

Stage 1 Results: The responses of Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Llŷn Area



Our Area 2035
Pen Llŷn Area



Summary (January 2022)

1. Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of the 'Our Area 2035' project is to conduct a conversation and discussion with local communities to identify what matters to residents and how they would like to see the area develop in the next 10-15 years.
- 1.2** We intend to collaborate and jointly develop solutions with organisations, groups and individuals. At the end of the project there will be 13 specific regeneration frameworks that reflect the aspirations of local communities.
- 1.3** The first stage of the project was to conduct initial talks with Councillors, Community and Town Councils and local regeneration groups in order to establish:
 - What is good about the area?
 - What is not so good about the area?
 - What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live?
- 1.4** An invitation, together with area statements (namely booklets that summarised the main economic, social, cultural and environmental data) were sent to all Councillors, Community Councils and the main local groups.
- 1.5** Between September and November 2021 a discussion took place with **17** Community / Town Councils, organisations, groups, Local Members and individuals in the Llŷn Area
- 1.6** Initial discussions have been held with young people in the area via the youth service.

2. What's good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Llŷn Catchment Area noted that were **good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
The Welsh language / culture	16
Environment and proximity to natural attractions e.g. mountains, the seaside and the countryside	16
Community spirit and friendliness	11
Footpaths, cycle paths and coastal path	8
A safe and secure area	6
Organisations, charities, enterprises and operational groups	3
Local produce and businesses	3
Social activities e.g. sports clubs, choirs	3
Clean air / no pollution	3
Amenities and facilities such as shops, cafes, restaurants	4
Heritage and history of the area	1
Good land with economical possibilities	1
Potential of renewable energy	1
Community facilities e.g. Halls, Centres	1
Can attract tourism for economic benefit	1
Public transport and community bus	1
Job and profit-making opportunities in the area	1
Good school	2
Good health service and provision	1
Clean and tidy area	1
Family	1
Good WIFI connection in most places	1
The weather	1

3. What is not so good about your area?

These are the main matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Llŷn Area noted that were **not so good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Lack of affordable housing for local people	15
A lack of high salary / full-time jobs	12
Concerns about health and care provision e.g. emergency service, surgery	12
A number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	10
Problems and impact of over-tourism	10
Lack of care provision and activities for older persons	9
Public transport and insufficient bus network	8
The Welsh Language / culture losing ground and lack of opportunities for learners	8
Lack of quality/safe footpaths	5
Lack of provision and activities for young people e.g. youth club	5
No community events / activities	5
Loneliness	4
Litter, untidiness and general look of the area	4
Concerns about roads and parking	4
Poor broadband / web connection	3
Poverty and high living costs	3
Closure of primary schools is a threat	3
Concern regarding mental health provision	3
Alcohol and Drug Problems	3
Community buildings in poor condition e.g. Village Hall	2
More needs to be done with local produce and the area's heritage	2
Political changes as the number of County Councillors reduce	2
Lack of Police presence	2
Landslide and flooding problems	2
Need to extend the holiday season to make the most of tourism	1
Not enough charging points	1
Shops and businesses closing down	1
Not many quality cafes / restaurants	1
No expenditure in the Dwyfor area - funding used on Caernarfon and Bangor	1
Not many 'green' initiatives	1
Planning policies are unsuitable for local needs	1

4. What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live? (identify up to 3 changes)

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Llŷn Area wanted to see happen in the next 15 years:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people	14
Secure work and high value jobs	10
More encouragement and activities for the Welsh Language / culture to thrive	8
Public transport - accessible, integrated and suitable for local needs	8
More health and well-being resources	8
Sustainable tourism in order to maximise benefit to the local economy	8
A greener area - renewable energy, plastic free, charging points	7
Plans to support local businesses and initiatives	6
Community activities to support well-being	5
Promote more local produce	5
Plans to provide activities / support young people	4
Legislation to have better control over holiday homes / second homes	4
Reviewing the Planning Policy	4
Make the most of the countryside and improve cycling and walking paths	3
Plans to encourage awareness of local history and heritage	3
Create a broadband infrastructure	2
Tackle landslides	2
Regular creative and cultural events	2
More quality cafes and restaurants	2
More police presence	1
Solution to parking problems	1
Gwynedd Council to listen to the voice of local communities	1
A more self-sufficient Llŷn	1
Better political representation	1
Communities to hold campaigns e.g. litter prevention, tree planting etc.	1
Tackle litter and maintenance matters	1
Tackle poverty	1
Council support to recover from Covid	1

5. Additional questions

5.1 Who are the main organisations and groups that could come together to fulfil the required change?

This is a list of all the organisations and groups noted in response to this question in the Llŷn Area:

- Gwynedd Council
- Llŷn AONB
- *Cydweithio Lles Llŷn* (Collaborating for the benefit of Llŷn)
- National Trust
- Fire Service
- Natural Resources Wales
- Nursery Schools
- *Be Nesaf Llŷn?*
- Sports Clubs
- Merched y Wawr
- Y Fic
- Tafarn yr Heliwr
- O Ddrws i Ddrws
- Ynni Llŷn
- Careers Wales
- Jobcentre
- *Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig*
- Menter Môn
- Hall Committees
- Aberdaron Tourism Group
- Llŷn Maritime Museum
- Co-operative Centre
- Sustainable Abersoch Cynaliadwy
- Experts on generating zero-carbon energy
- Local youth groups
- Nefyn Football Club
- Community/Town Councils
- Senedd Cymru
- Llŷn Partnership
- Police
- Adra
- Grŵp Cynefin
- Farmers' Union
- Urdd
- Young Farmers
- Chapels
- Small Businesses Federation
- Eco-museum Partnership
- Hunaniaith
- Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board
- *Cwmni Deg*
- Local businesses e.g. Cwrw Llŷn, Nanhoron
- Coleg Llandrillo Menai
- Women's Institute
- Tourism Group
- Community Centres Committees
- Plas Carmel
- Local Access Forums
- Local CPRW
- Local Industries
- BT

5.2 Are you aware of any local consultation work that has been undertaken in the last year?

This is a list of the consultation work noted in response to this question in the Llŷn Area:

- Survey of the intentions and understanding of Llŷn residents of electric vehicles and charging from Ynni Llŷn, Canolfan Fenter Congl Meinciau and SPEN [Scottish Power Energy Network].
- Eco-museum [Llŷn Landscape Project Officer]

- Participatory evaluation work, Communities First Pen Llŷn
- Consultation on the development of Penrhos homes for older people
- Ysgol Abersoch Consultation
- Holiday homes / Council tax premium consultation
- A Rural Housing Facilitator is currently undertaking a survey on behalf of the Grŵp Cynefin Housing Association to ascertain what is the housing need in the area.
- Plas Carmel Project engagement activities during the last 2-3 years.
- Many people turned up to Hwl i Fyw Adra (The Right to Live at Home) protests showing support and that there is a lot calling on the Council to take action in terms of the housing crisis.
- Yr Heliwr asked for local people's opinions on services in the public house. Yr Heliwr in the process of establishing a community garden in Cae Iorwerth, Nefyn; the name of the scheme is 'hwb i'r hinsawdd' (climate action boost)
- Second Homes Report by Simon Brooks.
- Cwmni Frân Wen has recently worked with young people in Nefyn.
- Nefyn Town Council have been in discussion with Welsh Government.
- Farm produce project with the Old Mill in Aberdaron e.g. farmers producing corn and milling it locally to produce flour.

5.3 Other issues relating to the 'Our Area 2035' work that arose in the Llŷn Area;

- Concern about the accuracy of the statistics presented; one caused major concern and gives a complete misconception of the area, namely these statistics about the Environment - Pen Llŷn 55.1%, Gwynedd 76.6%, Wales 77%. *namely the lowest in Gwynedd
- Statistics are misleading and people who have moved to the area are also part of the statistics. A report published by Wales Rural Observatory on Deep Rural Areas indicates that salaries could be as low as £5,000.