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Updated 29/08/2024

Welcoming the Comission for Welsh Speaking Communities' Report.

An update on Perthyn

By now twelve Councils have joined Cyfeillion Llŷn, Cymdeithas Pen-y-graig and a wider range of organisations as a result of Jeremy Miles' message: "The Welsh language belongs to us all...therefore we all have a responsibility to work together to secure it's future".

There is a wide linguistic range within the communities of Gwynedd and Llŷn, therefore it's evident that there needs to be a range of policies to respond. The needs of Llŷn are unique and the response also needs to be unique. This is the area that Saunders Lewis referred to when he stated that the continuation of the Welsh language in Llŷn (which is unbroken since the 6th century) is a mater of life or death to Wales. Research work by Perthyn has confirmed that the situation regarding the language is worse than indicated by official figures. There needs to be urgent action.

All that have united under the Perthyn cause have the common aim of "safeguarding and strengthening the Welsh language". We are working towards realising a vision of Llŷn in 2050, where there will be Croeso Cymraeg (*Welsh Welcome*) to all, a million Welsh speakers in Wales and a world-wide awareness of our Welsh heritage and language.

Commission for Welsh Speaking Communities' Report, August 2024

We welcome the final report of the Commission for Welsh Speaking Communities which was published at the Rhondda Cynon Taf Eisteddfod 2024. We extend our support from Llŷn

and Eifionydd to designate "areas of higher density linguistic significance" in order to take action as noted in the Commission's recommendation below:

RECOMMENDATION – In "areas of higher density linguistic significance" the following should be undertaken:

- intensify the consideration given to the Welsh language within policy frameworks.
- approve policy interventions and variations to place emphasis on the Welsh language as a community language.
- ensure that policy interventions respond to social and linguistic needs of these areas.
- allow additional powers to empower communities to reverse linguistic shifft.

Bro Regeneration: Ardal Ni 2035

Due to the decision by Llŷn's Community Councils to denote the area as an "Area of Higher Density Linguistic Significance" a series of projects "to safeguard and strengthen the Welsh language" has been added to plans that have priority in the Local Regeneration Plan, Llŷn Ardal Ni Plan 2035, for the first time ever. The decision was made when confirming the Llŷn Ardal Ni Plan at Abersoch on 4/6/24. We are confident that the Welsh language will also have the same priority in the Pwllheli Bro Plan.

Llŷn AONB Support

One of the main aims of the Llŷn AONB is to 'sustain, safeguard and promote Llŷn's unique culture and the Welsh language" – as noted on page 83 onwards in the latest strategy on the Llŷn AONB Website (2015-20).

We are therefore inviting the AONB Joint Advisory Committee to declare support for:

- 1. the recommendation of the Commission for Welsh Speaking Communities to designate "areas of higher density linguistic significance"
- 2. work towards our vision of a Llŷn Peninsula in 2050 where there will be a Croeso Cymraeg to all, a million Welsh speakers in Wales and a world-wide awareness of our Welsh heritage and language.

Presented by Sian Parri (Perthyn project coordinator)