

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	18 November 2015
TITLE	Latest Projects from the Llŷn AONB Unit
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	Llŷn AONB Projects Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the information.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report updates members of the Joint Advisory Committee on the AONB Unit's recent projects. The themes vary from raising awareness of the AONB, interpretation, events, improving the landscape and administering the Sustainable Development Fund.

2.0 THE LLŷN COAST FESTIVAL

2.1 The 2015 Coastal Festival was a huge success with large numbers of residents and visitors participating in a series of events jointly-organised by the AONB Unit, National Trust, Natur Gwynedd, Ecoamgueddfa, the Llŷn Maritime Museum and Plas Heli

2.2 The AONB Unit conducted three guided walks in the Cilan, Garn Fadryn and Clynnog Fawr areas. Many people joined – with very positive feedback.

2.3 It is the intention of the Partners to meet in the coming weeks in order to start preparing for the 2016 Festival. Normally, the AONB Unit is responsible for coordinating the production of a leaflet which summarizes all the events. We aim to publish by Easter.

3.0 LLYGAD LLŷN

3.1 The work of collecting items and creating articles will begin before the end of December for Llygad Llŷn 2016. The intention is to produce around 4,000 again this year and publish by Easter.

3.2 In addition to the usual items, it is proposed to include the area's traditional gates-upon the request of a member of the public. If there is any other desired item for us to consider including, please contact the AONB Unit.

4.0 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

4.1 In the 2015 edition of Llygad Llŷn 2015, a photography competition was held, themed "Llŷn's Heritage" – with the closing date September 25th. The competition is held every two years as an effort to promote the area's special characteristics.

- 4.2 Many photos were entered and the intention is to decide on a shortlist and winner shortly, and to hold a prize-giving event during December,

5.0 DISCOVER SCENIC WALES CALENDAR 2016

- 5.1 A special calendar has been published now for some time, jointly between the Welsh AONB's and National Parks. Each area contributes to the cost, with a different area co-ordinating each year. Llŷn is responsible this time.
- 5.2 The calendar aims to raise awareness of Wales' protected landscapes and contains impressive landscape photos from the 8 areas as well as photos themed: community; biodiversity; historical Environment and sustainable recreation.
- 5.3 The photos have now been transferred to the designers and we are awaiting a draft copy.
- 5.4 We aim to have the finalised calendar ready by mid-December and each member of the Joint Advisory Committee will receive a copy through the post.

6.0 UNDERGROUNDING

- 6.1 This is a summary of the project undertaken jointly between Scottish Power, Llŷn AONB, Ynys Môn AONB and Clwydian Hills and Dee Valley AONB – to identify possible sites for undergrounding electric cables to improve the landscape.
- 6.2 Considerable work has been undertaken in Llŷn during the last few months and in particular on Mynydd Cilan.
- 6.3 A meeting was held on October 7th between Scottish Power, Eryri Arboriculture and Consultancy and the 3 AONB's in order to update on recent work in all areas. An opportunity was had also to discuss sites in the pipeline. Here in Llŷn, we hope to see work beginning soon on sites in Nefyn (Cors Geirch) and Mynytho commons.

7.0 TRE'R CEIRI INTERPRETATION

- 7.1 This project is a continuation of work in 2013 when information panels were installed at sites near the area's hill forts - Garn Boduan, Garn Fadryn and Tre'r Ceiri.
- 7.2 Discussions have taken place recently with CADW and the aim is to begin shortly on further interpretation work, and specifically – Tre'r Ceiri. The aim is to raise awareness about one of Northern Europe's most important hill forts, improve visitor experience, expand the possible audience and raise awareness of other hill forts in Llŷn.

- 7.3 Elements of the project include disposing three information panels that have deteriorated significantly near the entrances and on the summit, as well as publishing an information leaflet.
- 7.4 It is an important project to the area, and complements CADW's Interpretation Strategy and the Llŷn AONB Management Plan.

8.0 THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

- 8.1 £60,000 was allocated to each Welsh AONB in the 2015/16 financial year.
- 8.2 For your information, nearly £64,000 has been allocated to worthy projects in the area and therefore, the AONB Unit are not taking any more applications at this present time. Even though there is overspend, we have received confirmation from Natural Resources Wales that additional funds are available.
- 8.3 There will be an opportunity at the meeting to see a summary and short presentation about some recent successful projects.

9.0 RECOMENDATION

- 9.1 The members are asked to accept the above information.