HJ shared the new update document - received general approval ● Document takes the place of verbal updates thus saving time ● Document could be expanded upon – including wider use as part of communications and monitoring <p>Conservation sub-group update KR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board agreed to KR’s request to share Caring For Slate Landscapes booklet at annual meeting ● Board to discuss how best to circulate the booklet, could also look at wider circulation of style guide booklet ● Action DA: contact JC and MB in terms of wider circulation of booklet to try and reach wider audience (commercial, tourism) ● KR would like to see booklet circulated to construction firms ● LleCHI LleNi project could help with distribution ● There is a distribution framework within Cyngor Gwynedd 	<p>DA: contact JC and MB</p>

<p>Benefitting sub-group update MB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Benefitting sub-group meeting was positive • Included a presentation form Dorothea Pumped Hydro which could also feature in a Conservation sub-group meeting • Update on Llechwedd travel route • Reports of heritage crime from some component parts - it was discussed • whether the board should make representation to North Wales Police • These problems merit further discussion and action, and are intertwined with our messaging and communications, at a strategic level. There is scope to discuss this as the subject of one of our thematic meetings • We don't need to report to the board before moving forward at an operational level with issues such as this • North Wales heritage crime panel hasn't met for some months • KR: however, heritage crime <i>is</i> a live operation – lead is Christine James, North Wales Police. Of critical importance that heritage crime is reported in the correct manner in order ensure accurate recording of stats. One way is use of the #OpHeritageCymru hash tag via social media • Action KR: ask if DA can attend next national heritage crime meeting • Action DA: attend above meeting and assess options in terms disseminating information on how to report incidents • MB updated on forthcoming business breakfast event 	<p>KR: contact James Berry, Cadw DA: attend meeting</p>
<p>Llechi Cymru annual meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/11/2024, Pant Du, Penygroes: 4:30 – 7:00pm • Progressing with arrangements • Will include local representation • Will include an item or stall on RCAHMMW work on Welsh place names 	
<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an update on progress at the Slate Museum – farewell week before museum closes for refurbishing work is approaching 	
<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC (March 2025) 	