

**NOTES FROM PARTNERSHIP LIAISON MEETING HELD ON 07.04.05 AT YSGOL GYNRADD NIWBWRCH**

**A. DECISIONS MADE AND ACTIONS REQUIRED**

<b>PENDERFYNIAD/DECISION</b>	<b>GWEITHRED/ACTION</b>	<b>PWY/WHO</b>	<b>PRYD/WHEN</b>
Keep database up to date	Check your details are correct before leaving	All	Today
Go ahead with looking at Llyn Parc Mawr Dirt track development subject to any required planning and environmental impact studies	-take decision back to young people - speak to planners -work with FC	Ruth	
Fundamentals to be discussed first – at next meeting	- provide position statement on fundamentals - Consider if this information will have impact on any other issues identified?	FC/CCW	- for mail out week before meeting - discuss at next meeting
Set up task and finish groups on issues - conservation (wildlife) -Strengthening partnerships and involving community	Sign up as group member on flip chart	All	Today
	Coordinate	-Doug Murray (wildlife - Ruth and Delyth (Partnerships and community)	
Convene next meeting at school	Book room	Robert	May 26 <sup>th</sup> 7-9pm
	Design agenda	Lindsey	

**B. MILESTONES AND OUTLINE TIMETALE**

WHAT WORK NEEDS DOING?	BY WHEN?
Scope : issues, themes, how to work together	April '05, May, June
Quick actions	May
Build capacity, generate interest, site visits, sharing information, do quick actions	May 05 – June
Key themes/issues – groups identify full range of possible/workable options (draft at least by November 05)	April and May '05 - ?
Partnership brings work together---► scenarios of options : be clear what options have not been included and why, and determine if EIA is needed or not	Early Spring '06
Consult on these and test against fundamentals	Spring '06
For options supported by consultation and fundamentals – do more work	Summer '06
Consult on final recommendations	Autumn '06
Action and monitoring	Winter '06

### **C. THEMES AND RELATED ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY WORKING GROUPS AT THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING AND THROUGH PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

With the overall aim of the partnership in mind, members present were asked, in groups of c.7, to discuss and agree on up to 6 opportunities, up to 6 issues of conflict/divided opinion, up to 6 issues relating to information/research requirements and up to 6 possible 'quick wins' (non controversial issues that could be resolved easily and quickly).

These, in turn, were noted on different coloured 'post-it' notes (see key below). Individuals were also given the opportunity to record, in the same way, any additional issues which had been identified by themselves and the groups they represented.

Issues and comments from the public consultation had drawn from the consultation report by Forestry Commission staff and noted on 'post-its' prior to the meeting : these had been roughly sorted on flip charts according to the broad themes to which they appeared to belong.

The groups at the meeting were asked to add their 'post its' to these identified themes, and to propose new themes where necessary. Once all the 'post its' had been matched to themes, the partnership was asked to confirm the heading for each theme and to confirm that every 'post it' had been appropriately assigned to each one.

The colour code for the post-it records was as follows:

	OPPORTUNITIES
	CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION
	INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS
	'QUICK WINS'

	ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION
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The identified themes and associated issues were as follows:

<b>FUNDAMENTALS</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
To gather anecdotal information
To share background information on ecology, land use, visitor use, land tenure etc
<b><i>INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS</i></b>
CCW/FC – Terms of reference and definite plans
What are the legal/statutory drivers (Wales/UK/Europe)?
What is CCW’s vision for the forest?
What are CCW’s obligations under the SAC designation
Anglesey woodland strategy reference source
Define parameters of consultation with CCW and FC
Has the SAC designation changed the relationship between the FC and CCW?
What parameters are not negotiable?
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
AONB, Woodland strategy, Biodiversity Action Plan
Range of management options?

<b>SUPPORT LOCAL INTEREST</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
Bike Tracks
<b><i>QUICK WINS</i></b>
Parc Mawr Dirt track/cycle track
Maintain rights of local people
Mountain bike trail
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
Local wardening

<b>RECREATION</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
Improve recreation opportunities
<b><i>CONFLICTS/DIVIDED OPINION</i></b>
Horse riding routes
User groups – land and sea(beach) – horses/motorbikes/dogs/kites/cycles
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
Horse riding
Dog Walking
Flatter routes for cycling

Waymarked paths
More seating areas
More bins
Improve signage
Information boards
Dogs off lead on warren
Make paths more interesting
Guide – printed map
Cycling

<b>ACCESS</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
Improve public transport
Motor bike 4x4 area
More reliable barrier
Repair pot holes
<b><i>CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION</i></b>
Supply of keys
Maintenance of car parks
Entrance to beach
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
Better paths between Llyn Rhos Ddu and Warren
More circular walks
Short cuts back to car park
More ways from beach to top road
Stabilise path from Llyn Rhos Ddu
Better marked paths in Warren
‘natural’ versus hard surfaced paths
Unlimited access on foot to the forest
Level of access
Children walking
Parking
Residents parking
Blocked rights of way

<b>BALANCE OF TREE COVER WITHIN FOREST AREA</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
Increase structural diversity for people and for wildlife
Continuous cover
Mixed woodland
Maximise woodland cover
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
Thinning better than clearfelling
Glades to diversify forest

Effect of any tree removal on trees in the lee
Increase broadleaves – mixed woodland

<b>WOODLAND LANDSCAPE</b>
<b><i>CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION</i></b>
Tidy fallen trees
Clearing away windblown trees
Wilderness v country park
Clearing undergrowth
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
Appearance of tree felling
Effects of different kinds of trees?
Trees mask view of car park

<b>BALANCE OF DUNES V FOREST</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
Redesign and improve diversity and engage in valuing wildlife and nature
Enhance a major sand dune system
Forest expansion (on land of poor wildlife value)
Opportunity to restore a more fully functional dune system
<b><i>CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION</i></b>
Plant the warren with trees?
Continuous cover – atlantic dune woodland
Enrichment/ underplanting with natives
Sand dunes will not ‘turn up’ be tree removal – longshore drift
Biodiversity – not a desert (no Arabs!)
Shoreline removal of 200 m of trees – link road covered in time
Underplant sea frontage – Corsican pine, scots pine
Conifer clearance
Where is evidence that dunes will arrive with tree removal?
Is there a necessary conflict between dune and woodland management?
<b><i>INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENT</i></b>
Where is the evidence that dunes will arrive with tree removal?
<b><i>QUICK WINS</i></b>
Atlantic dune woodland
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
More dunes
Contrast forest/dunes/beach
No trees on Malltraeth or on open warren
Science of likely wind blow?
Science of hydrology?
Effect of taking 100 yards off front of dunes?
Dunes v forest
Sand must not blow into village

## **SPECIES CONSERVATION**

Task and Finish group members: Doug, Hugh Knott, Craig Shuttleworth, Chris Wynne, David Cowley?, Geoff Radford

### ***OPPORTUNITIES***

**Improving wildlife (not losing what we've got)**

**Create more habitat diversity for wildlife**

**CCW to plant trees in warren and erect bird and bat boxes**

### ***INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS***

**What are the priority species? How to ID them**

### ***QUICK WINS***

**Red squirrel reserve**

### ***ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION***

**Link to Pentraeth (squirrels)**

**Minimum viable red squirrel population?**

**Ravens**

**Suitable habitat for red squirrel**

**Rare and scarce plants**

**Ponies**

**Fungi**

**Great crested newts**

**Wide range of wildlife**

**Natterjack toads**

**Sand lizard**

**Medicinal leeches**

## **BASELINE KNOWLEDGE**

### ***INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS***

**Hydrology research, Local knowledge**

**More research into hydrology**

**Effect of trees on water quality**

**Forest/dune hydrology and relationship**

**Data on dunes and wildlife**

### ***ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION***

**Sediment transport modelling**

## **GLOBAL ISSUES**

### ***INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS***

**Impact of climate change**

### ***ISSUES/COMMENT FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION***

**Role as carbon sink**

**Climate change**

## **STRENGTHENING PARTNERHIPS AND INVOLVING COMMUNITIES**

Task and finish group members: Ruth, Delyth, Simon Hunt, Simon parker, Liz Webb, Robert Williams, Elinor Gwynn

### ***OPPORTUNITIES***

**Encourage local ownership**

**Integrate management of Llanddwyn, Dunes, forest and village**

**To engage wider community**

**Local involvement – scope**

**Partnership working -----► economic development, funding streams**

### ***CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION***

**Community is whole island and beyond**

**Alternative uses may affect balance SSSI/SAC status**

### ***INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS***

**Seek public cooperation through information boards**

### ***ISSUES/COMMENT FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION***

**What do all the various interests want?**

**Weight of local vs Anglesey/Wales.GB/Europe**

## **DEALING WITH ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

### ***CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION***

**No dogs notices**

**Litter**

### ***ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION***

**Vandalism**

## **ECONOMICS**

### ***OPPORTUNITIES***

**Positive for local employment and local economy**

**Something similar to greenwood/alternative technology**

**Employ local people in the forest**

**Increase diversity of attractions**

**Opportunities for local businesses**

**Other uses for timber to increase benefit to local area**

### ***CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION***

**Benefit to immediately local community?**

**Increase house prices?**

### ***INFORMATION/RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS***

**Economic value of forest/timber**

### ***ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION***

**Increase revenue to local community?**

**Barrier fees**

**Car park charges**

<b>Contractors – terms</b>
<b>Consider economic benefit</b>
<b>Need to define economic benefit</b>
<b>Where will benefits/revenue go?</b>
<b>Social and economic interests?</b>
<b>Effects on Malltraeth and Penlon</b>
<b>Funding?</b>

<b>HEALTH</b>
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
<b>Health and social impact of any change</b>

<b>EDUCATION</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
<b>To engage young people through education and leisure</b>
<b>Raise understanding and awareness of place, function, interest, history and people</b>
<b>Education in forest and NNR - through Forest wardens, FEI, educators</b>
<b><i>QUICK WINS</i></b>
<b>Forest Education Initiative (such as the one being developed at Dingle, Llangefni)</b>
<b>Better interpretation e.g. increase availability of leaflets</b>

<b>MARKETING</b>
<b><i>OPPORTUNITIES</i></b>
<b>Reality/Celebrity TV and use of other media – Bill Oddie, Iolo Williams, Bethan Wyn Jones</b>
<b><i>CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION</i></b>
<b>Tourist information centre – in or out of forest? Signs etc.</b>
<b><i>QUICK WINS – NON CONTROVERSIAL</i></b>
<b>Better marketing of the area</b>
<b>Art in the Forest (e.g. Dingle, Grizedale)</b>

<b>FEELINGS AND SPECIAL NATURE OF THE AREA</b>
<b><i>CONFLICT/DIVIDED OPINION</i></b>
<b>Effect of tourism on local feelings</b>
<b>‘Value’/perception of dunes v forest</b>
<b>Undeveloped and tranquil v manicured and busy</b>
<b>Commercialisation v undeveloped</b>
<b><i>ISSUES/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION</i></b>
<b>Peace and quiet</b>

<b>Lack of commercialism</b>
<b>Beauty of the forest</b>
<b>Being able to get lost</b>
<b>Feeling safe when alone</b>
<b>Shelter from sun and rain</b>
<b>Largeness of forest</b>

Since the meeting, the following suggestions for quick wins have been sent in:

- 1) We should all avoid habitat generalisations such as 'non-native' or 'unnatural' or 'alien' etc etc as far as possible as they can be emotive terms and in the context of Newborough are unhelpful. These terms are often used in reference to the forest/conifer species, but the sand dune habitat is managed using ponies (non-native UK species) and is prevented from going through successional change by human intervention (thus cannot be considered as 'natural'). So I would suggest that the group look at the value of ALL species in terms of their conservation and aesthetic importance rather than principally whether or not they are indigenous to UK/Wales. We should accept that modern landscapes contain a mixture of both introduced and native species, and recognise that just as coniferous plantations can be enormously beneficial to biodiversity, ponies and other grazing animals can also be beneficial.
- 2) We are interested in moving the line of the coastal path by where the forest meets Malltraeth Cob and run it along a slightly different route as detailed in the attachment. I hope this would be ok and not too much of a problem.

The following points have been sent in:

- 1) Do CCW/FCW agree with the statements made by the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan (22nd June 2004), that he will not allow government agencies to fell trees if that threatens the survival of the red squirrel on Anglesey?
- 2) Forest design could include, and would be enhanced by the use of, additional coniferous species such as Mountain pine, Umberalla pine, Maritime Pine, Scots Pine, and we should avoid the creation of large areas of birch and willow scrub which are of limited commercial timber value and which are often impossible for people to walk through.
- 3) Areas around the outside edge of the forest (i.e open dunes) could be allowed to scrub up in order to reshape currently linear edges of the forest. The use of quick growing buckthorn species would be an option.
- 4) We should avoid fencing of areas of forest and preventing people from having access. And we should maintain canopy continuity so that Newborough remains as, and feels like, a forest, and does not become a parkland of isolated trees and fenced off 'fields'.

Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation	Representing	2nd Mtg 7/4/05
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Mr	Richard	Boyce	Mountain Biking Project	Youth who want to set up a Mountain Biking Circuit	attended
Mr	Kim	Burnham	Forestry Commission Wales	Forestry Commission Wales	attended
Mr	Chris	Edwards	Forestry Commission Wales	Forestry Commission Wales	attended
Ms	Kate	Evans		Residents of Dwyran, local wildlife members of groups who value the forest	attended
Ms	Elinor	Gwynn	CCW	Countryside Council for Wales	attended
Mr	Thomas	Hughes	Newborough Resident	Newborough Residents	attended
Mr	Simon	Hunt		Isle of Anglesey County Council Planning & Environmental Services	attended
Mr	Dafydd	Huws		Newborough Residents	attended
Mrs	Barbara	James		Users of Newborough living on the mainland	
Mr	Trevor	Jones	Ynys Mon Ramblers Association	Cerddwyr Ynys Mon Ramblers	attended
Mr	Laurence	Jones	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	Independent Scientific Advice	attended
Mrs	Nellie	Jones		Sefydliad y Merched Niwbwrch	attended
Ms	Elisabeth Llanddwyn	Jones		Born on Llanddwyn and Dwyran resident	attended
Dr	Hugh	Knott	Menter Mon	Menter Mon & Anglesey Red Squirrel Project	
Mr	Ian	Miller	Newborough Forest Support Group	Newborough Forerst Support Group	attended
Ms	Enid	Mummery	Llys Rhosyr, Neuadd PJ, SW Mon	Llys Rhosyr, Neuadd PJ, SWMon	attended
Mr	Doug	Murray		Butterflies and moths	attended

Mr	Tony	Newman		The dispersed constituency of amateur naturalists, horticulturalists, x-scientists & scientists afraid to speak out due to CCW control over their voice, via employment, organisation, etc. direct or indirect	attended
Mrs	Delyth	Owen		Community Groups and neighbouring communities	attended
	Simon	Parker		Community Health, sports kiting, immediate residents in my locality	attended
Mrs	Maureen	Parry Williams	Rhosyr Horse Association	Horse riders	attended
Mr	Hefin Lloyd	Roberts		Cerddwyr Ynys Mon Ramblers	attended
Ms	Ruth	Thompson	Sylfaen Wledig	Community Groups and community members of Rhosyr, Bodorgan, Aberfraw	attended
Mr	John	Tripp	CPRW	CPRW Ynys Mon branch	attended
Mrs	Liz	Webb	Newyddion Niwbwrch	Newborough newsletter editors and readers	attended
Mr	Robert	Williams	Forestry Commission Wales	Local Manager	attended
Mr	Chris	Wynne	Wildlife Trust	wildlife & people interested in it	attended
	Martin	Hollingham		Science of proposals	apologies
Cynghorydd	Gwyn	Jones	Cyngor Bro Rhosyr	Rhosyr Community Council	apologies
Ms	Gaynor	Lloyd Davies	Newborough Forest Support Group	Newborough Forerst Support Group	apologies
Mr	Robin	Perkins		Users of Coastal Footpaths and public RoW	apologies

	Craig	Shuttleworth	Friends of the Anglesey Red Squirrels	Friends of the Anglesey Red Squirrels	apologies
Mr	Charles	Cochrane	Criw Niwbwrch Cyf		absent
Mr	Barrie	Freeman	Criw Niwbwrch Cyf	Criw Niwbwrch Cyf - Eglwys Bach Community Project in Newborough - Restoring the St Thomas Mission Hall to turn it into a community facility	absent
Ms	Nia	Hughes	Sylfaen Wledig	Community Groups and community members of Rhosyr, Bodorgan, Aberfraw	absent
Mr	Geoff	Radford	Wildlife Trust	wildlife & people interested in it	absent