

<b>MEETING</b>	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
<b>DATE</b>	10th September 2024
<b>TITLE</b>	Tirlun Byw Project
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Share Information
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Elin Wyn Hughes – Activities Officer
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Accept Information

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In June this year, I returned to work with the AONB Unit as an Activities Officer. This is part of the Tirlun Byw Project and is funded by Gwynedd Council and a grant by Natural Resources Wales.

1.2 There are three themes to the Tirlun Byw Project – namely Historic Features, Natural Environment and Access. The aim of the project is to implement minor works on the ground and arrange various events and there are specific targets to be met. They are as follow: -

- *Work on 1-2 sites within the Llŷn AONB for each of the following themes (i) historic features, (ii) habitats and (iii) access improvement.*
- *Hold 4 event to support rural skills (e.g., restore stone walls and hedgerows).*
- *Hold 6 event (Dark Skies/Guided Walks) to offer opportunities to learn about nature and the environment.*
- *Hold a minimum of 8 events with Volunteers to support each of the project's themes including restoring and maintaining various features, litter picks and improving public footpaths.*

## 2.0 EVENTS SO FAR

2.1 For your information, a series of events have been taking place over the summer: -

**Rural Skills Training Events:** - Three sessions were held on dry stone walling on Mynydd Rhiw with Dilwyn Williams (Parc) and Kevin Roberts. The sessions have been very successful with many different participants each time. These sessions were held on sections of the walls that had already fallen. This means that we therefore reached many of the grant's targets by restoring and improving historical structures and improving habitats and working

with volunteers.

I would have liked to attract more local people. It was great to see so much interest by people who had travelled some distances – but it is important that local people also attend in terms of sustaining the landscape for the future. To address this – we intend to hold one additional session in the future and work closely with other agencies and services locally.

**Litter Picks:** - Working with Canolfan Fenter Congol Meinciau, Keep Wales Tidy and Botwnnog Community Council, two litter picking events were held in Sarn Mellteyrn and Botwnnog. This was mainly to raise awareness that Canolfan Fenter Congol Meinciau is one of the litter pick hubs for Keep Wales Tidy. This means that anyone can borrow the litter picking items and red waste bags free of charge.

This was a great opportunity for members of the Community Council to come together over the summer period to undertake environmental improvements and to discuss and identify various issues. I believe that this is good practice and something I would like to develop with other Community Councils.

**Training for Volunteers:** - Many individuals who volunteer with the AONB have attended a brush cutter course at Coleg Meirion Dwyfor-Glynllifon. The NRW grant has funded this in full. The aim is to ensure that we show our appreciation to the volunteers but also to ensure that they have the necessary skills and qualifications to continue with their work in a safe and confident manner in the future.

### **3.0 UPCOMING EVENTS**

3.1 I wish to share with you our upcoming events over the next few months and to ask you kindly if you can assist me to raise awareness about them and possibly to attend a few also so that you can directly see the work that we do:-

**September 13th** – A talk about Capel Newydd Nanhoron by John Dilwyn Williams in Neuadd Sarn.

**September 15th** – Guided Walk in Plas yn Rhiw. A nature walk with Cynan Jones, a mushroom expert.

**September 25th** – “Am y Tywydd” – A talk by Twm Elias in the Maritime Museum in Nefyn looking at traditional sayings and beliefs in relation to the weather.

**October 7th** – Guided Walk in Aberdaron with Dysgwyr Cymraeg Dwyfor (Welsh Learners). Everyone is welcome! A short walk to Porth Meudwy and back.

**Octobers 28th** – Open Day at Capel Newydd Nanhoron.

**November 2nd** – Uwchmynydd Guided Walk. A guided nature and history walk in the footsteps of Meddyges Bryn Canaid (Ann Griffith) with Glyn Roberts, Murpoeth.

**November 15th** - Moonlight Walk at Mynydd Mawr:- A walk under a full moon up to Mynydd Mawr, Uwchmynydd. Rhys Mwyn will be present to talk about various local historical features.

**December 14th** – Evening Walk at Mynydd Rhiw: - A walk with Rhys Mwyn discussing local hillforts under one of the wonders of the universe – the Geminid meteor shower.

3.2 The events list is growing continuously, and we will share information with you on a regular basis.

#### **4.0 RECOMENDTAIONS**

4.1 There are no recommendations as such – only information sharing. As mentioned – I would greatly appreciate if you can assist me in raising awareness about these events and possibly attend also. I would appreciate your support and for you to have a direct taste of the project.