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| RECOMMENDATION | Accept the Information |

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This reports provides information to JAC members on projects that have recently been caried out by the AONB Unit, Countryside Service.
- 1.2 Unfortunately due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the restrictions that were imposed it was not possible to proceed with some projects that had been planned for this year. This included work on marine and coastal litter in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy and establishing a volunteer Group. However a series of projects have been completed.

2.0 RECENT PROJECTS

- 2.1 **Invasive Species** – work proceeded in partnership with NRW to tackle the Giant Hogweed on the Soch river. A professionnall contractor was commissioned to stem inject the Hogweed. The hope is that this invasive species can be completely eradicated from this part of Llŷn soon.
- 2.2 **Recycling bins** - in order to promote recycling and lessen the ammount of waste going into landfill the AONB Unit has introduced 3 new recycling bins within the designated area. After consultation with local members and the Council’s Borough Services it was decided to locate the bins at :

- the Foel Gron picnic site, Mynytho
- near the public toilets at Abersoch
- by the bus shelter at Trefor

The recycling bins have containers to collect glass, paper, plastic bottles and also general waste. We have high hopes that these bins will prove a success and are considering installing additional ones in the future.

- 2.3 **Capel Newydd Nanhoron** – the AONB Unit supported the Trustees to re-start the work of caring for this unique chapel which is a grade I listed building. A meeting was arranged to appint officers and help to develop plans for the future. The AONB Unit also comissioned some vegetation clearence work to enable easier access and improve the surroundings.

2.4 **History Points** – the AONB Unit has been working with the History Points projects which place QR code plaques at various locations along the area’s coast. Information has been provided and locations suggested and the Unit has also led on translation work to ensure the information is completely bilingual. Keep an eye for the plaques along the coast path.

2.5 **Dark Sky Designation** – please see the separate report on this project.

3.0 **CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCED BY WELSH GOVERNMENT**

3.1 Again in the last financial year (2019-20) funds were received from Welsh Government (WG) towards the cost of capital projects in the AONB. The AONB, and the other Welsh AONBs, has received these funds over a period of some years now. This time a total of £59,000 of grant money was received towards the following work:

- Improvements to bridle paths and footpaths.
- Repair and maintenance of fingerposts and traditional signs.
- AONB entrance markers.

3.2 **Improvements to bridlepaths and footpaths in Llŷn** – the Rights of Way section led on this project to make improvements to paths in the Llanengan and Tudweiliog community areas. The work included installing “sleepers” over wet areas, drainage work, putting in steps and replacing stiles with gates. The total spend on this project was in the region of £48,000.

3.3 **Signs and fingerposts** - £10,000 was received towards work to maintain historic fingerposts and traditional village signs in the AONB. The money was spent on cleaning the fingerposts and signs, supply and fit 4 new traditional village signs (Llanealhaearn x 2, Efailnewydd a Morfa Nefyn). The remainder of the money will be used to carry out minor repairs and re-painting of the fingerposts (in Spring 2021).

3.4 **Entrance markers** – three granite stones with slate plaques and the AONB logo are located on the AONB boundary at Aberdaron, Aberdesach and Llanbedrog. The slate plaque at Llanbedrog had cracked in half and the other two had also been damaged therefore it was decided to replace them all. The Cerrig company from Pwllheli made the new plaques and they were fitted by a local contractor.

3.5 **Sustainable Landscapes – Sustainable Places (2020-21)** – in March of this year we were again invited by Welsh Government to apply for capital funding. This time projects had to be for proposals associated with decarbonisation or sustainable tourism – with an emphasis on the Local Authority’s own resources. Following internal discussions and talks with WG officers an application was made for funding towards the following projects:

- Improvements to the area by the beach in Machroes nr Abersoch.
- Refurbishment and upgrade of Morfa Nefyn beach toilets
- An electric vehicle and charging points at Ffordd y Cob, Pwllheli

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Accept the information.