

**Minutes of meeting held at the  
Elan Valley Hotel, Rhayader on  
27 February 2013 10.30am**

**Present:**

Gareth Newton (Chair), Sue Trevelyan-Jones, Catrin James, Grant Poiner, Colin Heslop, Tracey Thomas, Steve Drowley, Ann Smith.

**In attendance:**

Liz Rose (ETS Adviser/Secretary) plus Courtney Taylor for specific agenda items

**Apologies:**

David Algie, Jo Sims, Jane Williams, Clive Phillips (Estyn), Mike Greenaway, Tillie Mobbs, Liz Noble, Gary Foreman, Dafydd Baker, Andy Borsden, Sam Evans, Tim Opie, Alan Twelvetrees, Jamie Jones Mead.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 1.1 GN welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Ann Smith, attending her first meeting as co-opted member. Jamie Jones-Mead has been nominated as the CWVYS representative. Concern was noted about the level of attendance as a high number of apologies had been received.
- 1.2 GN reported that he had had various meetings since last ETS, including: Welsh TAG; CWVYS officers; Teresa Holdsworth; and David Algie.
- 1.3 GN reported that an approach had been made by YMCA Wales Community College to join ETS Wales Committee. GN was sympathetic to this as YMCA is the main deliverer of Youth Support Worker training in Wales and it was acknowledged that this role is not currently covered. However, our Terms of Reference specify that ETS membership comprises nominations made on behalf of wider bodies rather than individual organizations. As such, a nomination could be sought from ColegauCymru/ CollegesWales and ETS Terms of Reference would have to be changed to accommodate this but it was also understood that other deliverers of YSW training (such as individual local authorities) may not be represented via this route.  
**Action: GN & LR to pursue and explore options**

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

**3. MATTERS ARISING (which are not included on the Agenda)**

- 3.1 Catrin James has become the CWVYS rep for JNC;
- 3.2 Cllr Ali Thomas, leader of Neath Port Talbot Council is the elected member on JNC.
- 3.3 ETS is now registered with HESA so that HEIs can report their programmes as professionally endorsed by ETS Wales. See also item 5.3.

**4. SECTOR FEEDBACK**

- 4.1. Local authority and voluntary sector representatives raised concerns about ongoing financial cuts and restructuring of services, along with a lack of meaningful communication with Welsh Government in terms of strategic developments. Sector staff morale appears particularly low.
- 4.2. Concerns were also noted about the emerging strategic approach on heavily targeted work with young people with a focus on employability,

and particularly that this approach has a better fit with urban rather than rural areas. There appears to be a major philosophical shift away from the 'Extending Entitlement' approach.

- 4.3. CWVYS noted concerns around the refocusing of the NVYO grant scheme away from core management costs to project funding around a specific agenda, with some organisations losing their funding.
- 4.4. The lack of a strategic group to drive progress (as highlighted in the Estyn report on HE training) continues to be a concern.
- 4.5. Positively, the Purpose and Principles document has been launched and well-received. Also, the CWVYS induction programme 'Stepping Stones to Youth Work' is up and running.
- 4.6. TAG group noted that student recruitment numbers to endorsed programmes remains strong. This is the first year that HEIs have to provide placements across all three years and this is proving difficult in terms of finding sufficient suitable organisations. The all-Wales supervision module is not being rolled out as widely as had been hoped (as a CPD module) additional resources for this from WG would be useful.
- 4.7. In summary, there are many youth work organisations and structures that could be of benefit to WG in meeting its policy agenda; the protective role of youth work must be restated if the existing number of young people NEET is not to rise further.

**Action: GN to raise these issues as appropriate at his forthcoming meeting with Teresa Holdsworth.**

## **5. ANNUAL MONITORING OF ENDORSED HEI PROGRAMMES**

- 5.1. Courtney Taylor, consultant for this work, presented two separate draft reports for endorsed BA and PgDip programmes. Main findings include continuing predominance of female and younger students and more deferrals on PgDip programmes. Better data needs to be provided from the OU particularly as they now have a larger number of students. CT noted that specific questions on the Welsh language will need to be incorporated in future questionnaires and that information on student destinations could be improved. It would also be useful to use previous reports to analyse trends over a number of years. How the data can be used needs further discussion. CT is also mapping the modules of endorsed BA programmes to provide a broad overview and comparison of content. GN thanked CT for his input.

**Action: LR to circulate draft reports to HEIs and liaise with CT on any amendments prior to final publication.**

## **6. ETS WORK PROGRAMME**

- 6.1. Quality Mark award – An induction day for potential panel members was being developed as the next stage of this work, along with the identification of organisations willing to take part in the piloting of the QM award. Sue Coleman had provided a draft outline for the induction day and it was suggested that 60mins was insufficient for the main section looking at the QM document. Criteria for suitable panel members also need to be drawn up. The issue of involving young people (as per 'young inspectors') was raised.

**Action: LR to address these issues with Sue Coleman.**

- 6.2. Youth Support Worker Endorsement Guidelines – LR reported that a meeting had taken place with DB and the WG qualifications regulator John

Pontin to identify levers available that require awarding bodies to participate in an endorsement process. This is possible but follow up is needed with the officer in England to ensure parity of approach.

**Action: LR to follow up with NYA.**

- 6.3. ETS endorsement logo and branding – Options for logos for organisations to use on their marketing materials/websites were discussed. Examples of their use were displayed and the oblong shape with blue border was chosen by the majority. The terms 'endorsed' and 'approved' will be used by youth work and community development organisations respectively. Print quality logos will be sought from the designer in a range of formats.

**Action: LR to arrange with designer and distribute to relevant organisations.**

## 7. ENDORSEMENT ACTIVITY

- 7.1 **Glyndŵr – PgDip/MA:** Proposals for a new programme shared with the Education Dept are being developed after earlier discussions with Youth Justice fell through. TT will chair panel, dates to be agreed.
- 7.1 **Cardiff Metropolitan:** Nothing to report.
- 7.1 **UWN – PgDip:** Evidence that conditions have been met has been provided and signed off by panel chair.
- UHOVI – Foundation Degree Community Development:** Approval process is ongoing.
- 7.1 **Trinity Saint David** – Chair is sought for the endorsement of their BA and PgDip programmes for 2014.
- 7.1 **OU – BA:** Due for re-endorsement by Joint ETS in 2014 and panel member representing Wales is sought.
- 7.1 **Agored Cymru** – Nothing to report but noted that L2 & 3 qualifications are due to expire at end 2013.

## 8. REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORKERS

LR, after speaking to WG officials, reported that legislation for this work is currently being drafted.

**Action: Watching brief**

## 9. JNC UPDATE

DA had provided an update (for Feb 2013) prior to the meeting which covered: the England development of an Institute for Youth Work; the current 2013 workforce survey questionnaire; and the issuing of Joint Circular 187 covering the 2012 pay claim and the new JNC Agreement. GN & LR had met with David Algie to discuss better links with JNC and the JNC Agreement has been amended to include Wales HEI qualifications. CJ noted that the workforce questionnaire cannot be opened by voluntary organisations as it requires local authority log-in.

**Action: LR to query log-in details with DA**

## 10. NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS (NOS) AND SECTOR QUALIFICATIONS STRATEGY (SQS) UPDATE

Future arrangements for the delivery of work covered previously by LLUK and then LSIS are still to be determined although LSIS will close in July 2013. There will be a UK-wide CLD Panel meeting in Glasgow on 21 March but SD, who has become the Wales rep by default, is unable to attend. There may be some opportunity for Joint ETS to work together to take on some elements of the work, such as the NOS and SQS (particularly in light of Community Development

arrangements) and this will be explored further at Joint ETS meeting but there remains considerable uncertainty. GN is unable to attend the forthcoming Wales Country Panel but CJ will attend and provide an update.

**Action: GN & LR to speak to WG officials re future arrangements.**

#### **11. JOINT ETS (JETS) MEETING**

This will take place in Cardiff on 19/20 March. Discussions will cover: future of SSC work; parity of guidelines; joint endorsements; individual recognition; and registration. SD query re CRB checks will also be raised.

#### **12. ESTYN THEMATIC REVIEW OF YOUTH WORK TRAINING**

In the absence of Estyn staff, this item could not be discussed further and will be removed from the agenda.

#### **13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Sue Trevelyan Jones provided an update:

- Communities First Programme is continuing for two years and CDC has been subcontracted as before to continue the support, mentoring and advice
- CDC's tender to WG was successful for Lot 2 – Workforce Development Element. The inception meeting is not until 6<sup>th</sup> March so further details could not yet be provided;
- A Consortium has been formed between England, Scotland and Ireland to hold the CD NOS – CDC is currently undergoing the process to become a member in order to hold the CD NOS for Wales.
- CDC is currently undertaking work under the National Health and Well-being Project – work with older people in Splott in south Wales and Rhyl in north Wales in working with the homeless (which includes ex military personnel suffering PTSD)
- CDC is working with other organisations on a project funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to examine the links between poverty and ethnicity in Wales
- Following the work with Agored Cymru to develop CD Quals at levels 1, 2 and 3, CDC is now working with them to develop apprenticeships

#### **14. PLAYWORK**

Item to be removed from agenda while funding for endorsement work continues to be sought .

#### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **16. CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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