



# Minutes

## Newport Public Services Board

**Date:** 2 February 2017: Pillgwenlly Millennium Centre, Courtybella Terrace, Newport

**Time:** 2.30 p.m.

**Present:**

**Statutory Partners:**

**Newport City Council:** Councillor R Truman (in the Chair); W Godfrey (Chief Executive) R Cornwall (Head of People & Business Change), T Mckim (Partnership Manager); N Dance (PSB Coordinator), A Powles (Asst. Head of Education) and V Self (Service Manager, C&YPS) and M Durkin (Democratic Services Officer)

**Aneurin Bevan Health Board:** D Jenkins (Chief Executive),

**South Wales Fire and Rescue Service:** S Jenkins and J Scrivens

**Natural Resources (Wales):** A Robinson

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**Invited Partners:**

**Welsh Government:** A John

**Heddlu Gwent Police:** CI M Williams and DCC J Williams

**Public Health Wales:** G Richardson

**Office of Police & Crime Commissioner;** J Cuthbert Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner; and L Webber, Head of Justice and Rehabilitation

**Probation Service:** H Nicholls

**Coleg Gwent:** G Handley, Campus Director

**GAVO:** S Tiley Asst Chief Executive

**RSLs:** C Doyle Chief Executive, Newport City Homes

**Apologies:** N Prygodzicz (ABHB), CFO H Jakeway and B Jones (S Wales Fire & Rescue Service), C Davies (Natural Resources Wales), Supt G Fernquest and J Farrar, Chief

Constable (Gwent Police), N Davies (Probation Service), W Beer (Public Health Wales), H Williams (USW), M Featherstone (GAVO) and B Owen (NCC)

No	Item	Action
1	<p><i>(A number of residents came to the meeting and the Chair gave them an opportunity to address the meeting prior to the agenda being considered. Residents were assured that all groups within the community would be involved in any work being proposed in Pill by the PSB and that a meeting would be arranged on this. The Chair explained that the aim of this meeting was to agree actions to be taken forward and confirmed that Pillgwenlly was a priority for the PSB. The residents present said how the actions of the PSB would affect them and that they were there to support the work of the PSB).</i></p> <p><b>(A) Pill Action Plan</b></p> <p>C I M Williams, Gwent Police reported upon the Pill Area Focus Plan which had been developed and circulated following discussion at the last PSB. Key performance indicators were to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce crime and the fear of crime by area</li> <li>• Improve public confidence in police and partners tackling issues in the local area</li> <li>• Develop a well-connected and engaged approach to area development</li> </ul> <p>The Plan set out the objectives, action, outcomes and success measures relating to infrastructure and environmental, prevention, education and intervention, ongoing transformation together with the lead organisations.</p> <p>C I Williams referred to the recently established Pill Residents Board which already had a significant number of residents involved. Much work had already been done and C Doyle also referred to the contribution made by Newport City Homes in the area.</p> <p>The Board thanked CI Williams and members of the area focus group for the significant development work which had progressed but recognised that there is much more focus needed on medium and long term objectives for the area. This includes the need to publicise the positive work being undertaken, and improvement in engagement generally, particularly with all parts of the community. Whilst enforcement by the Police was very necessary dealing with anti-social issues the PSB wanted to see more investment and the needs of the community being met in the longer term, including community wellbeing and regeneration of the area.</p>	<p>C I M Williams</p> <p>T McKim</p>

	<p>Councillors Ali and Hyatt, Pillgwenlly Ward Members contributed to the discussion in which they gave their support to C I M Williams and the team working in the area and that in their view the overall picture was an improving one.</p> <p>Reference was made to the need to resource the work appropriately</p> <p><b>(B) Developing the Vision for Pillgwenlly</b></p> <p>The Partnership Manager referred the Board to the Building Communities Trust (BCT) and that the Pill Group had been in discussion with them with a view to investing both staff time and seed corn project monies in Pill, known as the Invest Local Project. It was agreed that any vision must be developed with the local community and representative organisations.</p> <p><b>(C ) Understanding the Area - Background Data, Pill Project Report and Engagement</b></p> <p>The Pill focus action plan was a summary of activity and planned activity to address community safety concerns in the short to medium term – this now forms part of the Safe and Cohesive theme in the Single Integrated Plan. In order to develop a longer term approach a wider view of the area was required. The report referred to the wellbeing assessment ward data and the Pill Group Briefing report which complemented work which had already started in Pill. Much progress had been made since this report and was detailed. Further work required was also outlined which would fit in well with and form part of the Wellbeing Plan for Newport.</p> <p>The PSB was now in a stronger position to understand and co-ordinate an area focus plan that both complemented the long term thinking of the Pill group and ensured focus and alignment to the principles of the WFG Act, working to develop a model of good practice that could be applied across Newport, greater Gwent and through Welsh Government.</p> <p>Regarding engagement the Partnership Manager referred to responses to a questionnaire to residents which was distributed by a number of partners to understand residents' views and their main concerns. C I Williams confirmed that the Police were already dealing with the issues that most concerned residents and positive work also being undertaken moving forward.</p> <p>Following discussion around this background partners agreed to a number of actions.</p>	
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<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pillgwenlly as a priority for all Partners</li> <li>2. To develop vision for Pillgwenlly through community involvement.</li> <li>3. Note and support the progress of the Safe and Cohesive theme action plan, and leads within each partner organisation.</li> <li>4. Develop medium to long term plan for Economy and Skills, and Health and Wellbeing themes, as part of the Single Integrated Plan (SIP).</li> <li>5. Coordinate all partner activity in Pillgwenlly through this approach.</li> <li>6. Report progress through the SIP to the PSB.</li> <li>7. Ensure ongoing communication and engagement, with the press and local communities.</li> <li>8. Develop sustainable approach as part of the PSB Wellbeing Plan.</li> </ol> <p><i>(Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children joined the meeting by telephone and a dialogue took place between the Chair and other PSB members with him.</i></p> <p><i>In conclusion the Cabinet Secretary gave his ongoing commitment and support to the PSB in its work in Pill and that of his team. In response to a request for possible funding he would examine the Business Plan when available. He hoped to see immediate action undertaken in Pill)</i></p> <p>9. Arising from the actions agreed above a meeting with all the Pill community (and the BCT) would be arranged as soon as possible (with PSB members attending if they wish), the outcome of that meeting to be considered by the SIP Board which needed to meet prior to the next meeting of the PSB on 14 March, 2017.</p> <p>A co-ordinated press release would also be made on the progress made from this meeting.</p> <p><i>(Councillors Ali and Hyatt, Pillgwenlly Ward Members were invited to the meeting for these items)</i></p> <p>11 Consideration to be given at the next ordinary meeting of the PSB on opening up PSB meetings to the public.</p>	
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