



Notes of the Llanberis Development Group Meeting 6th June 2023, Gwesty Plas Coch

Present

Name	Organisation
Emlyn C Baylis	Chair- GDLLDG
Anne Cumberton	Snowdon House
Sioned Cumberton	Sglein Llanberis
Fiona Nicholson	Plas Coch
Diane Rowlands	First HYrdo
Ann Owen	Royal Victoria Hotel
Merlin Tompkins	Y Festri
Alec Young	Eryri National Park Authority
Glyn Hughes	Eryri Consulting / Vice Chair- GDLLDG
Eric Baylis	Pentref Taclus
Rob Nicholson (Minutes)	GDLLDG

Apologies

Julie Williams (Amgueddfa Llechi); Tim Lloyd (AAH); Lisa George (Dol Peris); Brian Seery (Joe Brown Climbing Shop); Cllr Kim Jones (CGC); Elin Aaron (Gallt y Glynn)

Action points from this meeting (see also the updated Work Plan)

Action Point	Who
Contact Delwedd (web hosts) around how Llanberis.org can promote the Plastic-free initiative and especially on free wifi landing page- provide basic information to promote interest in the business audit	RN
Share Alec Young's email address widely in Llanberis and promote the Plastic-free initiative	RN
Undertake research and visit the Partneriath Ogwen market (RN to approach Lowri)	AC and FN
Discuss possibilities of digital signage around site of the Electric Mountain Centre with First Hydro (DR)	DR, EB, RN
Look at how ultra-fast broadband can be provided for Stryd Fawr businesses and Glifach Ddu	GH
Look at a youth arts tie-in with the Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa initiative	MT, AY
Develop thinking on various ways in which Llanberis could become a Plastic-free village	All

Opening remarks

EB welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Fiona Nicholson of Plas Coch for hosting and providing refreshments.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- RN took the group through the minutes of the February meeting and March AGM.
- DR said that demolition of the Electric Mountain centre was imminent and should start by July. RN outlined a useful and frank discussion with DR about future use of the site. First Hydro would need to be convinced about the long term viability and sustainability of any management arrangement for the site so that the responsibility does not return to First Hydro due to a collapse of management
- There has not been the capacity in GDLLDG to take forward a pilot market- though this is still an aspiration.



- A meeting had taken place about developing Smart Town signage but this does not appear to be possible at the Mountain Railway- DR suggested we consider using the area near the Electric Mountain centre as electricity should be possible
- Glyn Hughes reported that he is working on trying to get a higher standard of broadband into the business end of the High Street. Currently the service is poor and this affects business capacity.
- A grant had not been agreed for producing leaflets but RN and EB had decided to use existing GDLLDG funds and order a year's supply. This has been ordered and the Group may need to consider how we can move to a digital solution
- It was agreed that we should discuss grant-funding opportunities across the village- Merlin would like to be involved and has experience of accessing a wide range of grants.
- Minutes are available at [Llanberis Development Group - Snowdon's village in Snowdonia National Park, North Wales](#)

Plastic-Free Yr Wyddfa

Alec Young – Plastic-free Yr Wyddfa Officer, Snowdonia National Park Authority joined the meeting and gave a short presentation. Key points included:-

- This is a 2 year project in collaboration with Bangor University
- Not just plastic- organic waste is also a focus
- Work with landowners. Schools, land managers and local businesses across Llanberis, Waunfawr, Beddgelert and PYG / Pen Y Pas areas
- Possibility of refill stations
- There is an audit tool which looks to create significant reductions in use and recycling of plastic (Llydaw, Glaslyn and Copa levels)
- Benefits include a premium visitor offering, participation promotion by SNPA and a reduction in litter
- Any business can take part- Alec will be going around the businesses but it is not a 'policed' approach.
- Education of visitors is key- 600,000 visitors per year and up to 5% of soil at the summit is made up of micro-plastics
- The campaign will be using social media to reach new people
- The project covers all types of waste and rubbish but the focus on 'Plastic -Free' is likely to have the greatest impact on changing behaviour.
- There is a 'banana-cam' to highlight the fact that banana peel does not really decompose when discarded on a mountain!

There was a discussion about ways that this could be taken forward to create a Plastic-Free community with a number of suggestions: -

- Lobby for proper outdoor water refilling stations- reducing demand for bottled water
- Encourage local schools to participate in litter picking and raising awareness of plastic and litter problems
- Use flags to promote the project- if we could achieve a Plastic Free Village status we could promote in our High Street display
- Seek funding to provide each business with paper bags – with logo and information to replace plastic bags and promote the Plastic-Free initiative.
- Use our website and free wifi to provide visitors with information on the Plastic Free Initiative
- Promote the audit and Alec's email address and encourage local businesses to take part
- Look at a tie-in with youth arts projects through Y Festri and telephone box exhibitions



- EB emphasized that we should all be thinking about this.

The feeling was that the GDLLDG should really get behind the initiative as it closely mirrors the Group's aims and mission. If we could achieve the Plastic Free status across the whole village that would be very positive. Alec noted that there is a Surfers Against Sewage scheme for communities but that the impact and scope of that project was much lower than SNPA's

Flow-Track

Unfortunately Marc Roberts had not been able to attend to present the feasibility study. The key problem is lack of a clear site though aspirations for the EMVC site and Glyn Rhonwy are still there. There could be opportunities with the proposed Transport Hub at the bus interchange but this is not very clear. It was suggested that in the first instance we should arrange for Marc to re-connect with the feasibility study reference group. The study looks very impressive and as such is tricky to print so RN will ensure it gets on the Llanberis.org website.

Work Plan

RN went through the current and updated work plan (June 23) and flagged up progress and the key priorities to move forward under each project. These included (numbers indicate the Action Plan Priority Number- the full action plan is on the website): -

Action Plan Priority	Next steps, Issues and progress
1 Llanberis.org website and information leaflets	The rebuilt website is in place. The next steps are to provide event information; starting to translate materials so the site becomes bilingual; secure funding for hosting costs; secure funding for leaflets. We have distributed 25,000 leaflets over the last year. There is a translation service EB is asking Stephen Edwardes to provide a drone shot to update the website look.
2 Farmers Market	Feasibility study is on the website CGC is encouraging us to apply for funding to pilot the market- initially indoors (e.g. at Ganolfan) Fiona and Ann were happy to take on visiting the Ogwen Market to develop our thinking
3 Improve signage around the village	We are in the process of applying for funding for new fixed map signs for new car park areas and popular walk throughs including the lagoons. We can't take forward digital signage at the moment
4 Plastic-Free Yr Wyddfa	See notes above
5 Flag Display	Complete with thanks to Pentref Taclus for the funding and to Eric and Emlyn Baylis for the work!
6 Use of Yr Oriol / Electric Mountain Visitor Centre site / feasibility for a pump track	See note above- Feasibility Study ready to be published
7. Support Bro Peris Climate Assembly	We will continue to support and in particular welcome Lowri's work to develop a social enterprise in the wider area



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8. Ffair Nadolig 2023	RN reminded the group about this but was clear that he did not have the capacity to chair the working group this year.
9. High Street Christmas Display	This should simply be a matter of raising funds for batteries this year!
10. High Street appearance	Flags have been taken down now. Funding will need to be found for 2023.
11. Caple Replacement Works	Ongoing liaison.
12. Ardal Ni 2035 consultation	EB and RN have met with Rhian George and will work with her on funding applications to take forward the Ardal Ni priorities where they reflect GDLLDG priorities.
13. A vision for Llanberis Oriol Eryri	Agreed that we should keep a focus on opportunities to develop our vision for the village that may be possible in the Glyn Rhonwy industrial estate area or even the Nant Padarn site. However currently GDLLDG is in no position to take over a building. Thus must remain a long term vision.
14. Twinning with Morbegno	GDLLDG would like to look at how we can develop tangible projects as a result of the twinning with Morbegno. GH flagged up an event on 16 th June at Vaynol Arms

Any Other Business

Glyn Hughes agree to take on the role of Vice Chair- agreed by all.

Date of next meeting- 25th July at the Royal Victoria Hotel

EB thanked everyone for attending and again thanked Plas Coch for hosting the meeting