

Minutes of meeting held at Office of the National Association of Head Teachers on 5 June 2018 10.30am

Present:

Gareth Newton (Chair), Catrin James, Cathie Robins-Talbot, Gill Price, Grant Poiner, Paul O'Neil, Donna Lemin, Steve Drowley, Rachel Burton, Tim Opie.

In attendance:

Liz Rose (ETS Adviser), Sarah Barnes & Claire Anderson (BSL Interpreters)

Apologies:

Emma Chivers, Jo Sims, Dafydd Baker, Josh Klein, Hayden Llewellyn, Ged Kerlake, David Algie, Colenzo Jarrett-Thorpe, Martin King-Sheard, Mike Greenaway.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

GN welcomed everyone to the meeting. LR reported that, unfortunately, Ceri Ormond had resigned from ETS as workload had made attending meetings very difficult. CWVYS is seeking a replacement rep.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record with one correction at 11.4 from 'QTI' to 'QTS'.

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

Item 6.4 Annual monitoring –

Action: need to further interrogate the data provided by setting up a sub group to include the TAG reps

Action: LR to circulate link to the Annual Monitoring infographic.

Action: LR to follow up data collection of FE programmes with Agored Cymru and ABC Awards

Item 12.2 – SD, in co-ordinating a Wales contribution to a UK paper on youth work, thanked those who had contributed information. There had been a number of 'Choose Youth' promoted events at Westminster resulting in more impetus for YWin England. GN noted the Green Party had produced a useful paper.

Action: LR to circulate Green Party paper on youth work

4. WELSH GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENTS

4.1 DL gave a useful and detailed update on developments. She said there has been significant work on a number of key strands and it is time to bring these together and make progress coherently. The YW Reference Group will continue to meet until the role of the YW Board is clear. The Chair and membership will go through a public appointments process, initially with the Chair being announced at the Excellence Awards evening at the end of June. Board members will be appointed afterwards and it will then be necessary to look at how the Board and YWRG work together and their respective roles. It was noted that the Board's links to wider agendas, such as the school Curriculum developments, is important.

4.2 The recent thematic review of youth work by Estyn illustrated the role YW can play in a wide range of issues and areas. Unexpectedly, Estyn found thriving areas of YW and that strongest partnership working was evident where YW was taking a lead role. The Report is due to be released at end of June

4.3 Youth Work Strategy – The importance of involving young people in shaping the YW Strategy was noted. The Strategy should tell how to achieve Welsh Govt's vision for youth work. Key themes had been identified, including: Welsh language; workforce training and development; YW Charter. DL confirmed that they aim to publish the YW

Strategy by Dec 2018 which gives a tight timescale. However, this could be extended to ensure full co-production of the Strategy.

4.4 Audit of Local Authority Youth Service – A sub-group is needed to better understand what is being gathered and the need for consistency. Consistency is affected because services are using different management information systems to gather data. The scale of voluntary sector involvement is not being captured but wider mapping will be left until the YW Strategy has been published.

Action: Keep on agenda for future reference

4.5 Quality Mark – applications for the QM are still being received but the number of Assessors is not increasing quickly enough so further discussion on future developments is needed. Value for money is key but all parties have testified to the benefits of their involvement in the process.

4.6 National Academy for Education Leadership – TO reported that Huw Foster-Evans has been appointed as CEO and that he will meet with PYO and CWVYS reps shortly. Concerns that the Academy is overly focussed on formal education was noted.

Action: GN to write to Huw Foster-Evans on the importance of terminology and that 'Education' is wider than just schools

5. EDUCATION WORKFORCE COUNCIL

5.1 HL was unable to attend but had provided an update particularly on the second year of registration. Some individuals were automatically re-registered but other not, so there is a refining of members by employers.

5.2 There remains confusion about the Schedule of approved qualifications over what is and isn't recognised, particularly historical qualifications.

Action: LR to write to Donna and Mike Maragakis outlining the specific issues raised by employers when registering qualified youth workers with EWC; (post-meeting note: it was agreed for EWC to submit one letter, ensuring main issues were captured)

Action: LR email Hayden's update on EWC to ETS members

6 ETS WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19

6.1 **Chair's Report** - GN reported that his activities since the last ETS meeting included: attending 3 meetings of the YW Reference Group; completing a short paper on research for the YWRG; regular meetings with LR; attending the YW Conference; completing consultation for the EWC Board; and attending a presentation evening for USW in Newport to present ETS certificates to students – this was very enjoyable and demonstrated the varied work areas graduates had gone to. On the issue of research, there is a view that this cannot be conducted as the service is in too great a state of flux but GN believes that a picture of the current youth work offer would be useful to provide a baseline of provision.

6.2 **Youth Support Worker Endorsement Guidelines** – Joint NYA and Awarding Bodies meeting had not been held.

Action: LR to chase up meetings with NYA regarding meetings for YSW qualifications and guidelines following staff changes at NYA

6.3 **HE Guidelines to Professional Endorsement Refresh** – The changes agreed to Section 3 of the draft guidelines have been made but the whole document now needs reviewing.

Action: LR invite members to form sub group to look at changes to ETS Guidelines and email NYA for latest version of their Guidelines for comparison

7 ENDORSEMENT ACTIVITY

7.1 **Glyndŵr – PgDip** - LR reported that Glyndwr University staff had confirmed they would be seeking endorsement for a new programme to start in Sept 2019. Panel members and a chair are sought.

Action: LR to make initial arrangements for professional endorsement.

BA – LR had followed up the anomaly that the ETS requirement of 3 JNC full time staff was not being met. The shortage appeared in the annual monitoring 2016-17 as it had happened during that year. However, this had not been identified at the recent endorsement event in 2017 as the situation had, by then, been remedied.

- 7.2 **Cardiff Metropolitan – PgDip** – LR had written to managers at CMU to ensure the ETS requirement of 4 JNC full time staff was being met given the retirement of the PgDip Programme Leader (Rick Newnham). GP reported progress, saying that Cez James has been appointed Programme Leader and a tranche of adverts are about to be placed which will include an additional member of staff for Y&C work. No dates were available as yet.

Action: LR to keep in touch with CMU staff to ensure ETS requirements are met

- 7.3 **USW MA/PgDip** – Nothing to report

- 7.4 **Trinity Saint David** – Both BA and PgDip/MA programmes are due for re-endorsement in 2019. Panel members and a chair are sought.

Action: LR to make initial arrangements for professional endorsement.

- 7.5 **OU – BA:** Nothing to report.

- 7.6 **Agored Cymru & ABC Awards** – Although the current L2 & L3 qualifications have been extended by 2 years to early 2020, NYA/ETS/AO group need to start looking at the structure of the qualification and the range of option units available. See Action 6.2.

- 7.7 **Fitness to Practise Panels** - LR gave background to this item, where all institutions have a corporate Fitness to Practise policy that involves the relevant professional body in any panel that has to be brought. ETS Wales has no policy on this nor is it in the Guidelines to Endorsement. Further it is not the role of ETS to make decisions on individuals. LR has been asked to sit on panels recently and has done so as an observer. A meeting is being held with EWC staff to discuss this further.

Action: LR to report back to members after meeting EWC regarding the role of ETS

8 JNC UPDATE

- 8.1 Nothing further to add as the Staff Side pay claim for 2018 was expected.

9 JOINT ETS / SECTOR SKILLS SPECIALIST BODY UPDATE / WELSH GOVT PRIORITIES RE NOS & APPRENTICESHIPS

- 9.1 Joint ETS had not met recently but attempts were being made to set up a meeting of Officers.

- 9.2 LR provided an update on NOS developments. Welsh Govt had conducted a short survey on the status of NOS and the need to update them. Surprisingly this work will now be funded; although there was no appetite for this in Wales, other devolved nations felt it was necessary and funding is available for a light touch refresh. The tender is being managed by Skills Development Scotland and LR will liaise with ETS Wales' Scotland counterparts, CLD Standards Council.

Action: LR to forward Emma-Jane Evans' (Welsh Govt) email regarding the decision to review the Youth Work NOS and to seek comments

10 SECTOR FEEDBACK

- 10.1 **Local authority** – Very positive feedback has been received for the PYOG-commissioned trauma recovery model training, with the second tranche in north Wales in July. Westminster legislation on elective home education may impact Wales. Youth workers are identifying young people who are home educated but not having their needs met, but this is a contentious and politically sensitive issue. The WLGA Annual Conference takes place in June and there is an option for youth work to run a workshop. TO will explore further. There will be new regulations in 2021 when SRE becomes RSE – Relationships and Sexuality Education. Corinne Fry is leading on this on behalf of PYOG.
- Action: TO to seek to extend current research with PYOs on work they are doing on RSE to CWVYS members**

- 10.2 **CWVYS** – CWVYS has held two 'Evaluation, Impact and Outcomes' seminars with Aberystwyth University and the Centre for Youth Impact. The findings and recommendations are currently being written up and will be made available. Regional meetings have been held, with presentations on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Institute for Fundraisers, and Safeguarding. Other work includes: contributing to Volunteers' Week; starting a voluntary-specific L2 training course at Wrexham and one in Cardiff in the future; the CWVYS AGM is on 5 July.
- 10.3 **TAG Cymru** – TAG group met recently. The recent TAGPALYCW (UK-wide) seminars at UWTSD and USW had gone well and Glyndwr will shortly host their AGM. Student numbers had been fairly static but there has been a sharp downturn in the number of applicants so far this year – however, this is across all university programmes. TAG members are seeking to share practice on fieldwork arrangements as some are having problems finding JNC qualified supervisors. Research is important with some lecturers approaching completion of their PhDs. Student dissertations can also provide valuable research to the sector – it would be useful to liaise with the Marketing Group on this. The issue of Cardiff and Vale College providing a Foundation course on youth studies was noted as this is not a professionally endorsed programme. LR informed group that contact had been made with Welsh Govt officials seeking to extend student finance funding to PgDip youth work students in addition to those on teacher training courses. Supporting letters from TAG may also be required.
Action: LR to keep on agenda
- 10.4 **Colegau Cymru** – RB reported that 200 learners had completed L2 and L3 youth work practice training. The most popular option modules are: SRE; LGBT+; and Mental Health. There has been interest from schools for teachers and teaching assistants to take the L2/L3 training. All the HEIs host the training and it would be useful to know if this encourages learners to progress to L4. A crossover qualification 'introduction to youth work' with playwork is being piloted, aimed at those aged 14+.
- 10.5 **FAB Wales** – DB had sent apologies.
- 10.6 **Play Wales** – MG and MKS had sent apologies.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 There was no other business.

12 CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

Weds 17 Oct 2018

Weds 6 Feb 2019