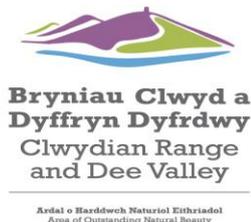


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To: Members of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Committee Date: Friday, 4 September 2020

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Committee, Friday, 11 September 2020 at 10.00 am** by video conference .

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Yours sincerely

G Williams
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

AGENDA

1 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2 MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21.11.19 (Pages 3 - 6)

To consider the minutes of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Committee held on 21st November 2019 (copy attached).

3 DRAFT MINUTES OF AONB PARTNERSHIP 14.2.20 (Pages 7 - 14)

To note the minutes of the meeting held 14th February 2020 (copy attached).



4 JOINT COMMITTEE ANNUAL RETURN (Pages 15 - 34)

Standing Item report (copy attached) presented by Steve Gadd – Head of Finance and Property and Paula O’Hanlon - Senior Finance and Assurance Officer.

5 UPDATE ON MANAGEMENT PLAN

To receive a verbal update from David Shiel, AONB Senior Countryside Officer.

6 ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT 2019-20 (Pages 35 - 52)

To consider a report by Howard Sutcliffe, AONB Officer (copy attached).

7 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 53 - 56)

To consider a revised forward work programme (copy attached) by Howard Sutcliffe, AONB Officer.

8 FUTURE MEETING DATES

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Derek Butler
Bobby Feeley
Hugh Jones

David Kelly
Carolyn Thomas
Tony Thomas

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AREA
OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, WREXHAM ON
FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor Carolyn Thomas
Councillor Tony Thomas
Councillor Bobby Feeley
Councillor David Kelly

David Shiel (Assistant AONB Officer), Howard Sutcliffe (AONB Officer), Michael Skuse (AONB Partnership and Friends of AONB), Andy Worthington (Chair of AONB Partnership), Paul Mitchell (Natural Resources Wales), Howard Davies (Director CX NAAONB), Paula O'Hanlon (Senior Finance and Assurance Officer DCC), Steve Gadd (Head of Finance DCC), Gary Williams (Head of Legal, HR & Democratic Services DCC), Tom Woodall (FCC), Allan Forrest (Regeneration Project Manager, World Heritage Site, WCBC), Anna Irwin (Senior Conservation & Environment Officer, WCBC), Huw Rees (DCC) and Ken Bickerton (Committee Officer, WCBC).

1 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Councillor Hugh Jones, WCBC and Councillor Derek Butler, FCC.

There were no declarations of interest.

A Member advised that he often struggled to download the agenda and papers for this meeting on his ipad due to the size of the file. Gary Williams, DCC agree to liaise with his Denbighshire Democratic Services team to see if this issue could be resolved.

2 MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE 23 NOVEMBER 2019

The AONB presented the minutes and relevant officers provided a verbal update, where applicable.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be received.

3 DRAFT MINUTES OF AONB PARTNERSHIP 18 OCTOBER 2019

The AONB presented the minutes and relevant officers provided a verbal update, where applicable.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be received.

4 **DRAFT MINUTES OF OUR PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP 17 OCTOBER 2019**

The AONB presented the minutes and relevant officers provided a verbal update, where applicable.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be received.

5 **JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET**

The Head of Finance, DCC submitted a report which provided details on the AONB's revenue budget outturn position for 2019/20.

It was noted that the current financial position was positive.

RESOLVED –

- (i) **That the latest forecast financial outturn for 2019/20 (Appendix 1) and the progress against the agreed budget strategy be noted.**
- (ii) **The signed Welsh Audit Office Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2019 (Appendix 2) be noted.**

6 **FUGITIVES BY POET LAUREATE SIMON ARMITAGE**

It was noted that it was the 70th anniversary of the Act that had created the AONB and National Park and that Simon Armitage had been commissioned to write a poem in celebration of this.

The AONB Officer read the poem 'Fugitives' and provided a verbal update on the background to the poem which provided Simon's inspiration.

7 **PRESENTATION BY HOWARD DAVIES - DIRECTOR OF NAAONB**

The Director of NAAONB gave a presentation on the National Association of AONB and Landscapes for Life which provided further details on the following:

- Nature recovery
- Climate change
- The need to engage with a wider group of individuals/organisations
- Links between agriculture and wider environmental issues
- Impact of trade agreement on rural industry
- Links between emotional connection and pro-environmental behaviour.

During the discussion the following points were also noted:

- The management of moors and hills revolved around grazing.
- Not all areas were suitable for growing trees.
- Conflict between the management of the national environment and the eco environment.

- The need to work in partnership with farmers.
- The need to strengthen the duty of regard.
- The need to consider how to maximise funding opportunities.
- Consideration of flooding issues.

AGREED – That the presentation be noted.

8 UPDATE ON ENGLISH PROTECTED LANDSCAPES REVIEW

The AONB Officer gave a verbal update on the English Protected Landscapes Review.

During the verbal update, the following points were noted, in particular:

- Affordable housing would be considered as part of the review.
- Terminology used could change in future.
- The AONB Officer was confident that the English Review would motivate Welsh Government officials to consider how Wales could replicate what those changes taking place in England.

RESOLVED - That the update be noted.

9 NEF UPDATE

The AONB Senior Countryside Officer submitted a report which provided an update in relation to the new NEF Summary.

In presenting the report he referred to the following issues in particular, and responded to questions accordingly thereafter:

- Benefits versus costs.
- Example demands on the AONB per annum.
- Cost breakdown across the busiest sites.
- Proposed recommendations from the appraisal document.
- Reference to the action plan which had been designed to consider how best to deliver sustainable tourism.

The Committee made reference to the helpful and meaningful statistics which had been provided in the report.

AGREED – That the report be noted.

10 JOINT COMMITTEE LEGAL AGREEMENT REPORT

The AONB Officer submitted a copy of the Joint Committee Legal Agreement document.

In introducing the document the AONB Officer advised that it had been agreed with minor amendments. It was noted that each local authority has slightly different

constitutions which does not affect the validity of the document.

AGREED – That the report be noted.

11 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The AONB Officer introduced the Forward Work Programme 2019 Update and advised that the majority of projects were on track. He provided a verbal update on existing projects, where applicable.

In response to a specific question the AONB Officer stated that the Tourism Plan was noted as a red because each of the three Local Authorities already had their own existing strategy and it was important to avoid duplication.

AGREED – That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

12 FUTURE MEETING DATES

The following future meeting dates be noted:

3 April 2020, County Hall, Mold
3 July 2020, County Hall, Ruthin
14 November 2020, Guildhall, Wrexham



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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Partnership

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Friday 14th February 2020

at

Gwernymynydd Village Centre

at 10:00 am

AONB Partnership Members

Councillor Tony Thomas	DCC
Chair of Joint Committee	
Councillor Christine Marston	DCC
Councillor Martyn Holland	DCC
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones	WCBC
Councillor Paul D Jones	WCBC
Councillor Paul Cunningham	FCC
Councillor Colin Legg	FCC

In Attendance

Howard Sutcliffe	AONB Officer
David Shiel	AONB Area Manager
Karen Weaver	AONB Communications Officer
Rachel Jones	AONB Community Partnership Officer
Tony Hughes	AONB Planning Officer
Ellie Wainwright	Assistant Countryside Ranger
Paul Evans	Plas Newydd Site Manager

Representing Access & Recreation

Andy Worthington OBE – Chair,
John Roberts

Representing Our Picturesque Landscape Project

Kate Thomson Partnership Officer

Representing Rural Interest

Christine Evans, Roger Cragg

Representing Denbighshire County Council

Huw Rees Countryside &
Heritage Services Manager

Representing Business Interest

Dewi Davies

Flintshire County Council

Tom Woodall Flintshire Countryside Service
& ROW Manager

Representing Historical Interest

Tony King

Wrexham County Borough Council

Anna Irwin, Allan Forrest

Representing the Natural Environment

Les Starling

Meeting Observers

Joan Cunningham

Representing Land Management

Sandy Archdale, Huw Morgan,
Rhian Peirce

Representing Landscape Interest

Mike Skuse

Representing Individual Interest

David Davies

Representing the Built Environment

Philip Durrell

Representing Urban Interest

Rajan Madhok, Ian Papworth



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Apologies for absence were submitted from: -

Councillor Derek Butler, Councillor Carolyn Thomas, Councillor David Kelly, Councillor Huw Jones, Del Roberts Jones

Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed new member Rhian Peirce, Rhian would represent the farming community and land management on the Partnership.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18th October 2019**
Matters Arising

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Management plan

Consultants had now been appointed to prepare a draft of the plan.

DCC Tree Officer

Andrew Cutts had been appointed as the County Tree Officer.

Accuracy

Subject to the foregoing it was resolved that the minutes be approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

2. **Our Picturesque Landscape Project (OPL) Update & Minutes**

OPL Partnership Officer, Kate Thomson gave a presentation on the progress of a number of ongoing initiatives including the Horseshoe Falls, Picturesque bus service, camera obscura at Dinas Bran, Corwen museum and restoration of the Dell at Plas Newydd.

Discussion ensued. A member enquired whether the Camera Obscura on Dinas Bran event would be featured in Out & About and the local press, Kate explained that individual promotion would be held as the event was part of the Llangollen Fringe Festival. Discussion was also held on the increasing number of people canoeing near to the Horseshoe Falls, and the AONB Area Manager, David Shiel explained that access to the river had increased and improvements had been made to the car park at Llantysilio. The landscape design was currently being considered and Welsh Government had provided some funding to take the proposal forward. Access to Water legislation was currently being drafted by Welsh Government, and the Dee might be used as a pilot project.

Cllr Sonia Benbow-Jones enquired if specific first aid equipment/medication was available for visitors with asthma. The AONB Area Manager responded that DCC or the Countryside Service did not provide asthma equipment/ medication within their first aid packs but the comment would be noted.

3. **AONB Award**

The AONB Officer explained that the AONB benefited over the years from all those that had given their time and effort to help improve the landscape and communities of the AONB. It was important that recognition and appreciation was given from the AONB to those special people and communities.

He went on to explain the two categories of the award:

1. The AONB Award
2. The AONB Volunteer Award

Nominations were invited from businesses or individuals that: operate or work within the AONB, provide a good quality service, business or work that is sustainable or enhances the AONB.

Action

For all members to consider potential nominations and bring to the Communications Officer's attention.

4. **Update from the AONB Officer**

Plas Newydd

The AONB Officer, introduced the newly appointed site manager for Plas Newydd, Paul Evans, Paul said that he was looking forward to the new season which would commence in April.

AONB Forum

The Forum was held on 11th November and the theme for the evening was 'Landscape Character & Built Environment'. There was good attendance.

Landscapes for Life Week

The AONB Officer had led number of walks to celebrate the week. There had been good attendance on the walks. The week also celebrated the 70th anniversary of the 1949 Access to Countryside Act.

World Heritage Site Stake Holder Meetings – The Chief Executive Officer for Wrexham County Borough Council, Ian Bancroft was the new Chairman of the WHS Board.

DCC Corporate Support Services Review

Denbighshire County Council was currently holding a review of all of its services, and the Communication Officer, Karen Weaver's role had been included within the review. The AONB Officer emphasised to members the importance of Karen's role, explaining that the post was funded by the three Local Authorities within the AONB to carry out work solely for the AONB. This was ongoing.

Natural Resources Wales Area Statements

Area Statements were being completed in Flintshire, Denbighshire and Wrexham.

Designated Landscapes – Additional Capital Funding

Deputy Minister Hannah Blythyn had announced that the protected landscapes of Wales were to receive an extra £4m funding from Welsh Government to enable key improvements including decarbonisation and green measures, improved tourism infrastructure and enhanced biodiversity.

An executive officer and an administrator (funded by Welsh Government) would be appointed for two years to convene a protected landscape forum. The AONB had expressed an interest in hosting the Officers, if successful the AONB would be at the forefront of a national project. Concerns were raised regarding the potential negative impact on the workload of the AONB. However, the strongly prevailing view was that hosting the project would be of benefit and help confirm the prestige and standing of the AONB nationally.

Action

A vote was held and it was unanimously agreed that the AONB Partnership supported an application to host project.

Response Climate Change Emergency

Howard enquired whether the AONB should have an emergency climate change response. It was agreed that an additional strategy was not required and the AONB's response would be embedded in the Management Plan.

Action

The response to be embodied into the Management Plan with a clear statement.

5. **Update for Working Groups**

Heritage, Culture & Communities Working Group

Chair of the Group Christine Evans provided an update on behalf of the group.

Land for Sale at Dinas Bran

Denbighshire County Council, NRW and Llangollen Town Council hoped to jointly purchase the SSSI land which was located on the main route up to Dinas Bran. This was ongoing.

Camera Obscura at Dinas Bran

OPL Team was currently in discussions with a private company to hire a camera obscura This would be placed at Dinas Bran for a number of days and the event tied in with the Llangollen Fringe. Donkeys were being considered to take people up to the castle. The event would be held in July. Re-enactors were also being considered.

Chirk Castle

AONB SDF Funding had been approved for Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) to complete another excavation of the site in June. A bid had also been submitted to Cadw

Landscape Character & Built Environment Working Group

The Chair of the group, Cllr Martyn Holland, provided an update on behalf of the group. There had been no further meetings since the last Partnership meeting. However, the AONB Annual Forum had taken place, which had focussed on the work of the Landscape Character and Built Environment Group.

He reported that the Forum had been held in the newly restored Old Ruthin Courthouse in November and, despite torrential rain, there was a good turnout with a number of interesting and informative presentations around the theme of 'Conserving and Enhancing Landscape Quality and Character':

- Richard Sumner from NRW completed a presentation on how new development should be designed to respect the AONB's character and qualities.
- Two presentations on mitigating visual intrusion followed – Ben Smith from National Grid presented on their Visual Improvement Programme (VIP) and Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI), and Alan Jones from Scottish Power presented on how the character and appearance of the AONB's landscape has been enhanced by undergrounding overhead electricity lines.

Unfortunately, the planned presentation on the Dark Sky Initiative had to be cancelled, but at very short notice Kate Thomson had stepped in to give an update on the excellent 'Our Picturesque Landscape' project.

Cllr Holland confirmed that the next meeting of the Working Group would be held on 28th February and that the main theme would be minerals and waste planning in the AONB.

5.1 **Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Working Group**

Chair of the Group Roger Cragg provided an update on behalf of the group. Roger explained that Paul Mitchell was covering Ceri Lloyd's maternity leave as SDF Officer. The 2019/20 Sustainable Development Fund Programme had been agreed at meetings of the Working Group. Overall, 17 projects had been funded via SDF over the last twelve months.

An interim claim for grant was submitted to Welsh Government in December together with a project progress report.

A further meeting was held in February and approval was given for two new projects scheduled for delivery by the end of the financial year. The first was a project to promote local food and produce that would filter into festivals and events. The second was for a conservation report on an historic wall and gate at Trevor, site of the JC Edwards's brick and tile manufacturers.

Sudd Afel Project

The aim of the project was to reduce the waste of unused excess apples in and around the Vale of Clwyd by making and selling apple juice in cooperation with the local community. Any excess profit would be put back into the community.

Paul provided bottles of the juice for Partnership members to try.

All agreed that the project was a good initiative.

5.2 **Landscape Management & the Natural Environment Working Group**

Chair of the Group Les Starling provided an update on behalf of the group.

Moorland Officer

In response to the major fire at Llantyisilo during 2018 one of the key recommendations was for the feasibility of a Moorland Officer to be examined. Following a recent DCC Scrutiny meeting negotiations had been held with NRW and funding had been agreed to proceed with the post.

North East Wales Grazing Project

The Chair of the group explained that there would be challenging work ahead along with some substantial changes in the ways that some of the sites would be managed.

The Chair thanked everyone for all the work that had been completed to date.

5.3 **Recreation, Enjoyment & Wellbeing Working Group**

Chair of the Group John Roberts provided an update on behalf of the group, explaining that Public Health Wales were now engaging with the group, and it was hoped that this relationship would be further strengthened.

Visitor Appraisal Study

Welsh Government had increased the annual amount of the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) funding for sustainable tourism and it was hoped that some of this could contribute to the appraisal study. There was still some irresponsible access issues regarding visitors parking inconsiderately by not

using the car parks, this was particularly noted over the Christmas period at Bwlch Pen Barras, Moel Famau.

Access Reform Group

The AONB Area manager has a seat on one of the National Access Reform Groups, and will update future Partnership meetings.

- Opening up access to walkers and bridle ways.

The Chair of the group said that there were still a number of ROWs that were inaccessible within the AONB, and he hoped that these would receive appropriate attention.

Another major worry was the increasing visitor pressure on the landscape near key sites. Welsh Government was also considering proposals to extend access to rights of way to cyclists and other users. A statement was expected in early summer and the implications would need to be carefully considered,

Discussion ensued. The AONB Area Manager said that meetings were being held with DCC regarding parking at Moel Famau,

6. **Presentation – Nature for Health Project**

Assistant Countryside Ranger, Ellie Wainwright gave a clear and concise presentation on the project explaining some of the achievements of the 18 month pilot. The project had engaged with the Health Service which had contributed some funding in order for the project to continue. This was welcomed though the difficulty of unlocking funding was recognised.

The Chair thanked Ellie for a most interesting presentation.

Action

A copy of the presentation and film to be sent out to members.

7. **Section 85**

The AONB Officer reported on the latest position with the National Grid Visual Improvement Programme (VIP) and associated Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI). In addition, he briefly reported the latest progress on the Scottish Power Overhead Line Undergrounding Programme, making reference to a new project at Plas Newydd. He was also pleased to report that contact had been made with OFFWAT at a very senior level to raise the matter of future action to mitigate the harmful impact of Pontcysyllte Sewage Works on the WHS.

He would follow up this contact in the coming months.

8. **Any Other business**

The AONB Officer reported that the Annual AONB Champions meeting was to be held on March 12th. This involved county councillors and community councillors with an interest in the AONB and was one of the means by which the profile and awareness of the AONB was maintained amongst local elected members.

7 **Future Meeting Dates**

AONB Champions Forum - March 12th 2020 Loggerheads Meeting Room 2pm - 6

AONB Annual Forum - November 19th 2020 early evening venue to be decided

Date		Time	Venue
Friday 5 th June (cancelled)	2020	10 am	To be decided
Friday 9 th October	2020	10 am	To be decided
Friday 19 th February	2021	10 am	To be decided
Friday 28 th May	2021	10 am	To be decided
Friday 15 th October	2021	10 am	To be decided

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**JOINT COMMITTEE
of the
CLWYDIAN RANGE & DEE VALLEY
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Held on: 11th Sept 2020

Lead Member / Officer: Steve Gadd

Report Author: Paula O'Hanlon

Title: Joint Committee Outturn and Accounts 2019/20 & Draft budget 2020/21

1. What is the report about?

The report gives details of the AONB's revenue budget outturn position as at 31st March 2020 alongside the draft budget for 2020/21.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the AONB's financial position as at 31st March 2020 and to seek approval of the budget for 2020/21.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members are asked to note the financial outturn for 2019/20 (Appendix 1) and formally approve the 2020/21 draft budget (appendix 2). Members are also asked to review and sign, the Annual Return for 2019/20 (Appendix 3) and note the Reserve Balances as at 31st March 2020 (Appendix 4).

4. Report details.

The report provides a summary of the AONB's revenue outturn for 2019/20 detailed in Appendix 1. The final outturn position shows a contribution from the reserve in total of £50,153. Of which £8,045 was to support the revenue budget, the remaining £42,108 was funding project activity (covered in the main by grant received).

Additional SDF grant funding of £88,000 was received during 19/20, the balance of which has been placed in the project reserve for SDF projects in 2020/21.

The report also provides a copy of the Annual Return for smaller local government bodies in Wales for the year ended 31 March 2020 (Appendix 3) for consideration and approval. The return is currently being audited by Audit Wales. Please note that a separate copy of the report attached has been signed by the RFO as at 15/06/2020.

5. How does it contribute to the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB Management Plans Priorities?

Effective management of the AONB's revenue budgets will help the delivery of the agreed management plan priorities for the current year and underpins activity in all areas, particularly our relationships with funding partners and our joint priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no direct costs associated with this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

N/A

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

The financial position is a standing item at each meeting of the Joint Committee.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

This report outlines the financial position for the AONB for 2019/20.

The approval and signing of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2020 (Appendix 3) is a statutory requirement prior to Audit Wales carrying out an audit of the accounts. However due to the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic this return is currently already with Audit Wales.

The draft budget for 2020/21 assumes that there will be no change to the contributions from either FCC or WCBC. The level of grant from NRW remains consistent with 2019/20.

As at the 31st March 2020 the balance in the AONB Reserve (appendix 4) stood at £314,864. £267,454 of this is earmarked for specific projects which will progress during the 2020/21 financial year. The balance of £47,410 is available to support the 2020/21 budget (£17,288) and offset any future funding pressures or to be utilised as the Joint Committee recommends.

The agreed budget for 2020/21 will ensure the financial stability for the JC over the next 12 months. However, it must still be recognised that the budgets of all public sector bodies are coming under increasing pressure due to the economic climate, the uncertainties surrounding Brexit and the more recent pandemic, means that future funding levels may not be relied upon.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The proposed budget is dependent on income from NRW, Welsh Government and the three Local Authorities. Any changes to these income levels will pose a risk to the future delivery of projects and our ability to deliver against the priorities in the AONB Management Plan.

11. Power to make the Decision

Local authorities are required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

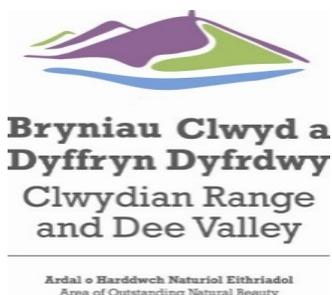
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	Budget 2019/20	Outturn 2019/20
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
<u>Employees</u>		
Salaries	182,961	179,535
Training & Conference	1,000	747
Subscriptions	3,122	2,924
Insurance	668	618
Total Employee costs	187,751	183,824
<u>Vehicle and Travel</u>		
Vehicle Hire	1,000	1,376
Mileage	4,500	4,191
Use of Public Transport	500	259
Total Vehicle & Travel Expenses	6,000	5,825
<u>Other</u>		
Protective Clothing	2,000	2,512
General Equipment	0	26
Management Plan/Prof fees	2,500	2,410
Audit Fees	1,134	1,498
IT costs	2,832	3,835
Telephones	500	470
Total Other Expenses	8,966	10,750
<u>Projects</u>		
Grants	50,000	74,137
Total Project costs	50,000	74,137
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	252,717	274,537
INCOME		
NRW CRDV Grant	-107,000	-107,000
SDF Mgmt fee	-5,000	-5,000
SDF Grant	-50,000	-50,000
LA Funding	-84,217	-84,167
Contributions from Reserve	-6,500	-28,370
TOTAL INCOME	-252,717	-274,536
Total Net Expenditure	0	0

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AREA - REVENUE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AT 31st March 2020

	Budget 2019/20	Outturn 2019/20
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
<u>Employees</u>		
Salaries	172,392	177,042
Training	0	1,645
Insurance	630	582
Total Employee costs	173,022	179,268
<u>Vehicle and Travel</u>		
Fuel	3,700	4,018
Fleet	17,000	15,611
Travel	2,000	1,480
Total Vehicle & Travel Expenses	22,700	21,109
<u>Other</u>		
Protective Equipment/Clothing	0	187
Site Management	5,000	5,188
IT / Communication costs	2,100	4,112
Telephones	700	512
Projects/Activity expenditure	4,000	3,272
Professional Fees	0	1,870
Total Other Expenses	11,800	15,141
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	207,522	215,518
INCOME		
NRW Forestry Partnership	-19,500	-19,500
LA funding	-183,022	-182,974
Contributions from Reserve	-5,000	-13,044
TOTAL INCOME	-207,522	-215,518
Total Net Expenditure	0	0



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CORE - DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

	Budget 2019/20	Outturn 2019/20	Draft budget 20/21
	£	£	£
EXPENDITURE			
<u>Employees</u>			
Salaries	182,961	179,535	186,499
Training & Conference	1,000	747	1,000
Subscriptions	3,122	2,924	3,000
Insurance	668	618	668
Total Employee costs	187,751	183,824	191,167
<u>Vehicle and Travel</u>			
Vehicle Hire	1,000	1,376	1,000
Mileage	4,500	4,191	4,250
Use of Public Transport	500	259	200
Total Vehicle & Travel Expenses	6,000	5,825	5,450
<u>Other</u>			
Protective Clothing	2,000	2,512	2,000
General Equipment	0	26	0
Management Plan/Prof fees	2,500	0	2,500
Prof Fees	0	2,410	0
Audit Fees	1,134	1,498	1,134
IT costs	2,832	3,835	3,747
Telephones	500	470	500
Total Other Expenses	8,966	10,750	9,881
<u>Projects</u>			
Grants	50,000	74,137	95,000
Total Project costs	50,000	74,137	95,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	252,717	274,537	301,498
INCOME			
NRW CRDV Grant	-107,000	-107,000	-107,000
SDF Mgmt fee	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
SDF Grant	-50,000	-50,000	-100,000
LA Funding	-84,217	-84,167	-80,168
Contributions from Reserve	-6,500	-28,370	-9,330
TOTAL INCOME	-252,717	-274,536	-301,498
Total Net Expenditure	0	0	0



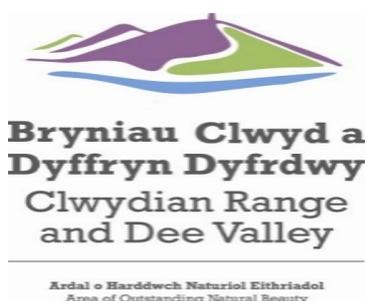
**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

(DENBIGHSHIRE, FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM COUNCILS)

AREA - DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

	Budget 2019/20	Outturn 2019/20	Draft budget 20/21
	£	£	£
EXPENDITURE			
<u>Employees</u>			
Salaries	172,392	177,042	173,961
Training	0	1,645	0
Insurance	630	582	626
Total Employee costs	173,022	179,268	174,587
<u>Vehicle and Travel</u>			
Fuel	3,700	4,018	3,700
Fleet	17,000	15,611	18,530
Travel	2,000	1,480	1,500
Total Vehicle & Travel Expenses	22,700	21,109	23,730
<u>Other</u>			
Protective Equipment/Clothing	0	187	0
Site Management	5,000	5,188	5,000
IT / Communication costs	2,100	4,112	4,000
Telephones	700	512	520
Projects/Activity expenditure	4,000	3,272	4,000
Professional Fees	0	1,870	0
Total Other Expenses	11,800	15,141	13,520
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	207,522	215,518	211,837
INCOME			
NRW Forestry Partnership	-19,500	-19,500	-19,500
LA funding	-183,022	-182,974	-184,379
Contributions from Reserve	-5,000	-13,044	-7,958
TOTAL INCOME	-207,522	-215,518	-211,837
Total Net Expenditure	0	0	0



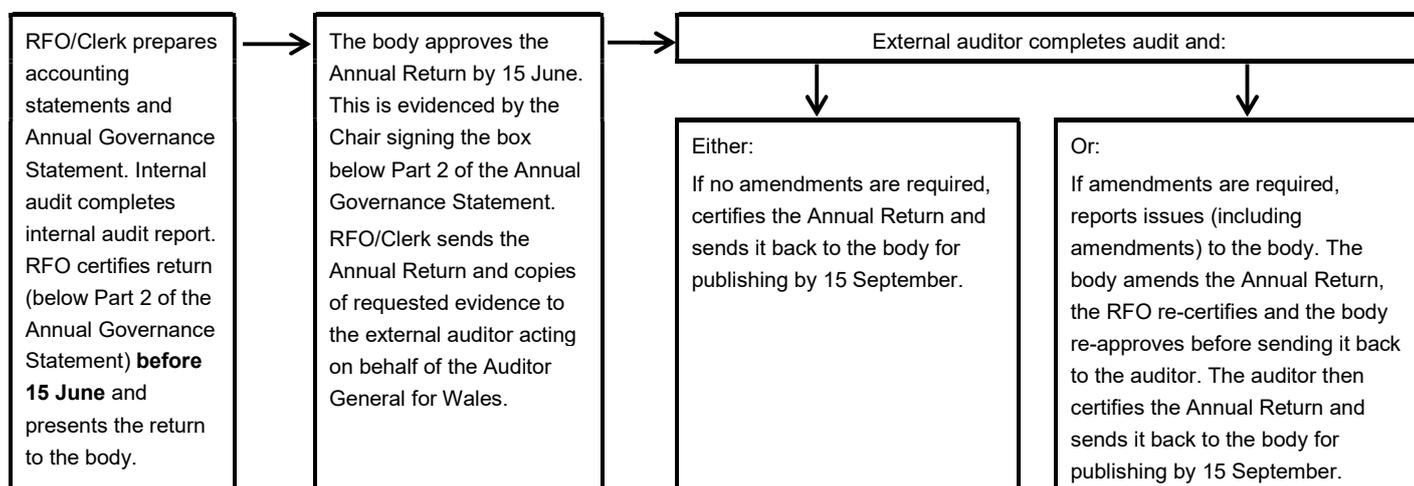
Smaller relevant local government bodies in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT PROCESS

Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 requires local government bodies in Wales to make up their accounts each year to 31 March and to have those accounts audited by the Auditor General for Wales. Regulation 14 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 states that smaller local government bodies i.e. those with annual income and expenditure below £2.5 million must prepare their accounts in accordance with proper practices.

For minor joint committees with income and expenditure below £2.5 million, proper practices are set out in the One Voice Wales/Society of Local Council Clerks publication 'Governance and accountability for local councils in Wales – A Practitioners' Guide' (the Practitioners' Guide). The Practitioners' Guide requires that they prepare their accounts in the form of an annual return. This annual return meets the requirements of the Practitioners' Guide.

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 the Annual Governance Statement.

APPROVING THE ANNUAL RETURN

There are two boxes for certification and approval by the body. The second box is only required if the annual return has to be amended as a result of the audit. You should only complete the top box before sending the form to the auditor.

The committee must approve the annual return BEFORE the accounts and supporting documents are made available for public inspection under section 30 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

The Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report is to be completed by the auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor General. It MUST NOT be completed by the Clerk/RFO, the Chair or the internal auditor.

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

Accounting statements 2019-20 for:

Name of body: Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2019 (£)	31 March 2020 (£)	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	119,632	259,133	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	261,408	275,592	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	438,219	324,507	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	-315,959	-356,577	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	-244,168	-187,792	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	259,133	314,863	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	86,265	31,625	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	184,244	289,176	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	-11,376	-5,937	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	259,133	314,864	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 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).

Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the **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 2020, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the 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. 	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law. Due to Covid 19 the meeting to approve the annual return has been delayed until the 11 September. If approved this will enable WAO to sign off the Accounts by the statutory deadline of 15 September.	6, 12
<p>2. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7
<p>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 Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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
<p>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.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit.	6, 23
<p>5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly. The Internal Audit report highlighted the need for a formal risk register to be brought together which will be undertaken during the current financial year.	6, 9
<p>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.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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
<p>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 Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6
<p>8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23

* 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.

Committee approval and certification

The 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 Committee and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2020.</p>	<p>Approval by the Committee</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Committee under minute reference:</p>
	Insert minute reference and date of meeting
RFO signature: signature required	Chair of meeting signature: signature required
Name: name required	Name: name required
Date: dd/mm/yyyy	Date: dd/mm/yyyy

Committee re-approval and re-certification (only required if the annual return has been amended at audit)

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Date: dd/mm/yyyy	Date: dd/mm/yyyy

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 2020 of:

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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:

External auditor's signature:

Date:

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

The 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 2020.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the 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 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"/>	Ledger accounts for AONB have been reviewed
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"/>	Sampling shows payments were approved and VAT appropriately accounted for
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"/>	There is no individual risk register for the AONB. However financial and reputational risk is included in the AONB legal agreement.
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"/>	The budget is a standard agenda item for the AONB Committee
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"/>	Income from partner authorities and rents received were sampled.
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unable to verify petty cash payments to receipts as these are paper based. As staff are working from home during the pandemic I was unable to access them However the amount is less than £100 for the financial year
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"/>	Sampled payroll and NINO and Income Tax were properly applied. Salaries are included in the budget forecast presented to 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**	
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Insert text

	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. This is also verified during the annual Internal Audit of Finance.
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"/>	Up to date records seen and finance is a standard item in committee meetings.

For any risk areas identified by the 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**	
11. Insert risk area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Insert text
12. Insert risk area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Insert text
13. Insert risk area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input 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 Committee are included in my detailed report to the Committee dated _____.] * Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Committee's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: Irene Griffiths
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: signature required
Date: 30/06/2020

Guidance notes on completing the Annual Return

1. You must apply proper practices when preparing this annual return. Proper practices are set out in the Practitioners' Guide.
2. Make sure that the Annual Return is fully completed ie, no empty red boxes. Please avoid making any amendments to the completed return. If this is unavoidable, cross out the incorrect entries, make sure the amendments are drawn to the attention of the body, properly initialled and an explanation for them is provided to the external auditor. **Please do not use correction fluid.** Annual returns that are incomplete or contain unapproved and/or unexplained amendments or correction fluid will be returned unaudited and may incur additional costs. Ask your auditor for an electronic copy of the form if required.
3. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps the Chair or a member, to review your Annual Return for completeness before sending the original form to the auditor.
4. Make sure that your accounting statements add up, that the balance carried forward from the previous year (line 7 of 2019) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (line 1 of 2020). Explain any differences between the 2019 figures on this annual return and the amounts recorded in last year's annual return.
5. Explain fully any significant variances in the accounting statements. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include a detailed analysis to support your explanation and be specific about the values of individual elements making up the variances.
6. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation you send to your auditor with the Annual Return covers **all** your bank accounts and cash balances. If there are no reconciling items, please state this and provide evidence of the bank balances. If your Committee holds any short-term investments, please note their value on the bank reconciliation. The auditor should also be able to agree your bank reconciliation to line 9 in the accounting statements. More help on bank reconciliations is available in the Practitioners' Guide.
7. **Every committee must send to the external auditor, information to support the assertions made in the Annual Governance Statement even if you have not done so before.** Your auditor will tell you what information you need to provide. Please read the audit notice carefully to ensure you include all the information the auditor has asked for. You should send **copies** of the original records (certified by the Clerk and Chair as accurate copies) to the external auditor and not the original documents themselves.
8. Please do not send the auditor any information that you are not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful.
9. If the auditor has to review unsolicited information, repeat a request for information, receives an incomplete bank reconciliation or explanation of variances or receives original documents that must be returned, the auditor will incur additional costs for which they are entitled to charge additional fees.
10. **Please deal with all correspondence with the external auditor promptly.** This will help you to meet your statutory obligations and will minimise the cost of the audit.
11. **Please note that if completing the electronic form, you must print the form for it to be certified by the RFO and signed by the Chair before it is sent to the auditor.**

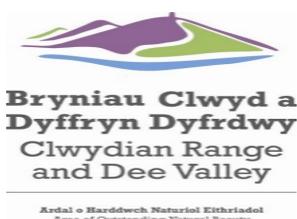
Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean that you may not have met requirements		Done?	
Initial submission to the external auditor		Yes	No
Accounts	Do the papers to be sent to the external auditor include an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year?		
	Does the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2020 agree to Line 9?		
Approval	Has the RFO certified the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement (Regulation 15 (1)) no later than 15 June 2020?		
	Has the body approved the accounting statements before 15 June 2020 and has Section 3 been signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which approval was given?		
All sections	Have all pink boxes in the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement been completed and explanations provided where needed?		
	Has all the information requested by the external auditor been sent with this Annual Return? Please refer to your notice of audit and any additional schedules provided by your external auditor.		

If accounts are amended after receipt of the Auditor General's report on matters arising		Yes	No
Accounts	Have the amended accounting statements been approved and Section 3 re-signed and re-dated as evidence of the Committee's approval of the amendments before re-submission to the auditor?		

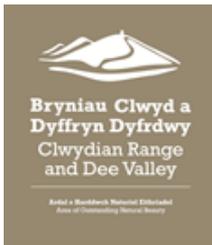
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Appendix 4

	2019/20				
	Opening balance 01.04.19 £	Revenue budget £	Project funding £		Closing Balance 31.03.20 £
Opening balance	-259,133	-55,455	-203,678		
<u>Underspend / overspend</u>					
General		8,045			-36,435
NRW matchfunding for Dee Valley Warden					-8,000
<u>Projects</u>					
Outreach Walks Funding 16/17					-827
Corwen projects					-1,425
Outreach Engagement project (KA)					-2,500
EBD Asst Outdoor Provides					-1,950
EBD Pop Up Shop food Trail			-446		1,954
Scottish Power Overhead lines - Llysfasi					-5,500
Flintshire AONB Badge					-711
Other/Misc income/sales etc			446	-446	0
Visitor Appraisal Study				-3,397	0
WG Grant					-6,758
Whitebeam project					-4,550
Tourism Growth Plan (TGP) / Dark Skies			3,958		7,728
Curlew Cymru				-669	-669
Friends of the AONB (Michael Ross, benches and habitat mgmt)				-1,193	-1,193
Farm Payment Scheme				-2,082	-2,082
Limestone Legacy funding				-6,110	-6,110
Loggerheads Shelter				-3,541	-3,541
SDF Additional funding (<i>breakdown below</i>)			37,704	-88,000	-242,296
<u>17/18</u>					
<i>:- Collaboration with UNESCO WHS</i>					-5,000
<i>:- Dark Skies</i>					-10,000
<i>:- Gateways A5 Trunk Road and A494 signage</i>					-24,000
<i>:- WHS Clinker Path</i>					-6,000
<u>18/19</u>					
<i>1801 :- reduce non-recyclable packaging £10k</i>					-10,000
<i>1805 :- Ysgol Y Foel - eco learning facility £12k</i>			9,750		-2,250
<i>1806 :- 2019 - 2024 ANOB Plan £16k</i>					-16,000
<i>1807 :- AONB Officer - working with private sector £20k</i>			10,000		-10,000
<i>1804 :- Ysgol Y Foel - decarbonisation £50k</i>					-50,000
<i>1802 :- Llangollen - access for canoes £9k</i>					-9,000
<i>1808 :- Site conservation - 3 sites £15k</i>					-15,000
<i>1803 :- Llantysilio - Moorland restoration £15k</i>			13,620		-1,380
<u>2019/20</u>					
<i>1902 :- Threshold and Welcome signs for key AONB sites . £30k</i>			1,409	-30,000	-28,591
<i>1901 :- Tree Planting £15k</i>				-15,000	-15,000
<i>1903 :- Access Imp WHS, Horseshoe Falls £25k</i>				-25,000	-25,000
<i>1904 :- Heathland Management through cutting and bailing of heather £15k</i>			2,925	-15,000	-12,075
<i>1905 :- AONB Leaflet - design & printing £3k</i>				-3,000	-3,000
		8,045		-63,776	
Closing balance	-47,410		0	-267,454	-314,864



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AONB:

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Background

1. The built environment is one of the special qualities of the AONB and contributes to the character and appearance of the area. There is pressure for new development in and around the AONB as an attractive place to live, work and visit, but particular care is required to ensure that new development fits well in the landscape. An important role of the Joint Committee and Partnership is to advise on development proposals and policies affecting the AONB.

Consultations

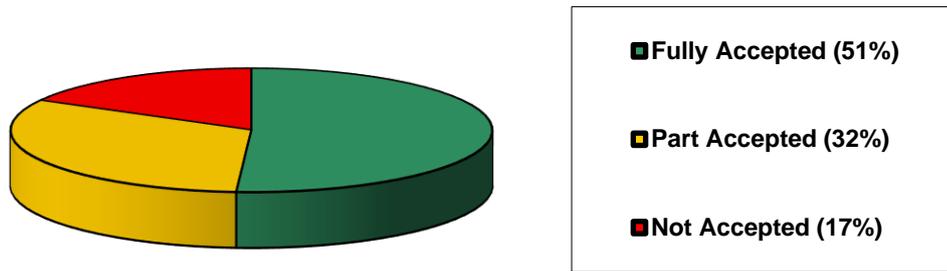
2. The overall number of consultations referred to the AONB in 2019-20 was 274. This is a slightly reduced level of activity from last year (285), which may in part be a reflection of the slowdown in activity during March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. The majority of consultations (210 in number, 77% of the total) were planning or related applications for development referred by the three local planning authorities (LPA's). The majority of these were from Denbighshire (75%), followed by Flintshire (24%) and Wrexham (1%). Formal and informal requests for pre and post-application advice continue to account for a significant proportion of all consultations (46 in number, 17% of the total), which is an increase on last year. Policy related matters (9 in number) accounted for 3% of all consultations, which is a reduction in activity over the previous year. Planning appeals (7) made up the remaining consultations.
4. A summary of all planning consultations to which the AONB responded during the year are attached as Appendices covering the two half-yearly periods. These show details of the proposal, a summary of the AONB's comments, the LPA's decision where this has been made and an assessment of their response to the AONB's comments.
5. The largest category of proposals continues to be for householder development (31%) followed by new housing (25%), including conversions. The proportion of tourism related development proposals is consistent (18%) and remains the third largest category of development, followed by agriculture (11%), commercial/retail and industrial proposals (5%) and utility/energy developments (4%). The remaining consultations comprised community/educational developments, advertisements, Tree Preservation Order applications, access and mineral proposals.

6. The majority of decided planning applications (87%) were granted permission, which is comparable with the approval rate in previous years. Only 9% were refused, and 4% of applications were withdrawn by the applicant prior to determination.
7. The AONB raised no objection to the majority of applications, but often suggested design changes, alternative materials or additional landscaping or lighting conditions to help conserve and enhance the character and appearance of the AONB. There were 23 formal objections lodged to development proposals, and significant concerns were raised in respect of 12 further applications. In many cases development proposals are amended to reflect the AONB's views and result in a better development outcome.

Local Planning Authority Response to AONB Comments

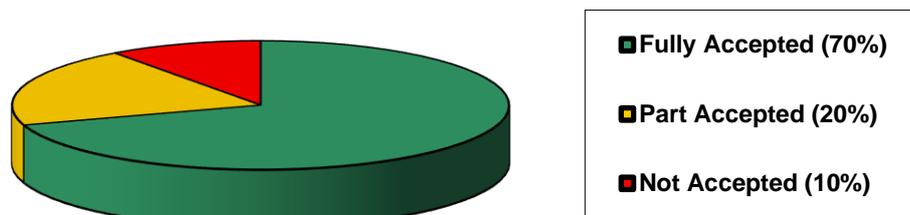
8. Analysis of LPA responses to substantive comments made by the AONB on decided planning applications (see pie-chart overleaf) shows that the majority of comments made by the AONB were accepted in full (51%) or in part (32%). Only 17% of comments were not accepted or acted upon by the LPA's. This performance shows continuing improvement over the last two years and may in part be the result of efforts to develop the AONB's relationship with the LPA's and planning officers, coupled with increased awareness as a result of the adoption of AONB Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) by the LPA's in 2018. In addition, during the year management responsibility for the AONB unit was transferred to Denbighshire's newly named Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Service.
9. Of the 17 cases where the AONB's comments were not accepted by the LPA's, 15 applications were determined by Denbighshire and 2 by Flintshire. There were no cases in Wrexham where the AONB's comments had not been accepted in full or in part. Taking into account the overall number of decisions made by each authority, the percentage of cases where the AONB's comments were not accepted or acted upon was 18% in Denbighshire and 12% in Flintshire. This continues to demonstrate a significant improvement in performance over the last two years. The comparable figures for Denbighshire over the previous two years were 25% in 2017-18 and 20% in 2018-19. The equivalent data for the proportion of decided applications in Flintshire where the AONB's comments were not accepted was 36% in 2017-18 and 16% in 2018-19.
10. For the most part, comments made by the AONB which were not accepted related to design, materials, lighting and landscaping, and to suggestions for enhancement as part of a development project.

LPA Consideration of AONB Comments 2019-20



- ii. Whilst the LPA's did not always accept the AONB's comments, further analysis of decisions in the most significant cases where the AONB had lodged a formal objection to an application shows that the AONB's position has been fully accepted by the LPA in the overwhelming majority of cases. Of the 10 objections submitted by the AONB where a decision was made, the LPA's refused 7 applications and granted 3. Furthermore, in two of the cases where permission was granted, significant amendments were negotiated to partly overcome the AONB's objection. Thus in the majority of these serious cases the AONB's comments were accepted in full (70%) or in part (20%), which is a higher level of acceptance of the AONB's views than the overall picture (see pie-chart below) and is consistent with the position last year. It should also be noted that four other applications to which the AONB objected were withdrawn by the applicants prior to determination, which is often in response to the level of objection to the proposals.

LPA Consideration of AONB Objections 2019-20



Planning Appeals

12. Four of the seven planning appeals referred to the AONB during the year were decided and three are still pending. Of those appeals which were decided, three were dismissed by the inspectorate and one was allowed. The dismissed cases were a large house extension near Llanarmon yn Ial, a new dwelling near Trelawnyd and the hours of operation of a plant hire depot near Caerwys. The AONB objected or raised concerns in respect of all three applications which were taken into account by the inspectorate. The appeal which was allowed concerned the same plant hire depot near Caerwys and was related to external lighting design. The inspector had regard to the concerns of the AONB and others about

potential adverse impacts on the AONB's dark sky but concluded that as the site is some distance outside the AONB these were not so significant as to refuse permission.

13. Two of the pending appeals relate to a major housing development and associated road infrastructure in Meliden. The AONB did not object in principle to either application. The other pending appeal is for a caravan and camping site near Nercwys. The AONB raised concerns about the potential impact of access improvements which would involve the removal of established hedges and stone boundary walls.

Unauthorised Development

14. During the year, 25 potential cases of unauthorised development affecting the AONB were referred to the LPA enforcement teams for investigation. The majority (21 cases) were in Denbighshire and 4 were in Flintshire. No cases were referred to Wrexham. A significant proportion of these cases were concerned with engineering operations and tipping works, but there were also cases of change of use, vehicle storage, horse shelters, shipping containers, caravans, works to trees and deviation from approved plans. Enforcement matters are often complex and take some time for the planning authorities to investigate and resolve and many cases are still outstanding.

Policy/Strategic Consultations

15. The number of policy and strategic consultations referred to the AONB in 2019- 20 was 9, which is a reduction in activity over the previous year, largely as a result of far fewer consultation documents being issued by Welsh Government relevant to the AONB. However, Welsh Government did publish the consultative draft *National Development Framework 2020-2040* (NDF) during the year, which potentially has significant implications for the AONB. The NDF will form part of the statutory development plan system in Wales and local development plans must conform to the national policies and proposals set out in the document. The AONB submitted a number of comments on the draft NDF and raised particular concerns in respect of the on-shore wind energy proposals and their potential impact on the setting of our nationally protected landscape. Welsh Government are currently considering responses to the draft document and intend to publish the final NDF in late 2020.
16. The planning authorities continued to make progress on their Local Development Plans (LDP's) during the year. The AONB responded to the *Denbighshire LDP 2018-2033 Draft Preferred Strategy and Candidate Sites Consultation* and a subsequent *Additional Candidate Sites Consultation*. Flintshire published the *Draft Flintshire Deposit Local Development Plan 2015-2030* and associated *Candidate Sites Consultation*. The AONB made comments on all these consultations seeking modifications to conserve and enhance the character and appearance of the AONB consistent with our Management Plan. During the year the *Wrexham LDP Deposit Plan 2013-2028* continued its examination, which is still ongoing.

Landscape Character and Built Environment Working Group

17. The AONB Partnership Landscape Character and Built Environment Working Group leads on planning and development matters affecting the AONB. The group met on three

occasions during the year and continues to develop and review their forward work programme, which prioritises actions arising from the AONB Management Plan. In addition to commenting on policy matters and major development proposals, the group took forward a number of important Management Plan actions during the year, the most significant of these being the AONB Dark Sky Initiative and reducing visual intrusion. The working group also reviewed the latest position on mineral and waste planning issues in and around the AONB.

18. The AONB's aspiration to secure formal Dark Sky Community recognition from the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) moved forward during the year. Agreement was reached with the IDA to submit an application for designation of the AONB as a Dark Sky Community in December 2020, although it is very likely that our application will have to be deferred as a result of inevitable delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The application to the IDA is subject to the adoption of specific supplementary planning guidance (SPG) relating to lighting matters and agreement of a Lighting Policy. With the support of the three local planning authorities (LPA's), consultants were engaged to take forward the SPG and a first draft of a document was produced, which is currently being reviewed by an officer working group including representatives of the three LPA's, NRW and the AONB. The Lighting Policy principally relates to the work of the public street lighting authorities and meetings took place with representatives from these agencies. Agreement was reached on a way forward with an AONB Dark Sky addendum to the current Highway Lighting Policy and work is ongoing on drafting the document. Community engagement and awareness raising of dark sky issues through various events organised by the North Wales Protected Landscapes Dark Sky Officer also continued during the year. In addition, the AONB's comments on planning applications continue to promote the need for dark sky friendly lighting where this might be an issue.
19. Further progress has been made on reducing visual intrusion through the National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI) in the Morwynion Valley and Tremeirchion areas, and a successful bid made to continue and extend the initiative to the Minera area. The AONB's long standing partnership with Scottish Power to secure removal and undergrounding of prominent overhead electricity lines also continued, with schemes completed at Horseshoe Pass and Moel Hirradug. These practical and positive landscape improvement projects make a valuable contribution to conserving and enhancing the character and appearance of the AONB's landscape.
20. This year's Annual AONB Forum was led by the Landscape Character and Built Environment Working Group and the theme was 'Conserving and Enhancing Landscape Quality and Character'. The forum was held in the newly restored Old Ruthin Courthouse in November and, despite the weather, there was a good turnout with a number of interesting and informative presentations. These included how to design new development to respect the AONB's character and qualities, and mitigating visual intrusion through the National Grid Visual Improvement Programme (VIP) and associated LEI scheme and Scottish Power's overhead electricity line undergrounding programme. The forum also received an update on the excellent 'Our Picturesque Landscape' project.



SUMMARY OF AONB PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

APRIL 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2019

Code No. (1)	Site Address	Brief Description of Development	Summary of AONB Comments	LPA Decision	Response to AONB Comments (2)
16/2019/0280	2 Tunnel Bungalow Llanbedr D C LL15 1YF	Alterations and extensions to dwelling	No observations subject to materials and lighting	Refused 17/05/19	N/A
15/2019/0299	Bryn Awel, Eryrys CH7 4DD	Erection of extensions and balcony to dwelling	No objection subject to materials, lighting and landscaping	Granted 31/05/19	
21/2019/0197	Tan Y Graig Maeshafn CH7 5LR	Erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage	Concerns re loss of traditional dwelling and trees	Granted 17/07/19	
20/2019/0289	Waen Y Ffynnon Pentre Coch LL15 2YF	Erection of an agricultural workshop/store	No objection in principle subject to revised siting, colour and lighting	Granted 10/05/19	
03/2019/0290	7 Castle Street Square, Llangollen, LL20 8NT	Display of Advertisement Signs	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 31/05/19	N/A
20/2019/0162	Bryn Teg Graigfechan LL15 2HA	Erection of extensions to property with associated works (Amended plans)	No objection subject to materials and lighting	Granted 17/04/19	
P/2019/0266	Paddock adj and south of Bryn Celyn, Garth LL20 7YD	Reserved matters layout scale and landscaping of residential development	Require further information, suggest revised materials and landscaping	Granted 29/07/19	
43/2018/0751	Land south west of Ffordd Ty Newydd off Ffordd Talargoch, Meliden	Construction of new link road in association with application 43/2018/0750 for residential development (Amended plans)	No further observations other than advance landscaping	Refused 13/11/19	N/A
43/2018/0750	Land at Mindale Farm, Meliden LL19 8PG	Demolition of dwelling and erection of 133 dwellings, in association with application 43/2018/0751 for link road (Amended plans)	No further observations	Refused 13/11/19	N/A
05/2019/0215	Outbuilding at Carreg Afon Corwen, LL21 9EH	Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling, erection of workshop/store (amended scheme to previous permission)	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views. Suggest revised materials and lighting condition	Granted 04/06/19	
21/2019/0301	Holt Hostel, Maeshafn, Mold, CH7 5LR	Alterations to dwelling comprising extension of balcony and retention of glazed balustrade (Retrospective Listed Building application)	Object , deplore retrospection, scheme does not conserve or enhance the character of the Listed Building. Concerns about other developments on site.	Refused 14/06/19	
20/2019/0289	Waen Y Ffynnon Pentre Coch LL15 2YF	Erection of an agricultural workshop/store (Amended plans)	No objection in principle subject to revised siting and lighting	Granted 10/05/19	N/A
05/2019/0189	St Thomas Church Hall, Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9HG	Construction of a new vehicular access, parking area and associated works	No objection subject to alternative materials	Granted 11/06/19	
03/2019/0374	38 Castle Street Llangollen, LL20 8NH	Display of non-illuminated fascia sign and a hanging sign	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer	Granted 21/06/19	N/A
03/2019/0353	Land rear of 7 Maes Pengwern, Llangollen LL20 8BA	Erection of a domestic store	No objection subject to colour and lighting conditions	Granted 09/10/19	
42/2019/0378	Land off Meliden Road, Dyserth, Ll18 6BP	Details of landscaping and (Planning permission Code no 42/2018/0923)	No objection, suggest additional boundary landscaping	Granted 03/06/19	
15/2019/0371	Outbuilding at Ty Isa Llanferres, CH7 5SN	Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling and associated works	Object ; unsympathetic scheme of conversion. Suggest revised design.	Granted 26/06/19	N/A
05/2019/0346	Carreg Afon Corwen, LL21 9EH	Internal and external alterations to Listed Building	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer and lighting	Granted 23/07/19	

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47/2019/0369	Land south to Burwen, Rhualt LL17 0TE	Details of materials, landscaping and external lighting (Planning permission 47/2018/1066)	No objection, suggest additional boundary landscaping and amended lighting	Granted 07/06/19	
41/2019/0213	Outbuilding at Warren House Bodfari, LL16 4DP	Conversion of outbuilding to holiday accommodation (Amended plans)	No objection subject to holiday use condition	Granted 26/06/19	
058561	Thomas Plant Hire Depot, Caerwys, CH7 5BL	Retrospective application for retention of lighting (Amended Plans)	Restate concerns re impact on AONB Dark Sky; suggest amended scheme	Granted 24/07/19	
059876	Caledonia, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EN	Loft conversion and erection of extensions	No objection subject to materials and lighting conditions	Granted 20/06/19	
059625	Ty Dwr, Trelawnyd, LL18 6DY	Construction of single storey dwelling	Object . Not infill, no local need	Refused 21/05/19	
20/2019/0329	Pen Y Ffordd Pentre Celyn LL15 2HP	Erection of agricultural building for storage	Concerns re retrospection, agricultural need and siting	Granted 13/06/19	
15/2019/0371	Outbuilding at Ty Isa Llanferres, CH7 5SN	Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling and associated works (Amended plans)	Maintain Objection ; unsympathetic scheme of conversion. Suggest revised design.	Granted 26/06/19	
47/2019/0419	Sylwfan Tremeirchion LL17 0UN	Erection of outbuilding and erection of retaining wall (partly retrospective)	Deplore retrospection but no observations; suggest lighting condition	Granted 19/06/19	
03/2019/0362	The Grange Llangollen LL20 8AP	Alterations and extension to existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation	No objection	Granted 26/06/19	N/A
21/2019/0145	Aberduna Farm Gwernymynydd CH75LE	Erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings, track and associated works	Serious concerns re agricultural need; additional information required	Granted 06/08/19	N/A
16/2019/0285	Griffin Inn, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1UP	Erection of extension, fire escapes and internal alterations	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer	Granted 25/06/19	N/A
059782	Cartref, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ET	Erection of ino. dwelling (Outline application)	No objection subject to legal agreement, tree protection, landscaping and lighting	Withdrawn 25/11/19	N/A
03/2019/0114	Land at (Part garden of) Bryn Goleu Llangollen LL20 8DY	Development of land by the demolition of garage, erection of dwelling and installation of treatment plant (outline application)	Further details required to assess acceptability of proposals.	Refused 28/06/19	
060007	Ochr Y Foel, Cilcain, CH7 5PR	Erection of single storey extension to dwelling	No objection subject to materials	Granted 11/07/19	
059957	Bron Wylfa, Cilcain, CH7 5NW	Erection of 3 bay garage with storeroom above	No objection subject to materials and lighting	Granted 11/07/19	
17/2019/0438	Bodidris Hall Llandegla LL11 3AI	Amendments to detached domestic outbuilding (previous permission 17/2014/1114)	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer, materials and lighting	Granted 11/07/19	
21/2019/0423	Glan Y Gors Maeshafn CH7 5LR	Erection of two storey side/rear extension	No objection subject to materials and lighting	Granted 24/06/19	
03/2018/1177	Ty Canol Caravan Park, Llangollen, LL20 7UI	Regularise layout of static caravans; increase number of caravans from 60 to 69; and retention of 2 caravans for residential occupancy	Deplore retrospection but no objection in principle subject to landscaping, colour, lighting and occupancy conditions	Granted 29/07/19	
16/2019/0481	2 Tunnel Bungalow Llanbedr DC LL15 1YF	Alterations and extensions to dwelling to provide accommodation in roof space (Amended scheme)	No objection subject to materials and lighting	Granted 05/07/19	
20/2019/0487	Coleg Cambria Llysfasi LL15 2LB	Erection of a community building	Support subject to materials and lighting	Granted 22/08/19	
09/2019/0429	Efail Y Waen Farm Bodfari LL16 4EE	Removal of part of hedgerow and creation of new field access	No observations subject to Biodiversity Officer Views and landscaping	Granted 24/06/19	
09/2019/0349	Land Adjacent to Allt Y Ddol, Bodfari LL16 4DP	Erection of an agricultural building and hard standings	Query need; suggest materials, landscaping and lighting conditions	Granted 02/07/19	
03/2019/0274	Land South Of, Vicarage Road, Llangollen, LL20 8HF	Construction of reservoir including new vehicular and pedestrian access and landscaping	No objection subject to landscaping and materials	Granted 18/07/19	

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15/2019/0436	Bryn Hyfryd Llanferres CH7 5TA	Erection of porch	Object; inappropriate design	Refused 23/07/19	
18/2019/0492	Islwyn Llandyrnog LL16 4LY	Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting	Granted 05/08/19	
05/2019/0455	Land adjoining Cemetery Carrog LL21 9AP	Development of land with 2 detached dwellings (outline application)	No objection in principle but concerns re affordable housing, loss of hedge and design.	Granted 14/08/19	
057427	Ty Hir, Ffordd Glyndwr, Nercwys, CH7 4AU	Change of use from paddock/timber storage to a site providing 17 tourist lodges (Amended Plans)	Maintain objection on landscape grounds		
060004	Fron Farm, Rhesycae Road, Hendre, CH7 5QW	Retrospective application for use of agricultural land as touring caravan storage	Deplore retrospection but no observations subject to landscape retention and lighting condition	Granted 16/07/19	
059815	Five Acre, Nercwys CH7 4EN	Change of use of land to touring caravan/camping area with amenity block	Deplore retrospection but no observations subject to landscaping, lighting and design of highway works.	Refused 26/09/19	N/A
20/2019/0487	Coleg Cambria Llysfasi LL15 2LB	Erection of a community building (Amended plans)	No further observations	Granted 22/08/19	N/A
15/2019/0250	North Hills Farm, Graianrhyd, CH7 4QS	Replacement of agricultural store to provide 4 no. holiday accommodation units	Object; scale and design of development	Granted 04/12/19	
18/2019/0540	Glyn Arthur Llandyrnog LL16 4NB	Demolition of conservatory and erection of extension	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views. Further details of Solar PV panels required.	Granted 11/02/20	
18/2019/0541	Glyn Arthur Llandyrnog LL16 4NB	Demolition of conservatory and erection of extension (Listed Building)	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer. Further details of Solar PV panels required.	Granted 13/03/20	
03/2019/0504	7 Castle Street Square Llangollen, LL20 8NT	Installation of awnings, and display of advertisements (Listed Building)	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer	Granted 25/07/19	N/A
060020	Brynffynnon, Gwernymynydd, CH7 5LW	Extension of agricultural building	Further details of need required; suggest lighting and landscaping conditions	Granted 01/10/19	
16/2019/0409	Maenor Plas Isaf Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1UP	Demolition of outbuildings, erection of new building and additional parking (Listed Building)	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer	Granted 23/07/19	N/A
03/2019/0557	Hollies Cottage Llangollen, LL20 8LN	Alterations and extension to dwelling	No objection	Granted 23/07/19	N/A
03/2019/0356	Tan Y Bwlch Isa Vivod Llangollen, LL20 7LP	Conversion and roof extension to garage to annexe accommodation (retrospective)	Deplore retrospection. No objection in principle but concerns re design	Granted 07/08/19	
10/2019/0104	Bryn Y Ffynnon Bryneglwys LL21 9LN	Extension to dwelling and detached agricultural building	No observations subject to materials, lighting and permitted development limits	Granted 26/07/19	
21/2019/0145	Aberduna Farm Gwernymynydd CH75LE	Erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings, track and associated works (Amended plans)	Welcome amendments but agricultural need still to be determined	Granted 06/08/19	
21/2019/0185	Holt Hostel Maeshafn CH7 5LR	Erection of multiple buildings, alterations to dwelling, extend residential curtilage, remodelling of land, vehicular access tracks and yard (partly retrospective)	Object. Deplore retrospection; unacceptable impact on landscape and setting of Listed Building		
10/2019/0443	Land and Barn at Deio Uchaf Bryneglwys LL21 9NP	Change of use to equestrian, erection of stables/manege and use of barn as dwelling	Object. Unacceptable impact on landscape in current form	Granted 19/09/19	
060035	Cae Newydd Farm, Nercwys, CH7 4AY	Erection of agricultural barn	Query agricultural need; suggest materials, landscaping and lighting conditions		
P/2019/0266	Paddock adj and south of Bryn Celyn, Garth LL20 7YD	Reserved matters layout scale and landscaping of residential development (Amended plans)	Welcome some changes but suggest landscaping, materials and height reduction	Granted 29/07/19	N/A
03/2019/0503	4 Park Avenue Llangollen, LL20 8AF	Erection of extension to dwelling	No objection	Granted 07/08/19	N/A

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20/2019/0487	Coleg Cambria Llysfasi LL15 2LB	Erection of a community building (Amended plans)	No objection subject to solar panel colour	Granted 22/08/19	N/A
02/2019/0500	Land off A525 between Ruthin Auction and Brickfield Lane, Ruthin	Erection of foodstore, employment unit and associated works and outline permission for the employment units	No objection subject to landscaping and lighting conditions	Granted 12/09/19	
060130	Homefield, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EN	Proposed alterations, extension and erection of replacement garage	No objection subject to materials	Granted 06/08/19	
03/2019/0353	Land rear of 7 Maes Pengwern Llangollen LL20 8BA	Change of use to extend residential curtilage and erection of domestic store (Amended proposals)	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 09/10/19	N/A
08/2019/0562	Talwrn Uchaf Cynwyd LL21 0NF	Erection of extension to dwelling	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 20/08/19	
15/2019/0583	Gweryd Lake Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4QJ	Proposed engineering works to existing reservoir in connection with fishery	No objection	Granted 07/08/19	N/A
09/2019/0622	Land Adjacent to Allt Y Ddol, Bodfari LL16 4DP	Details of colour finish for planning permission Code No. 09/2019/0349	Recommend alternative roof colour	Granted 21/08/19	
05/2019/0391	Land adjoining Awel Y Mynydd Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9BN	Erection of affordable dwelling and associated works	Object. Open countryside location with no established need; inappropriate design	Refused 24/04/20	
060056	Mynydd Tegfan, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6EP	Construction of sun room and link to main dwelling	No objection	Granted 20/08/19	N/A
060213	Yr Hafod, Trelawnyd, LL18 6EF	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of extension	No objection	Granted 28/08/19	N/A
41/2019/0600	Nant Gwilym Farm Tremeirchion LL17 0UG	Variation of condition 2 of permission 41/2018/0943 to amend design	No objection	Granted 13/09/19	N/A
16/2019/0518	Teiran Farm Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1SU	Change of use of agricultural barn to storage of building materials	No objection subject to restrictions on external storage	Granted 16/08/19	
27/2019/0673	Dinbren Isa Llangollen, LL20 8ED	Variation of permission 27/2004/1196/PF to amend design of barn conversion	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer		N/A
09/2019/0668	Trout Cottage Bodfari LL16 4DR	Erection of a balcony to dwelling	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 13/09/19	
17/2019/0527	Gloppa, Llandegla, LL11 3AU	Erection of a detached garage/store and annex above	No objection, but suggest revised design and lighting conditions	Granted 19/08/19	
21/2019/0667	Telegraph pole adj to Moel Findeg Maeshafn CH7 5LR	Replacement of existing telegraph pole with a taller pole, antenna and cabinet	No objection	Granted 17/09/19	N/A
17/2019/0702	6 Trem Y Grug Llandegla, LL11 3EJ	Erection of single storey rear extension	No objection	Granted 18/09/19	N/A
16/2019/0700	Outbuilding at Wernog, Llanbedr DC LL15 1YE	Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday accommodation unit	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 19/11/19	
059394	Heron's Retreat, Afonwen, CH7 5AD	Approval of reserved matters - outline approval 057687 (Additional plans)	No further observations		N/A
17/2019/0628	Outbuildings at Penlan Farm Llandegla LL11 3AA	Conversion of outbuildings to holiday accommodation and associated works	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting condition	Granted 11/09/19	
25/2019/0691	Pant Y Maen, Nantglyn Denbigh	EIA Scoping Opinion proposed Pant y Maen windfarm tip height (from 102m to 125m)	Support need for LVIA, including Moel Famau viewpoint; suggest addition to cumulative assessment	Opinion Issued 01/10/19	
41/2019/0671	Land south-west of Ty Draw Farm Bodfari LL16 4DP	Erection of stables (retrospective application)	Deplore retrospection, recommend landscaping, lighting and use conditions	Granted 12/02/20	
03/2019/0670	Glascoed, Llangollen LL20 8AW	Refurbishment of existing stone wall	No objection subject to landscaping	Granted 14/10/19	
05/2019/0735	Pentir, Carrog LL21 9AP	Erection of extension to form garden room	No objection subject to materials and details of retaining wall	Granted 30/09/19	
47/2019/0546	Marian Mawr Cwm LL18 6HT	New vehicular access and agricultural track	No objection subject to need and landscaping	Granted 27/12/19	
27/2019/0638	Land at Bedw Isa Rhewl Llangollen, LL20 7YT	Siting of 1 no. timber holiday cabin and associated works	Object. Inappropriate development in open countryside	Withdrawn 21/10/19	N/A

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060444	Tarmac Hendre Limestone Quarry, Hendre, CH7 5QL	EIA Scoping Opinion for proposed eastern extension and consolidation scheme	Within AONB setting; suggest Moel Famau as selected viewpoint for photomontages	Opinion Issued 25/10/19	N/A
03/2019/0486	Pengwern Hall Llangollen, LL20 8AW	Erection of roof over cow yard and concrete walls to existing silage store	No objection subject to materials and landscaping	Granted 28/10/19	
47/2019/0763	Land near Vicarage, Tremeirchion LL17 0UN	Upgrade and installation of 2 new overhead electricity lines	Concerns re impact on Conservation Area	Approved 14/10/19	
43/2019/0730	Former Plas Deva Caravan Park Meliden LL19 8NR	Erection of 41 affordable dwellings and associated works	No objection, suggest tree retention, landscaping and lighting conditions.	Granted 24/02/20	
060382	Larkfield, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EN	Construction of dormer extension and replacement sun room to rear	No objection in principle but concerns re design and materials	Granted 15/11/19	
16/2019/0756	2 Tan Yr Eglwys Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1UP	Erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling	No objection, suggest minor design change and lighting condition	Granted 28/10/19	
17/2019/0686	Llandegla Fisheries Casgan Dittw Llandegla LL11 3AA	Development of land for 2 holiday pods, 3 shepherd's huts, 2 lodges 15 camping pitches, 10 touring caravan pitches and communal building.	No objection subject to layout amendments, landscaping, lighting and seasonal holiday use conditions.	Granted 24/12/19	
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SUMMARY OF AONB PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

OCTOBER 2019 – MARCH 2020

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18/2019/0812	The Beeches Highfield Park Llangwyfan LL16 4LU	Alterations to existing care building to form self-contained care units	No objection subject to lighting details	Granted 28/10/19	
16/2019/0700	Outbuilding at Wernog, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1YE	Conversion of outbuilding to holiday accommodation and formation of an enlarged vehicular turning area and additional tree planting (Amended plans)	No objection subject to views of County Ecologist and Forestry Officer and lighting details	Granted 19/11/19	
05/2019/0736	1 Trevalyn Cottage Carrog LL21 9BA	Erection of side and rear extension	No objection subject to design amendments	Refused 23/12/19	N/A
05/2019/0803	Carreg Afon Corwen, LL21 9EH	Internal and external alterations to farmhouse and associated works	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views and lighting condition.	Granted 04/12/19	
03/2019/0780	1 Walton House Llangollen, LL20 8LF	Works to trees in Llangollen Conservation Area	No objection subject to views of Forestry Officer	Granted 29/10/19	N/A
15/2019/0798	Beech Cottage Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4QX	Demolition of existing garage and erection of new domestic garage/workshop	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views and lighting condition	Granted 31/10/19	
15/2019/0250	North Hills Farm Graianrhyd CH7 4QS	Replacement of agricultural store to provide 4 no. holiday accommodation units (Amended plans)	Support revised design approach but maintain objection to scale of development.	Granted 04/12/19	
18/2019/0812	The Beeches Highfield Park Llangwyfan LL16 4LU	Alterations to existing care building to form self-contained care units (Amended plans)	No objection to lighting details	Granted 28/10/19	N/A
20/2019/0844	Coleg Cambria Llysfasi LL15 2LB	Erection of a sprinkler tank and pump house	No objection	Granted 14/11/19	N/A
060516	9 Llys Fammau, Pantymwyn CH7 5EZ	Erection of single storey extensions	No observations subject to materials	Granted 7/11/19	
47/2019/0766	Land known as Burns Cottage, Cwm LL18 5SG	Erection of dwelling and garage	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views and lighting condition.	Granted 13/11/19	
41/2019/0801	Land Adjacent to Hendre Bodfari LL16 4BP	Development of land with rural enterprise dwelling (outline application)	Concerns re siting, suggest alternative		
47/2019/0741	Outbuildings at Pen Uchaf, Tremeirchion LL17 0US	Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday let accommodation	No objection subject to holiday use and lighting conditions	Granted 25/11/19	
060382	Larkfield, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EN	Dormer extension to rear and replacement sun room (Amended plans)	No observations subject to materials	Granted 15/11/19	
03/2019/0859	Awelfryn Llangollen, LL20 8TF	Re-rendering of external facade of dwelling	No objection	Granted 14/11/19	N/A
05/2019/0826	Bonwm Cottage Corwen, LL21 9EG	Erection of single storey extension and roof terrace	No objection subject to lighting details	Granted 05/12/19	
20/2019/0885	Land at Three Pigeons Inn Graigfechan LL15 2EU	Variation of planning permission 20/2018/0540 to amend holiday pod design	No objection	Granted 11/12/19	N/A
27/2019/0727	Land at Isfryn Llandynan LL20 7YU	Development of land by erection of detached dwelling (outline)	Object. No local need established and not infill development	Refused 23/10/19	
03/2019/0597	Land at Pen Y Bryn Llangollen, LL20 7PS	One Planet Development including retention of static caravan and other structures and erection of polytunnels and associated works	Concerns re retrospection. Recommend refusal if One Planet criteria not met. Otherwise recommend landscaping, lighting and reinstatement conditions		
20/2019/0867	Coleg Cambria Llysfasi	Details of external lighting	No objection	Granted	N/A

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	LL15 2LB			31/10/19	
20/2019/0871	War Memorial, Llanfair DC, Ruthin	Proposed repair works to existing war memorial	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 11/12/19	N/A
059568	Maes Alyn Farm, Cilcain, CH7 5PG	Outline application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling	No objection in principle but concerns re current siting.		
P/2019/0744	Land adjoining Chapel farm, Newbridge LL14 3JA	Erection of stable block	Object. Unacceptable impact on setting of Listed Building and the AONB	Refused 12/12/19	
05/2019/0768	Park Grove, Llidiart Y Parc, LL21 9EL	Erection of a two storey detached domestic garage and workshop	Concerns re scale of building	Granted 14/11/19	
17/2019/0863	12 Tai Newyddion Llandegla LL11 3BH	Erection of extensions to dwelling, change of use of land to domestic curtilage,	No objection, subject to landscaping and removal of PD rights	Withdrawn 20/04/20	N/A
27/2019/0876	Ty Canol Farm Eglwyseg Llangollen, LL20 8EH	Erection of an agricultural building to store logs	No objection	Granted 14/11/19	N/A
27/2019/0877	Ty Canol Farm Eglwyseg Llangollen, LL20 8EH	Erection of an agricultural building for cattle	No objection	Granted 20/12/19	N/A
27/2019/0878	Ty Canol Farm Eglwyseg Llangollen, LL20 8EH	Erection of extension to existing agricultural building for cattle	No objection	Granted 07/01/20	N/A
20/2019/0847	Fron Bach Graigfechan, LL15 2EY	Erection of a replacement dwelling and extension to residential curtilage	Object. Not a permanent dwelling, no essential need and inappropriate design	Withdrawn 20/11/19	N/A
20/2019/0884	Land adjacent to Bwlch Y Llyn, Pentre Coch, LL15 2YG	Erection of a detached local needs affordable dwelling (outline application)	Object. Unacceptable open countryside location and no essential need		
060035	Cae Newydd Farm, Nercwys, CH7 4AY	Erection of agricultural barn and Alterations to Access (Amended plans)	Recommend new stone frontage wall		
060590	Warren Cottage, Pantymwyn, CH7 5NL	Alterations to cottage, addition of first floor and conversion of car port	No objection subject to materials and lighting condition	Granted 11/12/19	
060520	Bryngwyn Farm, Gwernymynydd, CH7 4DY	Erection of building for housing of calves and horses (Retrospective)	Deplore retrospection. No observations subject to lighting and removal of other buildings	Granted 30/01/20	
10/2019/0843	Cae Mawr Llandegla LL11 3BD	Construction of 2 holiday cabins and associated works (Resubmission)	Concerns re overdevelopment of site. Suggest amendments		
060251	Foel Awel 2 Ffordd Y Llan, Cilcain, CH7 5NH	Variation of condition (planning permission 052287) to allow further time for start of work	No objection	Granted 10/12/19	N/A
060622	Cilcain Community Shop, Village Hall, Cilcain, CH7 5NN	Erection of a Sign on an Existing Post	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 10/12/19	N/A
27/2019/0963	Bryntysilio Bottom Lodge Berwyn LL20 8BS	Erection of a single storey extension	No objection subject to materials and lighting conditions	Granted 18/03/20	
15/2019/0953	Land at Erw Goed Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 4QX	Variation of conditions (planning permission 15/2013/1080) to allow extension of time	No observations	Granted 20/12/19	N/A
17/2019/0937	Land at London House, Llandegla LL11 3AG	Development of land with a detached dwelling (outline application)	No objection	Granted 07/02/20	N/A
16/2019/0969	Lilac Cottage Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd LL15 1UP	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 detached dwellings	No objection in principle subject to retention of existing dwelling and design changes		
060536	Fron House, Ffordd Y Cwm, Nannerch, CH7 5RW	Extension to outbuilding to create art studio and siting of two holiday lodges	No objection in principle subject to design changes and other safeguards		
059568	Maes Alyn Farm, Cilcain, CH7 5PG	Outline application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling (Amended plans)	No objection in principle but maintain concerns re current siting.		
03/2019/0975	Glascoed, Llangollen, LL20 8AW	Details of planting scheme submitted (permission 03/2019/0670/PF)	No objection	Granted 05/12/19	N/A
43/2019/0730	Former Plas Deva Caravan Park Meliden LL19 8NR	Erection of 41 affordable dwellings and associated works (Amended plans)	Suggest materials and lighting amendments	Granted 24/02/20	

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41/2019/0671	Land south-west of Ty Draw Farm Bodfari LL16 4DP	Change of use from agriculture to mixed use horses, retention of stables, and caravan for ancillary purposes (Amended plans)	Suggest landscaping and storage conditions; concerns re permanent siting of caravan	Granted 12/02/20	
43/2019/0685	Tan Y Bryn Meliden LL19 8PT	Demolition of existing extension, erection of new rear extension, and alterations to roof (partly retrospective)	Deplore retrospection; Object ; inappropriate design		
05/2019/0890	Land adjoining Cemetery Carrog LL21 9AP	Development of land by erection of 7 dwellings (outline application)	No objection in principle but concerns re layout and appearance	Refused 27/04/20	
03/2019/1003	Land Off Vicarage Road Llangollen	Variation of condition (03/2016/0300) to amend house types and site layout	No observations	Granted 21/04/20	N/A
05/2019/0938	Land at New Inn Farm Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9HG	Development of land with 5 dwellings and access (outline application – all matters reserved)	No objection in principle subject to design, affordable housing, landscaping and lighting.		
17/2019/0686	Llandegla Fisheries Casgan Dittw Llandegla LL11 3AA	Development of 2 holiday pods, 3 shepherds huts, 2 lodges 15 camping pitches and 10 touring caravan pitches, communal building and associated works (Amended plans)	Welcome amendments to scheme and suggested indicative landscape framework	Granted 24/12/19	N/A
27/2019/1018	Land at Isfryn Llandynan LL20 7YU	Development of land by erection of detached dwelling (outline)	Object . No local need established and not infill development	Refused 04/03/20	
03/2019/1031	20 West Street Llangollen, LL20 8RG	Repositioning of dormer window and installation of new roof lights	No objection subject to materials	Granted 27/01/20	
060725	The Shack, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain, CH7 5NL	Replacement dwelling of similar footprint and scale	No objection in principle but suggest reduced scale, landscaping and lighting	Granted 24/04/20	
21/2019/1033	Tan Y Graig Maeshafn CH7 5LR	Variation of Condition of planning permission 21/2019/0197 to amend proposed detached garage	No objection	Granted 08/01/20	N/A
21/2019/1039	Plas y Ffynnon Maeshafn CH7 5LR	Alterations to existing dwelling	No objection subject to lighting details	Granted 22/01/20	
03/2019/1006	Plas Berwyn Llangollen LL20 8BW	Removal of flat garage roof and replace with hipped roof (Resubmission)	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 30/01/20	N/A
03/2019/1007	Plas Berwyn Llangollen LL20 8BW	Removal of flat garage roof and replace with hipped roof (Listed Building Resubmission)	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views	Granted 30/01/20	N/A
05/2019/1028	Coed Ial Glyndyfrdwy LL21 9BN	Erection of single storey conservatory extension with tiled roof	No objection subject to materials and lighting condition	Granted 21/12/19	
05/2019/0935	Carreg Afon Holyhead Road Corwen, LL21 9EH	Variation of condition (Code No 05/2019/0215) to amend workshop design	No objection	Granted 27/01/20	N/A
21/2019/1032	The Paddock Llanferres CH7 5SH	Erection of extension to existing domestic building and associated works	Suggest proposals be considered as a rural enterprise dwelling		
060201	Land at Plas Yn Llan Cilcain, CH7 5PB	Construction of 18 Dwellings with associated access and footpaths	Object . Contrary to policy and impact on Conservation Area	Withdrawn 21/01/20	N/A
05/2019/1038	Rhydonnen Isaf Rhewl Llangollen, LL20 7AJ	Installation of gasification and biogas CHP systems within existing agricultural building (retrospective)	Concerns re retrospection but no objection	Granted 10/02/20	N/A
05/2019/0886	Land adjoining Cemetery, Carrog LL21 9AP	Erection of 2 dwellings, access and landscaping (Amended plans)	No objection but suggest materials and landscaping	Granted 18/03/20	
05/2019/1016	Land at Station Camp Site, Carrog LL21 9BD	Change of use of land to provide 14 tent pitches	No objection subject to landscaping and seasonal use	Granted 18/03/20	
05/2019/0835	Tan Y Gaer Corwen, LL21 9HU	Conversion of outbuildings to 5 holiday units, parking, landscaping and associated works	No objection subject to landscaping, lighting and holiday use conditions	Granted 05/03/20	
03/2019/0548	Land Adjacent to Dee Cottage Llangollen, LL20 8SA	Erection of two blocks of flats comprising 21 residential units; access; parking and landscaping	No objection in principle but concerns about design and scale of development.		
42/2019/0157	Land at (part garden of)	Erection of dwelling, garage and	No objection subject to lighting		

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	Mount House Dyserth LL18 6BY	new vehicular access	amendments and tree conservation		
20/2019/1097	Fron Bach Graigfechan LL15 2EY	Certificate of lawfulness of existing use of building as a dwelling house	No comments but suggest need to reduce curtilage if case proven	Granted 05/02/20	
27/2019/1072	Land adjacent to Llanarth, Llantysilio, LL20 8BU	Details of dwelling re outline permission 27/2008/1000	No objection subject to materials and lighting conditions	Granted 04/03/20	
16/2019/1055	Land at Rhespoed Farm Llanbedr DC, LL15 1YE	Erection of agricultural building for the storage of hay and fodder	Object to siting, suggest alternative approach	Withdrawn 02/04/20	N/A
060784	Y Fron Farm, Cilcain, CH7 5PB	Five glamping pods, access and associated works	No objection subject to landscaping, lighting, materials and holiday use conditions		
47/2019/0795	Vizsla, Marian Cwm LL18 6HU	Erection of car port	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 04/03/20	
17/2019/1057	Bodidris Hall, Llandegla, LL11 3AL	Alterations to 4 dwellings and conversion of Listed outbuildings (amendment to approved scheme)	No objection subject to Conservation Officer views and lighting details		
060828	Tan Y Fron, Gronant, LL19 9TL	Erection of one new single storey dwelling	No objection subject to landscaping, lighting and permitted development conditions		
060808	Gop Farm, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6DG	Erection of a General Purpose Storage Building and associated works	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting conditions	Granted 21/04/20	
060810	Gop Farm, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6DG	Construction of an Earth Bank Lagoon and associated works	No objection subject to landscaping		N/A
060809	Gop Farm, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6DG	Erection of a covered silage store and associated works	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting conditions		
17/2019/0937	Land at London House, Llandegla LL11 3AG	Development of land with detached dwelling - outline (Amended plans)	No objection	Granted 07/02/20	N/A
21/2020/0041	The School House Llanferres CH7 5SN	Felling of 1 sycamore tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order	No objection subject to Tree Officer views and replanting	Granted 28/02/20	
15/2019/1065	Burley Hill Garage Eryrys CH7 4DD	Retrospective application for change of use of land to timber yard	Deplore retrospection but no objection subject to height, landscaping and lighting conditions	Granted 26/03/20	
060810	Gop Farm, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6DG	Construction of Earth Bank Lagoon and associated works (Amended plans)	No objection subject to landscaping		
060934	5 Pen Y Coed, Nannerch, CH7 5RS	Demolition of existing extensions and proposed rear extension, porch and garage.	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 01/05/20	
060696	Land at Llys Newydd Gwernymynydd, CH7 4AF	Outline application for 28 dwellings	Concerns re contrary to current policy and overdevelopment of site		
27/2019/0761	Abbey Grange Hotel Llangollen, LL20 8DD	Change of use of land to a camping, caravan and motorhome site	LVIA required, concerns re static vans and extent of site		
060945	3 Llys Fammau, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EZ	Proposed extension	No objection subject to materials and lighting condition	Granted 01/05/20	
060961	Nant Y Gain, Cilcain, CH7 5AE	Extension and alterations to units 1 & 2 to form 1 unit of tourist accommodation	No objection subject to lighting condition		
060808	Gop Farm, Gwaenysgor, LL18 6DG	Erection of a General Purpose Storage Building and associated works (Amended plans)	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting conditions. Further details of access requested	Granted 21/04/20	N/A
060798	Former Centre Point Garage, Afonwen, CH7 5UB	Erection of 2 no. live/work units with associated off-road parking	Object. Development in open countryside.		
060981	Y Nyth, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ES	Demolition of existing and erection of rear extension	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 21/04/20	
05/2019/1050	Corwen FC, War Memorial Park, Corwen LL21 0DN	Erection of a spectator stand	No objection subject to materials, landscaping and lighting	Granted 20/03/20	
060784	Y Fron Farm, Cilcain,	Five glamping pods, access and associated works (Amended plans)	No objection subject to landscaping		N/A

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	CH7 5PB				
060827	Plas Yw, Cilcain, CH7 5QS	Proposed conversion of outbuilding for holiday lets	No objection subject to holiday use, landscaping lighting and part re-design		
060998	Thomas Plant Hire, Caerwys, CH7 5BL	Variation of condition 7 on planning permission 052645 re operational hours	No observations		N/A
10/2020/0038	Plas Yn Rhos Bryneglwys LL21 9NE	Erection of extensions to dwelling	No objection subject to Conservation Officer view. Suggest design changes	Withdrawn 31/03/20	N/A
10/2020/0109	Ty Newydd Bryneglwys LL21 9NE	Conversion of outbuilding to form a dwelling and new package treatment plant	No objection in principle but object to design.		
03/2019/0955	Pengwern Hall Llangollen, LL20 8AW	Works to Listed Building	No objection subject to views of Conservation Officer		N/A
43/2019/0685	Tan Y Bryn Meliden LL19 8PT	Demolition of existing extension, erection of new rear extension, and alterations to roof (partly retrospective). Erection of retaining wall, additional parking and storage shed (Amended plans)	Suggest design changes		
03/2018/1141	Tyn Y Wern Hotel Llangollen LL20 7PH	Demolition of hotel and erection of 14 dwellings (Amended plans)	Maintain objection to proposals		
061042	Trelan Newydd, Cilcain, CH7 5NX	Erection of domestic garage with ancillary facilities	No objection in principle, suggest design changes, landscaping and lighting	Granted 15/04/20	
15/2020/0132	Tan Y Marian Llanarmon Yn Ial CH7 5TQ	Conversion of existing outbuilding to form 'granny annex' accommodation	No objection subject to lighting condition	Granted 17/04/20	
22/2020/0186	Wayside Cottage and Isfryn Llangynhafal LL16 4LN	Erection of domestic garages (retrospective application)	No objection in principle, suggest design changes, and lighting condition	Granted 24/04/20	
20/2020/0050	The Cottage, Fron Isaf, Pentrecelyn LL15 2HR	Alterations to attached barn to form an extension to the existing dwelling	No objection in principle, suggest design changes, and lighting condition		
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Forward Work Programme September 2020 Update				
Project Existing	Detail/Action Management Plan Reference	Timescale	Timescale Not Started or Problem =Red In Progress on track =Amber Complete =Green	Cost -ve or +ve (£ Cost) or neutral (Through existing and external budgets)
New	Updated Action	New Dates		
Finance				
Finance and Funding	Update 11.10.20	2019-20		Neutral
NRW Core AONB Funding	Final Year of 3 year package from NRW	2018-21		+ve
SDF Fund	WG double allocation to £100k	2020-21		
Strategic Plans 2017-20				
AONB Management Plan	AONB Area Manager Appointment of contract March 2020 and some consultation	2019-24		Neutral
Outreach and Volunteers strategy	2x Volunteer Programme Published per annum.	2019-20		Neutral
AONB Tourism Plan	Under Review pending funding	2019-20		Neutral
AONB Joint Committee				
Joint Committee Meetings	3 x JC Meetings completed	2019-20		Neutral
LA Legal Agreement	All agreed and sealed by LAs for next 5 years	2019-2024		
AONB Forum	Section 85 Organisations presentations by SPEN and National Grid	Ruthin November 7th		Neutral
AONB Meet Local Members/Town and Community Councillors/AONB Champions	Annual Meet completed. SMS/Mgt Plan/SDF Presentations March 12 th 2020 x 20 attendees	2019-20		Neutral

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AONB Partnership				
Full AONB Partnership Meetings	Three AONB Partnership Meetings	2019-20		Neutral
AONB Award	Presented to present to John Lawton Roberts and Corwen Community Garden 14.6.19	June 2019		Neutral
Partnership Working Groups:				
Landscape Character and Built Environment	Working on AONB Management Plan	2019-20		+ve
Land Management and the Natural Environment	Working on AONB Management Plan	2019-20		+ve
Heritage, Culture and Communities	Working on AONB Management Plan	2019-20		+ve
Tourism	Working on AONB Management Plan	2019-20		+ve
Recreation and Health	Working on AONB Management Plan	2019-20		+ve
Engaging with business(Non Tourism)	Engagement with Staff links for report in Summer	2019-20		Neutral

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AONB Special Projects				
Welsh Government Funding	WG Approved Projects: AONB Management Plan Moorland Mgt fire damage Working with business Cilcain School improvements Historic Environment Projects	2019-20		+ve
Capital Funding	WG allocated £300k per AONB	2020-21		+ve
ENRAW 2019-22	Project Led by DCC Officer Elements on cross-connectivity Graig Fawr NT/PD Way	2019-21		+ve
Our Picturesque Landscape	See OPL Minutes for update	2018-23		+ve
Grazing Animals Project	Assistant Jack Parry appointed to lead project	2019-21		Neutral
Climate Change	Awaiting Action Plans from LAs declarations	2019-		Neutral
ERAMP Monitoring Project	All Wales WG Monitoring Landscape Project	Commencing 2020 Meet BBNP November		+ve

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Section 85 Organisations				
SP Network Lines	Moel Hirathug complete. The Shelf back on. New schemes being evaluated currently	2019-20		Neutral
National Grid VIP and Landscape Enhancement Initiative	AONB Officer is rep for 39 AONBs on National Board. NG approved new line Nercwys-Legacy. Scheme 1 of LEI underway. EOI successful	2019-20		Neutral
WG Future Landscapes Wales	Appointment of NAAONB Officer Wales	2019-20		Neutral
Pontcysyllte Sewage Works	Discussions on going, await landscaping designs	2019-20		Neutral
Severn Trent	Initial Meeting re mountain reservoirs	2019-20		Neutral
Denbighshire CC	Purchase 35 acres of Dinas Bran	2020		+ve