

**Newborough Liaison Partnership Meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006 MINUTES**

**Present:** Dominic Ineryin, Delyth Owen, John Ratcliffe, Graham Hemborough, Simon Hunt, Michael Webb, Maureen Parry-Williams, Ann Hesson, Rita Farrall, Hugh Knott, Wil Sandison, Graham Williams, Iwan Parry, Barbara James, Jonathon Levell, Martin Hollingham, Jon Levell, Robert Williams. **Facilitators:** Lindsey Colbourne, Margaret Peters  
**Apologies:** John Tripp, Elizabeth Webb, Helena Burrows, Enid Mummery

Decision	Action	Who	When
The Liaison Partnership would like amendments agreed tonight to be made to the recommendations – so that the recommendations reflect key findings from consultation. The group does not want to do further work on recommendations.	Type up amendments in minutes	Lindsey	
	Incorporate into recommendations and send final recommendations to the LP	CCW/F CW	End Nov
All those who have expressed an interest so far (on databases) should be informed of the consultation results together with the LP final recommendations. There is no need to consult again on these recommendations as we have taken on board the consultation results fully.	Produce final consultation reports	Lindsey	End Nov
	Inform everyone who has expressed an interest so far of results of consultation and recommendations, and include a note on the status of the recommendations and the timetable for the next stages (include invite to Jan meeting)	CCW/F CW	Dec
Develop draft brief for the FDP, building on recommendations	Draft the brief	FCW/C CW	Dec
	Send brief round the Liaison Partnership	FCW/C CW	Jan
The 'last' task of the Liaison Partnership as it is now is to meet in January and give feedback on the draft	The LP will meet again to consider the draft FDP 'brief' by FCW/CCW	FCW	
There needs to be discussion re: future role of this/another group(s) which would help ensure the recommendations (especially those beyond the remit of the FDP) are turned into action – this is both by encouraging other organisations and groups to do their bit, but also perhaps by setting up specific groups to deliver practical projects (eg pilots cove boat houses)	Organise presentation by Abergwyngregyn partnership at the January meeting, to inform how an 'action focused' group could work	Jon	Dec
	Consider merging of LP and environmental panel in acting as the 'oversight' group	All	At Jan meet
We need to involve new people in the next steps discussion	Publicise the January meeting having an interesting speaker from Abergwyngregyn	FCW	
Meet in January to discuss the brief and the future role	Arrange venue/date for Jan meeting	FCW	Nov
	Attend	All	Jan
All dates should be set as soon as possible	Set dates for January Liaison Partnership, March drop ins	FCW	Nov

## Timetable from here on

November	Final recommendations from Liaison Partnership  Send recommendations out to all those who have expressed interest so far, explaining the status of them and setting out the timetable from here on
Dec	FCW and CCW consider the recommendations  Other groups may start to consider how they want to take recommendations forward (Note: need to encourage them to report back on progress at March drop ins)
Jan	FCW/CCW report back to the Liaison Partnership on the brief, and Partnership gives comments.  Liaison Partnership considers future involvement, including presentation from Aber
Feb	FCW does FDP design
March	Drop in sessions on the FDP. Opportunity for others to display their plans/progress against the recommendations. Also opportunity to recruit people into action groups (or whatever will take forward the work)
Date?	Decide about/set up action focused group(s) to turn recommendations into action, and keep pressure on progress etc
Date?	Firm up design and Submit FDP
Date?	FCW/CCW/other partners produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- information plan</li><li>- interpretation plan</li><li>- access plan</li></ul>

## Options for the way forward

The group considered the following roles for the Liaison Partnership. (see decisions above)

1. Endorse amendments made today
2. Whole group meets to go through all recommendations again
3. Carry on as existing sub groups to re work the proposals
4. Whole group delegates to new sub groups to rework specific bits
5. Endorse amendments made today and let FCW do the detail and come back to us about the FDP, and flag up other things that need to be taken forward by other organisations/groups/individuals
6. Identify which specific bits need specific organisations to take action and lobby them
7. Group continues with wider remit
8. Group continue to ensure actions are completed eg merge the environment panel with the liaison group
9. Various groups could pick up recommendations and taken them forward
10. Draw up FDP and a group then follows up wider recommendations

## Amendments to LP recommendations, based on results of consultation

### A: Proposals for improving enjoyment, access, recreation

Proposal	Suggested amendment/explanation , based on results of consultation
Continue to exclude motorised vehicles including quad bikes, motorbikes, 4x4, tractors and vehicular access to launch boats (because of the impact on other site users, wildlife disturbance, habitat disturbance / damage, erosion of footpaths and spoiling the tranquil nature of site)	Leave as it is
Improve footpaths and circular routes e.g. provide an all ability access routes, and provide better information and maps of routes, improve access across the Warren	Make it clear that not everything should be all ability: there needs to be a range of different types of path, so some areas are kept more 'wild'
Active wardening (especially at weekends)	Say something about the style of wardening: educative and enabling not (just) restrictive
<del>Use the residents car park for disabled access</del>	Delete this recommendation (due to concerns about abuse of the system, administration difficulties, poor access and changing the nature of the area)
Create opportunities for family orienteering (similar to Beddgelert), initially in the forest only	Say something about how we will ensure minimum damage to the trees. Make it clear it is not to be in all areas of the forest. Keep some quiet/unaffected.
Organised and managed use of vehicles (including Pony and Cart facility) to enable less able people to gain access to selected parts of the site	Make this read as pony and cart/other non motorised (non noisy/polluting) only
Create additional parking space at Malltraeth car park to allow for horseriders	Explain this recommendation more in terms of how it will help cut down on confrontation. Also how damage to paths will be prevented
Create dedicated BBQ areas within the site (car parks)	Make the case for managing it well and why it would reduce fire risk and antisocial behaviour. Perhaps suggest doing it on a trial basis first.

## B: Proposals for increasing community involvement and partnerships

Proposal	Suggested amendment/explanation , based on results of consultation
Find ways of informing residents and visitors of site-related topics and activities and ensure they are involved in the management of the forest and warren in future	Need more detail on how to do this – particularly re: involvement in management
Organise interpretation and education activities to increase understanding of both the forest and the warren and improve the advertising and marketing of access routes and facilities at Newborough	Make it clear focus on education and interpretation rather than on widely advertising the area. Emphasise that any activities of this kind would in keeping with maintaining the wild nature of the area
Have a local training and career development initiative, relating to harvesting, small scale processing of wood, processing and use of local timber and development of ecological and visitor management skills.	More detail needed, which shows how it would work – ie turn into a pilot or feasibility proposal. Include how it would be required not to damage the forest or to cause pollution (concerns re: 'boiler')
Use the structures at Pilots Cove for the storage of small boats / canoes - for use as part of organised recreational activity for local young people	Emphasise how safety will be considered, and do a viability assessment. Allow only non motorised access. Only non powered boats.

## C: Increasing local economic benefits

Proposal	Suggested amendment/explanation , based on results of consultation
consider parking and traffic related measures as a key part of any changes or developments in the area, including how better signing could ensure tourists spend more money/time in the village.	Mention there is recognition that more is needed in village to attract people eg visitor centre, shops, café, but that there is a chicken and egg situation: poor access means poor facilities and vice versa.
Investigate ways for local people to supply goods and services – e.g. for warden services, litter collection, forest management, facilities maintenance <del>(e.g. consider the passing management of the Key Fob system to the community as a contract)</del> , small, local and	Emphasise local contracts for goods/services would be done without commercialising the site.  Scrap recommendation of local management of key fob.

appropriate commercial ventures	
Raise the limit on the beach car park capacity to prevent congestion, illegal parking, stress and abuse of staff.	Change recommendation to read that need to do need/impact assessment first. Also people want to maintain 'bunded' areas.
Test feasibility of a small scale visitor centre (Beach Café, with or without: Educational facility Information centre, Warden Refuge)	Consultation showed people were not so keen on the café as on the visitor centre. So recommendation must explain why need café (ie café needed to make it viable), and how café could be run to minimise litter (eg drink/eat ins only)
Open the existing extension to the Church (Beach) road car park immediately	Turn this into a needs assessment first. Recognise that this is 25 year lease to Llys Rhosyr
Explore the potential for arts workshops and eco-tourism	Assess viability. Emphasise link to for example, visitor centre. Also that Menter Mon art workshops last winter were so successful now being run full time.
Consider how to manage the barrier in the long term both for local income generation and to control vehicle numbers (e.g. raising the key fob fee)	Distinguish between visitors and locals (no increase in charge for latter). Explain how extra money could benefit locally.

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***D: Improving landscape, geology and wildlife***

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Suggested amendment/explanation , based on results of consultation</b>
Any removal of trees on the shoreline should not result in a new linear tree-line and the unique visitor experience currently provided by the access along the road to the residents car park should be maintained	Explain why this is needed (eg for safety) and that detail is yet to be worked out
At least 10% of the forest should be managed as a natural reserve (i.e. neither thinned nor felled and fallen trees are left where they are). The reserve should be in one block.	Consider a higher percentage, clarify what it would mean in terms of public access.
Investigate the possibility of developing a geological trail,	Assess interest/how any damage would be

including sand dune landforms and rocks which are exposed on the shore and in the rocky ridge within the forest	limited
Shift the focus of the forest landward. In principle, and subject to landowner consent, tree planting on adjacent land could enable the total area of the forest to be maintained while benefiting the warren and improve the linkage between woodland throughout Anglesey.	So long as size of forest doesn't reduce. Point out that the unique link to the beach would be maintained in any way.
Explore the potential for the forest as a 'carbon sink' or carbon fixing initiative (to help reduce climate change)	Explain why it is needed and what it would mean in terms of forest management (eg more young trees?)
Create an undulating edge between the dune and forest (but maintain existing access) through gradual, small scale changes	Ensure this is framed as not a way of reducing the size of the forest 'by stealth'
Forest glades, which can provide good habitat for wildlife that live at the edges of forests, should be allowed to regenerate over time - either naturally or through replanting.	(note: English version said should NOT be allowed to regenerate!!). Make sure this says why regeneration is allowed (as people said they wanted it anyway!)
The forest should be managed under 'continuous cover forestry' – this allows 'coupes' (or patches of forest) of up to 5 hectares to be felled. Deforestation of the whole forest, or felling of patches larger than 5 hectares at one time are NOT supported.	Explain that recommendation is not for 'large' areas and 5 hectares is maximum. Explain why 5 hectares [check with FCW]. Set out that the areas would not be contiguous (ie gaps in time between any coupes)