

COMMITTEE	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	November 22 nd 2023
TITLE	Llŷn AONB Capital Projects
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	To accept the information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report contains information on the Llŷn AONB capital projects. These projects are part of the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places (SLSP) programme by Welsh Government which is available to support capital projects within AONBs and National Parks.
- 1.2 The SLSP projects cover a 3 year period (2022-25) and we are now therefore in the second year. Information of the first year of SLSP projects was presented to the JAC at the meeting that was held in March of this year.

2.0 CAPITAL PROJECT THEMES

- 2.1 Themes were set by Welsh Government for projects which form part of the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places scheme as follows:
- Biodiversity and nature recovery
 - Decarbonisation
 - Resilient and green communities
 - Sustainable Tourism

3.0 LLYN SLSP PROJECTS 2023-24

- 3.1 **Porth Ysgo stairway** – this stairway is on a public right of way leading down to the beach at Porth Ysgo on the southern coast of Llŷn. It was installed around 30 years ago and by now is in relatively poor condition. This project will entail removing the original stairway and erecting a new structure using locally sourced timber. The path has been formally closed to enable the work to be carried out (work expected to start soon).

- 3.2 **Common lands** - this project, which relates to work on common land in the AONB, has already started last year, this is a 3year project. It concentrates on common land at Rhos Botwnnog, Foel Gron Mynytho, and Horeb/Mynytho. The work underway includes vegetation cutting and clearing, access improvements, treating invasive species and installing interpretation boards.
- 3.3 **Indigenous trees** – this is a 2 year project and the aim in this financial year was to identify suitable sites within the AONB to plant indigenous trees by undertaking consultation and surveys. Following on, next year to intention is to plant the trees over the winter period.
- 3.4 **Invasive non-native species (INNS)** - species such as the himalayan balsam and japaneese knotweed are an increasing problem across Llŷn with knock on effect on biodiversity. This year the aim was to identify problem areas and pilot different treatment types. In the next financial year there will be more direct action to tackle these problem species.
- 3.5 **Y Ganolfan Llithfaen** – this is a more substantial project than the other and it relates to refurbishing and upgrading Y Ganolfan, the community hall, in Llithfaen. Y Ganolfan has been closed for a number of years now due to the poor condition of the building. Due to the significant costs involved with this project we have had to apply for additional funds (from the Shared Prosperity Fund). At present the work is out to tender.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Accept the information