

# ***Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership Steering Group Meeting***



## ***Minutes***

<b>Date:</b>	17/07/25
<b>Location:</b>	Penparcau Hub, Aberystwyth – Hybrid Teams

<b>Present:</b>		
Rachel Auckland Secretariat	RA	Coordinator Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership
Gillian Clark Note-taker	GC	Service Support Officer CCC Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership
Fiona Moran Note-taker	FM	Biodiversity Assistant Ceredigion County Council
Jake Rayson	JR	Biodiversity Assistant Ceredigion County Council
Joe Wilkins	JW	BDW Consultancy Ltd and UK Youth for Nature
Cllr Eryl Evans Chair	EE	Ceredigion Biodiversity Champion
Bob Jaques	BJ	Woodland owner
Claire Hannington	CH	National Trust
Becky Wright	BW	NRW
Dafydd Lloyd	DL	Woodland Liaison Officer NRW
Carys May	CM	West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre (WWBIC)

1	<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>
	The minutes were accepted.

<b>Ymddiheuriadau:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> People hoping to join online were unable to do so due to a problem with the technology.
	n/a

2	<b>Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership Terms of Reference</b>
	<p>Discussed proposed Terms of Reference. These have been circulated previously.</p> <p><b>JR</b> – Gave in introduction to terms of reference and led a discussion. They should set out what CLNP is. Broader purpose of CLNP is to bring different nature recovery work together.</p> <p>Points discussed that may need changing –</p> <p><b>Natur Ceredigion</b> – ‘also known as Natur Ceredigion’  <b>JR</b> – feels this could be better used as a hashtag in addition to full name, ‘known informally as’, not an alternative name.  <b>EE</b> – Should be full Welsh name here, that would naturally get shortened. We need to make sure that the full Welsh name is given as much prominence as the full English name and that the Welsh name doesn’t become shortened if the English name is being used in full.  <b>JW</b> and <b>DL</b> – Concerns that this will be confusing as it stands.  <b>JW</b> – ‘Partnership’ is the most important word so we shouldn’t drop this. There are lots of other things in Ceredigion with the word Natur in the name but the partnership is what we should emphasise.</p> <p>Discussion with all present</p> <p>Agreed Action– get rid of ‘Natur Ceredigion’ references as an alternative name in this document.</p> <p>Suggested – take out the sentence about the Grant Panel document. In grant information it makes sense to refer to the TOR but do we need to refer to grant documents here?</p> <p><b>Definitions –</b></p>

	<p>Nature – check if this definition is a quote – where does it come from – add quotation marks and reference if it is.</p> <p><b>EE-</b> It doesn't contain the word habitat which is important.</p> <p><b>BJ-</b> It seems to imply that humans are separate from nature, not a part of it.</p> <p>Action - If not a quote then maybe change it, simplifying the language. If it is then leave it.</p> <p><b>Local Nature Partnership –</b></p> <p><b>PNCNP –</b></p> <p><b>EE –</b> The full official names should be listed in both languages with equal status. Should include the word 'local'.</p> <p><b>JW–</b> Remove references to natur Ceredigion being used as an alternative name in rest of document.</p> <p><b>LNPC –</b> keep</p> <p><b>NRAP –</b></p> <p><b>JW-</b> Could update the context to reflect more up to date targets – Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. If there is a new version of the NRAP Wales by the time we adopt the TOR, we should change this, but the original wording refers to existing NRAP which although out of date now is the one being used so keep reference as is.</p> <p><b>Aims</b></p> <p><b>DL –</b> suggestion to change 'people and organisations' to stakeholders</p> <p><b>Approach</b></p> <p>Suggestion - Change 'key organisations and individuals' to stakeholders and change last sentence 'partners and individuals' to stakeholders</p> <p>Suggestion -change data sharing agreements section from participating authorities to 'participating stakeholders'</p> <p><b>Status</b></p> <p>Review this, but suggest get rid of the word 'must' could replace with 'are expected to' Could delete altogether.</p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Agreed action- Get rid of the 'adding their name' replace with 'a list of members will be kept securely by the host organisation'</p> <p>About voting. Discussion, do we need it? Possibly there will be things to vote on. If we have this, do we need to say something about quorum?</p> <p><b>Structure and responsibilities -</b></p> <p><b>Responsibilities of members</b></p> <p>- Discussion.</p>
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	<p>Feedback/concerns – there is a big list of onerous jobs. Need to improve the way this comes across or it will put people off.</p> <p><b>FM</b> - Although these are all tasks for the partnership to undertake it may feel like each individual member would have to do all of these things which would be a full-time job.</p> <p>Suggestion - Change the responsibilities to possibly remove ‘regularly’ and add ‘for example’ rather than a list of things you have to do as not every member can do all of this. Organisational partners would not be able to sign up to undertaking all of this</p> <p><b>Meetings</b></p> <p>Quorum.</p> <p>Discussion about legal comments. Number of members/ quorum ratio.</p> <p>Question from <b>DD</b> and discussion- What kinds of things will we be voting on? We should not be making political statements, consultation responses etc that a segment of the members would strongly agree with and a segment will strongly disagree with.</p> <p>Action – Decide if we should put this in the TOR as a clear statement?</p> <p>Change quorum to 5? Needs more thought/research.</p> <p><b>Policies -</b></p> <p>1.a. Long but is in line with legislation.</p> <p><b>Assets –</b></p> <p>Discussion about legal comments. There was agreement with Rachel’s comments to legal about assets if the partnership dissolves. There must be a way to protect assets and but this may exist already in award letters.</p> <p>Action - LNP staff to look at wording with legal and find a way to express this.</p>
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