

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 11 April 2024

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DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented,
unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25
of the Gwynedd Council Constitution **19 April 2024**

CABINET MEMBER NAME AND TITLE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Nia Jeffreys
Cabinet Member for Economy, operational affairs and cross-departmental programmes

SUBJECT

Parking Fee Policy on Glyn Rhonwy Plots not in Use

DECISION

Supporting the principle of making plots at the Glyn Rhonwy site, which are not yet being developed, available for event organisers to use for parking.

To charge a fee of £100 per pitch, per weekend per event organiser.

To impose a condition that event organisers cannot charge more than £10 per 24hrs for cars to park on the pitches.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Please see attached Officer Report.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE


None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with
Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report.

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– OFFICER REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member(s):	Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Cabinet Member for Economy, operational affairs and cross-departmental programmes
Name and title of Report Author :	Nia Bowden, Business Support Manager
Date of Decision Taken :	11/4/2024
Signature of Cabinet Member(s):	

Subject : Parking Fee Policy on Glyn Rhonwy Plots not in Use

Recommendation for the Decision :

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Reason why Decision is needed:

A decision on these basic points is needed to ensure consistency for all event organisers, and to secure a small income to meet the administration costs involved in prepare and operating the licences.

Reason and justification behind the Decision:

The Glyn Rhonwy site is divided into 6 plots for the purpose of developing them for different commercial uses. As the result of an open call and subsequent assessment process, developments, and developers have been identified for all of

the plots. Some of the plots are now in the process of being developed on the ground to different scales. The remaining plots have not reached a point in their development where work is taking place on the ground.

In recent years, an informal agreement has existed with the strong outdoor events industry that exists around Llanberis, and Yr Wyddfa, to use any available plots for parking.

During the period, however, due to the lack of a clear policy, discrepancies have arisen in who needs to pay a fee and who needs to pay a deposit. No firm fee amount has been imposed either.

A discrepancy has also arisen as a result of confusion between the entity which is organising the event itself, and the entity responsible for stewarding the event on the day. As a result of this some commercial events have avoided paying a fee because a voluntary organisation has stewarded, and some organisations which effectively operate as commercial entities but are registered as a charity avoid paying a fee.

We recommend charging all event organisers the same fee to ensure fairness for all and to avoid inconsistencies. This also reflects the arrangement within Parc Padarn in hiring the events area

We recommend charging a fee of £100 as set out above, to meet the costs of preparing and administering the licences, and to protect the Council from any costs that may be involved in tidying or repairing the plots as a result of their use.

In addition, we are aware of organisers charging high amounts to parking cars on the plots, which means they park in the village instead. We recommend imposing a condition whereby event organisers can charge no more than £10 per car per 24 hours to ensure the plots are used, as is the intention, rather than creating traffic difficulties in the village.

Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee :

Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision:

Head of Finance

"The fees outlined in this report are the result of careful weighing-up after considering a number of relevant factors. I have no objection to the decision sought."

Monitoring Officer

"No comments to add from a proprietary perspective."

Local Member(s) -

Cllr Kim Jones, Llanberis - "Agree with recommendations"

Cllr Edgar Owen, Waunfawr - "Agree with recommendations"