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LLŶN A.O.N.B JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date and Time

4.00 pm, MONDAY, 13TH JULY, 2026

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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, Trefor and 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.**

A G E N D A

1. ELECT CHAIR

To elect a Chair for 2026-27.

2. ELECT VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Vice-chair for 2026-27.

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 18 March 2026, be signed as a true record.

7. TIRLUN BYW

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To inform and update members on the progress of the Tirlun Byw project.

8. LLŶN AONB CAPITAL PROJECTS

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To provide and update on the Llŷn AONB capital projects.

9. THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

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To provide information on the current position of the Sustainable Development Fund for the 2026-27 financial year.

10. STATE OF THE AONB REPORT

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To consider changes to the State of the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Report.

LLŶN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 18/03/2026

Present:

Members: **Sian Parri** (Tudweiliog Community Council) (Chair)
Councillor Gareth Williams (Vice-chair)

Councillors **Gareth Tudor Jones** and **Gruffydd Williams** along with Councillor **Angela Russell** (Cyngor Gwynedd Countryside Champion), **Noel Davey** (Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales), **Jina Gwyrfa** (Trefor and Llanaelhaearn Community Council), **Eirian Allport** (Clynnog Fawr Community Council), **Andrew Parry** (Llanbedrog Community Council), **Jenny Emmett** (Gwynedd Archaeology), **Guto Roberts** (National Trust), **Seimon Jones** (Cyfeillion Llŷn) and **Morgan Jones-Parry** (Arfon and Dwyfor Access Forum)

Officers: **Bleddyn P. Jones** (Llŷn AONB Officer), **Elin Wyn Hughes** (Llŷn AONB Activities Officer), **Kevin Roberts** (Countryside Warden – Llŷn AONB), **Heledd Fflur Jones** (Planning Policy Team Leader), and **Rhodri Jones** (Democracy Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- **Rhys Llewelyn** (Cyfeillion Llŷn) with **Seimon Jones** substituting.
- **Robert Parkinson** (National Trust) following restructuring, with Guto Roberts as a new member, present for the first hour of the meeting.
- **Dewi Evans** (Aberdaron Community Council)
- **Councillor John Brynmor Hughes**
- **Sianelen Fleming** (Pistyll Community Council)

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

4. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the last meeting of this Joint Committee held on 2 July 2025 as a true record.

5. UPDATE ON LLŶN AONB CAPITAL PROJECTS

The report was presented by the Llŷn AONB Officer and the Countryside Warden – Llŷn AONB, highlighting the following key points:

It was explained that all the projects presented in the report were funded through the Welsh Government's 'Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places' grant scheme

available for Welsh Designated Landscapes - National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It was further explained that the Welsh Government had set themes for the grant for 2025-27 namely 'Promoting biodiversity and nature restoration', 'Facilitating decarbonisation' and 'General improvements relating to access, infrastructure and visitor pressures'. Members were guided through the successful projects delivered by the Llŷn AONB during the current financial year, and it was confirmed that further information would be available to the public through the Llygad Llŷn newsletter.

Planting Native Trees

It was reported that planting native trees such as oak, blackthorn, hawthorn, holly, hazel, silver birch and other species, offered significant environmental benefits such as creating habitats for wildlife, absorbing carbon from the environment, purifying and managing water and providing a sustainable resource for the future.

It was recognised that the Llŷn AONB Unit had faced a challenge in finding suitable locations to plant these trees, as there was insufficient suitable land available under the Council's ownership. It was explained that officers had worked with the National Trust to obtain permission to plant trees at Tŷ'n Parc, near Plas yn Rhiw. Natural Resources Wales officials were also thanked for assisting the project, in the hope that the scheme could be continued in the coming year on Natural Resources Wales' lands.

It was confirmed that the work had been carried out this year at Plas yn Rhiw and Tŷ'n Parc (Rhiw) in addition to areas near the cemetery and community garden in Nefyn, and everyone who had undertaken the work were thanked.

Non-native Invasive Species

It was explained that this project was a follow-up to research carried out on the non-native invasive species that were harmful to the native wildlife of the Llŷn AONB, in an attempt to eradicate them as they posed a threat in some places. It was stressed that this project was challenging as the non-native invasive species were to be found in several areas across the AONB.

Particular attention was drawn to work carried out to dispose of Himalayan Balsam in areas of Pistyll and Penllech, and Natural Resources Wales were thanked for their co-operation. However, it was noted that this species had been found in other areas such as Nefyn, where it was out of control as the budget to eradicate the species had been used in areas where there was confidence that it could be eradicated, rather than attempting to eradicate it in areas where the situation was out of control.

Similarly, it was confirmed that work had been carried out to remove Japanese Knotweed, drawing particular attention to the work carried out in the Trefor area. It was explained that eradicating this species was considered to be less challenging, and there was a possibility that the entire budget would not be spent during the next financial year as officials were in control of the situation. Anyone who found the species within the AONB was urged to contact the Unit so that it could be eradicated.

Similarly, it was explained that work has been carried out to remove rhododendron trees in areas near Garn Boduan and Llanbedrog beach, and it was confirmed that there were plans to continue to eradicate the species over the next year.

Decarbonisation of village halls / centres

It was reported that the intention of this project was to assist village halls and centres to decarbonise by introducing measures such as insulation, switching to low-energy LED lighting, carbon-free heating systems and creating systems to store renewable energy. It was explained that delivering these changes would also result in financial savings for

those buildings. Attention was drawn to three buildings that had benefited from the project during 2025-26:

- Edern Community Hall – upgrade to LED lights.
- Sarn Memorial Hall – install an electricity storage system from its solar panels to save money rather than selling it back to the grid.
- Y Ganolfan, Trefor – carry out an inspection of the building prior to installing solar panels, storage system, insulation and upgrading to LED lighting.

Abergeirch

It was noted that this area near the village of Edern had been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest due to its particular marshy wetland vegetation.

An ecological assessment report had been carried out on the site which showed that there had been a deterioration in the condition of the special features found there. It was further explained that the report had recommended possible enhancements to the area, confirming that these would be achieved over the coming year.

General and joint projects

Other small projects that had been delivered were highlighted, such as the restoration of a multi-use path and the installation of picnic benches in Porthor, the improvement of a local route near Bodwrdda Aberdaron, the improvement of key routes in Clynnog and the restoration of rusty iron railings on the quay in Trefor.

It was also explained that the Llŷn AONB had benefited from collaborative projects with other Designated Landscapes such as the 'Dark Skies' and 'Tirlun 2 - Landscape Education Pack' projects.

During the discussion, the following observations were noted:

In response to an enquiry, it was confirmed that the Unit appreciated the assistance from volunteers on these projects where appropriate, recognising that volunteers could not be accepted on all projects, such as the schemes to improve paths in Clynnog.

Several matters were drawn to the attention of officers as potential issues to be considered as capital projects, such as areas of Japanese Knotweed at Carreg y Defaid and Mynytho, the need to install iron railings on the road to Llanbedrog beach, Rhododendron trees near Gyrn Goch waterfall as well as the need to repaint signs and milestones in the Mynytho area. It was also proposed that officers should contact Plas Glyn y Weddw to see if they would like native trees to be planted there, as their forest had been damaged over recent years by severe weather.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that a link to the Landscape Education Pack project had been shared with all schools within the AONB, and it was confirmed that the link would be shared with members of the Joint Committee for information.

In response to an enquiry, the Llŷn ANHE Officer confirmed that Community Councils had received information about all these projects as they developed, noting that it was hoped that Community Council members who were members of this Joint Committee would also report back to their meetings.

DECISION

- To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.
- To ensure that a link to the 'Tirlun 2 – Landscape Education Pack' project was shared with Members.

6. TIRLUN BYW

The report was presented by the Llŷn AONB Activities Officer. The following main points were outlined:

It was explained that Tirlun Byw was a project jointly funded by Natural Resources Wales and Cyngor Gwynedd for a period of three years up to 2027. The project's aim was to promote the AONB as a living landscape, by providing activities for people who work, live or visit here. It was noted that the project responded to several objectives such as the AONB Management Plan, Welsh Government's Natural Resources and Well-being objectives as well as the priority areas of the Cyngor Gwynedd Plan 2023-28.

Data was presented on the activities that had taken place over the past year and participant numbers. Photographs of those events were shown to provide a taster of the activities. Copies of poems were provided which had been composed as part of a project undertaken by local schools with the help of Meirion Macintyre Huws to promote the dark skies and their importance within the AONB. It was confirmed that the project had received very positive feedback from the schools.

Some other upcoming events were highlighted, such as the invasive species information session on 30 April and an information session on running successful guided tours on 14 May.

It was confirmed that it was intended to prepare a work programme for the 2026/27 year and suggestions were welcomed for suitable events to be held during that period.

During the discussion, the following observations were noted:

In response to an enquiry, the Llŷn AONB Activities Officer confirmed that it was hoped that the poems composed by school pupils as part of the project would be published in an edition of the Llanw Llŷn community paper. However, it was confirmed that they could not be published in the Llygad Llŷn newsletter because they would need to be translated as the newsletter was published bilingually. However, there would hopefully be another opportunity in the future to publish these poems.

In response to an enquiry, the Llŷn AONB Activities Officer confirmed that members of this Joint Committee could be invited to these activities via a calendar meeting request instead of by e-mail if they so wished, and members were asked to contact the Activities Officer.

In response to an enquiry, the Llŷn AONB Activities Officer emphasised that every effort was being made to ensure that all activities were conducted bilingually. However, it was acknowledged that there had been one event where the presenter did not speak Welsh and there had not been sufficient time to translate her presentation and therefore the event had been held in English.

It was noted that an information session on the Welsh names of trees, flowers and birds would be beneficial as part of the work programme, and that if this was not possible, that a page should be created on the website containing all the information so that those names were not lost.

DECISION

To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.

7. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

The report was presented by the Llŷn AONB Officer. Attention was drawn to the following main points:

It was explained that the report provided information on the Sustainable Development Fund's situation for the current financial year, 2025-26. It was confirmed that there was a total of £95,000 in the Fund at the start of the financial year, and it was noted that a large proportion of the funding had been allocated to local projects in the area, namely:

- 1st Mate Llŷn Maritime Museum (£4,506)
- Llŷn Flexi Bus (£25,000)
- Nefyn multi-use paths (£11,450)
- Enlli Solar Power (£9,572)
- Llanbedrog Playing Field (£22,145)
- Porthdinllaen Rowing Club (£750)
- Decarbonisation of Rhiw village hall (£2,250)
- Menter Rabar (£4,995.37)
- Aelhaearn Nature Garden (£1,000)
- Website for Tafarn y Fic, Llithfaen (£2,439)

The total amount allocated to these projects was reported to be £84,107.37. The joint committee members were reminded that the AONB Unit was entitled to claim a grant of £9,500 for the administration of the fund. It was confirmed that the true total amount of money that had been allocated from the fund was £93,607.37, if all projects claimed in full by the end of the financial year.

It was a matter of pride that £95,000 had been allocated by the Welsh Government to the Fund for the 2026-27 financial year, and it was confirmed that a meeting should be held soon to consider new applications that had been received.

It was noted that the Welsh Government had published a revised Framework Document which contained several significant changes to the governance of the fund, such as:

- 60% of the Fund's budget was required to be earmarked for projects that address or respond to the nature and climate crisis and biodiversity losses.
- Emphasis is placed on collaborating with other landscapes, the voluntary sector and communities along with other partnerships
- Information about the Fund must be included on a regularly updated website, with access to the application process and further information. It was confirmed that the Llŷn AONB was already acting in accordance with this.
- Changes to Membership - it was explained that there must be between 3 and 5 members on the Fund Panel, with a requirement for each Member to serve for a minimum of two years and a maximum of 4 consecutive years. The need to review the membership every 2 years was noted. It was emphasised that all members were required to attend any training organised by the Welsh Government in order to be aware of their priorities.
- It was confirmed that the Panel was accountable for its decisions and must be able to provide justification for its decisions. It was noted that decisions would be published on the website.

It was confirmed that these changes would be effective from the 2026-27 financial year onwards, citing the urgent need to amend the membership of the Panel. Members were reminded of the Panel's membership of the Panel, and it was noted that Councillors Angela Russell and John Brynmor Hughes could continue as members for now as they had not served for four years. However, it was clarified that Councillors Gruffydd Williams and Gareth Williams, Morgan Jones Parry, Sian Parri and Noel Davey could no longer serve as members as they had served for 4 consecutive years or more.

During the discussion, the following observations were noted:

The membership of the Panel was discussed, and the Members were confirmed as a follows:

- Councillor Angela Russell (Cyngor Gwynedd Countryside Champion)
- Jina Gwyrfaï (Trefor and Llanaelhaearn Community Council)
- Eirian Allport (Clynnog Fawr Community Council)
- Seimon Jones (Cyfeillion Llŷn)

Officials would confirm whether Councillor John Brynmor Hughes intended to continue as a Panel Member following the meeting. It was further explained that the new guidance for the Panel permitted between 3 and 5 panel members, and it was confirmed that Panel meetings could be held with the new membership.

Observations were made that the new Welsh Government guidelines placed great emphasis on their priorities rather than allowing local communities to approve those projects that would bring the most community benefit to its residents and visitors.

The officers were thanked for the summary of the projects supported over the current financial year, and the request was reiterated to receive information spanning several years when this report was submitted in future. It was explained that this would allow Joint Committee members to compare which projects had been approved, the types of projects that were applying and the areas that were taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the Fund. In response to the comments, the Llŷn AONB Officer confirmed that the information could be gathered and included in future reports.

DECISION

- **To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.**
- **Request that information on the projects supported by the Fund over a minimum of 3 years be submitted as a future appendix to this Report.**
- **To elect the following individuals to be members of the Sustainable Development Fund Panel:**
 - **Councillor Angela Russell (Cyngor Gwynedd Countryside Champion)**
 - **Jina Gwyrfaï (Trefor and Llanaelhaearn Community Council)**
 - **Eirian Allport (Clynnog Fawr Community Council)**
 - **Seimon Jones (Cyfeillion Llŷn)**
 - **Councillor John Brynmor Hughes (if desired)**

8. STATE OF THE AONB REPORT

The report was presented by the Llŷn AONB Officer.

It was noted that the intention of the report was to receive a full and clear picture of the state of the area including the landscape, nature, people, work, historic environment, language and culture. The report would form the basis for the review of the new AONB Management Plan, as the current plan had become outdated.

Members were reminded that the first report on the state of the AONB was developed in 2014, with a review of it undertaken in 2021. It was noted that the Joint Committee had submitted several comments on that report and had decided to update the document in order to receive up-to-date information. It was confirmed that Craggatack company from Cumbria had been appointed to develop a new report, following a tendering process.

It was explained that the State of the AONB Report presented at this meeting was based on information gathered in 2025, with a wide range of information covered, including: location, pollution, renewable energy, flooding, natural and cultural heritage, habitat designations, the language and culture as well as people and health issues.

It was hoped that the development of the AONB Management Plan would continue following receipt of information from the State of the AONB Report. It was explained that the process of carrying out that work would be undertaken by commissioning individuals and consultants, dependent upon the receipt of budget assurances.

During the discussion, the following observations were noted:

Concern was expressed about the need to protect traditional houses and cottages within the AONB, and it was proposed that the Joint Committee write to Cyngor Gwynedd's Planning Policy Committee to highlight the need to introduce stricter policies to protect them so that new owners were not free to demolish them for no reason. In response to the comments, the Planning Policy Team Leader confirmed that the Planning Policy Service was currently undertaking a period of public engagement on a draft of the Planning Policy and encouraged members of the Joint Committee to submit their observations through the consultation to ensure that they received due consideration, and that they were included within the proposed policy.

Parts of the report were considered to be very comprehensive, such as the data on planning applications and information about Dark Skies. However, it was considered that there was room for improvement in dealing with the economic impact of caravan and camping sites, renewable energy, schools, language and culture and second homes. It was felt that these areas had not received due consideration within the report. Consideration was given to whether all the information necessary for the development of the report was available to the company.

Concern was expressed that incomplete information had been included by the company in compiling the report, drawing particular attention to a part of the report which confirmed that there were only 8 caravan sites and 1 campsite in Gwynedd in 2025. Similarly, the information presented about settlement numbers and sizes was also considered to be flawed. Reference was made to a third part of the report which stated that there was insufficient details were available on the numbers of second homes in the Botwnnog and Aberdaron area. As with previous observations, consideration was given to whether Joint Committee members and Cyngor Gwynedd officials had the information to hand to share with the company to ensure that their report was accurate and a fair reflection of the true state of the AONB, to ensure that there was an accurate baseline for the work.

In response to an enquiry, the AONB Officer confirmed that it was intended to submit the Management Plan to this Joint Committee in future, but the limitations of the AONB Unit's capacity had led to the commissioning of external consultants to deliver the work. Following the response, it was asked whether this Joint Committee could take on a greater role in the development of the Management Plan as several members were eager to support the Unit in ensuring that the information contained within the State of the AONB Report was complete and comprehensive. In response, the AONB Officer confirmed that observations submitted by Joint Committee members had been noted by the AONB and would be used as a starting point for the development of a new Management Plan, in conjunction with the existing plan. It was hoped that independent consultants would be appointed to sift through all the information, to begin assessing the situation in order to deliver a high-quality Management Plan. It was acknowledged that a timetable for the report could not yet be confirmed; it was hoped that a draft timetable could be submitted to the next meeting of this Joint Committee, when funding issues had been confirmed.

In response to an enquiry regarding the role of community councils in contributing information for inclusion in the report, the AONB Officer explained that at present only factual evidence was required in order to set a baseline, information which was not available to the community councils. However, it was noted that they would be able to provide observations in the future.

An idea was put forward to contact Cyngor Gwynedd's Research and Information service to ask whether the information missing from the Report was available so that the process of creating a Management Plan could be developed.

In response to a proposal to reject the flawed sections of the report, the AONB Officer explained that this report had been commissioned by Cyngor Gwynedd and that the service's decision was to proceed based on the information within it. It was further noted that it was intended to continue with the process of drawing up a Management Plan using this report; members of the previous Committee were encouraged to get in touch regarding any area where they believed additional information should be obtained, for consideration by the Llŷn AONB Unit. Several further comments were received from Members who did not believe that the report could be accepted at this time as it was flawed, in the hope that ensuring accuracy would assist the Llŷn AONB Unit in the development of the AONB Management Plan.

DECISION

- **To reject the flawed sections of the report and ask the AONB Unit to urgently ensure data accuracy, with the assistance of Members.**
- **To ask the AONB Officer to write to Cyngor Gwynedd Council's Planning Policy Committee and the Planning Policy Service on behalf of this Joint Committee, formally requesting to include the protection of the character of houses and cottages in the AONB as part of the development of a new planning policy, with the assistance of Councillor Gruffydd Williams.**
- **To encourage Members to take part in a Planning Policy Service public engagement event.**

The meeting started at 4.00pm and ended at 5.45pm

CHAIR

COMMITTEE	Llŷn AONB Joint-Advisory Committee
DATE	July 13th 2026
TITLE	Tirlun Byw
PURPOSE	Share Information and Provide Update
AUTHOR	Llŷn AONB Events Officer (EWH)
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the Information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This is an update about the Tirlun Byw project - a three-year project (2024-27) which is funded jointly between Natural Resources Wales and Gwynedd Council. The project recognizes the AONB as a living landscape where people visit, live and work in - so emphasis is placed on giving people opportunities to enjoy the AONB and to contribute directly to the maintenance and upkeep of the special features.

2.0 2025/2026 WORK SCHEDULE

- 2.1 A summary was given at the last meeting about the activities and events held during the 2025/26 financial year. A grant claim and report was submitted to Natural Resources Wales by 31st March.

3.0 MONITORING VISIT BY NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

- 3.1 Linda Ashton from Natural Resources Wales was welcomed on a monitoring visit to the area on June 18th. There was an opportunity to visit different sites relevant to the events of the past year together with an opportunity to discuss the work program for the coming year.
- 3.2 We thank Linda for her time and guidance, and we look forward to working together again during 2026/27.

4.0 2026/27 WORK SCHEDULE

- 4.1 There will not be many changes to the work program for the coming months. The main themes will continue - namely several various activities for the public and local school pupils together with a series of rural skills training. We will also hold volunteering sessions and develop the element of promoting and marketing the AONB by updating the website and publishing another edition of Llygad Llŷn.
- 4.2 Several activities have already taken place - here is a summary: -
- 30/04/2026 - Invasive Plants Information Session
 - 07/05/2026 – Information Session on Hosting Successful Guided Walks
 - 22/06/2026 – Volunteering Session – Bryn croes Litter Pick

- 29/06/2026 – Volunteering Session – Sarn Litter Pick
- 03/07/2025 – Volunteering Session – Tackling Invasive Plants in Llanbedrog
- 06/07/2026 – Volunteering Session – Botwnnog Litter Pick

4.3 As for the coming weeks - here is a summary of activities in progress. You are warmly welcome to join - and it would be greatly appreciated if you shared the information: -

- 15/07/2026 – Melin Daron – A Talk by Glyn Roberts in Aberdaron
- 17/07/2026 – History of Llŷn Mills – A Talk by Glyn Roberts in Llannor
- 14/08/2026 – Rural Skills Training at Uwchmynydd
- 21/08/2026 - Rural Skills Training at Uwchmynydd
- 05/09/2026 – Guided Walk at Aberdaron
- 07/09/2026 – Guided Walk at Clynnog Fawr

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Members are asked to accept the information. You are also welcome to offer comments or suggestions for our program of activities for the coming year.

COMMITTEE	Llyn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	July 13 th 2026
TITLE	Llyn AONB capital projects
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	To accept the information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report contains an update on the Llyn AONB capital projects. These projects are financed through the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places (SLSP) programme by Welsh Government. It is only the Designated Landscapes, i.e National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty that are able to apply for this funding.

2.0 CAPITAL PROJECT THEMES

- 2.1 Themes for the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places scheme (2025-27) were set by Welsh Government and were as follows:
- Promoting biodiversity and nature recovery
 - Accelerating decarbonisation
 - General improvements relating to access, infrastructure and visitor pressures

3.0 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- 3.1 During the past months the capital project work in Llyn has been concentrated on the following:
- Completing work to re-open the Bodwrdda (Aberdaron) path
 - Access improvement works at Abergeirch/Porthdinllaen
 - Tackling Himalayan Balsam on selected sites
 - Planning improvement works for the Queens, Aberdaron
 - Preparation for work on conifer trees on Garn Fadryn a Garn Boduan.
- 3.2 More information on the above projects will be provided at the meeting.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Accept the information.

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	July 13 th 2026
TITLE	The Sustainable Development Fund
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Project Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides information on the current position of the Sustainable Development Fund during the present financial year (2026/27).
- 1.2 In addition, the report includes information on projects approved over the last six years, providing an overview of the investment made and the outcomes achieved through the Fund.

2.0 THE FUND IN 2026/27

- 2.1 A total of £95,000 is available for the Sustainable Development Fund during the 2026/27 financial year.
- 2.2 The following projects have been supported to date:

•	CDC 26.1	Llŷn Maritime Museum	£4,605
•	CDC 26.2	Cydio yn Awen Enlli	£3,000
•	CDC 26.3	Fflecsi Llŷn	£25,000
•	CDC 25.4	Melin Daron	£10,000
•	CDC 25.5	Tafarn y Fic	£11,550
•	CDC 25.6	Solar Menter Rabar	£5,913.75
		Llŷn AONB Administration	£10,000

- 2.3 Of this total, approximately £25,000 remains available to support eligible projects. Any individuals or organisations interested in applying are encouraged to get in touch for further information or to discuss potential project ideas that may be eligible for support through the Fund.

3.0 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS (2020- 2026)

2025-26 (£95,000 available)

Reference	Project	Grant
CDC 25.2	1st mate Llŷn Maritime Museum	£4,506.00

CDC 25.3	Fflecsi Llŷn	£25,000.00
CDC 25.4	Nefyn Multi use paths	£11,450.00
CDC 25.5	Enlli Solar	£9,572.00
CDC 25.6	Llanbedrog Playground	£22,145.00
CDC 25.7	Porthdinllaen Rowing Club	£750.00
CDC 25.8	Rhiw Village Hall Decarbonisation	£2,250.00
CDC 25.9	Menter Rabar	£4,995.37
CDC 25.10	Antur Aelhaern Garden	£1,000.00
CDC 25.13	Tafarn y Fic Website, Llithfaen	£2,439.00
Administration		£9,500.00
Total:		£93,607.37

2024-25 (£100,000 available)

Reference	Project	Grant
CDC 24.1	Morfa Dinlle RSPB	£2,911.00
CDC 24.2	1st mate Amgueddfa Morwrol	£5,895.00
CDC 24.3	Cydio yn awen Enlli	£3,000.00
CDC 24.4	Llanbedrog Play Area	£29,012.00
CDC 24.5	Melin Daron	£18,962.00
CDC 24.6	Antur Aelhearn	£1,463.00
CDC 24.7	Menter Rabar	£2,767.00
CDC 24.8	Menter y Tŵr	£21,850.00
CDC 24.11	Tudweiliog Noticeboard	£1,485.00
CDC 24.12	Porth Ceiriad RSPB	£2,652.00
Administration		£10,000.00
Total:		£ 100,000

2023-24 (£100,000 available)

Reference	Project	Grant
CDC.23.1	1st mate Llŷn Maritime Museum	£5,895.00
CDC 23.2	Fflecsi Llŷn	£30,000.00
CDC 23.3	Balchder a chelf Llŷn	£5,000.00
CDC 23.4	Storws Enlli	£30,000.00
CDC 23.5	Protecting Llanengan Place Names	£7,799.25
CDC 23.6	Llŷn Library of Things	£1,156.23
CDC 23.7	RS Thomas Festival	£1,271.00
CDC 23.8	Woollen Mills Museum	£2,000.00
CDC 23.9	Berwyn Jones Exhibition	£1,766.00
CDC 23.10	Rhydyclafdy Play Area	£979.00
CDC 23.11	Menter Rabar	£1,937.62
CDC 24.12	Chough Habitat Restoration	£2,820.77
CDC 24.13	Bardsey Island Management Plan	£937.50
Administration		£10,000
Total:		£ 98,662.37

2022-23 (£100,000 available)

Reference	Project	Grant
1	Abersoch Hall	£2114.84
2	Aberdaron Noticeboards	£1273.98
3	Sarn Exhibition	£773.00
4	Llandegwning Gate	£367.50
5	Fflecsi Llŷn	£10,060.00
6	1st mate Llŷn Maritime Museum	£2775.00
7	Llithfaen Play area	£9,400.00
8	RS Thomas Festival	£1,725.00
9	Eglwys Newydd Aberdaron	£6,697.00
10	Aberdaron Sailing Club	£2,925.00
11	Hafod Ceiri Windows	£12,100.00
12	Coedlan Carl	£3,000
13	Aberdesach Beach	£4,500.00
14	Melin Daron	£19,841.00
15	Plas Carmel, Aberdaron	£3,803.25
16	Dog Waste Bag Project	£793.95
Administration		£10,000
Total:		£ 92,149.52

2021-22 (£100,000 available)

Reference	Project	Grant
1	Llithfaen Play area	£9,308.00
2	Llŷn Maritime Museum	£2,870.00
3	Melin Daron	£5,000.00
4	Nant Gwrtheyrn Goats	£6,560.00
5	Gwynedd Archaeology Dinas Dinlle	£9,950.00
6	Hafod Ceiri Art	£750.00
7	RS Thomas Festival	£750.00
8	Coastal Bus	£16,200.00
9	Plas Carmel	£10,000.00
10	Antur Aelhaearn	£6,150.00
11	Abersoch Solar Benches	£5250.00
12	Efailnewydd Old Pictures	£1,805.00
13	Nefyn Anchor	£2,475.00
14	Caffi Hafod Ceiri	£13,939.00
Administration		£8,993.00
Total:		£ 100,000.00

2020-21 (£100,000 available)

Reference	Project	Grant
1	Tafarn yr Heliwr - Redevelopment	£4,629.00
2	Aberdaron Memorial	£1,623.00
3	Aberdaron Play area	£23,306.00

4	Llŷn Maritime Museum	£2,980.00
5	Melin daron	£5,000.00
6	Storws Enlli	£6210.00
7	Porth Ysgaden Yard	£3,140.00
8	Congol Meinciau EV Charging Study	£1,100.00
9	Aberdesach Car Park	£5,200.00
10	Ysgol Botwnnog Garden	£3,600.00
11	RSPB Chough Project	£3,875.00
12	Capel Newydd, Nanhoron	£1,185.00
13	Botwnnog Flowers	£160.00
14	Porth Cychod	£2,243.00
15	Botwnnog School Garden Building	£3,965.00
16	Lon y Plas, Enlli	£1,639.00
17	Yr Heliwr website	£2,930.00
18	Gardd Pontio	£203.00
19	Bardsey Honey	£1,609.00
20	Antur Aelhaearn Building	£3,000.00
Administration		£10,000
Total:		£ 87,597.00

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Accept the information.

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	July 13 th 2026
TITLE	State of the AONB Report
PURPOSE	Consider changes to the Report
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the suggestions to amend the Report

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A copy of the State of the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Report 2025 was presented to the Joint Advisory Committee at the previous meeting on March the 18th 2026.
- 1.2 It was noted that the purpose of the State of the AONB Report is to provide a full and clear picture of the state of the area – which includes information about the landscape, nature, people, work, the historic environment, language and culture etc. The Report forms the basis for the review of the Management Plan.

2.0 STATE OF THE AONB REPORT 2025

- 2.1 A brief was prepared and a tender process was undertaken for the preparation of a more up-to-date State of the AONB Report. Consultants Craggatack was chosen to undertake the new report – a company with extensive experience of making such reports and their proposal showed good value for money.
- 2.2 The Report contains a wide range of information about the landscape, environment, society, archaeological remains, historic environment and language and culture. It is also in line with Natural Resources Wales guidance.
- 2.3 A copy of the State of the AONB Report 2025 can be seen by following this link: [State of the AONB Report 2025](#) .

3.0 COMMENTS ON THE REPORT

- 3.1 The State of the AONB Report 2025 was discussed at the previous meeting held on March the 18th. Numerous comments were made on the report and it was not accepted by the Joint Committee as a basis for moving forward to review the Management Plan.
- 3.2 The AONB Unit has considered the comments made at the meeting – and has summarised them in a table, also providing a response and a suggestion to either amend the Report or not. It is now requested that the Members consider these comments which are noted in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 It is hoped that members of the Joint Committee can agree on a series of amendments to the Report, and on that basis, accept it as a final document.

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Following the completion of the State of Report the intention is to resume the process of reviewing the Management Plan. Some issues have already been discussed in the Joint Committee.
- 4.2 Due to the work involved in the preparation/review of the Management Plan, further consideration will need to be given to the process of carrying out this work. This may include the possibility of commissioning the work, subject to securing an appropriate source of funding.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Accept the information and the amendments suggested to the State of the AONB Report 2025.

APPENDIX 1

A summary of comments on the State of the AONB Report 2025

Comment by	Summary of comment	AONB Unit Response
Cyngor Cymuned Tudweiliog	Inadequate information regarding the Welsh language. No reference to the Llangwnnadl Housing and Language Survey 2024 which formed part of the Perthyn project which was commissioned by Cwmpawd on behalf of Welsh Government.	Agree the the language is an important asset – suggest amending the Report to include more information and refer to the Llangwnnadl Housing and Language Survey.
Cyngor Cymuned Tudweiliog	The Report should refer to the effect of the Local Development Plan and the effect of 4,000 homes on the qualities of the AONB and the Welsh language.	The State Report is a snapshot of the state of the AONB over a given period (2025) – it does not seek to predict the effects of specific developments, so it is suggested this should not be referred to in the Report . However, these issues are relevant for consideration when reviewing the Local Development Plan and the AONB Management Plan. The Joint Committee will be able to contribute to the review of these two Plans.
Cyngor Cymuned Tudweiliog	Also the effect of the main House Letting Policy under the Housing Act 1996 – in order to take the language of applicants for homes into consideration.	Again, the Condition Report is a snapshot of the state of the AONB at a given period (2025) so it is not believed that the Report should be modified in this instance . Letting homes is a complex issue that is managed through legislation and policies. The implications of the letting policy may be raised in the Management Plan and the Joint Committee may also liaise with the relevant Departments to identify the concerns.
Cyngor Cymuned Tudweiliog	It's obvious that something has gone awry when Cyngor Gwynedd permits social housing even though the communities themselves are opposed. The cohesion of communities is a key element of the AONB's qualities.	A number of social housing units have received planning permission in the Gwynedd area, including Llŷn, in recent years. Some have been granted by the Council and some by an Inspector through the appeals procedure. Concerns about this can be raised in the Management Plan and the Joint Committee can raise their concerns by commenting

		during a consultation period on the Local Development Plan. However it is suggested this is not included in the Report.
Cyfeillion Llŷn	Map of Settlements (page 152) does not make sense e.g it shows 3 settlements in Llangwnnadl. No clear understanding of the area.	Agree with the comments. The map is not correct and does not contribute useful Information – it is suggested the map is deleted from the Report.
Cyfeillion Llŷn	Number of second homes – the Report states that the data is incomplete for Aberdaron and Botwnnog – what does this mean ?	The problem is that it is difficult to get the data at the specific level of the AONB itself. However the comment is valid – it is suggested that the Report be modified by using data for wards to get a better picture of the situation.
Cyfeillion Llŷn	Lack of Information on caravan sites. The Report states that 80 sites were noted in 2021 while only 8 were identified for the whole County in 2025. There is a recommendation to commission a survey.	Unfortunately the Public Register no longer holds information on the number and type of units. However, the Unit has established that there are 96 sites in the AONB as well as 12 Registered sites (Clubs). There are also a large number of other caravan/camping sites nearby. It is suggested that this information be included in the Report and that an action is included in the Management Plan to undertake a detailed review of the situation.
Cyfeillion Llŷn	Condition of Afon Soch -it appears that a big change has taken place due to human actions. More information is needed on this.	The Information here is correct. The reason for the significant change in a short period of time is that the sample size is small (only a few rivers in the AONB). It is suggested that a sentence is included to explain this in the Report.
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales	The updated Report provides a wider presentation of Information in standard maps and tables which is for the most part thorough and useful.	A comment of support.
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales	There is useful new Information and analysis particularly of Planning applications and Dark Skies.	A comment of support.

Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales	Agree with the comments re negative impacts on landscape and coast by poorly sited or designed development of caravans, renewable energy structures and agricultural buildings (Forces of Change). However to add – recent policies have been relatively successful in minimising visual damage of new caravan sites and energy structures.	A comment of support.
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales	Agree with comments in the Forces for Change table re negative impacts on RoW/ Access and that lack of strategic monitoring weakens strategic planning of the network. It is believed that chronic underfunding severely limits options and there should be a reference to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The Wales Coast Path is a tremendous assets if it can be adequately sustained with adequate funds.	A comment of support. Rights of Way – it is suggested to include a reference to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and the Wales Coast Path in the Report but not to include comments about underfunding as there is an element of opinion in this.
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales	Expected a bit more on the assessment of the physical distribution and impact of economic sectors such as caravan sites (rf LUC 2021 Report). It is a mater of concern that the Consultants found that data from the Public Register of Licenced Caravan/ Camping sites seemed unavailable of incomplete. Other issues that might have been covered more included renewable energy, electricity grid, phone masts and social/ rural impact issues such as affecting shops, schools, housing, second homes, second homes (chapter 7 in the LUC 2021 Report did attempt to cover some of these aspects).	Information is included about second homes and housing designations but not about the housing stock. It is suggested that this information from the Council's Housing Department for is included in the Report, also include the information on caravan and camping sites as stated previously. There is information on Renewable Energy but not on a small/domestic scale – it would be difficult to get this information. Electricity Grid – there are no large pylons (132KVA) in the area and it would be difficult to convey information about all cables and poles in the Report. Economic/community issues – these can be referred to in the Plan itself – and fed into the review of the Local Development Plan.