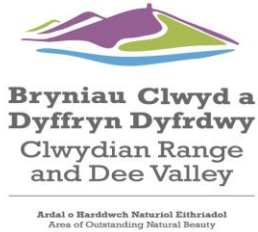


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Clwydian Range
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Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
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Fe'ch gwahoddir i fynychu cyfarfod y **Cyd-bwyllgor Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy, Dydd Gwener, 23 Tachwedd 2018 am 10.00 am yn Ystafell Bwyllgor 1, Guildhall, Wrexham.**

Yn gywir iawn

G Williams
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, AD a Democrataidd

AGENDA

- 1 CYFLWYNIADAU, YMDDIHEURIADAU A DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD**
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6 ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL CRONFA DATBLYGU CYNALIADWY 2017-2018

Er gwybodaeth yn unig.

7 CYNLLUN RHEOLI CYNALIADWY AR GYFER ANIFEILIAID SY’N PORI

8 GWADDOL MENTER GWELLA TIRWEDD I WYDDGRUG Y GRID CENEDLAETHOL A SPEN (CYNLLUNIAU GOSOD CEBLAU DAN DDAEAR) (Tudalennau 53 - 54)

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10 CRYNODEB O YMGYNGHORIADAU CYNLLUNIO’R AHNE O FIS EBRILL 2017 HYD AT FIS MEDI 2018 (Tudalennau 55 - 60)

Er gwybodaeth yn unig.

11 RHAGLEN GWAITH I’R DYFODOL (Tudalennau 61 - 66)

Derbyn rhaglen gwaith i’r dyfodol ddiweddaraf y Cyngor (copi ynghlwm).

12 DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD YN Y DYFODOL 2019

8 Mawrth 2019 – Yr Wyddgrug
21 Mehefin 2019 – Rhuthun
22 Tachwedd 2019 – Wreccsam

AELODAETH

Y Cynghorwyr

Derek Butler
Hugh Jones
David Kelly

Carolyn Thomas
Tony Thomas
Julian Thompson-Hill

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CYD-BWYLLGOR ARDAL O HARDDWCH NATURIOL EITHRIADOL BRYNIAU CLWYD A DYFFRYN DYFRDWY

Cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Cyd-bwyllgor Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy a gynhaliwyd yn Conference Room 1a, County Hall, Ruthin, Dydd Gwener, 22 Mehefin 2018 am 10.00 am.

YN BRESENNOL

Y Cynghorwyr: Tony Thomas (Cadeirydd) a Julian Thompson-Hill (CSDd)

Y Cynghorydd: Carolyn Thomas (CSyFf)

Y Cynghorwyr: Hugh Jones a Carolyn Thomas (CBSW)

HEFYD YN BRESENNOL

Y Cynghorwyr Melvin Mile ac Emrys Wynne (CSDd)

Karen Weaver (Swyddog Cyfathrebu AHNE), Ceri Lloyd (Swyddog CDC yr AHNE), Paul Mitchell (Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru), Helen Mrowiec (Uwch Swyddog Hamdden), Paula O'Hanlon (Uwch Swyddog Cyllid a Sicrwydd, CSDd), Howard Sutcliffe (Swyddog yr AHNE), David Shiel (Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE), Michael Skuse (Partneriaeth yr AHNE a Chyfeillion yr AHNE), Gary Williams (Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, Adnoddau Dynol a Democratiaeth, CSDd), Gareth O Williams (Rheolwr Cyllid, CSDd), ac Andy Worthington (Cadeirydd Partneriaeth yr AHNE).

1 CYFLWYNIADAU, YMDDIHEURIADAU A DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau gan y Cynghorydd Derek Butler (Cyngor Sir Y Fflint).

Ni chafwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o gysylltiad.

Gofynnodd y Cadeirydd i bawb gyflwyno eu hunain.

2 ETHOL CADEIRYDD

Enwebodd y Cadeirydd oedd yn gadael, y Cynghorydd Hugh Jones (CBSW) y Cynghorydd Tony Thomas (CSDd) i'w olynu fel Cadeirydd Cyd-bwyllgor yr AHNE, cafodd yr enwebiad ei eilio gan y Cynghorydd Carolyn Thomas (CBSC) a chafodd ei ethol yn unfrydol.

Mynegodd y Cynghorydd Hugh Jones (CBSW) gymaint o bleser a gafodd o fod yn Gadeirydd a diolchodd i'r Cynghorydd Carolyn Thomas am y sylfeini yr oedd hi wedi eu gosod fel Cadeirydd, ac am ei chefnogaeth barhaol. Diolchodd hefyd i swyddogion am eu hymroddiad a'u brwdfrydedd.

Diolchodd y Cynghorydd Tony Thomas i'r Cynghorydd Jones am ei wasanaeth ac ategodd ei ddiolch i swyddogion oedd wedi ei gynorthwyo o'r bartneriaeth. Myfyriodd y Cynghorydd Thomas ar y 12 mis diwethaf fel Cynghorydd, gan nodi

faint o wersi oedd wedi eu dysgu a nodi ei fod wedi ymweld â llawer o lefydd na wyddai amdanynt cyn hynny gyda swyddogion AHNE.

3 COFNODION CYFARFOD Y CYDBWYLLGOR A GYNHALIWYD AR 2 CHWEFROR 2018

Cyflwynwyd cofnodion cyfarfod y Cyd-bwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 2 Chwefror 2018.

Materion yn codi

Eitem 5, tudalen 4, roedd Karen Weaver (Swyddog Cyfathrebu'r AHNE) wedi llwyddo i berswadio Theatr Clwyd i ddangos dwy ffilm fer yr AHNE a gyflwynwyd gan Helen Mroweic (Uwch Swyddog Hamdden) o flaen y ffilmiau roeddynt yn eu dangos.

Eitem 9, tudalen 7, roedd dau grant wedi eu cytuno ar gyfer arwyddion gan yr Asiantaeth Gefnffyrdd ac roedd cyfarfod wedi ei drefnu gyda chymuned Trefor i drafod Llwybr Cliner.

Eitem 11, tudalen 7, roedd y Cynghorydd Hugh Jones wedi ysgrifennu at y Gweinidog yn holi pa mor aml oedd sbwriel yn cael ei glirio oddi ar y 3 gefnffordd (A55, A494 a'r A5)/

Trafododd y Pwyllgor gyflwr amrywiol gefnffyrdd a thrafodwyd pwy oedd yn ariannol gyfrifol am glirio sbwriel? Dywedodd y Cynghorydd David Kelly mai torri'r isdyfiant oedd wedi datgelu'r sbwriel ac felly dylai cyllideb yr Asiantaeth Gefnffyrdd dalu am ei lanhau. Trafododd y Pwyllgor fanteision lleihau faint o lystyfiant sy'n cael ei dorri a gwario'r arian hwnnw yn hytrach ar waredu sbwriel. Cytunwyd y byddai'r Cynghorydd Hugh Jones yn anfon y llythyr anfonwyd at y Gweinidog ymlaen at y Cadeirydd er mwyn iddo fynd ar ei ôl.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- I. Cymeradwyo'r cofnodion fel cofnod cywir a bod y Cadeirydd yn eu llofnodi a*
- II. Bod y Cadeirydd yn ceisio ymateb i'r ymholiad glanhau sbwriel gan y Gweinidog.*

4 COFNODION DRAFFT CYFARFOD PARTNERIAETH YR AHNE A GYNHALIWYD AR 9 MAWRTH 2018

Estynnodd y Cadeirydd ei longyfarchion i Andy Worthington (AW) ar ei ailbenodiad fel Cadeirydd Partneriaeth yr AHNE a gofynnodd iddo ddiweddarau'r Pwyllgor ar waith y Bartneriaeth.

Gan gyfeirio at gofnodion y Bartneriaeth (a gylchredwyd eisoes) rhoddodd sylwadau ar:

- Ostyngiad ym mhoblogaeth y Gylfinir
- Rhannu'r Gweithgorau Hamdden a Thwristiaeth i grwp ar wahân
- Cyflwyniad gan Ceri Lloyd ar y CDC
- Penodi ymgynghorydd i arfarnu safleoedd ymwelwyr a

- Chwilio am geisiadau ar gyfer y Wobr am gyfraniad arbennig i'r AHNE.

Soniodd AW hefyd am yr ohebiaeth ddiweddar gan Hannah Blythyn AC yn ceisio adborth gan Ardaloedd o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol presennol yn gofyn a oeddynt am gael cydraddoldeb â Pharciau Cenedlaethol wrth symud ymlaen. Roedd y Pwyllgor yn dymuno cael adroddiad yn y dyfodol ar fanteision ac anfanteision dynodiad Parc Cenedlaethol.

Roedd Partneriaeth yr AHNE wedi gofyn i Swyddogion gynhyrchu adroddiad dichonoldeb / dadansoddiad cryfderau, gwendidau, cyfleoedd a bygythiadau ar ddynodiad posib fel Parc Cenedlaethol, i'w gyflwyno yng nghyfarfod mis Hydref. Gofynnodd y Pwyllgor am gefnogaeth i barhau i ymchwilio, a chytunwyd ar hynny. Cytunwyd hefyd i ychwanegu eitem am y Parciau Cenedlaethol ar agenda cyfarfod nesaf Cyd-bwyllgor yr AHNE.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- I. *nodi cofnodion Partneriaeth yr AHNE;*
- II. *cefnogodd y Pwyllgor ymchwil pellach y Bartneriaeth i ddynodiad Parc Cenedlaethol a*
- III. Update on research on National Park status be added as an item to the AONB Joint Committee forward work programme.

5 CYLLIDEB Y CYDBWYLLGOR

Cyflwynodd Rheolwr Cyllid CSDd (GW) adroddiad ar Sefyllfa Ariannol Derfynol a Chyfrifon y Cyd-bwyllgor ar gyfer 2017/18 a Chyllideb 2018/19 (a gylchredwyd eisoes).

Gofynnwyd i'r Aelodau nodi'r sefyllfa ariannol derfynol ar gyfer 2017/18 (Atodiad 1) a chymeradwyo cyllideb 2018/19 yn ffurfiol (atodiad 2). Hefyd, gofynnwyd i'r Aelodau adolygu a llofnodi'r Datganiad Blynyddol ar gyfer 2017/18 (Atodiad 3) a nodi Balansau'r Gronfa Wrth Gefn ar 31 Mawrth 2018 (Atodiad 4).

Cyfeiriodd y Cynghorydd Carolyn Thomas at yr anghysonder mawr yn y gyllideb a'r sefyllfa ariannol derfynol ar gyfer Rheoli Safle yn atodiad 1. Eglurodd Rheolwr yr AHNE (HS) eu bod yn mynd drwy gyfnod trawsnewidiol, bod peth gwaith o ddiwedd y flwyddyn flaenorol wedi ei gario ymlaen a bod unrhyw gyllid oedd heb ei ddefnyddio yn cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer cynlluniau rheoli arian at raid.

Cytunodd aelodau bod y cyfanswm gwariant o £176,341 yn dangos gwerth am arian arbennig.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- I. *Nodi sefyllfa ariannol derfynol 2017/18 a balansau wrth gefn ar 31 Mawrth 2018 a*
- II. *chymeradwyo Cyllideb 2018/19.*

6 ADRODDIAD AR GANLLAWIAU CYNLLUNIO ATODOL

Cyflwynodd Swyddog yr AHNE (HS) yr adroddiad (a gylchredwyd eisoes) yn hysbysu'r Pwyllgor bod y tri awdurdod cynllunio (CSDd, CSYFf a CBSW) wedi mabwysiadu'r Canllaw Cynllunio Atodol a gofynnodd i'r Pwyllgor gymeradwyo'r ddogfen atodol (atodiad 1).

PENDERFYNWYD: *cymeradwyo Canllaw Cynllunio Atodol AHNE Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy.*

7 UCHAFBWYNTIAU ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL AHNE

Eglurodd Swyddog yr AHNE (HS) bod angen i'r Cyd-bwyllgor, fel pwyllgor statudol, gynhyrchu adroddiad blynyddol (a gylchredwyd eisoes). Gan gyfeirio at yr adroddiad, amlygodd:

- gyfraddau presenoldeb (cyfartalog) amrywiol:
 - cyfarfodydd y Cyd-bwyllgor – 90%
 - Cyfarfodydd Partneriaeth – 77%
 - Cyfarfodydd Grŵp Swyddogion yr AHNE - 79%
- Cynnydd bychan mewn ceisiadau cynllunio a
- Y nifer o gynlluniau wedi eu cwblhau gydag SP Energy – gan gynnwys £145,000 ym Moel y Parc a £37,000 yn Nhraphont Ddŵr Pontcysyllte.

Dywedodd Rheolwr yr AHNE wrth y Cyd-bwyllgor bod Clare Pillman - Prif Weithredwr Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru - wedi ymrwmo i gysylltu ar eu rhan â Dŵr Cymru ynglŷn â'r gwaith trin carthffosiaeth o dan y draphont ddŵr.

Gan ddiweddarau'r Cyd-bwyllgor ar gynllun meistr Safle Treftadaeth Y Byd, cyhoeddodd Rheolwr yr AHNE bod y gwaith yn mynd rhagddo yn dda, yn enwedig felly'r ymgysylltu gyda chymunedau lleol.

PENDERFYNWYD: *Cymeradwyo adroddiad blynyddol AHNE Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy ar gyfer 2017/18.*

8 UCHAFBWYNTIAU O WAITH TÎM CEIDWAID 2017-18

Rhoddodd Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE (DS) gyflwyniad Powerpoint ar waith y Tîm Ceidwaid.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiynau'r aelodau cadarnhaodd:

- Er bod ardaloedd lle mae Clymog Japan, doedd ddim mor ymledol â Jac Y Neidiwr o fewn yr AHNE.
- Edrychodd y Bartneriaeth ar bob rhywogaeth oresgynnol a datblygwyd ymatebion iddynt.
- Doedd y Llyffant Tarw (*bull toad*) ddim yn broblem eto yng Ngogledd Cymru fel ag y mae mewn rhannau eraill o'r DU.
- Sefydlwyd grwpiau amrywiol o wirfoddolwyr drwy'r AHNE – gellid arddangos eu gwaith yn yr oriel yn Loggerheads.

- Doedd dim achosion o Glwy Traed Alabama wedi eu hadrodd amdanynt yn yr AHNE.
- Roedd y ceidwaid yn treulio llawer o'u hamser yn addysgu cerddwyr cŵn ar broblem baw cŵn, ond nid oeddynt yn gyfrifol am gosbi perchnogion oedd yn methu glanhau ar ôl eu cŵn.
- Ar hyn o bryd does dim polisi'n ymwneud â'r arfer o chwipio baw ci gyda brigyn, byddai angen trafodaeth ar y polisi gyda Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru a Choed Nercwys.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd Carolyn Thomas a allai Cyfeillion yr AHNE ddod i mewn i roi diweddariad i'r Cyd-bwyllgor?

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Swyddog yr AHNE am y cyflwyniad cynhwysfawr.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- I. nodi gwaith y tîm Ceidwaid a*
- II. gwahodd Cyfeillion yr AHNE i roi diweddariad ar eu gwaith yn un o gyfarfodydd y Cyd-bwyllgor yn y dyfodol.*

9 DIWEDDARIAD O EIN TIRLUN DARLUNIADOL

Dywedodd Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE (DS) wrth y Cyd-bwyllgor bod Cronfa Dreftadaeth Y Loteri wedi dyfarnu £2.1 miliwn i'w wario dros y 5 mlynedd nesaf. Fel amodau, roedd Cronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri wedi gofyn am:

- newidiadau i swydd ddisgrifiadau rolau swyddogion;
- manylion pellach am waith arfaethedig y flwyddyn gyntaf;
- eglurhad ar sut mae'r strwythur yn bwydo i Gyd-bwyllgor yr AHNE a Bwrdd Safle Treftadaeth Y Byd?

Roedd angen cwblhau nifer o dasgau yn y chwe mis cyntaf, oedd yn cynnwys:

- hen safle'r domen yn Llangollen
- ymgysylltu â chymunedau
- ystyried y gofrestr risg a
- sefydlu llety i staff yn Nyffryn Dyfrdwy (Froncysyllte).

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd David Kelly bod adeilad gwag yng Nghanolfan Ymwelwyr Y Mwynglawdd y gellid o bosib ei ystyried

PENDERFYNWYD: *nodir diweddariad.*

10 UCHAFBWyNTIAU AC ADRODDIAD CRYNO 2017-18 O GRONFA DATBLYGU CYNALIADWY

Rhoddodd Swyddog Datblygu Cynaliadwy yr AHNE (CL) gyflwyniad ar grynodedb o weithgareddau Cronfa Datblygu Cynaliadwy AHNE Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy yn gysylltiedig â Blaenoriaethau'r Cynllun Rheoli yn 2017/18.

Roedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi darparu £50,000 y flwyddyn ddiwethaf ar gyfer gweithgareddau a gefnogodd 19 o brosiectau unigol, 3 swydd a mwy na 3000 o

oriau gwirfoddolwyr. Daeth cyfraniad yr arian cyfatebol - arian cyhoeddus, arian preifat ac amser mewn nwyddau i bron £272,500.

Roedd y CDC yn gysylltiedig â blaenoriaethau'r Cynllun Rheoli, mae gan y CDC amcanion a osodwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru sy'n cynnwys:

- Creu swydd neu gefnogi swyddi;
- Cyfleoedd gwirfoddoli;
- Cyflwyno sesiynau hyfforddi neu godi ymwybyddiaeth am gynaliadwyedd a
- Cynnal lefel uchel o gyllid a ddaw o'r sector cyhoeddus, preifat a gwirfoddol

Aeth Swyddog Datblygu Cynaliadwy'r AHNE ymlaen i ddangos sut mae prosiectau'r CDC yn cyfrannu at flaenoriaethau Cynllun Rheoli'r AHNE (Tudalen 97 y Cynllun Rheoli). Byddai adroddiad blynyddol yn cael ei gyflwyno ddiwedd Mehefin, a byddai copi o'r adroddiad yn cael ei rannu gyda'r Cyd-bwyllgor.

Gan ymateb i gwestiynau Aelodau cadarnhaodd Swyddog Datblygu Cynaliadwy'r AHNE:

- Bod LIC wedi cadarnhau'r un cyllid ar gyfer y flwyddyn nesaf, sy'n rhoi cyfle i gynllunio ymhellach o flaen llaw nag arfer.
- Roedd y grant a dderbyniwyd gan LIC yr un faint ag unrhyw AHNE arall a
- Gan gyfeirio at y Cynllun Cludiant Cymunedol, cadwyd cofnod a fyddai'n cael ei ddarparu er gwybodaeth.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- I. Nodi'r cyflwyniad a*
- II. Anfon cofnod y Cynllun Cludiant Cymunedol i'r Cyd-bwyllgor .*

11 CRYNODEB O YMGYNGHORIADAU CYNLLUNIO'R AHNE O FIS MAWRTH 2017 HYD AT FIS MEDI 2018

Cyfeiriodd Swyddog yr AHNE at yr adroddiad er gwybodaeth yn unig.

PENDERFYNWYD: *derbyn yr adroddiad.*

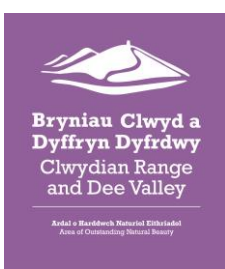
12 RHAGLEN GWAITH I'R DYFODOL

Cyflwynodd Rheolwr yr AHNE (HS) y Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol (a gylchredwyd eisoes) ac adroddodd ar y prif eitemau oedd angen eu hystyried. Dywedodd wrth Aelodau nad oedd y dangosyddion Statws Coch, Oren a Gwyrdd yn y fformat hwn, ddim yn nodi eitem mewn trafferth ond yn un a oedd heb gychwyn, yn wahanol i'r arfer.

PENDERFYNWYD: *Nodi'r Rhaglen Waith i'r Dyfodol.*

13 DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD Y DYFODOL A 23 TACHWEDD 2018

Atgoffwyd y Cyd-bwyllgor y cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf Cyd-bwyllgor yr AHNE ddydd Gwener 23 Tachwedd am 10:00am yn Wrecsam.



Partneriaeth
Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol (AHNE)
Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy
Cofnodion y Cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd
Dydd Gwener 12 Hydref 2018
yn
Pafiliwn Llangollen
am 10:00am

Aelodau'r Bartneriaeth AHNE

Cynrychiolydd Mynediad a Hamdden
Andrew Worthington OBE (Cadeirydd)

Cynrychiolwyr Diddordeb Gwledig
Christine Evans, Roger Cragg

Cynrychiolydd Diddordeb Busnes
Dewi Davies

Cynrychiolydd Diddordeb Tirwedd
Michael Skuse

Cynrychiolydd Diddordeb Hanesyddol
Tony King

Cynrychiolwyr Diddordeb Trefol
Ian Papworth, Del Roberts Jones

Cynrychiolydd yr Amgylchedd Naturiol
Les Starling

Cynrychiolwyr Rheoli Tir
Sandy Archdale

Cynrychiolwyr AHNE Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy
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Y Cynghorydd Huw L Jones CSDd

Y Cynghorydd Frank Hemmings CBSW

Y Cynghorydd Sonia Benbow-Jones CBSW

Y Cynghorydd Martyn Holland CSDd

Y Cynghorydd Christine Marston CSDd

Howard Sutcliffe Swyddog AHNE

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Tony Hughes Swyddog Cynllunio AHNE

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Rhun Jones Uwch Warden Cefn Gwlad AHNE

Yn Cynrychioli Cyngor Sir Ddinbych

Huw Rees Pennaeth Gwasanaeth Cefn Gwlad a Threftadaeth

Yn cynrychioli Cyngor Sir y Fflint:

Tom Woodall Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cefn Gwlad CSFF a Gwella
Hawliau Tramwy

Cynrychiolydd Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Wrecsam

Anna Irwin, Allan Forrest

Cynrychiolydd Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru

Paul Mitchell

Cyflwynwyd Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb gan: -

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Croesawodd y Cadeirydd aelodau i gyfarfod yr hydref o Bartneriaeth yr AHNE. Croesawodd y dirprwy aelod ar ran CBSW, y Cynghorydd Frank Hemmings.

Ymddiswyddiad Aelod

Dywedodd y Cadeirydd bod Helen Walker wedi ymddiswyddo oddi ar y Bartneriaeth am resymau teuluol ac ymrwymadau eraill.

1. Cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf a gynhaliwyd ar 15 Mehefin 2018

Cytunwyd bod y cofnodion yn gofnod cywir o'r cyfarfod.
Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Swyddog Cyfathrebu am gwblhau'r cofnodion.

2. Diweddariad gan Weithgorau

Derbyn diweddariad gan Gadeiryddion y Gweithgorau

2.1 Gweithgor Treftadaeth, Diwylliant a Chymunedau

Roedd Swyddog yr AHNE wedi cymryd rôl y prif swyddog drosodd ar gyfer y grŵp wedi ymddeoliad Fiona Gale. Dywedodd Cadeirydd y Grŵp, Christine Evans, bod y Grŵp Wedi cael dau aelod newydd, sef Fiona Grant (Cadw) a Chris Jones (Cefnogwr AHNE a Chymdeithas Archeolegol Corwen a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy).
Nododd:

- ❖ Gosod Gwifrau Dan Ddaear
Rhwydweithiau Ynni Scottish Power
Roedd gwaith gosod gwifrau dan ddaear wedi cychwyn ger Rhaeadr Y Bedol. Roedd yr ardal o amgylch Capel Llangar, y Silff ac uwchben Llangollen yn Fron Bache bellach yn cael ei hystyried.
Roedd y Grid Cenedlaethol hefyd yn ystyried pa mor gymwys yw'r llinell rhwng Legacy a Nercwys (roedd hyn y tu allan i ffin yr AHNE ond o fewn lleoliad y tirwedd a ddiogelir).
Byddai Gillespie's yn cwblhau Asesiad Cymeriad Tirwedd.
- ❖ Tomen y Rhodwydd
Mae'r eithin yn broblematig yn y safle bellach, mae moch daear yn bresennol hefyd, ac ar hyn o bryd mae ailgartrefu'r moch daear yn cael ei ystyried.
- ❖ Penodiadau Ein Tirlun Darluniadwy
Eglurodd y Cadeirydd bod dau benodiad wedi eu gwneud:

Swyddog Prosiect

Mae Kate Thomson wedi ei phenodi fel Swyddog Partneriaeth Ein Tirlun Darluniadwy. Cychwynnodd Kate ei gyrfa fel rhan o Wasanaeth Cefn Gwlad Wrecsam ac roedd ar hyn o bryd yn gweithio gyda Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru fel Cydlynnydd Cenedlaethol ar gyfer y Fenter Plant (mae'r prosiect hwn yn trefnu bod coeden yn cael ei phlannu am bob plentyn sy'n cael ei eni yng Nghymru). Cyn hynny roedd Kate yn rhan o Dîm Addysg Comisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru a Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru.

Swyddog Cymunedol

Mae Sallyanne Hall wedi ei phenodi fel Swyddog Cymunedol Ein Tirlun Darluniadwy. Yn flaenorol bu Sallyanne yn gweithio i AHNE High Weald, Caint, ac roedd yn gweithio i Groundwork yng Nglannau Dyfrdwy ar brosiectau Ymgysylltu Â'r Gymuned.

Swyddog Cyfathrebu

Roedd y swydd hon yn dal heb ei llenwi.

Byddai'r Swyddog Prosiect a'r Swyddog Cymunedol yn cychwyn ar eu gwaith ar 1 Tachwedd.

- ❖ Dronau ar Safleoedd Rhestredig – Trafodwyd dronau ar safleoedd rhestredig a chynigwyd codi arwyddion mewn safleoedd penodol er mwyn nodi na chaniateir dronau.
- ❖ Cloddio Archeolegol yng Nghastell y Waun - byddai Ian Grant yn mynychu'r cyfarfod nesaf er mwyn rhoi adborth ar y cloddio a oedd yn digwydd yn agos at Lwybr Clawdd Offa ger Castell Y Waun.

2.2 Gweithgor Rheoli Tir a'r Amgylchedd Naturiol

Diweddariad ar Brosiect Gylfinir Cymru

Eglurodd Les Starling, Cadeirydd y Grŵp mai un o'u prosiectau allweddol oedd Prosiect Gylfinir Cymru, a chyflwynodd yr Uwch Warden Cefn Gwlad, Rhun Jones, a roddodd ddiweddariad i'r pwyllgor. Rhun, a Swyddog Ecoleg a Bioamrywiaeth CBSW, Emma Broad, oedd y swyddogion arweiniol ar y prosiect. Roedd Gweithgor wedi ei gynnull a chyfarfod cynhyrchiol wedi ei gynnal yn ddiweddar. Roedd grŵp â chynrychiolaeth o bob rhan o Ogledd Cymru yn ystyried sut roedd ffermio wedi datblygu a sut roedd hyn yn effeithio ar boblogaeth y Gylfinir, ac roedd Rhun yn eistedd ar y grŵp hwn. Roedd yr RSPB yn cyflwyno cais cyllido i Lywodraeth Cymru ar ran y grŵp. Dywedodd Rhun fod 75 achos o weld yr aderyn wedi eu cofnodi yng Ngogledd Ddwyrain Cymru drwy Cofnod, a gellir monitro'r data hwn bellach. Wrth symud ymlaen, un o'r targedau ar gyfer y grŵp oedd gweithio'n gadarnhaol gyda chymunedau ffermio er mwyn helpu i gynnal y patrwm cynefinoedd a'r strwythur llystyfiant y mae'r gylfinir yn ei ffafrio.

Cafwyd trafodaeth i ddilyn. Eglurodd Rhun pe byddai'r cyllid yn llwyddiannus gellid creu dwy swydd i symud y prosiect yn ei flaen, a rôl allweddol y swydd fyddai 'rheoli ysglyfaethwyr yn effeithiol'. Cafwyd trafodaeth ynglŷn â beth oedd rheoli ysglyfaethwyr yn effeithiol yn ei olygu, ac eglurodd Rhun mai un posibilrwydd fyddai ymestyn y tymor wyna hyd at fis Mehefin / Gorffennaf er mwyn helpu'r adar sy'n nythu, a dull arall fyddai trapio, a gwella diogelwch caeau drwy ddefnyddio ffensys trydan. Pwysleisiodd Rhun na fyddai rheoli ysglyfaethwyr yn datrys yr holl broblemau sy'n gysylltiedig â'r Gylfinir.

Mae'r eitem hon yn parhau.

2.3 Gweithgor Cymeriad Tirwedd ac Amgylchedd Adeiledig

Menter Awyr Dywyll

Dywedodd Cadeirydd y Grŵp, y Cynghorydd Martyn Holland, fod Llywodraeth Cymru yn darparu cyllid i archwilio sut gallai pob tirlun a warchodir yng Nghymru gydweithio tuag at 'Genedl Awyr Dywyll'. Byddai Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri yn arwain ar y prosiect yng Ngogledd Cymru a byddai Swyddog Prosiect yn cael ei benodi maes o law.

Taith Ddysgu

Roedd ymweliad safle wedi ei drefnu i fynd i AHNE Gogledd y Pennines. Mae ganddynt 16 Safle Darganfod Awyr Dywyll, ac roeddynt yn cynnal Gŵyl Awyr Dywyll ddechrau Tachwedd. Byddai'r unigolion fyddai'n gweddu orau i'r prosiect yn cael eu gwahodd.

Cynllun Goleuo

Eglurodd Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE bod cyfarfod wedi ei gynnal gyda'r tri Awdurdod Lleol ynglŷn â golau stryd. Eglurodd mai mewn kelvin mae tymheredd / lliw golau LED yn cael ei fesur, ac mai'r argymhelliad gan y Gymdeithas Awyr Dywyll Ryngwladol oedd 3000 kelvin. Roedd CSDd bellach wedi newid i 3000 kelvin a gobeithiwyd y byddai CBSW a CSyFf yn dilyn. Cafwyd trafodaeth, a chydabuwyd bod nifer o Gynghorau Cymuned yn gyfrifol am olau stryd. Roedd Cynghorau Cymuned Cefn Mawr a Gwaenysgor a Threlawnyd ar hyn o bryd yn y broses o ddiweddarau eu goleuo ac roedd angen cyngor arnynt.

Cam Gweithredu

- ❖ Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE i gysylltu â'r Cynghorau Cymuned.
- ❖ Cefnogwyr yr AHNE i dderbyn copi o'r SPG i'w rannu gyda Chynghorau Cymuned.

Ymgynghoriadau Llywodraeth Cymru

Roedd y grŵp wedi ystyried ymateb yr AHNE i nifer o ymgynghoriadau gan Lywodraeth Cymru dros y misoedd diwethaf gan gynnwys:

- ❖ Ymgynghoriad ar Echdynnu Petrolewm yng Nghymru
- ❖ Cyflawni ein Llwybr Carbon Isel at 2030
- ❖ Cynllun Gweithredu Sŵn a Seinwedd 2018 – 2023
- ❖ Darparu tai drwy'r system gynllunio

Ymgynghoriadau Cynllunio

Dywedodd y Cadeirydd nad yw'r grŵp hwn yn gwrthwynebu ceisiadau yn aml, ond mewn sawl achos maent yn darparu argymhellion er mwyn gwella datblygiadau. Mewn cyflwyniad diweddar i'r grŵp roedd Ian Weaver, Prif Swyddog Cynllunio CSDd wedi cynnwys yr agwedd hon mewn manylder gan gynnwys ystyried nifer o astudiaethau achos. Eglurodd fod yn rhaid i'r Pwyllgor Cynllunio gyrraedd barn gytbwys ar yr holl sylwadau a gyflwynwyd, fodd bynnag yn ei farn ef roedd tŷn sylwadau'r AHNE yn addas, yn arbennig gyda chymorth ychwanegol gan y CCA a fabwysiadwyd yn ddiweddar.

Sicrhawyd y grŵp bod sylwadau'r AHNE yn cael eu hystyried ac yn y rhan o fwyaf o achosion fod yr Awdurdod Cynllunio wedi cymryd sylw ohonynt.

2.4 Gweithgor Hamdden, Mwynhad a Dealltwriaeth

Ni allai John Roberts, Cadeirydd y Grŵp fod yn y cyfarfod, felly Ian Papworth roddodd y diweddariad. Dywedodd Ian bod un cyfarfod o'r grŵp newydd hwn wedi ei gynnal hyd yma, a'u bod wedi cytuno ar Gylch Gorchwyl.

Cytunwyd y byddai'r grŵp yn parhau i weithio'n agos gyda'r Gweithgor Twristiaeth Gynaliadwy ac Ymgysylltu â Busnes er mwyn bodloni amcanion y Cynllun Rheoli.

2.5 Gweithgor Twristiaeth Gynaliadwy ac Ymgysylltu â Busnes

Adroddodd Cadeirydd y Grŵp, Dewi Davies:

- ❖ Bod y Cylch Gorchwyl ar gyfer y grŵp hwnnw wedi ei gytuno.
- ❖ Byddai'r Strategaeth Twristiaeth Gynaliadwy a Chynllun Gweithredu 2015-20 yn eitem sefydlog ar raglen cyfarfodydd y grŵp.

Astudiaeth Gwerthusiad Ymwelwyr

Pwrpas yr astudiaeth oedd asesu gwerth economaidd a chymdeithasol chwe safle poblogaidd ymysg ymwelwyr ar draws yr AHNE ac i gydbwysu hyn yn erbyn effeithiau amgylcheddol ar ardaloedd sensitif o ran ecoleg a diwylliant.

Y safleoedd oedd:

1. Parc Gwledig Loggerheads
2. Parc Gwledig Moel Famau
3. Rhaeadr y Bedol
4. Basn Trefor
5. Panorama
6. Traphont Ddŵr Y Waun ac ardal y Twannel

Byddai'r astudiaeth yma'n dylanwadu ar ymateb yr AHNE i niferoedd ymwelwyr cynyddol yn y prif ardaloedd a byddai'n gosod ymagwedd gynaliadwy at reoli, gan sicrhau bod capasiti a gwytnwch yr ardaloedd yn ganolbwynt i'r ymagwedd honno. Byddai'r astudiaeth hefyd yn edrych ar sut y gellid rhannu'r manteision economaidd a chymdeithasol yn ehangach. Mae'r New Economic Foundation (NEF) wedi eu penodi i gwblhau'r astudiaeth.

Fforwm yr AHNE

Bydd Fforwm Flynyddol yr AHNE yn cael ei gynnal yn Springs, Llanrhaeadr, ar 8 Tachwedd 2018.

Y thema oedd ‘Twristiaeth Gynaliadwy ac Ymgysylltu â Busnes’. Roedd yr AHNE wedi cydweithio gyda Grŵp Twristiaeth Bryniau Clwyd a oedd hefyd yn cynnal eu cyfarfod hydref cyn y Fforwm, yn ogystal â dau grŵp bwyd a diod lleol; Bwyd a Diod Bryniau Clwyd a Chlwb ‘Good Grub’ Llangollen a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy. Fe'u gwahoddwyd i gyd i fynychu'r ddau ddiwyddiad.

2.6

Gweithgor y Gronfa Datblygu Cynaliadwy

Yn gyntaf diolchodd Cadeirydd y Grŵp, Mike Skuse i Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE a'r Swyddog Datblygu Cynaliadwy am eu holl waith ar brosiectau'r Gronfa Datblygu Cynaliadwy.

Aeth ymlaen i adrodd bod:

- ❖ £55,000 o gyllid wedi ei ddyrannu gan Lywodraeth Cymru (roedd £5,000 o hwn yn cyfrannu at ffioedd gweinyddol)
- ❖ Cymeradwyodd Grŵp y Gronfa Datblygu Cynaliadwy un ar ddeg o brosiectau yng nghyfarfod mis Mai, oedd yn werth oddeutu £38,000.
- ❖ Rhoddwyd £1,500 yr un i gloddiad Prifysgol Lerpwl ym Mhenycloddiau a chloddiaid Prifysgol Rhydychen ym Moel y Gaer Bodfari.

Ynni Lleol a'r Clwb Ynni Lleol, Corwen

Roedd y cais ar gyfer £7000 wedi ei ddyrannu dros dair blynedd. Roedd y cynllun yn golygu prynu trydan gostyngol yn gyntaf gan Gynllun Hydro Corwen, ac wedyn gan gynlluniau tebyg. Er mwyn i drigolion ymuno â'r cynllun roedd yn hanfodol fod ganddynt fesurydd clyfar.

Roedd rhai aelodau'n poeni am y cynllun, felly gohiriwyd cymorth pellach. Cyflwynodd Cadwyn Clwyd (cyd sylfaenydd) gyflwyniad ar y cynllun, fodd bynnag dim ond tri aelod o'r Grŵp Cronfa Datblygu Cynaliadwy fynychodd, oedd yn siomedig iawn. Sicrhawyd aelodau mai craidd y cynllun oedd helpu cymunedau, ac roedd cynlluniau tebyg eraill yn cael eu datblygu ar hyn o bryd.

Yn ogystal, byddai'r AHNE yn cael eu gweld fel bod ar flaen y gad o ran y ffordd newydd hon o edrych ar sut i ddsbarthu trydan.

Prosiectau Newydd

Roedd pum prosiect newydd (a byddai adroddiad arnynt yn y cyfarfod nesaf):

- ❖ Sgiliau Gwledig Sir y Fflint (prosiect ar y cyd gyda CSyFf)
- ❖ Astudiaeth Gwmpasu Ysgol Cilcain
- ❖ Lleihau'r Defnydd o Blastig Un tro
- ❖ Gardd Gymunedol Corwen
- ❖ Cnudoedd gwlad wedi eu gwneud a llaw

3. Tân Mynydd Llandysilio-yn-lâl

Dyweddodd Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE, David Shiel, bod ei ddiweddariad yn canolbwyntio'n unig ar rôl yr AHNE.

Cefndir

Cychwynnodd y tân fel rhan o losgi a gynlluniwyd gan berchennog tir, ond fe aeth allan o reolaeth, nodwyd bod y llosgi y tu allan i ganllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru rhwng Hydref ac Ebrill. Llosgodd y tân o 18 Gorffennaf hyd at 4 Medi (Llosgodd y tân o dan y ddaear hyd at fis Medi) ac effeithiwyd 730 acer o dir. Roedd gwylwyr tân yn broblematig, a bu'n rhaid cau Bwlch Yr Oernant am fis. Gwnaeth y gwasanaeth tân waith ardderchog.

Rôl Ceidwaid yr AHNE

Roedd profiad gan Geidwaid yr AHNE o losgi dan reolaeth ar y rhostir (drwy losgi grug) ac roedd ganddynt offer arbenigol sef 'fire foggers' nad oedd gan y Gwasanaeth Tân. Roedd Ceidwaid yr AHNE yn gyfarwydd iawn â'r mynydd ac roeddynt wedi gallu cynghori'r Gwasanaeth Tân ar sut i fynd i rai ardaloedd, buont hefyd yn gweithio gyda CSDd a Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ar rwystrau tân.

Bu Ceidwaid yr AHNE yn cynorthwyo'r gwasanaeth tân i ddiffodd y tân yn yr ardaloedd lle'r oedd ar ei waethaf.

Roedd y tân yn bwysau ar Staff yr AHNE ar y pryd, a llosgodd y tân o dan y ddaear hyd fis Medi.

Adfer Natur

Cyfarfu Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE â Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ac Undeb Cenedlaethol yr Amaethwyr (NFU) i drafod adferiad natur. Mewn ardaloedd mawr byddai rhedyn ac eithin yn tyfu'n ôl, ond byddai colli pridd yn dal yn broblem. Byddai cyfarfod yn cael ei gynnal gyda'r porwyr yn fuan.

Byddai LEI a'r Prosiect Gylfinir yn cynorthwyo i reoli'r tirlun.

Cafwyd trafodaeth i ddilyn. Dywedodd aelod bod yr adborth cyffredinol gan y gymuned leol yn cynnwys peth anfodddhad gyda rheolaeth tir y mynydd a'r diffyg gwybodaeth tra roedd y tân yn llosgi. Dywedodd David y byddai ôl-drafodaeth Aml Asiantaeth lawn yn cael ei chynnal ac y byddai dulliau cyfathrebu yn cael eu trafod, aeth ymlaen i egluro sut roedd wedi bod yn anodd cadw ffermwyr yn ffermio ar y mynydd, fodd bynnag ni wystrwyd rheolaeth tir, ac roedd yr RSPB a Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru wedi gweithio gyda ffermwyr i gynorthwyo i reoli'r tir. Wrth grynhoi, dywedodd y Cadeirydd y byddai adroddiad aml asiantaeth yn cael ei gwblhau wedi'r tân, a phan fyddai'r adroddiad wedi ei gwblhau gallai'r Bartneriaeth ychwanegu at y sylwadau. Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Martyn Holland y dylid llongyfarch yr AHNE am yr holl waith caled yr oeddynt wedi ei wneud, ac y dylai unrhyw un oedd â sylwadau pellach roi gwybod iddo amdanynt.

4. **Gwobr AHNE ar gyfer 2019**

Cyflwynodd y Cadeirydd y pedwar enwebiad ar gyfer Gwobr yr AHNE eleni:

1. Siop Gymunedol, Llanarmon yn lâl
2. Ymddiriedolaeth Natur Gogledd Cymru
3. Cymdeithas Gadwraeth Llanarmon yn lâl
4. Gardd Gymunedol Corwen

Pleidleisiodd Aelodau a chytunwyd yn unfrydol y dylai Gardd Gymunedol Corwen dderbyn y wobwr ar gyfer 2018/19.

Cam Gweithredu

- ❖ Dylid rhoi gwybod i aelodau Gardd Gymunedol Corwen eu bod wedi ennill Gwobr yr AHNE.
- ❖ Dylid trefnu dyddiad er mwyn cyflwyno'r wobwr.

4.1 **Gwobr Gwirfoddolwyr yr AHNE**

Cyflwynodd yr Uwch Warden Cefn Gwlad, Rhun Jones, yr enwebiad sef John Lawton Roberts, gan egluro bod John wedi ymroi llawer o'i fywyd i gofnodi, gwyllo ac adrodd am adar yng Ngogledd Ddwyrain Cymru. Roedd ei frwdfrydedd diddiwedd a'i arbenigedd wedi helpu i greu darlun manwl o'r newid i boblogaethau adar yn yr ardal dros gyfnod o 40 mlynedd. Roedd John wedi bod yn ased wych i'r AHNE.

Cam Gweithredu

- ❖ Bod John Lawton Roberts yn dderbyn Gwobr Gwirfoddolwr 2018/19
- ❖ Trefnu dyddiad er mwyn i John dderbyn y Wobr

5. **Tirweddau'r Dyfodol yng Nghymru**

Adolygiad Rhaglen Tirweddau Penodedig a Thirweddau'r Dyfodol yng Nghymru: (llythyr eisoes wedi ei gylchredeg)

Eglurodd y Cadeirydd bod Hannah Blythyn AC wedi gwahodd sylwadau am 'Well Cydraddoldeb rhwng Ardaloedd o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol a Pharciau Cenedlaethol'

gan bum swyddog tirweddau a warchodir yng Nghymru yr AHNE ac ar y cyd â Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru fod ymateb ar y cyd wedi ei gyflwyno. Unwaith i ymateb gael ei dderbyn byddai'r eitem hon yn cael ei hystyried ymhellach.

Mae'r eitem hon yn parhau.

6. **Diweddariad ar brosiect Ein Tirlun Darluniadwy**

Dywedodd Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE, David Shiel, fod y caniatâd swyddogol i gychwyn yn cymryd mwy o amser nag a ragwelwyd. Roedd dau benodiad wedi eu gwneud (yr adroddwyd amdanynt eisoes), a diolchodd i Grŵp Llywio'r Prosiect Ein Tirlun Darluniadwy am eu cymorth yn y broses benodi. Byddai Tîm Prosiect Ein Tirlun Darluniadwy wedi eu lleoli yn Y Caban, Plas Newydd, a byddai cyfarfod yn cael ei drefnu yn fuan.

7. **Diweddariad gan Swyddog yr AHNE**

Natur er budd lechyd

Rhoddodd Swyddog yr AHNE wybod am fenter ar y cyd rhwng Gwasanaethau Cefn Gwlad Sir Ddinbych ac Adran Dai Cyngor Sir Ddinbych, sy'n hyrwyddo'r manteision lles sy'n gysylltiedig â bod yn yr awyr agored yn yr amgylchedd naturiol. Wedi eu lleoli mewn ardaloedd lle mae tai cymdeithasol a chanolfannau cymunedol (yn Y Rhyl, Llangollen a Chorwen) byddai'r cynllun yn defnyddio rhagnodiadau cymdeithasol amgylcheddol ac atgyfeiriadau gan feddygon teulu i annog cymunedau i gael mynediad at ac i fwynhau eu hardaloedd gwyrdd lleol. Gobeithiwyd y byddai'r cynllun yn cael ei ymestyn i ardaloedd Cefn a'r Waun.

Ymweliad Prif Weithredwr CSDd â Loggerheads.

Yn ddiweddar aeth y Prif Swyddog Gweithredol, Judith Greenhalgh, a Chyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Economi a Gwarchod Y Cyhoedd, Graham Boase, a Phennaeth Cynllunio a Gwarchod y Cyhoedd, Emlyn Jones, i ymweld â Pharc Gwledig Loggerheads a chwrrd rhai o'r tîm.

Cynllun Rheoli a Seminarau Llywodraethu

Roedd Swyddog yr AHNE a Swyddog Cynorthwyol yr AHNE wedi cwblhau sawl seminar er mwyn archwilio'r amrywiol Gynlluniau Rheoli a llywodraethu. Roedd yr AHNE hefyd yn cynorthwyo Ymddiriedolaeth Sandstone gyda llywodraethu.

Ffotograffiaeth Pwynt Sefydlog

Roedd Swyddog yr AHNE wedi sylwi ar bwyntiau ffotograffiaeth pwyntiau sefydlog ym Mharc Cenedlaethol Penfro a dywedodd ei fod yn ffordd wych o fonitro newid yn y tirlun.

Gwaith Trin Carthion Poncysyllte

Roedd Swyddog yr AHNE wedi galw cyfarfod gyda Steve Wilson, Dwr Cymru ynglŷn a lliniaru'r gwaith trin carthion.

Bwrdd Safle Treftadaeth y Byd

Roedd Swyddog yr AHNE wedi mynychu Cyfarfod Bwrdd Safle Treftadaeth y Byd gydag Allan Forrest CBSW.

Wythnos Eithriadol NAAONB

Trefnwyd yr Wythnos Eithriadol gan Gymdeithas Genedlaethol AHNE (NAAONB) a gynhelir yn flynyddol ym mis Medi i ddathlu pob AHNE yng Nghymru a Lloegr. Roedd yn golygu bod yr AHNE yn darparu rhaglen o ddigwyddiadau am wythnos, i'w cynnal ym mhob un o'r ardaloedd. Fel rhan o'n cyfraniad ni fe arweiniodd Swyddog yr AHNE 3 taith gerdded oedd yn cynnwys holl Safle Treftadaeth Y Byd a'r parth clustogi, a bu'r 3 daith yn llwyddiannus.

8. **Unrhyw Fater Arall**

Nododd y Cynghorydd M Holland bod y Cadeirydd wedi gorfod rhoi taw ar rai o'r trafodaethau heddiw oherwydd cyfyngiadau amser a chynigiodd y dylid rhoi mwy o amser i gyfarfodydd.

Ceidwad AHNE - Vicky Knight

Diolchodd Ian Papworth i Vicky Knight am ei gwaith caled yng Ngwaenysgor. Yn ddiweddar roedd Vicky wedi gadael tîm yr AHNE er mwyn cymryd rôl newydd fel Prif Geidwad Ynys y Dyrchafael.

11. Dyddiadau Cyfarfodydd y Dyfodol

Dyddiad	Amser	Lleoliad
Dydd Gwener 22 Mawrth 2019	am 10am	I'w benderfynu
Dydd Gwener 14 Mehefin 2019	am 10am	I'w benderfynu
Dydd Gwener 18 Hydref 2019	am 10am	I'w benderfynu

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ARDAL O HARDDWCH NATURIOL EITHRIADOL
BRYNIAU CLWYD A DYFFRYN DYFRDWY

Cynhaliwyd ar: 23 Tachwedd 2018

Aelod / Swyddog Arweiniol: Gareth O Williams

Awdur yr Adroddiad: Paula O'Hanlon / Huw Rees

**Teitl: CYLLIDEB A SEFYLLFA ARIANNOL DERFYNOL Y CYD-BWYLLGOR
2018/19**

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad yn manylu ar sefyllfa alldro cyllideb refeniw yr Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol (AHNE) ar gyfer 2018/19.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Pwrpas yr adroddiad yw rhoi diweddariad ar sefyllfa ariannol yr AHNE ar gyfer 2018/19.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

- (i) Gofyn i'r aelodau nodi'r rhagolwg diweddaraf o'r alldro ariannol ar gyfer 2018/19 (Atodiad 1) a chynnydd o ran y strategaeth y cytunwyd arni ar gyfer y gyllideb.
- (ii) Gofynnir i aelodau nodi Adroddiad Blynyddol Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru ar gyfer y Flwyddyn a Ddaeth i ben ar 31 Mawrth 2018 (Atodiad 2) sydd yn nodi bod y cyfrifon ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2017/18 mewn cyflwr da.

4. Manylion yr Adroddiad.

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn rhoi crynodeb o gyllideb refeniw yr AHNE ar gyfer 2018/19 fel y manylir yn Atodiad 1. Cyllideb gwariant gros yr AHNE yw £440,730. Y rhagolwg alldro ar hyn o bryd ydi mantoli'r gyllideb ar draws y gyllideb graidd a chyllideb ardal.

5. Sut mae'n cyfrannu at Flaenoriaethau Cynlluniau Rheoli AHNE Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy?

Bydd rheoli cyllidebau refeniw'r AHNE yn effeithiol yn helpu cyflawni blaenoriaethau cytunedig y cynllun rheoli ar gyfer y flwyddyn bresennol ac yn tanategu gweithgarwch ym mhob maes, yn enwedig ein perthynas â'n partneriaid cyllido a'n cyd-flaenoriaethau.

6. Faint fydd hyn yn ei gostio a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Nid oes unrhyw gostau uniongyrchol yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gynhaliwyd ar y penderfyniad? Dylai'r templed AEC wedi'i lenwi gael ei atodi fel atodiad i'r adroddiad.

Amherthnasol

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gyda'r Pwyllgorau Craffu ac eraill?

Cyflwynwyd y gyllideb arfaethedig ar gyfer 2018/19 i gyfarfod y Cyd-bwyllgor ym mis Mehefin ac fe'i cymeradwywyd.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn amlinellu sefyllfa ariannol ddiweddaraf yr AHNE ar gyfer 2018/19. Ar hyn o bryd, rhagwelir y bydd gorwariant bychan yng nghyllideb cyflog Ardal oherwydd adolygiadau graddio, ond caiff hyn ei ariannu gan gyllideb wrth gefn a gedwir yng nghyllideb cyflog craidd.

O ran blwyddyn ariannol 2019/20, yr arwyddion cynnar yw nad yw Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yn bwriadu gostwng y lefelau cyllid cyfredol ar gyfer yr AHNE. Fodd bynnag, ni fydd hyn wedi'i gadarnhau nes gofynnir i'r Cyngor Llawn gymeradwyo ei gyllideb ar gyfer y flwyddyn ariannol newydd yn ffurfiol.

Mae grant Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru wedi'i gytuno ar gyfer 2019/20 a 2020/21. Serch hynny mae'r cyfnod hwn o ddarbodaeth sector cyhoeddus yn debygol o barhau a rhaid cydnabod fod cyllidebau pob corff cyhoeddus yn debygol o ddod o dan bwysau cynyddol dros y blynyddoedd nesaf.

10. Pa risgiau sydd yna ac oes yna unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

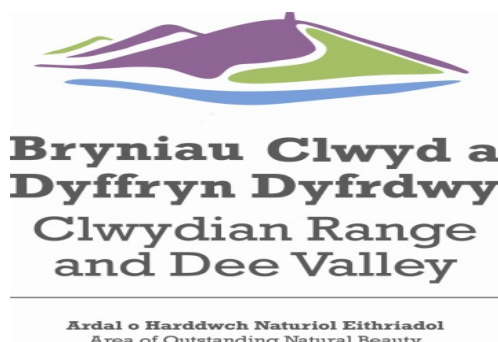
Mae'r gyllideb bresennol yn ddibynnol ar incwm gan CNC a'r tri Awdurdod Lleol. Bydd unrhyw newidiadau i'r lefelau incwm hyn yn peri risg i gyflawni prosiectau yn y dyfodol a'n gallu i gyflawni yn erbyn y blaenoriaethau yng Nghynllun Rheoli'r AHNE.

11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Mae'n ofynnol i awdurdodau lleol o dan Adran 151 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 wneud trefniadau ar gyfer gweinyddu eu materion ariannol yn briodol.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

	Budget 2018/19	Forecast Outturn 2018/19
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
<u>Employees</u>		
Salaries	174,939	171,710
Training & Conference	2,000	2,300
Subscriptions	3,300	3,000
Insurance	1,210	1,210
Total Employee costs	181,449	178,220
<u>Vehicle and Travel</u>		
Vehicle Hire	500	500
Mileage	5,200	5,200
Use of Public Transport	500	500
Total Vehicle & Travel Expenses	6,200	6,200
<u>Other</u>		
Protective Clothing	500	500
Uniforms	1,500	1,500
General Equipment	300	300
Event / Partnership Expenditure	4,000	4,000
Professional fees	0	578
Audit Fees	1,134	1,134
IT costs	1,800	3,400
Telephones	2,500	900
Publications	300	300
Total Other Expenses	12,034	12,612
<u>Projects</u>		
Grants	55,000	55,000
Total Project costs	55,000	55,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	254,683	252,032
INCOME		
NRW Salary Grant	-112,000	-112,000
SDF Grant	-50,000	-50,000
LA Funding	-92,683	-92,683
Other fees & charges	0	-250
TOTAL INCOME	-254,683	-254,933
Total Net Expenditure	-0	-2,901

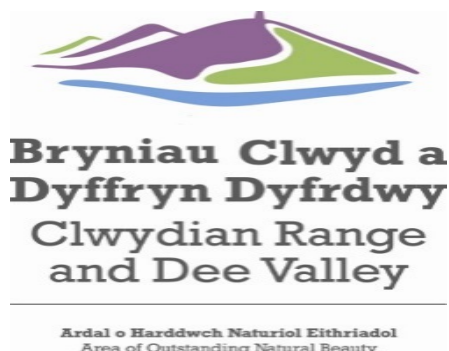


CLWYDIAN RANGE & DEE VALLEY AONB JOINT COMMITTEE
(DENBIGHSHIRE, FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM COUNCILS)

Appendix 1

AREA - PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/19

	Budget 2018/19	Forecast Outturn 2018/19
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
<u>Employees</u>		
Salaries	152,542	155,443
Training & Conference	600	600
Insurance	1,055	1,055
Total Employee costs	154,197	157,098
<u>Vehicle and Travel</u>		
Fuel	4,200	4,200
Fleet	17,000	17,000
Travel	2,000	2,000
Total Vehicle & Travel Expenses	23,200	23,200
<u>Other</u>		
General Equipment	150	150
Site Management	3,000	3,000
IT	800	800
Telephones	2,200	2,200
Internet	0	
Total Other Expenses	6,150	6,150
<u>Projects</u>		
Management Plan	2,500	2,500
Total Project costs	2,500	2,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	186,047	188,948
INCOME		
NRW Salary Grant	-11,500	-11,500
NRW Salary Match	0	
Reserve - NRW funds for Dee Valley Warden	-8,000	-8,000
LA Salary funding	-166,547	-166,547
Sales - vehicle & plant		
Rent		
TOTAL INCOME	-186,047	-186,047
Total Net Expenditure	-0	2,901



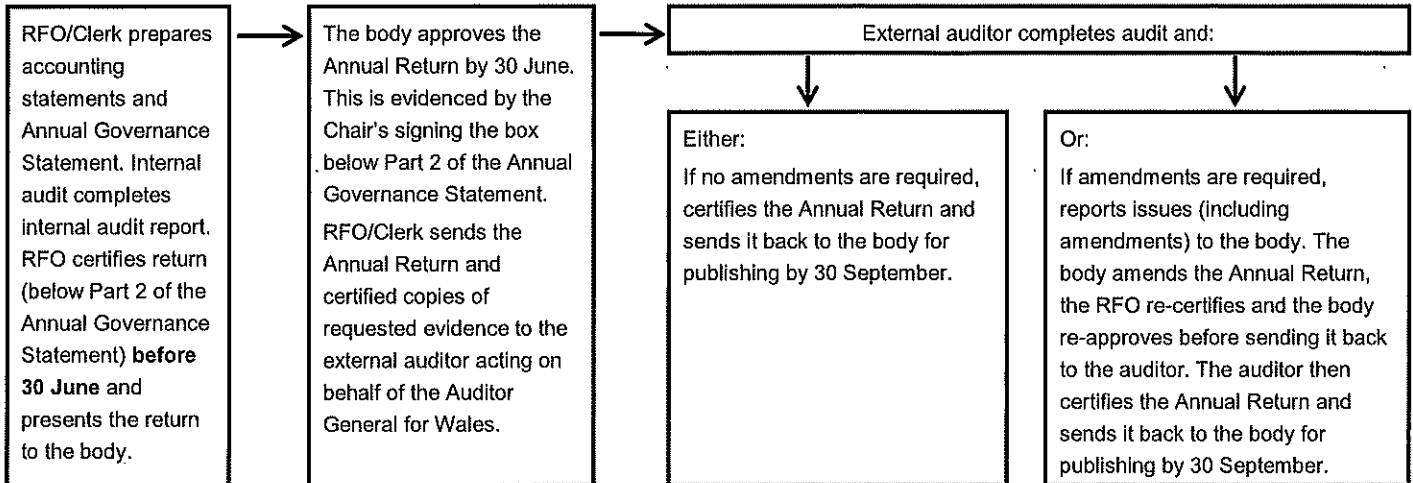


Smaller local government bodies in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

Smaller local government bodies in Wales must prepare annual accounts following proper practices as set out in the One Voice Wales/SLCC publication **Governance and accountability for local councils in Wales – A Practitioners’ Guide** (the Practitioners’ Guide). The Practitioners’ Guide states that bodies may prepare their accounts in the form of an annual return prepared by the Wales Audit Office.

The accounts and audit process

The accounts and audit arrangements follow the process as set out below.



Please read the guidance on completing this Annual Return and complete all sections highlighted in red including both sections of the Annual Governance Statement.

PLEASE PRINT THIS DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AND SEND IT TO YOUR AUDITOR

Incomplete or incorrect returns may require additional external audit work and incur additional costs. Send the **original** Annual Return, together with all additional information requested, to the external auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales. Unless requested, please **do not** send any original financial or other records to the external auditor.

Audited and certified returns are sent back to the body for publication or display of the accounting statements, Annual Governance Statement and the Auditor General for Wales’ certificate and report.

Completion checklist

‘No’ answers mean that you may not have met requirements		Done?	
Initial submission to the external auditor		Yes	No
Accounts	Has the RFO certified the accounting statements and the body approved the Annual Return (as evidenced by the relevant signatures), no later than 30 June 2018?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Do the accounts add up and does the balance carried forward from last year equal the opening balance this year?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Do the papers to be sent to the external auditor include an explanation of significant variations, including a quantified analysis of the changes from last year to this year?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Does the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2018 agree to line 9?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All sections	Have all red boxes been completed and explanations provided where needed?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evidence	Has all the information requested by the external auditor been included?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Accounting statements 2017-18 for:

Name of body: Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2017 (£)	31 March 2018 (£)	

Please round all figures to nearest £.
Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances.
All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.

Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments

1. Balances brought forward	67,492	77,697	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	264,561	279,330	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	243,490	290,228	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	-329,492	-357,977	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses eg termination costs.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	-168,354	-169,645	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	77,697	119,632	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).

Statement of balances

8. (+) Debtors and stock balances	60,035	28,409	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body and stock balances held at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	23,257	99,126	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	-5,595	-7,902	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	77,697	119,632	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	0	0	The original asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

14. Trust funds disclosure note	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	The body acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing (a) trust fund(s)/assets (readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions).
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Annual Governance Statement (Part 1)

We acknowledge as the members of the Council/Board/Committee, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2018, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:	PG Ref
	Yes	No*		
<p>1. We have put in place arrangements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective financial management during the year; and the preparation and approval of the accounting statements. 	✓	☐	Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law.	6, 12
2. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓	☐	Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7
3. We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council/Board/Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓	☐	Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.	6
4. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	✓	☐	Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and to ask questions about the body's accounts.	6, 23
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council/Board/Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓	☐	Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly.	6, 9
6. We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems throughout the year and have received a report from the internal auditor.	✓	☐	Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	6, 8
7. We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the Council/Board/Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.	✓	☐	Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	✓	☐	Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23
<p>9. Trust funds – in our capacity as trustee, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. 	☐	☐	Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	3, 6

* Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'no' response given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

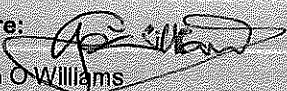

Annual Governance Statement (Part 2)

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/ Committee:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have considered the adequacy of reserves held by the body in setting the budget for 2017-18 and 2018-19 and have appropriate plans in place for the use of these reserves.	✓	☐	Has met the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1989 in setting the budget requirement and precept for the financial years.
2. When awarding grants under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, we have kept a separate account of such grants and considered whether or not the benefits arising from such payments are commensurate with the sums paid.	✓	☐	Has kept and appropriate record of grants awarded and ensured that the expenditure is commensurate with the benefit to the community.
3. The council has ensured that it has a lawful obligation to pay a service gratuity to employees* or The council has no obligation or intention to pay a gratuity to employees.*	✓	☐	Has ensured that where it has an arrangement to provide a gratuity to staff, it has ensured that there is a legal obligation to provide the gratuity.

* Please delete as appropriate.

Council/Board/Committee approval and certification

The Council/Board/Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and for the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

<p>Certification by the RFO</p> <p>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/ Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2018.</p> <p>RFO signature: </p> <p>Name: Gareth O'Williams</p> <p>Date: 22/06/2018</p>	<p>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 22nd 2018</p> <p>Chair signature: </p> <p>Name: TONY THOMAS</p> <p>Date: 22/06/2018</p>
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Council/Board/Committee re-approval and re-certification (only required if the annual return has been amended at audit)

<p>Certification by the RFO</p> <p>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/ Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2018.</p> <p>RFO signature: signature required</p> <p>Name: name required</p> <p>Date: dd/mm/yyyy</p>	<p>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Insert minute reference and date of meeting</p> <p>Chair signature: signature required</p> <p>Name: name required</p> <p>Date: dd/mm/yyyy</p>
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Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report

The external auditor conducts the audit on behalf of, and in accordance with, guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales. On the basis of their review of the Annual Return and supporting information, they report whether any matters that come to their attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018 of:

Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

External auditor's report

~~[[Except for the matters reported below]]~~* On the basis of our review, in our opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

~~[[These matters along with]]~~* Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the body and our recommendations for improvement are included in our report to the body dated _____.]

Other matters and recommendations

~~On the basis of our review, we draw the body's attention to the following matters and recommendations which do not affect our audit opinion but should be addressed by the body:~~

(Continue on a separate sheet if required.)

External auditor's name:

ANTHONY BARRETT

External auditor's signature:



Date:

28/9/18

For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales

* Delete as appropriate.

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

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The Council/Board/Committee's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2018.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council/Board/Committee's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council/Board/Committee.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Reviewed the ledger accounts for the AONB.
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Tested a sample of invoices, which confirmed invoices were correctly authorised and VAT accounted for correctly and complying with Financial Regulations.
3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	The financial and reputational risks are included in the AONB legal agreement. Any new programmes and forward planning are discussed in the committee meetings.
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Evidence of regular monitoring carried out.
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Evidence on budget sheets that income was received and correctly accounted for.
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Sample confirmed that NI and PAYE requirements were properly applied
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate,	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	n/a

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
and properly maintained.					

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Regular bank account reconciliations carried out as well as an annual audit included in the Finance audit.
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Evidence of up to date records seen. Evidence of minutes of AONB Joint committee.
11. Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council/Board/Committee has met its responsibilities as a trustee.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	n/a

For any risk areas identified by the Council/Board/Committee (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
12. Insert risk area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Insert text
13. Insert risk area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Insert text
14. Insert risk area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Insert text

* If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

** If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council/Board/Committee are included in my detailed report to the Council/Board/Committee dated _____.] * Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body or as a member of the body during the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: Samantha Davies
 Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: *Samantha Davies*
 Date: 31/05/2018

Hannah Blythyn AC/AM
Gweinidog dros yr Amgylchedd
Minister for Environment



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Mr Howard Sutcliffe
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Officer
howard.sutcliffe@denbighshire.gov.uk

CC: Howard Davies
Chief Executive, National Association of AONBs
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Clare Pillman
Chief Executive, Natural Resources Wales
Clare.Pillman@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

14 May 2018

Dear Mr Sutcliffe,

I am inviting you to share your views with me on the issues which need to be addressed to provide greater parity for the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) with the National Parks in Wales.

One of the key observations made during the Review of Designated Landscapes and the Future Landscapes Wales Programme was although parity broadly exists between National Parks and AONBs in terms of planning policy, there is an inequality of status, profile and resourcing. Whilst this may be a strength in allowing flexibility of governance and the formation of partnerships in the AONBs, it is also a potential weakness in terms of the stewardship of these equally valuable landscapes. I have made a commitment to continue discussions with the AONBs to address this.

The AONB officers, along with the National Association of AONBs and colleagues in Natural Resources Wales, are best placed to advise me on how this should be addressed. I'm inviting you to work together to prepare a brief paper, for discussion with me later this year, on the action you believe necessary to address the issues observed during the review.

I am prepared to support you to overcome these issues; however, you must be realistic in your deliberations about the levels of current and future resourcing.

I am committed to ensuring our AONBs and National Parks are equally valued for their natural beauty by our people, communities and country – and, that our designated landscapes deliver rich ecosystems, vibrant and resilient communities and opportunities for outdoor recreation for all of the people of Wales.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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My lead official on this matter is John Watkins, Head of Landscape and Outdoor Recreation. You should contact him if you have any questions in regard to this invitation. Please send me your paper of suggested actions by early September. My office will confirm a date and venue for me to meet with you and your colleagues to discuss your proposals.

Yours sincerely,



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Greater parity between the National Landscapes of Wales

Summary

This paper has been prepared in response to the letter, dated 14th May 2018, from Hannah Blythyn, Minister for Environment on the issues to be addressed to provide greater parity for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) with the National Parks in Wales, particularly in terms of status, profile and resourcing, and the delivery of rich ecosystems, vibrant and resilient communities and opportunities for outdoor recreation. It is also prepared in the context of the July 2018 statement ‘Valued and Resilient: The Welsh Government’s Priorities for AONBs and National Parks’. It is a collective response prepared by the five AONB lead officers in Wales in collaboration with colleagues from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB). The twelve proposals below intend to build on the opportunities outlined in ‘Valued and Resilient’, be straightforward and robust and together address the inequality of status between AONBs and National Parks. They also recognise that there are inequalities between the AONBs in Wales.

‘Valued and Resilient’ identifies a number of key expectations of Designated Landscapes, including “the ability to function effectively at a national level to inform and influence strategic priorities and plans, whilst maintaining a credible mandate and the relationships necessary to deliver within a local area.” Currently AONB teams across Wales, individually and collectively, do not have the capacity to meet all these expectations.

The network of Designated Landscapes in Wales is fundamental to creating the connectivity needed for truly resilient ecosystems. AONBs are a key delivery mechanism for the Well-Being of Future Generations Act, the Environment Act and NRW’s statutory landscape remit, Area Statements and Natural Resources Planning. The opportunity and potential exists for AONBs to act as a focus and deliver place-based management of natural resources, if the capacity of AONB teams is enabled to do this.

We believe the twelve proposals below will address the issues of status, profile and resourcing for AONBs in Wales. The rationale for the proposals is outlined in the subsequent sections.

Status

- A. A second purpose on “Understanding and Enjoyment” be pursued for AONBs at the earliest opportunity in recognition that all AONB partnerships¹ play a major role in delivering opportunities for outdoor understanding, enjoyment and recreation in Wales. In the interim, Welsh Government provides policy confirmation of the ‘supplementary purposes’ for AONBs.
- B. Strengthen the CRoW Act Section 85 ‘Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation’ into a ‘Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation and implementation of the AONB Management Plan’.
- C. Explore the potential for AONB partnerships to become statutory consultees for planning applications.

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- D. Welsh Government to make a 'national appointment' to each AONB partnership and these appointees to also sit on the new 'National Partnership for Designated Landscapes' alongside AONB partnership chairs and lead officers.

Profile

- E. AONBs and National Parks to be referred to generally and collectively as the 'National Landscapes of Wales' rather than 'Designated Landscapes' or 'Protected Landscapes', hence the 'National Partnership for Designated Landscapes' would become the 'National Landscapes of Wales Partnership', etc.
- F. The post-Brexit agri-environment and LEADER replacement schemes to be targeted at delivering the AONB Management Plans and AONB partnerships to have a key role in providing advice and support.
- G. The Minister convenes an annual seminar for CRoW Section 85 public bodies to share good practice on how they are delivering their 'Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation' and how the AONB Management Plan is being implemented.
- H. The Minister elevates the AONB Management Plans currently commencing their 5 year reviews by providing a Foreword, formal endorsement when adopted and ensuring supporting policy recognition in Planning Policy Wales (PPW).
- I. Welsh Government and NRW to produce data/statistics cut to each AONB as part of existing data and analysis activity, e.g. tourism, agriculture, population, state of environment, designated site condition etc., in order to inform the AONB Management Plans and support clearer understanding of the value, profile and significance of AONBs.

Resourcing

- J. AONB partnerships commissioned and resourced on a long term basis to provide a core AONB staff team with the critical mass and capacity to deliver the AONB Management Plan and the functions outlined in Valued and Resilient.
- K. The National Association for AONBs is resourced to assist Welsh Government with the establishment and servicing of the new 'National Landscapes of Wales Partnership', co-ordinate AONB (& NLW) member training and AONB Performance Monitoring.
- L. Welsh Government, NRW, Local Authorities and NGO's to have the resilience and capacity to deliver Valued and Resilient and the statutory purpose(s) of the National Landscapes of Wales.



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Llŷn AONB



1. Background and our case for positive change

- 1.1. This paper has been prepared in response to the letter (14 May 2018) from Hannah Blythyn, Minister for Environment on the issues to be addressed to provide greater parity for AONBs with the National Parks in Wales and the delivery of rich ecosystems, vibrant and resilient communities and opportunities for outdoor recreation. It is a collective response prepared by the five AONB lead officers in Wales in collaboration with colleagues from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and the National Association of AONBs (NAAONB).
- 1.2. In developing this response, we have also taken into account the recent (July 2018) statement – ‘Valued and Resilient: The Welsh Government’s Priorities for AONBs and National Parks’. The proposals below are intended to build on the opportunities outlined in ‘Valued and Resilient’.
- 1.3. The ‘Marsden Review’ of Designated Landscapes and subsequent collaborative work through the Future Landscapes Wales programme have correctly highlighted inequalities between AONBs and National Parks – particularly in terms of status, profile and resourcing. However, it is also worth highlighting that there are also significant disparities between the AONBs in Wales. Consequently, we believe that measures are also needed to ensure there is a ‘critical mass’ in AONB partnerships and teams and a basic minimum/standard is established of what is expected for AONBs in Wales.
- 1.4. We have considered the issues of ‘status’, ‘profile’, ‘resourcing’, and how together they address the delivery of rich ecosystems, vibrant and resilient communities and opportunities for outdoor recreation. The proposals are segregated into ‘status’, ‘profile’ and ‘resourcing’ but apply to and/or collectively have benefits across several simultaneously. In Appendix 1 the 12 Proposals have also been divided in to ‘Long term’, ‘Medium term’ and ‘Short term’ actions.
- 1.5. It is recognised that the ‘National Park’ designation and brand is more widely understood by some than ‘Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)’, but we believe the closer parity can still be achieved through modifications to functions rather than form, particularly given the stated levels of current and future resourcing.

Future Landscapes Delivering for Wales – Vision:

Wales as a nation values its landscapes for what they provide for the people of Wales and elsewhere. The designated landscapes of Wales deliver both within and beyond their boundaries to enhance their social, economic, environmental and cultural resources; delivering the maximum well-being benefits for present and future generations whilst enhancing the very qualities that make them both distinctive and cherished.

Our case for positive change

Our proposals focus on four key areas, providing a coherent approach to raise the profile and status of AONBs, improve their ability to deliver rich ecosystems and opportunities for outdoor recreation. The four areas and our rationale are as follows:

- Updating and strengthening of the **AONB purposes** – because the current purposes are limited, the associated duties on public bodies are weak and the proposals would give genuine mandate to activities that AONB partnerships already deliver
- Strengthening and implementing the **AONB Management Plans** – because the plans are the expression of what needs to happen in the AONBs and are the core organising principle for local delivery of Well-being goals and the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources
- Improve **governance and scrutiny** – because the profile and engagement of AONB Partnerships with their local authorities is often low and should better reflect their significance as nationally important designated and protected landscapes
- Focussed and secure **resourcing and capacity** building – because the current insecure, opportunistic and often ‘hidden’ resourcing position constrains the ability and potential for AONBs to deliver.



2. AONB Purpose(s)

*Our case for positive change: Updating and strengthening of the **AONB purposes** – because the current purposes are limited, the associated duties on public bodies are weak and the proposals would give genuine mandate to activities that AONB partnerships already deliver*

A. A second purpose on “Understanding and Enjoyment” be pursued for AONBs at the earliest opportunity in recognition that all AONB partnerships² play a major role in delivering opportunities for outdoor understanding, enjoyment and recreation in Wales. * In the interim, Welsh Government provides policy confirmation of the ‘supplementary purposes’ for AONBs.

- 2.1. As recognised in ‘Valued and Resilient’, AONBs in Wales do not have the 2nd Purpose that National Parks have to “Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of national parks by the public.” AONBs that become Conservation Boards under Section 86 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 also have a similar 2nd Purpose, defined under Section 87(1) – ‘increasing the understanding and enjoyment by the public of the special qualities of the AONB’.
- 2.2. A key component of addressing the parity of status with National Parks (and AONB Conservation Boards) is to have the same statutory purposes. This would resolve two issues:
 - i) AONBs currently have no mention of ‘special qualities’ in their Purpose and
 - ii) AONBs are not statutorily required to operate in the realm of ‘enjoyment and recreation’, although it is widely recognised that AONBs are prime visitor destinations and AONB teams do a considerable amount – on very modest budgets – engaging tourism, recreation, business and community interests in helping deliver the AONB Management Plan, and in several cases providing visitor information and managing infrastructure.
- 2.3. It is acknowledged that a new Purpose for AONBs would require legislative change. However, the provision already exists in law for Special Qualities and the recreation purpose. Therefore, this primary legislation needs to be extended to all AONBs in Wales without the necessity to become Conservation Boards. It is noted that ‘Valued and Resilient’ states “there will not be a change of this nature now without broader support or when it is clear impediments to delivery can only be overcome through new legislation”. Therefore this remains a Long term action and:-

*** “In the interim, Welsh Government provides policy confirmation of the ‘supplementary purposes’ for AONBs”.**

- 2.4. In 1991 the Countryside Council for Wales and the Countryside Commission published ‘Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty - A Policy Statement’ (CCP: 356), in which AONBs were given supplementary purposes of *“In pursuing the primary purpose of designation, account should be taken of the needs of agriculture, forestry, and other rural industries and of the economic and social needs of local communities. Particular regard should be paid to promoting sustainable forms of social and economic development that in themselves conserve and enhance the environment. Recreation is not an objective of designation, but*

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the demand for recreation should be met so far as this is consistent with the conservation of natural beauty and the needs of agriculture, forestry and other uses.” These have not been recognised or endorsed recently by Welsh Government or Natural Resources Wales, although they are included in various AONB Management Plans and other AONB documents.

- 2.5. ‘Valued and Resilient’ does state that “To encourage, provide for and manage responsible outdoor recreation opportunities is an important role for AONBs and a key remit for Park Authorities.” It also states “National Park Authorities have a duty to ‘foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within their national park’ and AONB local authorities also have a similar responsibility across the whole of their authority areas.... Designated landscape management organisations need to further develop and refine their own understanding of local economic resilience and economic opportunities....”. Even when AONB partnerships were vested with delivering all of this, they have only ever been able to access specific (invariably time limited) project funding, whereas the NPAs have been funded to do so.
- 2.6. We believe the reiteration and endorsement by Welsh Government of the supplementary purposes for AONBs, or the release of a similarly succinct ‘policy statement’ is needed. This therefore is a Short term action.

E. AONBs and National Parks to be referred to generally and collectively as the ‘National Landscapes of Wales’ rather than ‘Designated Landscapes’ or ‘Protected Landscapes’, hence the ‘National Partnership for Designated Landscapes’ would become the ‘National Landscapes of Wales Partnership’, etc.

- 2.7. The Marsden Review recognised the value of branding the AONBs & National Parks as the ‘National Landscapes of Wales’. While the statutory re-naming of the designations was not supported, there is no reason why the general use of the phrase ‘National Landscapes of Wales’ should not be used in place of the current colloquialisms of ‘Designated Landscapes’ or ‘Protected Landscapes’. The common and regular reiteration of the ‘national’ context of AONBs alongside National Parks would help redress the balance of status and profile.



Gower AONB

3. AONB Management Plans

*Our case for positive change: Strengthening and implementing the **AONB Management Plans** – because the plans are the expression of what needs to happen in the AONBs and are the core organising principle for local delivery of Well-being goals and the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources*

F. The post-Brexit agri-environment and LEADER replacement schemes to be targeted at delivering the AONB Management Plans and AONB partnerships to have a key role in providing advice and support.

- 3.1. Each AONB is largely the product of farming practices, and the value of these national landscapes to the whole nation is hugely dependent on sympathetic future land management practices. It is a legal requirement that public bodies have regard to the purpose of AONB designation (CRoW Act Section 85). Any future publicly funded land management scheme must, therefore, do likewise.
- 3.2. Agri-environment investment and incentives are the biggest influence on landscape quality, natural beauty and SMNR, but are not correlated with AONB purposes nor scrutinised for delivering for these nationally designated protected landscapes. The National Parks have more direct influence on agri-environment and LEADER schemes, either through direct targeting or delivery of the schemes. The post-Brexit rural land-use policy and delivery mechanisms must actively support SMNR through Area Statements and AONB Management Plan objectives.
- 3.3. The AONB Management Plans are the mechanism by which the future of each AONB is discussed, determined, and delivered. It is a locally-designed, nationally-relevant plan that depends on the collaborative activity of multiple stakeholders for delivery and has democratic sign-off. The majority of AONB Management Plans are currently being reviewed and new plans will be in place to take these areas forward once the UK leaves the European Union. The Plans will act as a catalyst for new thinking and positive action that will sustain and improve the flow of public goods from the nation's outstanding landscapes.
- 3.4. This proposal allows, for the first time, a clear way of aligning land management with the need to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of our national landscapes. AONB partnerships should play a key role in helping inform the new land management framework, for example by testing/piloting new approaches and using management planning processes to engage with land managers. AONB partnerships and AONB teams can also be enabled to deliver schemes either directly or through collaborative partnerships.

B. Strengthen the CRoW Act Section 85 'Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation' into a 'Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation and implementation of the AONB Management Plan'.

- 3.5. The CRoW Section 85 'Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation' is widely recognised as not being sufficiently robust or effective, similarly the Section 62 (Environment Act 1995) duty for National Parks. There are some examples of good practice, such as OFGEM working with National Grid and the electricity Distribution Network Operators, but there are also many organisations and utilities that pay scant regard for the

National Landscapes of Wales. 'Valued and Resilient' states that there is logic to strengthening these respective duties meanwhile engagement and collaboration, led by NRW, rather than compliance, should be pursued for public bodies and other interested parties.

- 3.6. We believe a strengthened 'Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation and implementation of the AONB Management Plan' provides a robust rationale and focus. Alternatively, similar wording to the new Biodiversity Duty could be used 'that public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance the Landscape of AONBs (&/or the National Landscapes of Wales) so far as it consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of that landscape.' This would give a more direct requirement for public bodies to proactively pursue the purpose of AONBs in all planning and decision-making. The earliest legislative opportunity should be sought to achieve this. However it is recognised this will be a medium to long term action. An interim / short term action is therefore also proposed.

G. The Minister convenes an annual seminar for CRoW Section 85 public bodies to share good practice on how they are delivering their 'Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation' and how the AONB Management Plan is being implemented.

- 3.7. Beside the implementation of Planning Policy Wales (PPW), the statutory requirement to produce an AONB Management Plan (jointly if there is more than one constituent local authority and review the Plan every five years) is the only obligation a local authority has in relation to AONBs. There is no obligation or requirement to deliver or implement the AONB Management Plan. In contrast National Park Plans are both the Local Development Plan for the Park and the management plan for the Park Authority.

- 3.8. There is also no requirement for AONB local authorities to report on actions toward their delivery of the AONB Management Plan. Implementation and progress reporting tend to be undertaken through the NRW AONB Partnership Programme &/or work programme or project reporting to the respective AONB committee (see below). This context has led to AONB Management Plans – and consequently AONBs - having a relatively low status and profile within their local authorities. Despite opportunities to deliver the Well-being goals and SMNR, the implementation of Management Plans is not recognised as significantly contributing to the delivery of local priorities and consequently are subject to little scrutiny within the local authorities. NRW's role in guiding and advising on Management Plan content and review processes is important and valued, but the status of these Plans need greater Government endorsement.

- 3.9. The Ministerial seminar would, in the short term introduce an element of scrutiny and endorsement by Welsh Ministers and simultaneously raise the profile and status of the AONB Management Plans, with both the constituent local authorities and other public bodies, and enhance the effectiveness of the Section 85 'duty of regard' (possibly in combination with s62 duty to the Parks). This would be augmented by the following proposals.

H. The Minister elevates the AONB Management Plans currently commencing their 5 year reviews by providing a Foreword, formal endorsement when adopted and ensuring supporting policy recognition in Planning Policy Wales (PPW).

3.10. A Ministerial Foreword to the AONB Management Plans would raise the profile and status of the AONB Management Plan locally and nationally. It would also provide an opportunity for the Minister to reiterate the key messages about the purpose(s) of AONBs and the status of the National Landscapes of Wales. Endorsement of the Plan, when adopted by the constituent local authorities, would similarly elevate the significance of the Plan to the local authorities.

3.11. The next update of Planning Policy Wales should also recognise that the statutory AONB Management Plans identify the Special Qualities of the area.



Anglesey AONB

4. Governance and Scrutiny

*Our case for positive change: Improving **governance and scrutiny** – because the profile and engagement of AONB Partnerships with their local authorities is often low and should better reflect their significance as nationally important designated and protected landscapes*

D. Welsh Government to make a ‘national appointment’ to each AONB partnership and these appointees to also sit on the new ‘National Partnership for Designated Landscapes’ alongside AONB partnership chairs and lead officers.

- 4.1. Governance of AONBs is through an AONB partnership³, either a local authority constituted Joint Advisory Committees (JACs) – for 4 AONBs, or a Joint Committee (JC) – with an Advisory Partnership. The AONB partnerships tend to have a broad representation of local or regional interests. However, whereas National Parks have several Welsh Government appointees, there are no formal national appointees that can act as a focus on the national designation. ‘Future Landscapes – Delivering for Wales’ encouraged Designated Landscapes to adopt the Principles of Good Governance. This has been followed by 3 of the 5 AONBs and the lack of national representation was noted as an issue. One national appointee to each AONB partnership would provide a level of ‘national’ focus without upsetting any balance of local accountability, nor undue bureaucracy for Welsh Government.
- 4.2. ‘Valued and Resilient’ identifies the intention to “establish a National Partnership to develop a robust culture of collaboration whilst also providing scrutiny and challenge on designated landscapes’ priorities and delivery”. This is welcomed, and the Welsh Government appointees could be invited to sit on the National Partnership alongside AONB partnership chairs and lead officers. However, of course, the ‘National Partnership for Designated Landscapes’ would become the ‘National Landscapes of Wales Partnership’.

C. Explore the potential for AONB partnerships to become statutory consultees for planning applications.

- 4.3. AONB partnerships are not Local Planning Authorities nor executive bodies, unlike the National Park Authorities. AONB partnerships are constituted through the constituent local authorities who are the Local Planning Authorities. AONB Lead officers work within their respective local authorities and through their AONB partnerships on responses to relevant policy consultations and with the National Association for AONBs on strategic responses. However, the AONB partnership &/or the lead officer are often requested or expected to provide ‘independent’ comments on significant planning applications, especially by the public. The multi-authority AONBs (Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB and Wye Valley AONB) employ or contract planning advisors to facilitate this function, whereas the single authority AONB teams tend to be embedded in or near the Planning Department.
- 4.4. There is an expectation, from the public at least, and some local councillors, that AONB partnerships should be statutory consultees. It could be argued that AONB staff should not need to be involved in development control matters on the assumption that the Local

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Planning Authority rigorously applies AONB policies. However, the Welsh Government should investigate this dichotomous expectation and resolve whether there is a way to modify the status of AONB partnerships to balance the disparity with the National Parks. It is acknowledged that this will need some time and potentially changes to legislation.

- 4.5. In the short term more training is required of Planning Officers, Planning Committee members and the public. Some of this can be formalised and delivered centrally, potentially through a properly resourced National Association for AONBs or locally by the AONB team, or in combination, again if the capacity and capability is enabled – see *Resourcing and capacity* below.



Wye Valley AONB

5. Resourcing & Capacity

*Our case for positive change: Focussed and secure **Resourcing and capacity building** – because the current insecure, opportunistic and often ‘hidden’ resourcing position constrains the ability and potential for AONBs to deliver.*

K. The National Association for AONBs is resourced to assist Welsh Government with the establishment and servicing of the new ‘Partnership for National Landscapes of Wales’, co-ordinate AONB (& NLW) member training and AONB Performance Monitoring.

- 5.1. AONB partnerships have been reasonably well engaged and represented at Welsh and UK levels through Welsh Government, NRW and the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB). However, the NAAONB is not currently resourced to operate effectively in Wales. A functioning ‘association’ for AONBs, collaborating closely with the National Parks, is essential for wider partnership working, strategic policy development, and as a vehicle for maintaining a ‘seat at the table’ for AONB lead officers when needing to work directly with governments and civil servants. This is ensured for National Park Officers by virtue of their status as leaders of Local Authorities but denied to AONB lead officers as a result of status disparity.
- 5.2. The National Association for AONBs would be a natural and obvious partner to help Welsh Government establish and service the new ‘National Partnership for Designated Landscapes’ or the ‘National Landscapes of Wales Partnership’.
- 5.3. There is a constant need for training of AONB partnership members and local authority members and officers (e.g. in Planning –as identified above, Highways, etc.) to raise their awareness and understanding of their role in the delivery of AONB purposes – including induction training, attendance at national conferences, shared Member training etc. The AONB teams may be able to provide some local training and CPD but there could and should be more national and collaborative training, both between AONBs and with the National Parks. The National Association for AONBs would be an obvious body to co-ordinate such activity but is currently not adequately resourced to deliver this in Wales.

J. AONB partnerships commissioned and resourced on a long term basis to provide a core AONB staff team with the critical mass and capacity to deliver the AONB Management Plan and the functions outlined in Valued and Resilient.

- 5.4. ‘Valued and Resilient’ identifies a number of key ‘asks’ or expectations of Designated Landscapes, including “the ability to function effectively at a national level to inform and influence strategic priorities and plans, whilst maintaining a credible mandate and the relationships necessary to deliver within a local area.” Currently AONB teams across Wales, individually and collectively, do not have the capacity to meet all these expectations. All AONB staff are local authority posts. The largest AONB team is Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB with a contingent of 4 FTE core AONB staff overseeing a wider 16 FTE countryside team managing traditional Country Parks etc. within the AONB. The smallest AONB teams are Llyn and Gower with 2 FTE staff. This is between 10 and 100 times smaller than some National Park Authorities.
- 5.5. AONBs are a key delivery mechanism for NRW’s statutory landscape remit, Area Statements/Natural Resources Planning and the wider sustainability and well-being

agendas. The NRW AONB National Partnership Programme has enabled locally targeted coordinated activity at a strategic and landscape level; there is further opportunity and potential for AONBs to act as a focus and deliver place-based management of natural resources, if the capacity of AONB teams was enabled to do this.

- 5.6. Smaller AONB units struggle with the capacity to collaborate with others, or engage with (and influence) national matters affecting them; and all AONBs have benefitted from advocacy and representation provided by the NAAONB. This relationship has been particularly beneficial through the Future Landscapes Wales programme, but there is no formal arrangement or resourcing for this to continue. Currently there is a predicted reduction in capacity of both local AONB staff capacity and the 'national' bodies (NRW & NAAONB) to represent AONB interests. For example due to budgetary constraints the Wye Valley AONB Unit is having to reduce the hours of the AONB Information Officer, despite the recent Governance review identifying that 'communications' was a key area that needed consolidating.
- 5.7. Compared to National Parks, the profile and national importance of an AONB is often not reflected at the local level, with a need for better levels of engagement with local authorities at cabinet or senior management level. The National Park Authority and the National Park Officer are statutory requirements whereas AONB partnerships are non-statutory, non-executive bodies and the local authority employment of an AONB lead officer was only a CCW recommendation. Within a local authority direct 'AONB' activity is usually delegated down to the AONB lead officer and team, there is no requirement to report on AONB activity/delivery (beyond grant funding claims) and AONBs may not be seen as relevant to other priorities in education, social services, housing or transport. AONB teams and AONB budgets are relatively modest in terms of local authority management. Consequently, AONB lead officers do not 'score highly' in local authority Job Evaluation matrices and senior leadership hierarchies, even though they are often engaging with Cabinet members, Assembly Members, Ministers, etc. and are often recognised as 'punching above their weight'. The AONB lead officer should be recognised as an essential post within each AONB and the 'lead advisor' to his or her AONB and Local Authorities, supported by the AONB partnership.
- 5.8. Lots of work goes on in AONBs that are 'hidden' because local authorities do not necessarily recognise it as delivering on AONB purposes e.g. planning services, highways & rights of way improvements, education & youth services etc. This activity is at risk of reducing as a result of continuing budget cuts and spending restrictions. The capacity and critical mass of AONB teams and partnerships to build effective and durable cross-sector networks and partnerships is also in danger of being diminished rather than enhanced with current resourcing levels. Consequently, there is an underutilisation of opportunities provided by AONBs to deliver on Public Service Board (PSB), Well-being Plans and Well Being of Future Generation goals.
- 5.9. Security of core funding from Welsh Government via NRW and from the constituent local authorities is an ongoing concern for the AONB partnerships and lead officers. Providing certainty enables long-term planning for the AONBs and ensures the capacity to lever in significant project funding from other sources. However, the AONB teams need to build and maintain a critical mass of staff and expertise in order to manage diverse projects and prepare and submit funding applications. The current limited capacity of most AONB teams

is a barrier to greater collaboration, leverage and delivery. Ensuring each AONB team has a core of staff to deliver what is expected in 'Valued and Resilient' would help consolidate partnership working and elevate the status and effectiveness of AONBs. The 2003 WAG & CCW publication 'An Introduction to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales' (CCC207) reiterated the findings of a 1998 study that "a team of six people is likely to be needed for most of the AONBs, including an AONB Officer, two Assistant AONB Officers (running projects), two AONB rangers and an administrative assistant." These levels of staffing have never been achieved consistently across all the AONBs in Wales. There are currently 32 staff employed by AONB teams across Wales and many of those are working part time or on reduced hours' contracts. This includes the 16 Countryside staff in one AONB.

5.10. 'Valued and Resilient' identifies that for National Parks "Additional support for pressures and projects on a case by case basis has been supported when the opportunity has arisen; this will continue." AONB partnerships would welcome more open access to these resources, but for some AONBs the capacity is not sufficient to capitalise on these opportunities.

L. Welsh Government, NRW, Local Authorities and NGO's to have the resilience and capacity to deliver Valued and Resilient and the statutory purpose(s) of the National Landscapes of Wales.

5.11. NRW continue to fulfil the 'national advocate' role for and between Designated Landscapes and to a large extent also on AONB partnerships. This is in line with their statutory role as advisors on landscape issues. However, we believe the capacity of NRW staff is also becoming more stretched and less focused on designated landscapes, to the potential detriment of AONBs and National Parks and the wider landscape of Wales. AONB partnerships have relied on the support of NRW and the NAAONB whereas National Park Authorities have usually had the resources to support their own interests. Previous to the formation of NRW, AONB partnerships were supported with local and national expertise from Countryside Council for Wales (CCW), Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales. National Park Authorities invariably had the staff and capacity to employ their own ecologists, tree officers, etc. but AONB teams were never resourced to such an extent and have relied on other local authority staff or local partners such as NRW or Wildlife Trust staff.

5.12. The Welsh AONB partnerships, NRW and the NAAONB are eager and committed to continued dialogue, engagement and collaboration with Welsh Government to ensure a realistic, pragmatic and proportionately resourced approach; adapted and adopted for the long term, and aligned with the statement in - 'Valued and Resilient' (page 5): "Designated landscapes are strategic assets and are a key delivery mechanism for the Welsh Government's environmental, social and economic ambitions". In order for the above to be realised, not only is it essential for the Welsh AONBs, NRW and the NAAONB to be adequately and proportionately resourced; it is also essential that capacity within the 'tripartite' group is proportionately maintained in the very short term and enhanced in the medium to long term. Any reduction or imbalance of resourcing and capacity within the tripartite group could significantly destabilise and impact on Welsh Government's aspirations and ambitions in the future management of the Designated Landscapes.

I. Welsh Government and NRW to produce data/statistics cut to each AONB as part of existing data and analysis activity, e.g. tourism, agriculture, population, state of environment,

designated site condition etc., in order to inform the AONB Management Plans and support clearer understanding of the value, profile and significance of AONBs.

5.13. National Parks often have 'Management Plan' teams that are larger than an adjacent AONB team. AONBs have to spend scarce time and resources to collate, cut and analyse national data and statistics. The AONBs collaborate and pool resources where possible but there remain inconsistencies and duplication in effort. However this information is crucial for the evidence base for the AONB Management Plan. Nationally gathered data should be made available for each AONB and it could also be aggregated for the designation and the nation. If this was also done for National Parks it would provide a robust evidence base for the National Landscapes of Wales.



Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

Appendix 1 – Short / Medium / Long term Actions

Long term (eg within 5 years)

- A. A second purpose on “Understanding and Enjoyment” be pursued for AONBs at the earliest opportunity in recognition that all AONB partnerships play a major role in delivering opportunities for outdoor understanding, enjoyment and recreation in Wales. *
- B. Strengthen the CRoW Act Section 85 ‘Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation’ into a ‘Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation and implementation of the AONB Management Plan’.

Medium term (eg within 3 years)

- C. Explore the potential for AONB partnerships to become statutory consultees for planning applications.
- D. Welsh Government to make a ‘national appointment’ to each AONB partnership and these appointees to also sit on the new ‘National Partnership for Designated Landscapes’ alongside AONB partnership chairs and lead officers.
- F. The post-Brexit agri-environment and LEADER replacement schemes to be targeted at delivering the AONB Management Plans and AONB partnerships to have a key role in providing support.

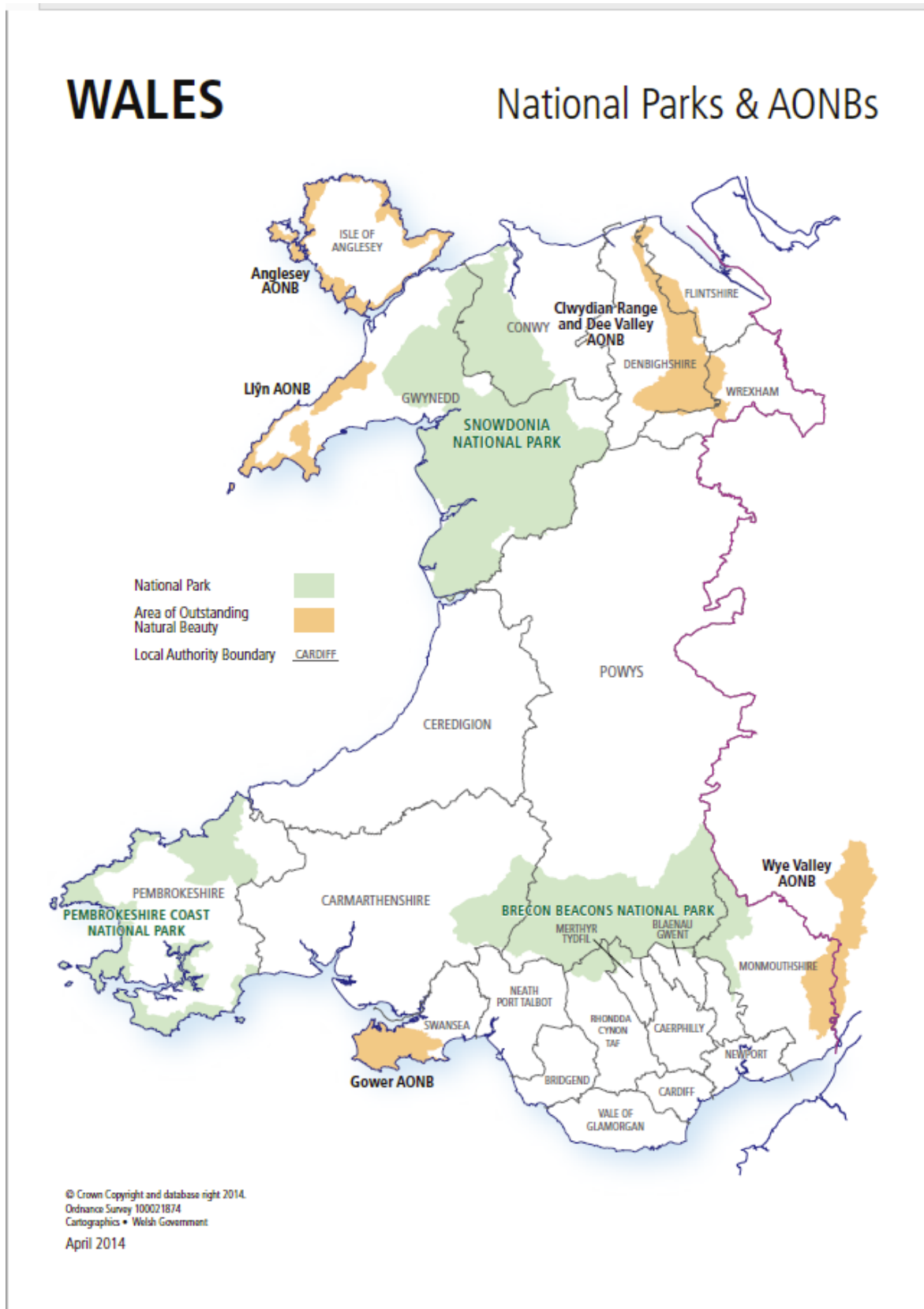
Short term (eg within 1-2 years)

- * In the interim, Welsh Government provides policy confirmation of the ‘supplementary purposes’ for AONBs
- E. AONBs and National Parks to be referred to generally and collectively as the ‘National Landscapes of Wales’ rather than ‘Designated Landscapes’ or ‘Protected Landscapes’, hence the ‘National Partnership for Designated Landscapes’ would become the ‘National Landscapes of Wales Partnership’, etc.
- G. The Minister convenes an annual seminar for CRoW Section 85 public bodies to share good practice on how they are delivering their ‘Duty of Regard to the purpose of AONB designation’ and how the AONB Management Plan is being implemented.
- H. The Minister elevates the AONB Management Plans currently commencing their 5 year reviews by providing a Foreword, formal endorsement when adopted and ensuring supporting policy recognition in Planning Policy Wales (PPW).
- I. Welsh Government and NRW to produce data/statistics cut to each AONB as part of existing data and analysis activity, e.g. tourism, agriculture, population, state of environment, designated site condition etc., in order to inform the AONB Management Plans and support clearer understanding of the value, profile and significance of AONBs.
- J. AONB partnerships commissioned and resourced on a long term basis to provide a core AONB staff team with the critical mass and capacity to deliver the AONB Management Plan and the functions outlined in Valued and Resilient.
- K. The National Association for AONBs is resourced to assist Welsh Government with the establishment and servicing of the new ‘National Landscapes of Wales Partnership’, co-ordinate AONB (& NLW) member training and AONB Performance Monitoring.
- L. Welsh Government, NRW, Local Authorities and NGO’s to have the resilience and capacity to deliver Valued and Resilient and the statutory purpose(s) of the National Landscapes of Wales.

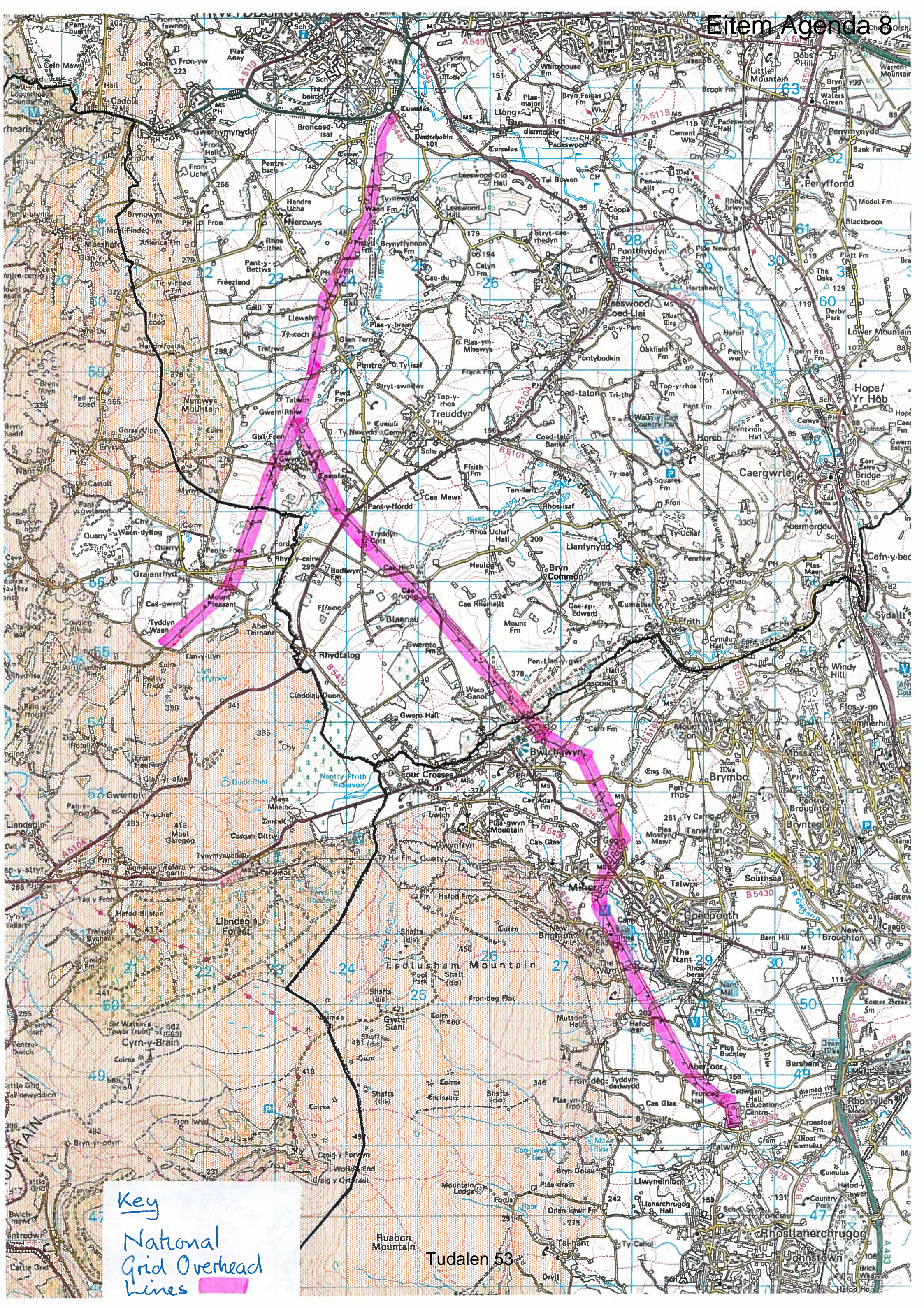
Appendix 2 – AONB Attributes

AONB	Clwydian Range & Dee Valley	Anglesey	Gower	Llŷn	Wye Valley (Wales only)
ATTRIBUTES					
Size of AONB(sq. kms)	390	221	188	155	117
Local Authorities	3	1	1	1	1
Population	18,960	16,556	15,800	6,108	6,341
Special Areas of Conservation	3	5	5	3	3
Special Protection Area	1	3	1	2	0
NNR	0	1	3	1	2
SSSIs	24	32	26	22	21
LNR	1	3	3	0	1
Geopark	0	1	0	0	0
RIGS	72	31	0	3	<i>tbc</i>
WHS	1	1	0	0	0
Scheduled Ancient Monuments	95	75	83	55	44
Outstanding Historic Landscapes	3	2	1	1	1
Historic Parks & Gardens	13	7	5	1	9
Conservation Areas	17	4	17	8	9
Grade 1 Listed Buildings	15	32	4	7	4
Grade II* Listed Buildings	43	42	22	12	26
Grade II Listed Buildings	583	491	105	223	171
Buildings at Risk	56	<i>tbc</i>	10	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>
Heritage Coast (km)	N/A	50	59	88	N/A
AONB LA Managed Sites	22	3	3	N/A	3
Public Rights of Way (km)	772	370	415	278	463
National Trail or <u>Wales Coast Path</u> (km)	72	<u>201</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>80</u>	5
Access Land (ha)	10,380	417	3145	2077	4,690
Common Land (ha)	6,441	521	5271	938	46
Iron Age Hill forts	10	3	9	5	4

Map: National Landscapes of Wales



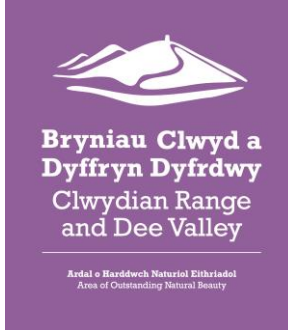
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SUMMARY OF AONB PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

APRIL 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018

Code No. (1)	Site Address	Brief Description of Development	Summary of AONB Comments	LPA Decision	Response to AONB Comments (2)
03/2018/0152	44 Church Street, Llangollen, LL20 8HY	Alterations to detailing of former shop front	No objection, suggest design changes	Granted 10/05/18	
03/2018/0261	Co-Operative, Llangollen, LL20 8HN	Display of advertisements/signs	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 26/04/18	N/A
27/2018/0252	Plas Eliseg, Llantysilio, LL20 8DE	Construction of vehicular access and parking area	No objection, suggest landscaping	Granted 09/05/18	
16/2018/0249	Llwyn Dedwydd, Llanbedr DC, LL15 1UT	Retention of existing LV overhead line	No observations	Granted 09/05/18	N/A
P/2018/0218	Cross Shop, Froncysyllte LL20 7SN	Conversion to dwelling	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views		N/A
10/2018/0216	Land adjacent to Ty Isaf, Bryneglwys LL21 9LF	Details of dwelling granted outline permission (Code no.10/2017/0627)	No objection, suggest landscaping	Granted 01/05/18	
03/2018/0246	Hafan Deg, Birch Hill Llangollen, LL20 8LN	Insertion of two Velux and one window	No objection	Granted 29/05/18	N/A
17/2018/0281	Hafod Lon, Llandegla LL11 3BG	Erection of extension to dwelling	No objection, suggest natural slate roof	Granted 29/05/18	
058256	Llwyn Derw, Gwernymynydd, CH7 5JS	Change of use of garage to coffee roastery	No observations	Granted 21/05/18	N/A
058254	Land adj to Caer Go, Cilcain, CH7 5HR	Erection of accommodation for gun dog training centre	No observations, suggest further lighting details		
47/2018/0225	Brynlithrig Hall Rhuallt LL17 0TP	Removal of two dying trees subject to TPO	No objection to felling one tree but concerns about the other	Granted 25/05/18	
05/2017/0685	Car Park Green Lane Corwen, LL21 0DN	Siting of portacabin to provide temporary railway ticket office (retrospective)	No objection, suggest further details of colour and lighting required	Granted 16/05/18	
03/2017/1188	Land adjacent to Mile End Mill Llangollen, LL20 8AD	Erection of detached dwelling and associated works	No objection, suggest materials and lighting details	Granted 22/10/18	
05/2018/0188	Land adjoining Maes y Wern, Carrog, LL21 9AH	Erection of 8 dwellings, access and associated works	No objection, suggest materials, landscaping, affordable housing and lighting details		
053325	Land adj Siglen Uchaf Gwernymynydd, CH7 5LG	Outline application for erection of 10 dwellings (Amended plans)	No objection, suggest need for affordable housing		
42/2018/0250	Bryniau Isaf Dyserth LL18 6BY	Erection of replacement steel framed building	No objection in principle but concerns about scale	Granted 04/06/18	
09/2017/1125	Candy Mill Bridge Bodfari LL16 4DR	Infill of void under bridge including flood relief culverts (Amended plans)	No objection, suggest access amendments	Granted 30/05/18	
16/2018/0241	Wernog, Llanbedr DC, LL15 1YE	Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling	No objection, but require further information on tree impact and lighting	Granted 18/07/18	
41/2018/0199	1 Derwen Terrace Bodfari LL16 4DH	Erection of first floor rear extension (Amended plans)	No observations	Granted 20/06/18	N/A
05/2018/0333	Tyn Graig Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9HN	Demolition of shed, erection of extension and internal alterations	No objection, subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 04/06/18	N/A
05/2018/0334	Tyn Graig Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9HN	Demolition of shed, erection of extension and internal alterations (Listed Building application)	No objection, subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 31/05/18	N/A
20/2017/1156	Genus, Green Park, Llanrhydd, Ruthin, LL15 2UP	Erection of calf rearing unit comprising two sheds, offices, storage and associated works	No objection subject to materials, lighting details and extra landscaping	Granted 18/06/18	
058312	Tirionfa, Pen-Y-Felin, Nannerch, CH7 5RW	Proposed replacement of a static caravan with holiday chalet	Concerns about scale and precedent, suggest design changes and conditions	Refused 24/10/18	

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058284	Treetops, Cadole, CH7 5LL	Erection of a boundary acoustic fence	No objection subject to height and hedge retention	Granted 24/05/18	
058361	Meliden, Gwernymynydd, CH7 5LQ	Erection of single storey extension to dwelling and garage	No objection subject to further details and materials	Granted 26/06/18	
03/2018/0374	4 Dolafon Villas Llangollen, LL20 8SU	Erection of safety railings to existing roof (retrospective)	No observations, concerns about retrospection	Granted 20/06/18	N/A
15/2018/0197	Armonfa, Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4QE	Erection of extension to dwelling (retrospective)	No observations, concerns about retrospection	Refused 04/06/18	N/A
058124	Land at Bayonne, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ET	Outline application for the erection of a dwelling	Object; no local need, not infill, loss of trees		
15/2018/0240	North Hills Farm, Graianrhyd, CH7 4QS	Replacement of agricultural store to provide holiday accommodation	Object, harmful impact on AONB	Withdrawn 23/05/18	N/A
058433	Afonwen Craft Centre, Afonwen CH7 5UB	Prefabricated kitchen extension to existing restaurant	No observations	Granted 26/06/18	N/A
03/2018/0284	Land at Llandyn Hall Farm, Llangollen, LL20 7UH	Change of use to holiday touring park (30 units) and associated works	No objection subject to landscaping, lighting, seasonal use and access	Granted 05/10/18	
058382	Fron House, Nannerch, CH7 5RW	Approval of details (external lighting and garage door)	No objection subject to amended light details	Granted 25/05/18	
03/2018/0391	6 Fairway View, Llangollen, LL20 7PS	Erection of extension to side of dwelling	No objection, subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 01/08/18	N/A
058262	Windyridge, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6EP	Erection of two storey extension	No objection in principle, concerns over design, suggest changes		
058434	Post Office, Cilcain, CH7 5NW	Change of use of shop to create a one bedroom holiday let	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views and stone wall details	Granted 08/10/18	
09/2018/0337	Efail Y Waen Farm Bodfari	Removal of hedgerow and creation of new field access	Concern about loss of important hedgerow	Withdrawn 28/09/18	N/A
23/2017/1218	Bryn Morfydd Hotel Llanrhaeadr Denbigh, LL16 4NP	Demolition of hotel and construction of new 39 bedroom hotel; revisions and extension of holiday lodge park to accommodate 89 lodges, and associated works and landscaping (Amended plans)	Support amended layout and landscaping, subject to further tree protection. Concerns over lighting impact remain.	Granted 17/08/18	
47/2018/0340	Bryn Awel, Cwm LL18 6HU	Erection of first floor extension and alterations	No objection subject to design changes	Granted 13/06/18	
22/2018/0386	Ty Coch Farm Llangynhafal LL16 4LN	Extension to agricultural building	No objection subject to retention/protection of adjacent hedge	Granted 12/06/18	
15/2018/0330	Cyfnant Uchaf Llanarmon-Yn-Ial , CH7 4QD	Demolition of existing extensions, erection of new extension and repairs (Listed Building)	Concerns over design	Granted 01/08/18	
03/2018/0399	37 - 39 Hall Street Llangollen, LL20 8EP	Change of use to domestic and subdivision into two dwellings	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views, suggest design changes	Refused 26/07/18	N/A
03/2018/0491	Co-Operative Llangollen, LL20 8HN	Installation of compressor and condenser in external yard and redecoration	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 05/07/18	N/A
058135	1 The Cottage, Gwernymynydd, CH7 5LP	Conversion of semi-detached dwelling to 2 self-contained dwellings	No objection	Granted 25/10/18	N/A
058124	Land at Bayonne, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ET	Outline application for the erection of an affordable dwelling (Amended description)	Maintain objection		
10/2018/0440	Land adjacent to Tyn-y-Bedw, Bryneglwys, LL21 9LR	Variation of conditions of planning permission 10/2015/0936 to allow further time to submit details and allow number of units to be reserved matter	No objection	Granted 29/06/18	N/A
03/2018/0492	5 Oak Mews Llangollen, LL20 8RP	Change of use from store to Micropub	No objection	Granted 25/07/18	N/A
20/2017/1156	Genus, Green Park, Llanrhydd, Ruthin, LL15 2UP	Erection of calf rearing unit comprising two sheds, offices and associated works (Amended plans)	Welcome amended landscaping scheme but overall landscaping strategy still required	Granted 18/06/18	
47/2018/0223	Benarth Cottage	Change of use of agricultural land	Concerns about principle and	Refused	

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	Tremeirchion LL17 0AR	to domestic and conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation	setting of Historic Park; alternative approach suggested.	22/06/18	
47/2018/0411	New Inn Cottage Tremeirchion, LL17 OUG	Demolition of cottage and erection of replacement dwelling and temporary static caravan	Object, loss of traditional building and design of replacement	Granted 17/10/18	
41/2018/0009	Chapel Cottage Bodfari LL16 4DW	Erection of extensions to dwelling (Amended plans)	Welcome amendments; suggest colour condition	Granted 18/07/18	
05/2018/0390	Ty Coed Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9BS	Details of landscaping, external appearance and external lighting for permission 05/2016/0115	No objection, suggest alternative lighting and solar panels	Granted 18/06/18	
15/2018/0475	Perthi Chwarae Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4QX	Erection of an agricultural building	No objection, further details required, design changes and tree protection	Granted 09/10/18	
058394	Trelan Newydd, Cilcain, CH7 5NX	Erection of 2no. holiday lodges	No objection, suggest re-siting and further details	Granted 26/06/18	
16/2018/0510	Robin Hill, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd, LL15 1UT	Removal of conservatory and erection of extension to dwelling	No objection	Granted 25/07/18	N/A
03/2018/0349	Spar Stores Llangollen, LL20 8RT	Retention of ATM (retrospective application).	Concerns re retrospection but no objection	Granted 12/07/18	N/A
03/2018/0350	Spar Stores Llangollen, LL20 8RT	Retention of illuminated ATM signage (retrospective application)	Concerns re retrospection but no objection	Granted 12/07/18	N/A
03/2018/0398	Llangollen Fechan, Llangollen, LL20 7PR	Erection of extension to care home creating 17 additional bedrooms,	No objection subject to landscaping, protection of trees and lighting details		
03/2018/0412	Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Llangollen LL20 8PF	Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 03/08/18	N/A
21/2018/0166	12 Bryn Arto Avenue, Llanferres CH7 5SG	Erection of single storey rear extension (Amended plans)	No objection	Granted 12/09/18	N/A
09/2018/0337	Efail Y Waen Farm, Bodfari	Removal of hedgerow and creation of new field access (Amended plans)	Maintain concern about loss of important hedgerow	Withdrawn 28/09/18	N/A
03/2018/0531	Prince Of Wales Llangollen, LL20 8HN	Conversion of accommodation above public house to form 2 flats	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views, more information required.		
03/2018/0596	22 Bridge Street Llangollen, LL20 8PF	Construction of a new vehicular access and car parking space	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 01/08/18	N/A
05/2018/0586	Carrog Uchaf Carrog, LL21 9ET	Details of materials and floor level conditions (Code No: 05/2016/0630)	No objection	Granted 11/07/18	N/A
20/2018/0624	Pennant, Pentre Celyn LL15 2HF	Erection of extension to rear of dwelling	No objection	Granted 20/08/18	N/A
20/2018/0615	Islwyn Pentre Celyn LL15 2HD	Erection of single storey extension and balcony	No objection subject to materials	Granted 17/08/18	
15/2018/0329	Cyfnant Uchaf Llanarmon-Yn-Ial CH7 4QD	Demolition of existing extensions, erection of new extension and repairs	Concerns over design	Granted 02/08/18	
05/2018/0628	Pen Y Bryn Ucha Corwen, LL21 0BG	Erection of an agricultural building	No objection subject to materials and lighting	Granted 01/08/18	
20/2018/0518	Land adjoining Ty Famau Llanfair DC LL15 2SH	Siting of 4 glamping domes, installation of a septic tank and associated works	No objection subject to colour, landscaping and lighting	Granted 04/09/18	
21/2018/0293	16 Rectory Lane Llanferres CH7 5SR	Demolition of porch and erection of garage	No objection subject to materials	Granted 17/10/18	
058611	Rhyd Y Cilgwyn, Gwaenysgor LL18 6EW	Extension and change of use of existing holiday cottage to dwelling	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Refused 14/08/18	N/A
058561	Thomas Plant Hire Depot, Caerwys, CH7 5BL	Retrospective application for lighting columns and lighting hoods	Serious concerns, further detail required		
21/2018/0601	Hyfrydle Maeshafn CH7 5LU	Erection of extensions to dwelling and demolition of garage	No objection subject to materials and protection of trees	Granted 17/10/18	
47/2018/0619	The Marl, Cwm LL18 5SN	Erection of extensions to dwelling	No objection	Granted 03/09/18	N/A
41/2018/0657	The Old Post Office Bodfari LL16 4DA	Erection of front porch and single storey rear extension	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 22/08/18	N/A
15/2018/0612	Clover Grange	Erection of extension to replace	Object to scale and design	Refused	

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	Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4TB	existing conservatory		08/08/18	
058581	Pen Y Bryn, Gwernymynydd, CH7 5LG	Erection of two storey extension	Object to design	Withdrawn 07/08/18	N/A
18/2018/0565	Land at Sunnycroft Llandyrnog LL16 4LR	Change of use and erection of building for construction of trailers (retrospective)	Concerns re retrospection, suggest landscaping and lighting controls	Refused 07/09/18	N/A
20/2018/0647	Genus Breeding Ltd Llanrhydd LL15 2UP	Details of revised external lighting and landscaping scheme	Welcome landscaping and reduced lighting; need to specify light colour	Granted 17/09/18	
058646	Moelfryn, Llanasa, CH8 9NE	Conversion of redundant barn to holiday accommodation	Object to design	Refused 30/08/18	
03/2018/0639	38 Castle Street Llangollen, LL20 8NH	Display of non-illuminated fascia and projecting sign	Object to design	Refused 04/08/18	
16/2018/0659	Land at Cae Glas Llanbedr DC LL15 1US	Details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of dwelling	No objection, suggest alternative materials		
22/2018/0656	Ty Newydd Llangynhafal LL15 1RU	Change of use of haulage depot to joinery workshop (Class B1)	No objection subject to noise conditions	Granted 14/09/18	
17/2018/0721	Pen Y Stryd Farm Llandegla LL11 3AH	Conversion of outbuilding to holiday accommodation	No objection subject to holiday use condition		
47/2018/0411	New Inn Cottage Tremeirchion, LL17 OUG	Demolition of cottage and erection of replacement dwelling and temporary caravan (amended plans)	Concerns with design of replacement	Granted 17/10/18	
3208218 (Planning Inspectorate)	Alwen Forest, LL21 9TT	EIA Scoping - Wind farm (9 turbines, 200 m to tip) and associated infrastructure	Recommend additional LVIA viewpoints	Opinion Issued 27/09/18	
P/2018/0598	Alexandria, Garth LL20 7YL	Erection of garden room	No objection subject to colour and lighting	Granted 13/09/18	
16/2018/0730	Machlud Haul, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1YF	Erection of extension to dwelling	Concerns over design	Granted 21/09/18	
47/2018/0741	1 Hen Afon Tremeirchion LL17 0UP	Erection of extension to dwelling	No observations	Granted 25/09/18	N/A
47/2018/0736	Benarth Cottage Tremeirchion LL17 0AR	Extension to dwelling for annex accommodation and extension to curtilage	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and removal of PD rights		
15/2018/0726	Bwlch Y Parc Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1YF	Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling	No objection	Granted 28/09/18	N/A
058733	Barlows Caravan Park, Caerwys CH7 5BA	Extension of existing holiday park and additional landscaping	No objection subject to further landscaping and lighting details		
17/2018/0757	Tafarn Y Garth Llandegla, LL11 3AA	Erection of extension to agricultural building	No objection	Granted 02/10/18	N/A
20/2018/0647	Genus Breeding Ltd Llanrhydd LL15 2UP	Details of revised external lighting and landscaping scheme (Amended plans)	No objection	Granted 17/09/18	N/A
03/2018/0723	Outbuildings at Llyn Farm, Trevor LL20 7UN	Conversion of outbuildings to form 4 no. holiday accommodation units,	No objection subject to holiday use and window and lighting details	Granted 02/10/18	
16/2018/0702	Panorama Cottage Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1YF	Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling	No objection subject to landscaping, materials and lighting details	Granted 11/09/18	
03/2018/0698	Llandyn Hall Farm Llangollen, LL20 7UH	Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling	No objection subject to landscaping and materials	Granted 30/08/18	
09/2018/0664	Berth Farm, Bodfari LL16 4HT	Retention of replacement agricultural building (retrospective application)	Concerns re retrospection, suggest additional landscaping	Granted 11/09/18	
P/2018/0551	Kronospan Ltd, Chirk, LL14 5NT	Development of an Orientated Strand Board Production Facility	No objection subject to colour and implementation of landscape strategy		
058733	Barlow's Caravan Park, Caerwys, CH7 5BA	Extension of existing holiday park (Amended details)	No objection subject to additional landscaping and details of lighting and overall numbers		
22/2018/0801	Church Of St Cynhafal Llangynhafal LL15 1RU	Erection of extension to form a kitchenette and lavatory	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer		N/A
058770	Thomas Plant Hire Depot,	Application for removal or	Concerns over impact on dark		

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	Caerwys, CH7 5BL	variation of operational hours condition on 052645	skies		
27/2018/0724	Blue Doors, 3 Fron Deg, Llandynan LL20 7YU	Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling	No objection in principle but concerns re scale and design		
058595	Cimmwch Bach, Afonwen, CH7 5US	Demolition of existing barn and erection of replacement building	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting details	Granted 11/09/18	
18/2018/0747	Ffin Caer, Llandyrnog LL16 4HR	Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling	No objection	Granted 17/10/18	N/A
17/2018/0828	The Gate House Llandegla LL11 3AU	Change of use of workshop to holiday accommodation	No objection subject to holiday use and materials	Granted 16/10/18	
058854	Bwlch Cottage, Cilcain CH7 5NS	Garden room extension and dormer window to roof	No objection subject to materials	Refused 26/09/18	N/A
15/2018/0810	Land at Capel Bethel Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4QE	Change of use of grazing land to form extension to existing burial ground	No objection subject to landscaping	Granted 08/10/18	
20/2018/0696	Hiridir, Pentre Celyn LL15 2HF	Erection of extensions, re-modelling of existing dwelling and construction of garage and new entrance	No objection, suggest materials and lighting details	Granted 19/09/18	
20/2018/0540	Land at Three Pigeons Inn Graigfechan LL15 2EU	Change of use of touring caravan site 10 holiday studios and associated works	No objection subject to landscaping, holiday use, footpath protection, and lighting details	Granted 24/10/18	
058819	Lynwood, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EP	Erection of replacement dwelling	No objection, but concerns about height. Suggest materials and landscaping.		
20/2018/0792	Outbuilding at Garreg Lwyd Pentrecelyn LL15 2HR	Conversion of building to form a dwelling, alterations to existing access and erection of car port	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting details		
03/2018/0860	11 Horseshoe Pass View, Llangollen, LL20 8LU	Erection of a replacement balcony and associated works	No observations		N/A
03/2018/0771	6 Vicarage Road Llangollen, LL20 8HF	Crown reduction of oak tree subject to TPO	No objection subject to views of Tree Officer	Granted 17/10/18	N/A
05/2018/0790	Bonwm Hydro Powerhouse, Bonwm Corwen, LL21 9EG	Installation of a 100kw micro-hydro scheme with buried pipeline and cable, turbine shed and metering cabinet	No objection subject to materials and details of lighting and metering cabinet		
16/2018/0903	Maenor Plas Isaf Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1UP	Alterations to existing garage to form ancillary accommodation	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer		N/A
16/2018/0659	Land at Cae Glas Llanbedr DC LL15 1US	Details of parking scheme and drainage	No observations		N/A
058828	Norton Lees, Gwernymynydd, CH7 5LW	Proposed decking area to front and rear extension	No objection subject to materials	Granted 02/10/18	
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Notes:

- (1.) Denbighshire planning application code numbers are shown as **12/3456/7891**, Flintshire as **12345** and Wrexham as **P/1234/5678**. Details of applications can be viewed on the Planning Portal for the relevant authority. See links below:

<http://planning.denbighshire.gov.uk/Planning/lg/GFPlanningWelcome.page>

http://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/Planning/lg/plansearch.page?org.apache.shale.dialog.DIALOG_NAME=gfplanningsearch&Param=l Planning

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Databases/Planning-Applications.aspx>

- (2.) LPA response to AONB comments colour coded as follows: **green** for fully accepted, **orange** for part accepted and **red** for not accepted.
- (3.) Local Planning Authority (LPA) position updated 01/11/18.
- (4.) Copies of full AONB comments on specific applications available on request.



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Diweddariad Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol Tachwedd 2018				
Prosiect	Manylion / Cyfeirnod Cynllun Rheoli Gweithredu	Amserlen	Amserlen Heb ei ddechrau neu Brosblem = Coch Ar waith, ar y trywydd iawn = Oren Wedi'i gwblhau = Gwyrdd	Cost – negyddol neu + bositif (£ Cost) neu niwtral (Trwy gyllidebau presennol ac allanol)
Newydd	Wedi'i ddiweddarau ar gyfer mis Tachwedd 2018 -Cam Gweithredu Newydd	Dyddiadau Newydd		
Cyllid				
Cyllid ac Ariannu	Cyfrifon wedi'u harchwilio'n cael eu llofnodi	2017-18		Niwtral
Cyllid Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Craidd Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru	Ariannu Craidd y Dyfodol Pecyn ariannu tair blynedd newydd wedi'i gymeradwyo	2018-21		+positif
Cynlluniau Strategol 2017-20				
Cynllun Rheoli'r AHNE	Adolygu Camau Gweithredu	2018-19		Niwtral
Strategaeth Allgymorth a Gwirfoddolwyr	1 x Rhaglen Wirfoddoli'n cael ei gyhoeddi fesul blwyddyn	2018-19		Niwtral
Cynllun Twristiaeth AHNE	Adolygu Camau Gweithredu – cysylltu ag Astudiaeth CSDd	2018-19		Niwtral
Cyd-bwyllgor Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol				
Cyfarfodydd y Cydbwyllgor	Tri Chyfarfod Cyd-bwyllgor	2018-19		Niwtral
Fforwm Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol	Cyflwyniad Twristiaeth ar ddarganfyddiadau'r Sylfaen Economeg Newydd ar eu 6 lle astudio	Llanrhaedr Springs 8 Tachwedd		Niwtral
AHNE i gwrdd ag Aelodau Lleol/	Cyfarfod yn flynyddol	Cyfarfod cyflawn wedi'i gynnal 23.4.18		Niwtral

Cynghorwyr Tref a Chymuned				
Eiriolwyr Tref a Chymuned AHNE	Cysylltu gyda phob Cyngor i wneud cais am eiriolwr ar gyfer AHNE	Pawb wedi cael gwahoddiad i'r cyfarfod uchod 23.4.18		Niwtral
ALI i gwrdd â Chynghorau Tref a Chymuned	Ysgrifennu at ALLau er mwyn sicrhau Cyflwyniad AHNE yn y cyfarfodydd ar y cyd â Chynghorau Tref a Chymuned	AHNE wedi'i chyflwyno i Gymdeithas Cynghorau Cymuned Wrecsam 22.3.18		Niwtral
Diweddariad Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol Tachwedd 2018 - Parhad				
Prosiect	Manylion / Cyfeirnod Cynllun Rheoli Gweithredu	Amserlen	Amserlen Heb ei ddechrau neu Broblem = Coch Ar waith, ar y trywydd iawn = Oren Wedi'i gwblhau = Gwyrdd	Cost – negyddol neu + bositif neu niwtral
Newydd	Wedi'i ddiweddarau ar gyfer mis Tachwedd 2018 -Cam Gweithredu Newydd	Dyddiadau Newydd		
Partneriaeth AHNE				
Cyfarfodydd Partneriaeth AHNE llawn	Tri chyfarfod Partneriaeth AHNE	2018-19		Niwtral
Gwobr AHNE	Cytuno ei gyflwyno i John Lawton Roberts a Gardd Gymunedol Corwen.	Partneriaeth Hydref 2018		Niwtral
Gweithgorau Partneriaeth:				
Cymeriad y Tirlun a'r Amgylchedd Adeiledig	£1,000 ar gyfer datblygiad CCA Gweithio ar Awyr Dywyll, Ceisiadau Cynllunio Newydd a CCA ategol	2018-19		+positif
Rheoli Tir a'r Amgylchedd Naturiol	£1,000 ar gyfer datblygu prosiect Prosiect Curlew Cynllun SMS-Anifeiliaid sy'n Pori	2018-19		+positif
Treftadaeth, Diwylliant a Chymunedau	£1,000 ar gyfer datblygu prosiect Prosiect Treftadaeth wedi'i ddatblygu o'r Cynllun Treftadaeth	2018-19		+positif
Twristiaeth	£1,000 ar gyfer datblygu prosiect Prosiect Twristiaeth wedi'i ddatblygu naill ai	2018-19		+positif

	o'r Cynllun Twristiaeth neu'r Cynllun Rheoli			
Deall a Mwynhau	Taflen AHNE Pwyntiau Safbwynt Allweddol Astudiaeth Hamdden £1,000 ar gyfer datblygu prosiect o Brosiect Mynediad wedi'i ddatblygu o'r Cynllun Rheoli	2018-19		+positif
Ymgysylltu â busnesau (sydd ddim yn fusnesau twristiaeth)	Ymchwilio i weithio mewn partneriaeth gyda busnesau	Cyflwyniad 11.6.18 yn Llywodraeth Cymru i NE Wales Powerhouse		Niwtral

Diweddariad Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol Tachwedd 2018 - Parhad

Prosiect	Manylion / Cyfeirnod Cynllun Rheoli Gweithredu	Amserlen	Amserlen Heb ei ddechrau neu Problem = Coch Ar waith, ar y trywydd iawn = Oren Wedi'i gwblhau = Gwyrdd	Cost – negyddol neu + positif neu niwtral
Newydd	Wedi'i ddiweddarau ar gyfer mis Tachwedd 2018 - Cam Gweithredu Newydd	Dyddiadau Newydd		

Prosiectau Arbennig AHNE

Cyllid Llywodraeth Cymru	Prosiectau Cymeradwy Llywodraeth Cymru: £10k Awyr Dywyll £5k cryfhau AHNE/ Safle Treftadaeth y Byd £24k Arwyddion Trothwy AHNE £6k Llwybr Clincer	2018-19		+positif
Cyllid Cystadleuol Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru	Cynnig Cyfatebol OPL Cerdded Iach wedi'i gymeradwyo	2018-20		+positif
Ein Tirwedd Tirlun	Cronfa Dreftadaeth Y Loteri yn cymeradwyo Swyddog OPL a phenodi swyddog cymunedol	2018-23		+positif
Prosiect Addysgu am Newid Hinsawdd	Hyfforddi a darparu'r rhaglen	Gaeaf 2017-18 3ydd rownd addysg, comisiynwyd 5x ysgol newydd.		Niwtral

Sefydliadau Adran 85

Llinellau Rhwydwaith SP	Cynllun Tŷ Mawr yn cwblhau gwerth £24k- 0.18km Cynllun Rhaeadr Y Bedol yn cwblhau gwerth £35k- 0.26km 4x cynlluniau newydd yn cael eu gwerthuso	Cwblhawyd Mawrth 2019		Niwtral
Menter Gwella Tirwedd (Grid Cenedlaethol)	Cam 1 wedi'i gymeradwyo ac ar y gweill EOI wedi'i gyflwyno ar gyfer rownd newydd			Niwtral

Tirweddau'r Dyfodol yng Nghymru Llywodraeth Cymru	Cais esgoredd gan y Dirprwy Weinidog, Hannah Blythyn	Y 5 Swyddogion AHNE, CNC a NAAONB yn ymateb i'r Llythyr Esgoredd		Niwtral
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Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag