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LLŶN A.O.N.B JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

Gwynedd Councillors

**Dafydd Davies
Gareth Tudor Jones
John Brynmor Hughes
Gruffydd Williams
Gareth Williams**

Others

Aberdaron, Buan, Botwnnog, Clynnog, Llanbedrog, Llanaelhaearn, Llanengan, Nefyn, Pistyll and Tudweiliog Community Council nominees.

Gwynedd Council's Countryside Champion

Nominees of the following agencies/institutions:

**National Trust,
Natural Resources Wales,
Arfon and Dwyfor Access Forum,
Cyfeillion Llŷn,
National Farmers Union,
Farmers Union of Wales,
Abersoch and Llŷn Tourism Partnership,
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales,
Gwynedd Archaeological Trust,
Llŷn Fishermen's Association.**

AGENDA

1. ELECT CHAIR

To elect a Chair for 2024/25.

2. ELECT VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Vice-chair for 2024/25.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

6. MINUTES

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The Chair shall propose that the minutes of this committee, held on 22 November, 2023, be signed as a true record.

7. A NEW IMAGE FOR AONB'S

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To further consider the matter.

8. UPDATE ON LLŷN AONB CAPITAL PROJECTS

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To inform members on the "Perthyn" project.

10. AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

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To inform members on the AONB Management Plan.

LLŶN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 22/11/2023

Present:

Members: Councillors **Gareth Williams, John Brynmor Hughes, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gruffydd Williams** and **Angela Russell** (Cyngor Gwynedd Countryside Champion) as well as **Noel Davey** (Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales), **Jina Gwyrfai** (Llanaelhaern Community Council), **Sianelen Plemming** (Pistyll Community Council), **T. Victor Jones** (Chair) (Llanbedrog Community Council), **Robert Parkinson** (National Trust), **Morgan Jones-Parry** (Arfon and Dwyfor Access Forum), **Linda Ashton** (National Resources Wales), **Sian Parri** (Tudweiliog Community Council), **Brett Garner** (Llŷn Fishermen Community) and **Dewi Evans** (Aberdaron Community Council).

Officers: **Bleddyn P. Jones** (Llŷn AONB Officer), **Morus Llwyd Dafydd** (Llŷn AONB Projects Officer), **Heledd Fflur Jones** (Planning Policy Team Leader) and **Rhodri Jones** (Democratic Services Officer).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was resolved to elect **Sian Parri (Tudweiliog Community Council)** as Chair for the 2023/24 period.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was resolved to elect **T. Victor Jones** as Vice-chair for the 2023/24 period.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from **Einir Wyn** (Llanengan Community Council), **Euros Jones** (FWAG Cymru), Councillor **Dafydd Davies, Eirian Allport** (Clynnog Fawr Community Council), **Gillian Walker** (Cyfeillion Llŷn) and **Kevin Roberts** (Countryside Warden – Llŷn AONB)

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest were received from Morgan Jones-Parry and Sianelen Plemming for Item 9 as Canolfan Llithfaen was being discussed. They were not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest and they did not leave the meeting during the item.

A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Gareth Tudor Jones for Item 8 as he was one of the directors of 'O Ddrws i Ddrws', that had received money from the Sustainable Development Fund. He was not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest and he did not leave the meeting during the item.

5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

6. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous minutes of this Joint committee held on 29 March 2023, as a true record.

7. THE DARK SKY

The report was submitted by the Llŷn AONB Officer for information to the Members, drawing attention to the following main points:

Members were reminded that discussions had arisen at the 29 March 2023 meeting of this Committee regarding an application for a 'Dark Skies' designation for the AONB area, following the success of Ynys Enlli recently being awarded a 'Dark Sky Sanctuary' designation. It was noted that the outcome of those discussions was to consider applying for a designation for the Aberdaron area of the AONB if the community supported that.

The members were updated that officers had held discussions with Aberdaron Community Council during their meeting in July. It was confirmed that the community was keen to apply for the 'Dark Sky' designation, therefore the preparation work for the application had started. It was emphasised that the application for a Dark Sky designation only applied to the borders of the Aberdaron Community Council area.

It was confirmed that officers were collaborating with Project NOS to collect data to build an application for Dark Sky designation. It was estimated that this work would take between 1 to 2 years to complete before receiving a designation. It was detailed that officers had also been measuring the darkness of the sky recently, using a 'Sky Quality Meter' on clear nights when the moon was not visible. It was confirmed that they planned to do this in different parts of the designation area twice a year.

It was explained that officers were collaborating with other AONBs as well as the National Park throughout the process. It was detailed that officers had been collaborating with the company Ridge to identify regions within the Llŷn AONB area where there was a lot of light pollution to try and find solutions to that pollution with organisations. It was explained that the company had looked at around 20 organisations within the AONB where there is light pollution, and it was noted that the main organisations that have been prioritised are:

- Nant Gwrtheyrn
- Nefyn Golf Club
- Sarn Mellteyrn Hall
- Ysgol Crud y Werin, Aberdaron

It was explained that the locations that had been included by the company Ridge did not include residential dwellings, second homes or holiday homes because the Council does not have authority to manage them. However, it was noted that officers were in discussions with the planning department to consider placing conditions on new homes to try and solve the problem of light pollution.

DECISION

To accept the report and note the observations received.

8. THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

The report was submitted by the Llŷn AONB Projects Officer for Members' information, and the following main points were highlighted briefly:

Members were reminded that £100,000 was available for the Sustainable Development Fund at the beginning of the current financial year. It was confirmed that the following projects had received the Fund's support to date this year:

- Llŷn Maritime Museum
- Llŷn Flexi Bus
- Balchder a Chelf Llŷn
- Storws Enlli
- Protecting the names of Llanengan
- Llŷn Library of Things
- R S Thomas Festival
- Llŷn Woollen Mills Exhibition
- Berwyn Jones Exhibition
- Rhydyclafdy Playground
- Menter Raber

It was explained that there was £4,833 left of the Fund. It was noted that it was possible to receive applications for this money, but any project that receives the funding must use it before the end of March 2024. It was noted that similar future reports would include projects that had received the Fund's support in the current financial year and the previous two years in order to get a full picture of the types of projects applying for an allocation of the budget.

Attention was given specifically to the 'Storws Enlli' and 'Flexi Bus' projects as they had received £30,000 each of the Fund's allocation. An update was provided on the projects, noting that they had been a huge success, with Storws restored to an excellent standard and the Flexi Bus having transported more passengers this year.

It was ensured that a budget of £100,000 had been confirmed for the 2024/25 financial year and members were encouraged to inform Llŷn communities of the opportunities that the Fund provides. Members were reminded that additional information about the Fund was available to the public on the AONB website.

It was noted that the latest Welsh Government guidelines placed emphasis on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and gave priority to projects that related to the 'Nature Recovery' and 'De-carbonisation' themes.

The committee was reminded that there were currently nine Members on the Fund's Panel. It was noted that the Member for Clynnog Fawr Community Council had expressed an interest in stepping down from the Panel. Councillor John Brynmor Hughes was elected as a Panel Member in her place.

Following the discussion on this item, attention was drawn to the difficulties arising from the lack of evening buses that currently existed in the AONB rural areas. It was

considered whether it was possible to consider the Flexi Bus as part of a solution to the situation, but it was acknowledged that this would be difficult as it was a seasonal service with limited hours on some weekdays. It was agreed that the AONB Officer would contact the Public Transport Manager noting that Members had stated their concern regarding the current situation.

DECISION

- 1. To accept the report and to note the observations received.**
- 2. Councillor John Brynmor Hughes was elected as a member of the Sustainable Development Fund Panel, after the Clynnog Community Council Member stepped down.**

9. LLŶN AONB CAPITAL PROJECTS

The report was submitted by the Llŷn AONB Officer for Members' information, and the following main points were highlighted briefly:

It was explained that Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places (SLSP) was a grant scheme by the Welsh Government to support capital projects in the National Parks and the AONB. It was confirmed that the projects covered three years (2022-25).

It was explained that the report elaborated on the 2022/23 updates on Llŷn SLSP capital projects namely:

- Porth Ysgo steps renewal
- Mynytho, Horeb and Rhos Botwnnog Common Lands
- Native Trees
- Alien invasive species
- Canolfan Llithfaen

It was confirmed that the AONB received approximately £200,000 annually from the Government within the SLSP to spend on these projects in 2023/4. It was mentioned that approximately £160,000 of this money had been spent on capital work (£60,000 on Canolfan Llithfaen, £50,000 on Porth Ysgo, £30,000 on the common lands and £20,000 on native trees). It was ensured that the expenditure of these projects was flexible to the area's needs and that officers regularly discussed the matters with the Government to provide updates. It was noted that future updates for the Joint committee would include information about the projects' expenditure within the reports.

It was discussed that there were rhododendron problems on Mynydd Tir y Cwmwd common land, Llanbedrog, but it was explained that National Resources Wales were dealing with this situation, therefore there was no need for the AONB to act here.

DECISION

To accept the report and note the observations received.

10. NATIONAL ISSUES

The report was submitted by the Llŷn AONB Officer for Members' information. Reference was made to the following main points:

It was mentioned that a letter from the Minister for Climate Change, Julie James MS had reached Local Authorities and National Parks Leaders as well as the Chairs of the Parks and AONB Joint Committees recently. It was detailed that the letter noted that the Government had developed an on-line training package for the relevant bodies to ensure that the organisations' leaders and members had the correct information and skills.

It was explained that there were two training sessions relevant to the Llŷn AONB Joint Committee members, including:

- Introduction to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Getting to grips with the nature and climate emergencies

It was confirmed that attending the training sessions was not mandatory, but all members were strongly encouraged to attend the sessions. It was explained that the sessions were two hours each and would be held on 2 February and 16 February 2024 between 2-4pm. It was noted that the intention was to arrange a meeting of the Joint Committee in order to host the training.

It was explained that the term 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' derived from the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and that it had been in use since then. Nevertheless, it was acknowledged that discussions regarding the name had been held over the last few years, because it was too descriptive and long and it was considered that the AONBs were not of the same status as the Parks because the name did not include the word 'national'.

It was elaborated that a review of the National Parks and AONBs in England had been undertaken under the guidance of journalist Julian Glover and one of the recommendations was to change the operational name from 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' to 'National Landscapes'. It was noted that many regions in England were in favour of this change and information packages, branding and new logos had been distributed to correspond with this. It was also explained that the National Association for AONBs was also supportive and was going to change its name to the National Landscapes Association.

It was ensured that the matter had also been discussed in Wales. It was explained, generally, that other AONBs seemed to support the proposal and that the Welsh Government was also supportive. It was emphasised that there was no enforcement to use the new title, the branding or the logo that had been developed. It was confirmed that the official name of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty would remain.

Many concerns were shared by Members about changing the name and the current logo to the new versions. It was considered that the current use was clear, appropriate to the purpose and was an opportunity to showcase the Welsh language. It was acknowledged that it was not possible to create a separate association for Wales, because there were only 5 areas in Wales and 37 in England, but it was noted that officers would contact other AONB areas to voice their concerns.

DECISION

- 1. To accept the report and note the observations received.**

- 2. It was agreed not to adopt the new national title and logo 'National Landscapes' and to continue with 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' and the current logo.**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm and concluded at 5.30pm

CHAIR

COMMITTEE	Llyn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	June 27 th 2024
TITLE	A new image for AONBs
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	To further consider the matter

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report contains further information on the work that has recently been undertaken to create a new brand and image for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). The designation is relevant to Wales, England and Northern Ireland.
- 1.2 The report has been included on the JAC meeting's agenda at the request of the Chair following receipt of a letter by Mr John Watkins, Chief Executive of the National Landscapes Association (translation attached as Appendix A).

2.0 AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

- 2.1 The term “area of outstanding natural beauty” is contained in The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. This Act was passed by the post war Labour Government in order to protect these special places and, in the case of the Parks, promote leisure enjoyment.
- 2.2 Over the years there has been much discussion about the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty title mainly due to it's long and descriptive nature and secondly because it lacks the “National” label and therefore somehow lacks the status given to the Parks.

3.0 A NEW IMAGE

- 3.1 Recently a review of National Parks and AONBs in England was undertaken under the leadership of journalist Julian Glover. There was a similar review undertaken in Wales led by Prof Peter Marsden some years ago. The Glover report came to the conclusion that there was a strong case to change the operational name of AONBs to something more punchy and to include the term “National”.

- 3.2 The National Association of AONBs, which was established to help the AONBs in the UK by promoting good practice, education and training, has been part of the discussion regarding the future of National Parks and AONBs in England and Wales. The Association has been coordinating the discussion in England regarding changing the operational name of AONBs to “National Landscapes”.
- 3.3 The majority of areas in England were supportive of the name change and the Association also adopted this viewpoint. Consequently the Association has led on developing information packs, new branding and logos to be used. The Association itself has also been renamed as National Landscapes Association. By now many, if not all, the designated areas in England use the National Landscape title, sometimes with the AONB as a sub-title. Also, the new logos, which have a similar look in order to create an impression of belonging, are widely used. The the web address for the Association is: www.national-landscapes.org.uk
- 3.4 A discussion has been held on rebranding in Wales between officers. In general there has been support for the initiative and Welsh Government also seems supportive. By now some of the AONBs in Wales have also started using the National Landscape title and the new logos.
- 3.5 At the meeting of this JAC held in November 2023 members were favouring continuing with the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty title and logo rather than adopting the National Landscape working title and new logo (this is also based on the chough).
- 3.6 Mr John Watkins, Chief Executive of the National Landscapes Association will be joining the meeting to provide further information on this topic.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To accept the report.



Sian Parri (Tudweiliog Community Council)

Chair, Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Joint Advisory Committee.

Dear Sian,

The National Landscape Association is a charity working to ensure that the UK's most exceptional landscapes are beautiful, vibrant places where all can feel a part of. The Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is an important member of the Association and we are working to support the team and the network of National Landscapes in the UK, helping them to be as effective as possible.

It was great to have representatives from Llŷn at our recent event at the Senedd, which was attended by Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and Julie James MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning. It was a good opportunity to show how important these landscapes are while celebrating their local management, successes and identity.

I would welcome the opportunity to provide an overview of our work and priorities to you. I am happy to either meet you in person or attend one of the Joint Committees? As you know the Association has been working with all the teams in England and Wales on work to re-brand the National Landscapes which had good support, however I understand that to date Llŷn has been reluctant to adopt the new brand. I would like the opportunity to look into this situation with you.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

John Watkins, Chief Executive, National Landscapes Association

COMMITTEE	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	June 27 th 2024
TITLE	Update on Llŷn AONB capital projects
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Projects Officer
RECOMMENDATION	To accept the information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report contains an update on the Llŷn AONB capital projects. These projects are part of the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places (SLSP) programme by Welsh Government which is available to support capital projects within AONBs and National Parks.
- 1.2 The SLSP projects cover a 3 year period (2022-25) and we are now therefore in the last year. The last update regarding the SLSP projects was made to the JAC at the meeting that was held in November 2023.

2.0 CAPITAL PROJECT THEMES

- 2.1 Themes were set by Welsh Government for projects which form part of the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places scheme as follows:
 - Biodiversity and nature recovery
 - Decarbonisation
 - Resilient and green communities
 - Sustainable Tourism

3.0 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

- 3.1 **Porth Ysgo stairway** – this stairway is on a public right of way leading down to the beach at Porth Ysgo on the southern coast of Llŷn. It was installed around 30 years ago, but had seriously deteriorated in recent years. The project involved the removal of the original wooden stairs and the installation of new steps using local treated timber. Renewing the steps was a challenge due to the nature of the area, steep cliffs and poor access to the site. Local contractors were appointed to carry out the work, which was completed over the Winter to a high standard and there is easy access to Porth Ysgo once again.

- 3.2 **Common land** - This project has extended over a period of three years. The commons in question are Mynytho, Horeb, and Rhos Botwnnog. The improvements have included cutting overgrowth and clearing, improving access, treating invasive species and installing information boards and also reintroduction of grazing.
- 3.3 **Indigenous trees** – this is a two year project. In 2023-24 the main aim was to identify suitable sites to plant indigenous trees within the AONB by carrying out research and consultations. This year trees will be planted during the winter at various locations within the AONB.
- 3.4 **Invasive non-native species (INNS)** - species such as the himalayan balsam and japanese knotweed and rhododendron are a problem across Llŷn with their adverse effect on biodiversity. In 2023-24 the objective was to identify areas where different invasive species were located in Llŷn and pilot different treatment methods. This financial year there will be more direct action to eradicate the species, this work has already started.
- 3.5 **Y Ganolfan, Llithfaen** – The Ganolfan project has spanned three years with initial work done in 2022-23. It soon became clear that the Ganolfan needed more substantial work and that the internal facilities also needed to be upgraded. The AONB Unit was successful in attracting a significant financial contribution to the project from the UK Government's Prosperity fund. Following a process of competitive tendering, D. G. Jones and Son Ltd. was appointed to undertake the refurbishment of the Ganolfan and work began in January 2024. Work has progressed well on the Ganolfan during the past months, the external work is nearly completed and much of the internal work has now been done.
- 3.6 **Llanbedrog quarry car park** – this is a project for 2024-25 under the theme Sustainable Tourism. It is a popular parking space used by tourists and locals visiting the beach, however parts of the site are untidy and overgrown. The aim is to make environmental improvements and improve access.

3.7 **Collaborative projects.** In addition to the specific project for the Llŷn AONB the area has benefitted from collaborative projects with other Designated Areas. An update on the following projects will be provided at the meeting:

- Traditional boundaries
- The Dark Sky
- Education pack

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Accept the information.

COMMITTEE	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	June 27 th 2024
TITLE	“Perthyn” (Belonging) Project
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report on the “Perthyn” project is included on the agenda of the JAC at the request of the member for Tudweiliog Community Council.

2.0 AREA OF LINGUISTIC SIGNIFICANCE

2.1 On December the 11th 2023 three Llŷn Community Councils – Aberdaron, Botwnnog and Tudweiliog decided to designate their areas as Areas of Linguistic Significance. Their aim was to sustain and strengthen the Welsh language in Llŷn. The Councils are worried because the Welsh language is being impacted by developments such as second homes, holiday homes and tourism in general.

2.2 Following on other Community Councils have also joined the project – Nefyn, Buan, Llanbedrog, Llannor and Llanystumdwy.

2.3 A paper by the Welsh Communities Commission refers to designating areas where there is a high percentage of Welsh speakers as Areas of Linguistic Significance. In those areas it suggests the possibility of adapting public policies in order to support the Welsh language.

2.4 More information on the “Perthyn” project can be seen in an article in the community paper Llanw Llŷn, January 2024 (translated in Appendix B).

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To accept the report.

Perthyn (Belonging)

Welcome to the Llŷn Area of Linguistic Significance in 2024

On Llywelyn ein Llyw Olaf Day on 11th of December 2023 an important step was taken by Aberdaron, Botwnnog and Tudweiliog community councils when they decided unanimously to designate the three areas as Areas of Linguistic Significance. By now Nefyn Town Council has joined them and others are planning to do so soon. By doing this they are showing their intent to sustain and strengthen the Welsh language in Llŷn.

There is concern that Cyngor Gwynedd's policies has not done enough to safeguard Welsh communities over the decades. Therefore these community councils have joined Cyfeillion Llŷn under the umbrella of the *Perthyn* project to look at the possibility of attaching a language condition to housing developments, create new opportunities for Welsh and establish a different type of tourism which would have a beneficial effect on Welsh in the future.

Sion Williams, Chair of Botwnnog community council said on behalf of the council: "In order to get more local control over decisions, we will need a reasonable percentage of the second homes premium and tourism industry tax, to be used for the work of sustaining and strengthening the Welsh language in Llŷn".

The *Perthyn* project is part of Welsh Government's wider plans to help the Welsh language in communities where there are many second homes. Reserach has confirmed that it is in such areas that the Welsh language suffers most from the negative effects of tourism, and the effect is seen most prominent in Abersoch.

Jeremy Miles MS stated that the Welsh language "belongs to us all" in a speech to denote sixty years since Saunders Lewis' "Tynged yr Iaith" (*The Fate of the Language*) lecture in 1962. Jeremy Miles put down a challenge to every individual to take action in order to strengthen the language. Poet R.S Thomas declared that saving the Welsh language was easy: "The only thing we need to do is speak it, and speak only it." He spoke as one who had learnt the language and who was aware of difficulties and the dangers of bi-lingualism. This was also the message of Phill Wyman (*Dim Saesneg/ No English*) which was supported by Dwyfor Welsh learners in the "Beca" film which can be seen on the new Cyfeillion Llŷn Website.

With bi-lingualism Saunders Lewis saw a "smooth and respectful death and non-grieving burial" for the Welsh language and this is what is happening here today. He also stated that the continuation of the Welsh language in Llŷn, which has been in existence since the 6th century, was a matter of life or death for Wales. *Perthyn* calls for the creation of new Welsh spaces in order to achieve the Welsh Government's target of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050.

A month prior to the National Eisteddfod at Boduan a public meeting was held at Glan y Môr School, Pwllheli to ask for everyone's cooperation in extending the same Welsh welcome to tourists in 2024 as that provided to people attending the Eisteddfod in 2023. The aim is to

strengthen the Welsh language in Llŷn so that we are able to present and share this unique treasure we have with tourists that come here from other parts of Wales and indeed the rest of the world.

At the meeting reference was made to Anna and Bryn Fôn running Plas Carmel cafe through the Welsh language and being supported by all. Also Myrddin ap Dafydd explained the Eisteddfod Welsh language rule and Liz Saville Roberts related how learning the Welsh language opened a door to a new family and that learners need to be listened to. Howard Huws from Cylch yr Iaith talked about the effects of tourism on communities across the world. Since then the intention of establishing Llŷn as a Welsh attraction where the tourism industry flourishes and the Welsh language also flourishes in it's wake has been supported by individuals, groups, businesses, groups, councils and organisations across the sector, locally and nationally.

Perthyn was launched at a night of art and entertainment at Llangwnnadl which had been organised by Anna and Bryn Fôn and their friends. More information is available on the Cyfeillion Llŷn website which is a Welsh digital online portal developed as part of the *Perthyn* project. There is a welcome to anyone to join via the website: www.cyfeillionllyn.org

Presented by Cyfeillion Llŷn on behalf of Aberdaron, Botwnnog, Tudweiliog and Nefyn Community Councils with the support of Cylch yr Iaith, Dyfodol yr Iaith and Cymdeithas yr Iaith.

Sian Parri,
Cyfeillion Llŷn
Tŷ Capel Penygraig,
Llangwnnadl,
Pwllheli

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	June 27 th 2024
TITLE	AONB Management Plan
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the Information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Preparing and reviewing the Management Plan is one of Gwynedd Council's responsibilities in relation to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as part of the CROW Act 2000. The Joint Advisory Committee has a role to play in the Plan review process.
- 1.2 The existing Llŷn AONB Management Plan is dated and needs to be reviewed. Unfortunately a number of factors, including the pandemic, work on other projects and capacity issues have delayed the process.

2.0 THE REVIEW PROCESS

- 2.1 When reviewing the Plan there is a need to consider the most up to date information on the area's features, relevant plans and strategies, conservation objectives, local projects etc.
- 2.2 Also reference needs to be made to guidelines for Local Authorities on the preparation and review of Management Plans. Guidelines were published by the former Countryside Council for Wales many years ago.
- 2.3 Recently Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru commissioned Land Use Consultants to review and update these Guidelines, the final version is expected to be published soon.

3.0 STATE OF THE AONB AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Some background work on the Plan review has taken place.

- 3.2 The AONB Unit commissioned an update of the State of the AONB Report. This Report contains information on the condition of the AONB's special features, pressures etc. A summary has been presented to the JAC in the past.
- 3.3 Also some time ago the AONB Unit commissioned consultants to update of the Management Plan's context. The work included updating information on plans, strategies, Acts etc which are relevant to the AONB Management Plan.

4.0 STEPS TO BE TAKEN

- 4.1 Soon the AONB Unit will start to assess and revise the Plan's aims, objectives and policies and suggest updating/ changes to respond to new information and/ or a change in circumstances. The aim is to arrange a meeting of the JAC to discuss these matters in the Autumn.
- 4.2 Then we will work on updating the Action Plan which includes information on the work which it is intended to undertake during the Plan period. Also the Environmental and Habitats Assessments will need to be reviewed.
- 4.3 Following on there will need to be a consultation period on the revised draft Plan. We will consult with public and private sectors, societies and individuals by various methods to get their views on the Plan. The Joint Advisory Committee will have a key role in assessing the responses received during the consultation period.

5.0 KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Below there is a list of the Llŷn AONB Special Qualities as identified in the existing Management Plan:

- Beautiful landscape and coast
- Tranquility and a clean environment
- A wealth of wildlife and habitats
- The Historic Environment
- The Welsh language and culture
- People and close knit communities

- Local produce and businesses
- Access and rights of way

5.2 As an initial step in the review process Members of the JAC are requested to suggest what, in their opinion, are some of key issues which are relevant to these Qualities and the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at this time.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Accept the information.