

Stage 1 Results: The responses of Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Dysynni



Draft Summary (January 2022)

1. Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of the 'Ardal Ni 2035' project is to conduct a conversation and discussion with local communities to identify what is important to residents and how they would like to see the area develop in the next 10-15 years.
- 1.2** We intend to collaborate and jointly develop solutions with organisations, groups and individuals. At the end of the project there will be 13 specific regeneration frameworks that reflect the aspirations of local communities.
- 1.3** The first stage of the project was to conduct initial talks with Councillors, Community and Town Councils and local regeneration groups in order to establish:
 - What is good about the area?
 - What is not so good about the area?
 - What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live?
- 1.4** An invitation, together with area statements (namely booklets that summarised the main economic, social, cultural and environmental data) were sent to all Councillors, Community Councils and the main local groups.
- 1.5** Between September and November 2021 a discussion took place with **10** Community / Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members in Bro Dysynni.

2. What's good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Dysynni noted that were **good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Environment and proximity to natural attractions, e.g. mountains, the seaside and the countryside	10
Community spirit and friendliness	7
A safe and secure area	6
Clean air / no pollution	3
Leisure facilities, e.g. Centre, Cinema, Library	3
Play park for children	2
Education provision and good schools	3
Heritage and history of the area	1
A good place to bring up a family	1
Provision / housing conditions	1
Fortunate of tourists that give local people a living	1
Good public transport	1
Good roads	1

3. What is not so good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Dysynni noted that were **not so good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Lack of affordable and suitable housing for local people	7
Concerns about health provision - hospitals and surgery	7
A lack of high salary / full-time jobs	7
Lack of care provision and activities for older persons	5
Local economy - lack of resources and shops closing	4
A number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	4
Gwynedd Council have forgotten about the area / no awareness of local needs	4
Lack of quality housing to rent	4
Concern about Planning for Housing / Local Development Plan	3
Geographical distance from everywhere	3
Closure of primary schools is a threat	2
Problems and impact of over-tourism	2
Concerns about the conditions of roads and traffic	2
Public transport and insufficient bus network	2
Flooding	2
Untidiness and the area's general condition	2
High cost of living	1
The Welsh Language / culture losing ground	1
No Recycling Centre in the area	1
Condition of public toilets	1
Lack of skilled workers, e.g. electricians, builders	1
Local people not joining Committees, etc.	1
Threatening behaviour against shop staff during Covid-19	1
Developments take a long time to be realised	1
Not enough Social Housing in the area	1

4. What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live? (Identify up to 3 changes.)

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Dysynni wanted to see happen in the next 15 years:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people	5
Secure work and high value jobs	5
More quality and preventative health resources	4
Plans to provide activities / support young people	3
A greener area - renewable energy, plastic free, charging points	3
Recycling centre in Tywyn	2
Need resources locally - food shops and cafe	2
More opportunities for people to socialise, e.g. Clubs	2
Care provision - need more carers	2
Better public transport provision	2
Modernise public toilets	1
Better tourism provision and activities for visitors, e.g. such as Bounce Below	1
Support for the agricultural sector	1
New play area for children	1
The issue of the Corbett Hotel in Tywyn being resolved	1
Develop a central community hub to hold activities and events	1
More contact with Gwynedd Council - monthly surgery with officers	1
'Best kept village' competition coming back to Gwynedd	1
Broadband infrastructure	1
Better control of second homes	1
Better control of tourism	1
Better communication from public bodies	1
Support businesses and create an enterprise area	1
More social housing	1
Improve the roads between Tywyn and Aberdyfi	1
Better relationship with Aberystwyth University	1
Cooperation to improve the area	1

5. Additional questions

5.1 Who are the main organisations and groups that could come together to fulfil the required change?

This is a list of all the organisations and groups noted in response to this question in Bro Dysynni:

- Gwynedd Council
- Welsh Government
- Tywyn Chamber of Tourism & Commerce
- The History Society
- Health Board
- National Park
- Merched y Wawr
- Local schools
- Community/Town Councils
- Private sector
- Tal-y-llyn Railway
- Rotary Club
- Greener Tywyn
- Centre Committee
- Football Club
- Aberystwyth University

5.2 Are you aware of any local consultation work that has been undertaken in the last year?

This is a list of the consultation work noted in response to this question in Bro Dysynni:

- Consultation on the changes to the arrangements for home care workers
- Consultation with young people about the skate park
- Aberdyfi Neighbourhood Scheme

5.3 Other matters concerning the work of 'Ardal Ni 2035' that arose in Bro Dysynni:

- Consideration to changing the regeneration area boundaries - Bryn-crug, Abergynolwyn and Llanegryn will be under one councillor. Feel that there is a case to create an area with these 3 villages - rather than the whole of the wider Dysynni area - as the situation, circumstances, demography of these places are so different to Tywyn and Aberdyfi.