

MEETING	Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
DYDDIAD	14 March 2023
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management and Operational Issues
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Introduction

The main function of the Committee is to consider, discuss and advise on matters relating to the management, protection and development of the Harbour and to receive members' comments on matters relating to Pwllheli Harbour.

The purpose of this report is to give the Committee a brief update on the harbour's issues for the period ending at the end of February 2023, in order to get feedback from the members on security issues and operational issues of the Harbour.

The Pwllheli Harbour Committee is a non-statutory Harbour Committee, established in accordance with the approval and support of the Council. The consent provides that fifteen (15) members serve on the Pwllheli Harbour Advisory Committee. There is a comprehensive list of the groups and organisations that are represented on the Harbour committee in the programme.

In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, the representatives from each group and organisation will be required to provide evidence of their constitution to the Council together with a letter from their organisation confirming the name of their representative. The above does not apply to a member of the Town or Community Council.

1.1 Ports Maritime Security Code.

The Ports Marine Security Code (PMSC) sets out the national standard for all aspects of port marine security. Its aim is to improve safety for all those who use or work in the marine environment of ports. It applies to all Statutory Harbour Authorities.

The Code represents good practice recognized by a wide range of stakeholders in the industry and Gwynedd Council understands that not adhering to good practice can be a sign of a harbour authority breaching specific legal duties. It is necessary for the Service to receive the comments and opinions of the Members of the Advisory Committee on the suitability of the Marine Safety Code and to regularly receive comments on its content, so that it can be reviewed and is relevant to harbour activity, navigational aids, suitability of bylaws, safety issues and general day-to-day work at Pwllheli Harbour.

It is a priority of the Senior Harbour Officer, together with the new Maritime Service Manager Bryn Pritchard Jones, who has taken over from Barry Davies who is retiring at the end of this month, to update the Safety Code

1.2 Dredging

The dredging continues to be a challenge, and the unit is working hard to find a long-term solution to the issue. Working with Gwynedd Consultancy (YGC), a programme has been put together to look at all possibilities. An oral report will be available on the evening.

It is noted that the following is in place:

- Half of the sand, approximately 25,000 tonnes, on the mound near the mouth of the harbour has been sold on the open market, following a tender process on Sell2Wales, to TG Aggregates, and work has started to move the sand before the end of March, so as not to disrupt the holiday park.
- Dredging the mouth of the harbour is to be done at low tide the week of the 20th of March onwards.
- The most recent bathymetric report of the harbour mouth, channel and basin is attached with the papers. The unit, together with the consultants, will review the report in order to put a work plan in place.

1.3 Financial Matters.

A summary of the Outer Harbour and Hafan Pwllheli's budget, and the current financial situation will be presented to the members at the meeting.

During the Autumn and Winter period, financial resources had to be committed to the following areas of work: -

- Upgrades to the secure compound, including electricity, water and lighting points
- Various winter maintenance work including servicing, cleaning and checking the pontoons.
- The fuel quay bridge has been put in place, although unfortunately we've seen a delay in the delivery of the fuel quay, with the likelihood that the work will be completed after Easter.
- A second bike rack located in the car park. You may remember that the long standing mooring holder, Mr Sykes 'My Helen' has recently passed away. While his boat has found a new home, he also had a bike here. Following discussions with the family the bike has been given to Beic Antur Bikes, which is part of the Antur Waunfawr charity, a social enterprise that provides employment and training opportunities for people with learning disabilities in their community. themselves. Following that, another bike has been kindly given to them by Mr Clarke on Skye Blue.

1.4 Fees and Charges 2023/24

Hafan and Harwbr Pwllheli fees have been released, and are available on our website https://www.hafanpwllheli.co.uk/welsh/prices/tariffs_one.html and through our handbook available from reception.

Broadly the following have had an effect on the prices:

- Hafan prices have risen 7.86% in line with inflation to recover
- Pwllheli Harbour prices have risen by 8.52% in line with inflation to be recovered. The sum is an average of the inflation across the county's harbours.
- Electricity prices have risen by 149.6%

In accordance with Gwynedd Council's financial review, departments had to offer savings/cuts worth £6.4 million to try to avoid cutting local services during 2023/24. The following three elements have been approved for Hafan a Harbour funding:

- Increase the Hafan's fuel income target
- Saving on historical budgets

- Restructuring the staffing resource, a Harbour Assistant (seasonal) will not be appointed over the Summer period.

1.5 Operational Items

Navigation - All Navigation Aids in Pwllheli Harbour are working and in place. There are no "Notice to Mariners" active in Pwllheli Harbour at the moment.

Annual Harbour/Harbour Statistics etc - Details of the Hafan and Harbour statistics for 2022/23 are included with this report. The annual residential number has increased greatly this year, and the Hafan is full. 411 Hafan contracts, and 40 Harbour contracts have been sent out, and the team is busy recognising any changes, some cancelling. We will have a complete picture in April, but it is likely that the Hafan will be full again this year.

It is likely that the percentage of berths in the Harbour will decrease because customers' needs are changing. Number transferred to Hafan, age profile of users, while others e.g. traders (fishermen) have given up.

Staffing – Great credit to the team for the work over the past year, and I would like to note the percentage of customer satisfaction in the recent questionnaire for staff performance from PMBHA indicating 91% satisfaction (Excellent or Very Good). If you add Good to the percentage they rise to 98%.

The summer period will be challenging to protect the water under the supervision of Pwllheli Harbour due to previously reported staffing cuts.

Personal Watercraft (Jetskis) - For information new legislation has been passed in Westminster which gives additional powers to users of personal watercrafts. The new law comes into force on March 31st, 2023. This is a new law and to be welcomed. Despite this, caution is needed before coming to any decision on how harbour authorities and local authorities will respond to incidents involving personal watercraft vessels. It is crucially important that officers are given the time to study the act which was recently put before the Government and have the time to discuss the implications of the act further with lawyers and senior officers. This has implications for all users of the Hafan/Pwllheli Harbour.

This link provides more information on the new law - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reckless-jet-skiers-to-face-prison-and-unlimited-fines-thanks-to-hand-change>

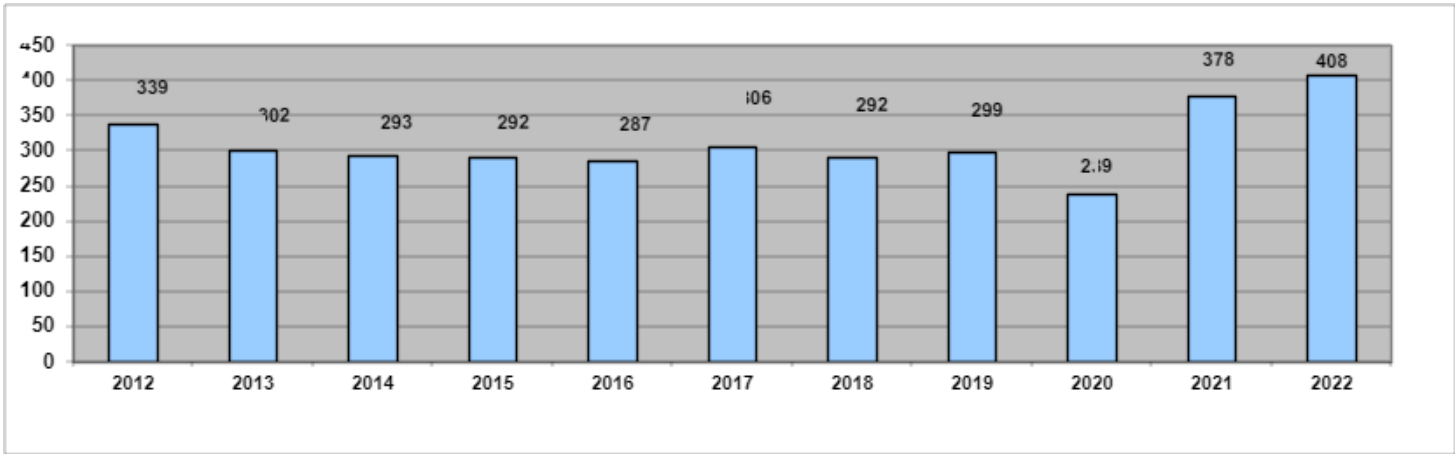
Strategic Plan - As reported one of the main priorities is to look at a 'masterplan' strategic plan for the Pwllheli Harbour and Glandon area. There was no bid received for the work in the first round, but following a review of the brief we have agreed on BlueSea Consulting to take the work on. The early discussions have taken place, whilst the company will invite a number of stakeholders to feed in to the strategy development in the near future.

Maritime					
DG51-HAFAN PWLLHELI		01/04/2022 up to 31/03/2023			
GROUP	ACC	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE UP TO 31/03/2023	OVER (UNDER)
Staff	AGWE	Staff Costs	367,060	320,314	(46,746)
Property	BEID	Ground and Buildings	472,360	626,804	154,444
Transport	CTRA	Boat and Vehicles	10,220	8,417	(1,803)
Equipment	DCYF	Tools and Equipment	156,920	106,544	(50,376)
Income	INCM	Harbour Income	(1,600,450)	(1,692,268)	(91,818)
Total	CYF	Total	(593,890)	(630,189)	(36,299)

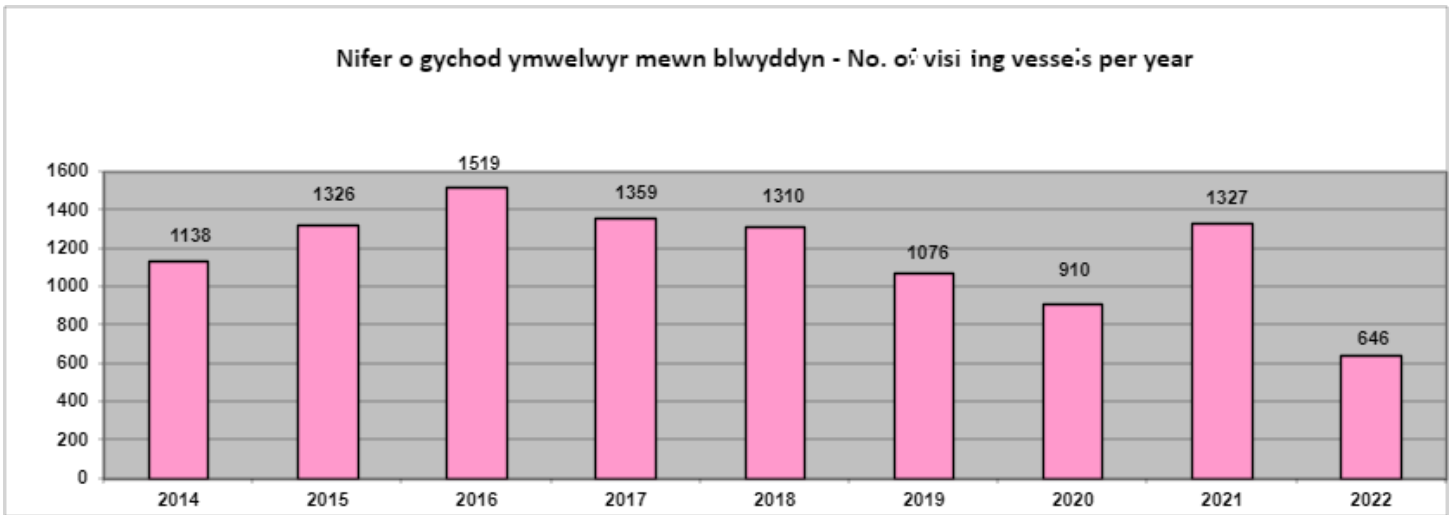
Harbour					
DG52 - HARBWR PWLLHELI		01/04/2021 up to 31/03/2022			
GROUP	ACC	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	PREDICTED EXPENDITURE UP TO 31/03/2023	OVER (UNDER)
Staff	AGWE	Staff Costs	31,190	17,737	(13,453)
Property	BEID	Ground and Buildings	12,880	12,354	(526)
Transport	CTRA	Boat and Vehicles	660	0	(660)
Equipment	DCYF	Tools and Equipment	12,990	75	(12,915)
Income	INCM	Harbour Income	(33,280)	(25,607)	7,673
Total	CYF	Total	24,440	4,559	(19,881)

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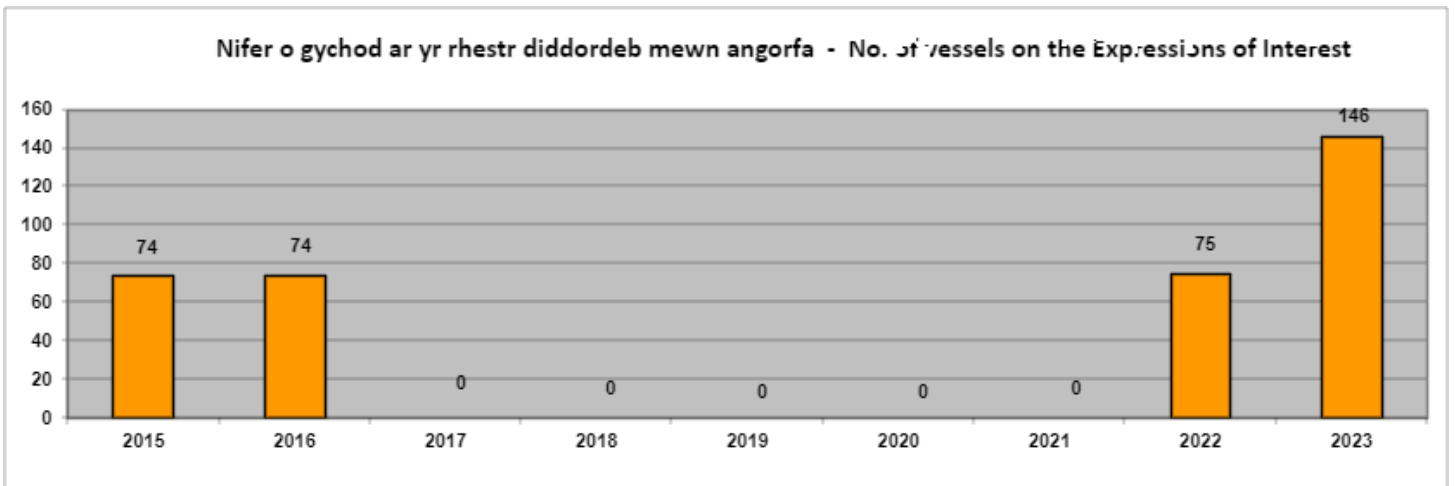
Annual Statistics for Hafan Pwllheli - to March 2023



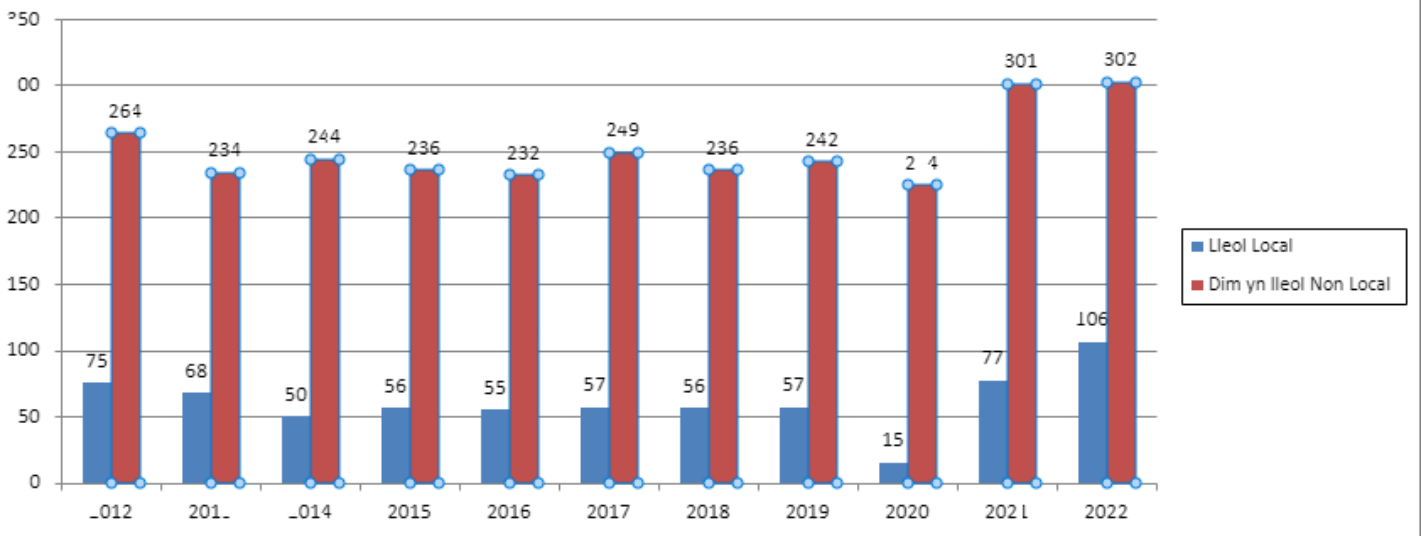
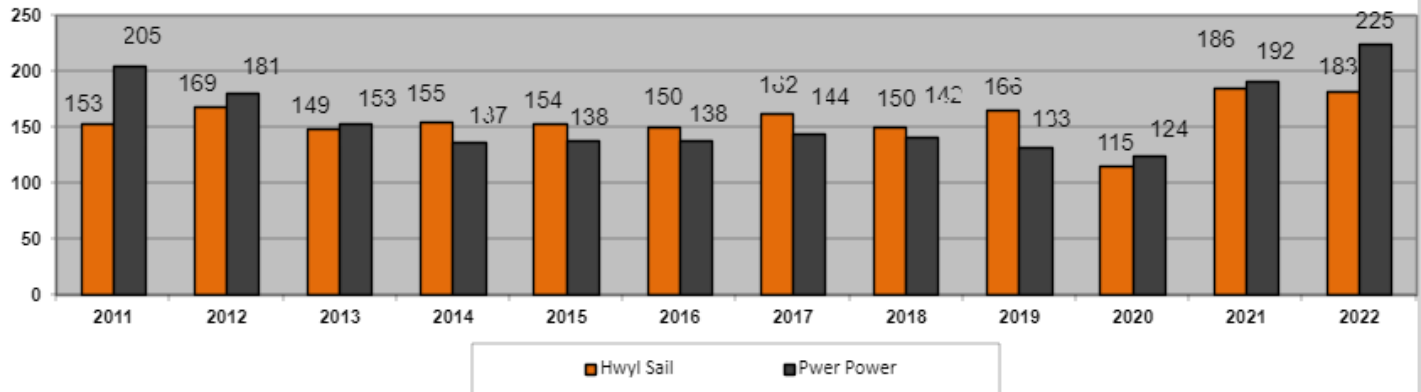
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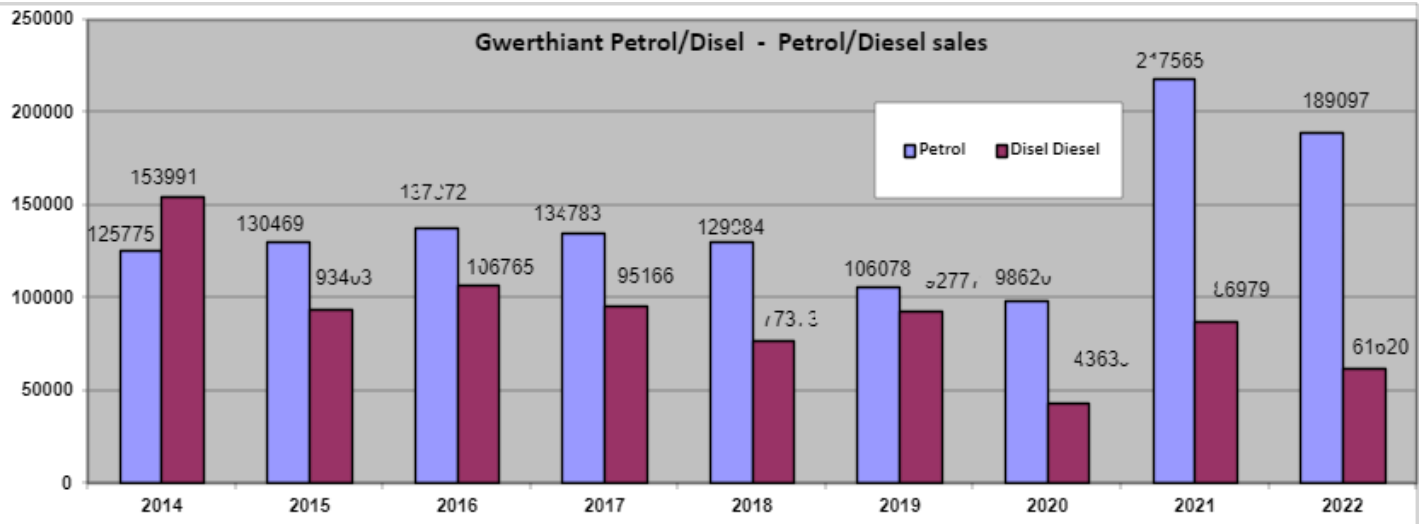
Nifer o gychod ar yr rhestr diddordeb mewn angorfa - No. of vessels on the Expressions of Interest



Nifer o gychod Hwyllo/Pwer yn yr Hafan - No. of sailing/power vessels in the Hafan

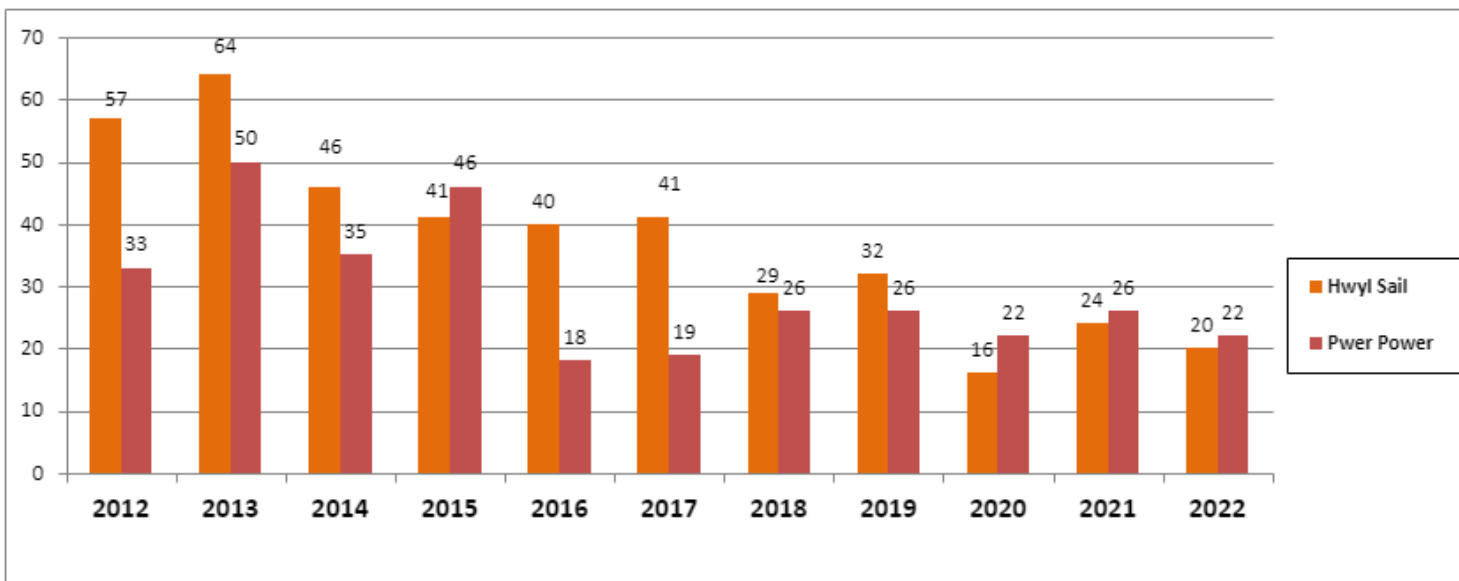
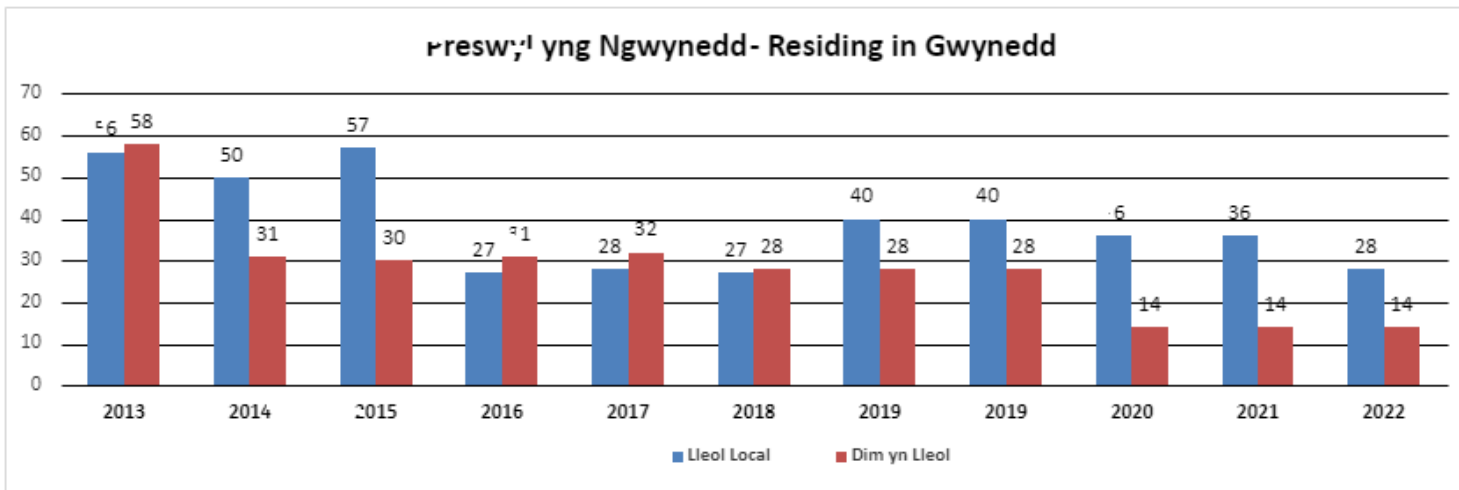
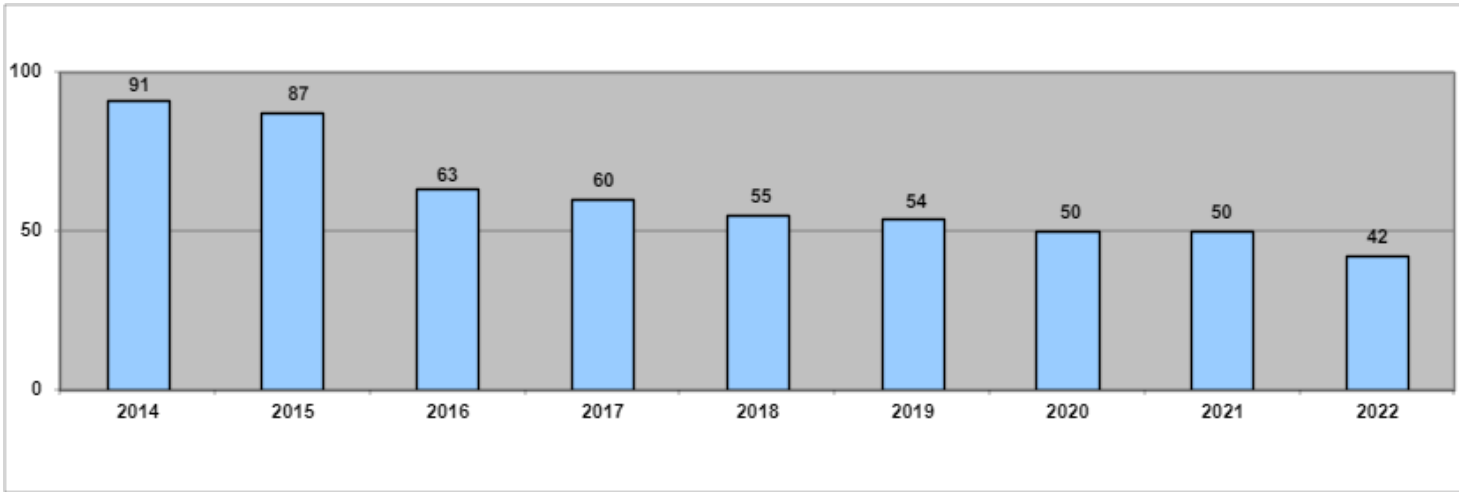


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