

# National Park Authority Futures Group Learning Session



9.30am on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Lifesize Virtual Meeting

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Present: Bob Darracott (BD)  
Sarah Drummond (SD)  
Martin Earl (ME) (Chair)  
Catrin Glyn (CG) (Snowdonia National Park Authority) (until 11am)  
Bobby Good (BG)  
Angela Jones (AJ) (Snowdonia National Park Authority) (until 11am)  
Willie Nisbet (WN)  
Heather Reid (HR)  
Billy Ronald (BR)  
Chris Spray (CS)  
James Stuart (JS) (part)

In Attendance: Kenny Auld (KA)  
Susan Brooks (SB)  
Joanne Ford (JF)  
Simon Jones (SJ) (until 11am)  
Guy Keating (GK)  
Derek Manson (DM)  
Carol Matthews (CM)  
Stuart Mearns (SM) (until 11am)  
Dave Robinson (DR)  
Gordon Watson (GW), CEO  
Anna MacLean (AMaL)  
Jo Wright (JW)  
Deborah Spratt (DS) (Clerk)  
Nik Turner (NT)

## 1. Welcome, Introduction, Context

ME welcomed everyone and provided a bit of background to the meeting.

## 2. Understanding the System and Opportunities for Change

GW gave an outline on the national discussions and advised that KA's paper has been well received and acknowledged by partners. A minor formatting / duplication error was noted at point 4.4 - 4.8 of the paper.

KA provided an overview of the paper.

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### 3. Learning from Others

CG and AJ from Snowdonia National Park Authority gave a presentation on Snowdonia's Transport and Parking Review.

### 4. Board / Staff Q&A and discussion on the topic

ME thanked CG / AJ for their presentation and opened up to Board members / staff to feed in any questions:

- a) SD highlighted / celebrated their use of EventBrite to pilot. CG advised that this was easy to set up and that this was a good trial.
- b) In response to BR about the shuttle bus, AJ advised that they are still defining the networks. Transport for Wales is supporting them. Currently developing the North Wales Metro and looking at South Wales. It is a long term goal and the aim is to encourage people to come all year round. Having a robust system would allow people to use it.
- c) SJ requested a copy of the report and asked if they had mapped out what success looks like and the vision that they are trying to achieve. In response they advised that this is very much still in development and that they have no performance indicators as yet. Relying on investment and speaking to as many people as possible is key.
- d) BG referred to KA's paper about bus services which are mainly built around residential areas and asked how DRT would work for us. KA advised that DRT hasn't been promoted across the park and that this could provide lots of jobs in transport around the park. Lake District are looking at DRT buses. DRT could fill the gaps and would be good to have across our boundary. Would need to have DRT working with our buses and train links. Agreed that KA would have further discussion with BG.
- e) DR asked about the reducing of car parking in the area and how has the aim gone down with partnership organisations. AJ said that organisations weren't against the idea as they knew there was a need for it but want to know more about it. Will need to speak to other governing bodies before taking on. Only in the early stages of discussion and special interest groups will need to be consulted.
- f) In response to HR regarding gateway hubs consultation and timelines for implementation, AJ advised that consultations were held online with the four communities that were identified in the report and based on the data that they had collated. Four workshops took place – all were very keen but the needs for each area differ. This will be a continual process and the goal is a 5-10 year timeline with the hope that significant changes are in place by 2025.
- g) In response to CS's question about mistakes, it was noted that there were mistakes with the community consultation and that they are still dealing with the backlash from previous schemes.

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- h) GW asked about the parking infrastructure - who owns it and do you require new road legislation to manage road access. AJ advised that they own some of the car parks but still discussing things through. There is no control over legislation - need to go through the Welsh Government for any legislative changes.

Thanks were expressed to CG / AJ and to members and staff for their questions. Due to time, ME requested that any further questions be sent to AMaL / JW.

*CG/AJ departed the meeting.*

*Members / staff had a short break.*

### 5. Putting users at the heart of system design

SD presented some of the visitor profiles which she is currently building. Members / staff to send SD any other potential profiles.

### 6. Summing up

- a) ME thanked everyone for their attendance / contributions and asked for any comments / suggestions to be fed in to the group via AMaL / JW.
- b) It was noted that next steps are to engage with the Youth Committee. HR advised that the Youth Committee have proposed holding a workshop on a Saturday during June and it was agreed that this would be discussed after this meeting.
- c) A survey will be issued to all attendees to find out how they felt the meeting went.
- d) SD agreed to circulate the Miro Board.
- e) Future Group members will sum up at the next meeting in May.