

Fforwm Twristiaeth Rhanbarthol / Regional Tourism Forum

Welsh Mountain Zoo

05.12.23

Notes

Attendees: Michael Bewick (Chair Regional Tourism Partnership), Glen Evans (Chair NWT) Jack Matthews, Joe Bickerton (WCBC), Jonathon Williams-Ellis (Glasfryn & Attractions of Snowdonia), Elen Edwards (CCBC), Jim Jones (NWT), Nigel Treacy (DMP Conwy), Ian Lebbon (DMP Denbighshire), Mike Thomas (IOACC), Catherine Williams (WOTGA/SA), Claire Carew (VW), Caryl Jones (VW), Kerry Thatcher (VW), Andrew Forfar (VW), Jen Jesse (WMZ) Robert Hayley (WMZ), Alex (WMZ)

Apologies: Jasmin Ryan (CCBC) Peter Mc Dermott (DCC), Sian Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd) Ioan Gwilym (ENP), Jo Smith (DMP Flintshire), Richard Jones (FCC), Sam Reagan (Destination Wrexham), Nia Jones (Destination Anglesey/ATA)

1	Welcome MB welcomed everyone to the Forum
2	Round table update on the summer & regional updates JB gave an update from NE Wales (see appendix 1) MT gave an update from NW Wales NW Wales (see appendix 2) EE gave an update on the future consultation of the Eryri partnership and that CCBC are also running a Shared Prosperity business grant scheme. GE enquired about how success would be measured on the Eryri Sustainability plan, MB commented that until there is a body to lead on the delivery it was difficult to input. MB invited everyone else to give a short update. Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitor numbers are down 15 – 20% along with rising costs.• Need to heavily discount rooms in order to drive up revenue.• GE stated that it had been very challenging with several new policies coming in – fire regulations, 182, statutory licensing etc, tourism levy, VAT threshold changes and waste recycling regulations• In light of new policies, it is difficult to commit to future investment• JM from the self-catering sector commented that the new fire regulations are a major concern with some operators having significant costs to adhere to new regulations with no financial help. 182 a serious concern with a serious request to review the policy and look to lower letting days. However, on the whole a good season

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that the cost-of-living crisis having a knock-on effect on secondary spend – eating out and visiting attractions. <p>GE asked if there could be some research undertaken on the effect of the loss of bed spaces on the wider rural economy as a result of owners selling up self-catering properties.</p> <p>JWE from the attractions sector reported that it had been a difficult year with rising costs and recruitment still difficult. Visitor numbers have been down. 2024 was not looking good</p> <p>Likewise, the outdoor sector finding it difficult citing the cost of living crisis, more people traveling abroad. They were working hard to increase the quality offer and upskilling operators was key. Main concerns were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of living crisis with numbers down, More people travelling abroad. Pay for access being implemented by NRW <p>Snowdonia Active working to develop modules for the Ambassadors Programme but there are questions about people actually imparting knowledge. IB added that we need to sell the fact we have Ambassadors in the region. CCBC are pushing the programme through the Welsh BAC and it has become part of the inductions programme for new employees at CCBC</p> <p>JJ updated on the work they had been doing with PASC and WTA on the effect of the 182 policy. There is a serious concern for the sector with the new policies either in place or coming into force. They have estimated that there would be an £85m loss to the sector should the school holiday reform come into place. Loss of CAT, Adventure Park Snowdonia, Rhyl Seaquarium and Pontins was a concern. The lack of revenue schemes being offered by VW was also a disappointment. However, the development of the Cruise sector was some good news. There is a feeling that support from WG is not as it was pre covid. NWT are currently undertaking research with Manchester Met university to evaluate the impact of TICs in NW and also the value of aftercare print.</p> <p>NWT were working hard with partners in Japan to raise the profile of Wales and were currently working with NW Wildlife Trust, The Carneddau area of NW and have been successful in drawing down Heritage Lottery funding to produce a museums and galleries brochure and supporting itineraries Slate Landscapes of NW WHS.</p> <p>NT from DMP Conwy stated that despite cost-of-living crisis Conwy has been busy but things are slowing down. Lots of people are arriving with their own picnics which is a concern for the hospitality sector. Many cafes were closed during the October half term. Revenues were stable but footfall was down.</p>
3	<p>Wider VW Update</p> <p>CC updated from VW</p> <p>Financial / budget update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are facing a challenging financial situation post UK Autumn Statement (on 22 November) and people should expect to see difficult spending choices

and inevitably some budget reductions in the WG draft Budget for 2024-2025 that will be published on 19 December. We have no detail to share with you now but the situation is extremely serious and is likely to impact on budgets across government. Once we know more, we'll share.

- It is already a challenging situation for our sector – we already recognise that – with continued cost-of-living, inflationary pressures, energy costs etc a key feature of our conversations for a number of months now.

Roadshows

- We'd like to thank everyone for their participation at the recent VW Roadshows. Important for us to continue these engagement sessions and it has been great to see them back. They were extremely well attended and hopefully everyone found them useful. Our aim was to outline our positive prospectus of future opportunities across marketing, development and events, and there were important conversations to be had around wider policies too (levy, 182 etc).

Regional projects update

Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel, Dolgellau (North /Mid)

Project under development to upgrade the business to 5 Star Country House Hotel.

WTIF support £1.5m (£1.05m loan & £450k grant) for a £2m project creating & safeguarding 33.5 fte jobs.

Beaches Hotel, Prestatyn (North)

Project to upgrade the Hotel from 3 to 4 Star quality and add 12 new bedrooms. WTIF support £525k (£420k loan & £105k grant) for a £700k project creating 8 fte jobs.

WG Policy updates

- Members should already be aware of the consultation that has been recently launched by the Education Minister looking to reform the school year. The main proposal at this stage is to shorten the summer holiday period by one week (from the start of the holiday period) and adding a week to the October half term. Consultation will run for 12 weeks and everyone is encouraged to present their views. We need to understand the impacts – both positive and negative – for the visitor economy. Education team is looking to establish a stakeholder group to work closely alongside them in developing the policy.

- We are also due to give an update on the Statutory Licensing Scheme Bill. A written statement will be issued (around 13 Dec) that will outline the next steps. We are taking an incremental approach to implementation, starting with a registration scheme.

CJ gave an update on marketing activity

- Digital and TV activity as part of our **Autumn phase of the Llwybrau campaign finished end of October. We now have our 'always on' BAU activity running** and includes paid social, PPC, programmatic and lead generation. We also are still running some of our brand awareness

	<p>and lead gen activities in publications such as the Guardian, Simple Things, Wanderlust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our focus is now on our 2024 campaign and we're excited to have fresh, new creatives, showing people enjoying Wales. New shoot this year in North Wales, Portmeirion and the Ffestiniog Highland Railway used along some other edits we already had in the bank, the track is Adwaith's track Ar Lan y Mor. Our new ad will be live from Boxing day onwards. We'll be on all major linear channels as well as on streaming services and on demand/catch up. • Based on insights about viewing habit changes we're seeing a shift especially in the older age bracket for watching TV on demand and on devices rather than traditional linear TV which is why we're shifting more of our budget this year onto these platforms. Also we're one of the first brands to advertise on Disney Plus which up until now has been ad free, but from 01 Nov onwards they have introduced an ad-supported subscription plan and in light of the Welcome to Wrexham connection this is a great opportunity for us to get Wales in front of new audiences on this platform. • As part of the 2024 new campaign there will be OOH in London, underground, overground and a key roadside spot in January for 2 weeks, there are also media partnerships with Tripadvisor, Mumsnet, Walk/Rambler's magazine and Conde Nast as well as influencer marketing in March. <p>German activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE digital campaign, this will be a mixture FB lead gen and conversion ads to drive e-newsletter sign-ups. Also targeted awareness ads – native display, page likes, Instagram ads and video display. The campaign will run mid Jan – mid March. • Media buying – a range of advertorial and lead gen activity in publications such as SportScheck and RTL Adalliance • Ongoing BAU social activity with 18-20 posts per month across both DE Facebook and Instagram channels.
4	<p>Round table discussion on the Visitor Levy</p> <p>MB asked if the LAs were now thinking about the levy and how would it be used. EE stated that workshops with regional LAs would-be taking place in the new year to discuss how they would deal with the finances and governance, with the Welsh Revenue Authority. The concern is whether the levy would be additional funds or not. JJ added that the wider budget cuts, to LAs were a concern and that that the levy could be used for statutory obligations. Budgets for 2025/2026 were looking bleak and any Levy would only fill future gaps in tourism budgets.</p> <p>79% of NWT members were negative to the Levy. And there has not been enough dialogue with stakeholders. The Levy would be a manual transaction by businesses and another burden for stakeholders.</p>

	<p>GE questioned if the Levy could be implemented in the NPs – it is a financial punishment to access the Parks and these environments are governed by UK legislation.</p> <p>Cost of collecting is going to be an issue for stakeholders and how much was it going to cost to administer the Levy.</p> <p>LAs were currently finding it difficult to recruit staff and that, linked to future LA budget cuts begged the question of how would LAs collect the Levy.</p>
5	<p>Visit Wales Skills update.</p> <p>Due to time constraints this item is covered in the PP circulated.</p>
6	<p>60 years of Conservation at the Welsh Mountain Zoo</p> <p>Alex from the Welsh Mountain gave a presentation on 60 Years of Conservation at the Zoo.</p>

APPENDIX 1

Wrexham Update

Exciting time for Wrexham highlighted by Welcome to Wrexham Doc and and whilst this is great marketing for the county it turns the focus onto Destination Management and a need to ensure the welcome and experience on the ground is first class.

People arriving trying to get a match day ticket or visits the ground is a challenge

- Now signed up to the NW Ambassador scheme and we have 200 ambassadors on board
- A lot of travel journalists have visited from US, Canada and Australia all attracted by the football story but once they are here, they get to see the wider offer the region has
- DM plan now giving us a framework to work to
- Brilliant basic signage project going well
- We are working towards City of Culture 2029 with a bid going in in 2024 and now working with a recently established 'culture trust' made up of public private sector partners.
- Work closely with the County tourism Partnership
- Launching a new tourism app – with more itineraries
- There is a focus on city centre regeneration and the city has recently announced the development of a Ryan Reynolds Garden filling a brown field city centre site.
- On a NE Wales level we are working hard to ensure the LUF funding at the WH Site is spent and pleased to say there has been a 12-month extension on time scale. All based on visitor improvements from Corwen all the way to Trevor Basin

Denbighshire Update

Inaugural Wales Ambassador Week from 20-26 November

Coordinated by Nicky Williams of DCC Tourism Team

The aim of the Wales Ambassador Week is to highlight the diverse range of people that have benefitted from becoming an Ambassador and to encourage others to join.

A number of activities were organised during the week including

- On-line event specifically for Ambassadors with speakers from Visit Wales and Eryri National Park will be discussing the plastic-free Yr Wyddfa project. The Wales Official Tourist Guide Association will also be attending and explaining how to become a Wales Tourist Guide.
- Evening under the stars to learn about the Welsh names and mythology behind the constellations
- Interactive session on how to use smart phones to create social media content
- Speed networking event to explore how businesses can work together.

The Wales Ambassador Scheme sponsored the Skills in Tourism & Hospitality Award at the Go North Wales Tourism Awards on 23 November. The scheme won this award last year.

In terms of the North Wales Tourism Awards

Four Denbighshire businesses were recognised in November's prestigious Go North Wales Tourism Awards.

Bearded Men Adventures from Llangollen won the Go Marketing and Media Recognition Award

Rivercatcher from Corwen won the Go Pet Friendly Award

Riversdale House in Llangollen won the Go B&B, Inn, and Guesthouse of the Year

Llangollen and Corwen Railway (Llangollen Railway Trust) won the Go Attraction of the Year.

Levelling Up Update

Clwyd South Levelling Up Fund (CS LUF) – Round 1

Llangollen/Llantysilio

- Four Great Highways – been various consultation activities. Invitation to tender for the works just closed. Waiting for an update on the outcome of this.
- Plas Newydd - Handrail to improve accessibility to the Dell to be installed. Path underway to provide access to Weaver's cottage to enable future renovations.
- Wenffrwyd –Canal Link path complete and open to the public. Link path between Wenffryd and health centre open and hosting park run. Developing some designs to provide some volunteer space within the compound area and extend the cycle tracks.
- Horseshoe Falls – Improved access to the river complete. Contract awarded for replacement drainage system for toilet block and improvements to car park. Expected to start on site imminently. Some car parking will remain available during the construction period.

Corwen

- Railway Platform Canopy – Complete and new heritage railway in Corwen now operational. Waiting for footfall figures but anecdotal information highlights increased footfall in the town through the new station.
- Corwen High St/Green Lane Car Park - 10 EV Charging Points installed and operational in Green Lane Car Park. Works underway on the High street refurbishment and improvements to the bus stop area.
- Historic Building Refurbishment (Llys Owain) – Contractors on site with external improvements.
- Active Travel Route – variation agreed with UK Government to take forward Cynwyd to Corwen section of the path and provide a crossing across the A5. Public

engagement due to start in Spring. Originally proposal was to deliver a route from Corwen to the A5 but delays in acquiring land meant that the project could not be delivered within the funder's timeframe.

Clwyd West Levelling Up Fund (CW LUF) – Round 2

The focus initially has been on setting up the teams required to deliver the projects. This is now complete and work is underway across all of the projects to progress designs, complete surveys and secure permissions prior to starting work on construction.

The first of the projects ready to begin procurement is expected to be the St Peter's Church & Cloisters refurbishment and the Ruthin Clock Tower Renovation with further updates on this expected in the new year. Further details on key delivery milestones will be going onto the website over the next month.

Public engagement and consultation will be held late Spring on designs for St Peter's Square and Cae Ddol park.

Interested parties are also able to sign up to a newsletter to receive regular updates to their inbox. Details are on the webpage or email levellingup@denbighshire.gov.uk

Vale of Clwyd Levelling Up Fund (VoC LUF) – Round 3

Denbighshire County Council's project bid for Tackling Deep Rooted Denbighshire Deprivation through Pride of Place & Natural Environment has been provisionally awarded as part of third round of Levelling Up funding.

The project could potentially receive up to £19,973,283, to be used for a range of physical regeneration interventions in highly deprived areas of the Vale of Clwyd constituency to enhance the town centres, improve the sense of place and security, and support the visitor and retail economy to drive local growth.

As mentioned previously, the award is provisional at this stage and is subject to a short project validation check to ensure the bid will still benefit from Government funding and remains a local priority. We also need to confirm that the bid is still deliverable by March 2026, and still represents value for money.

We are awaiting information on the next steps in the process.

SPF funding

Rhyl TIC Rhyl Museum Co-relocation

Feasibility Study is underway with consultants Planning Solutions appointed.

Inception meeting held 21/11/23.

Site visits held on 04/12/23.

Current timeline sees completion by mid-March 2024.

This funding comes from the Prosperous: Town Centre Improvements and Tourism, DCC Feasibility Study Fund.

Grassroots Engagement Continues

Destination Partnership met 19/9/23 as part of Ruthin Futures Week

DCC Tourism Strategy Group 9/10/23 attended by Chair of Partnership

DCC officers (with Wrexham and Flintshire) Attended Visit Wales Roadshow
18/10/23

Denbighshire Tourism Forum 25/10/23 with 80 attendees. Theme focused on sustainability including sustainable travel.

APPENDIX 2

Gwynedd Update

Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable Tourism strategy 2035

The new strategy was launched on the 25 Sept 2023. [Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable Visitor Economy 2035 | Visit Snowdonia \(ymweldageryri.info\)](https://ymweldageryri.info)

Work in progress to set up new partnership and finalise the yr 1 action plan and monitoring outputs. Successful UK Shared Prosperity fund bids presented to fund elements of the priorities identified.

A New events fund scheme announced for summer- autumn/ winter 2023 period partially supported through SPF. 22 events supported.

Gwynedd Ambassadors programme

Over 300 registered on the **Gwynedd Ambassadors programme**. 9 modules now available since April 2023. Enabling ambassadors to reach gold level of attainment.

Brilliant Basics Visit Wales 2023-2024/5

Two successful bids presented to draw down Brilliant Basics 2023 – 2024 Rd3 funding to upgrade coastal facilities at Dinas Dinlle and public toilets at key destinations namely Criccieth, Pwllheli, Llanberis and Aberdyfi. Work at Criccieth and Llanberis will be undertaken in 2023/2024 with work commencing at Aberdyfi and Pwllheli in 2024/5.

Gwaith Gwynedd / Gwynedd Employability programme

Gwaith Gwynedd continues to try and prepare unemployed individuals for the needs of the tourism sector here in Gwynedd, by improving skills to try to ensure that these match the needs of businesses. Our next series of Job Fairs have been organised for the period from February to April 2024, with an excellent response already from businesses. Gwaith Gwynedd's provision has been extended since the 1st of October 2023, to include In-work Support for employed individuals looking to improve their skills in order to progress withing their workplace.

Business Support

The past few months have been very busy in terms of Business Support with the launch of a series of business and property development grants launched in the summer. So far, 50 smaller grants have been awarded, and we are finalising the process of assessing 82 applications for larger grants. Applications totalling almost 5 times the value of the fund available have been received, and it is therefore unavoidable that many people, even with good applications, will be disappointed. We will be discussing unsuccessful applications with Busnes Cymru to investigate any other sources of support.

Slate Landscape

The Slate Landscape WHS has been continuing the work on the Levelling Up project focussing on the creation of cultural hubs and facilities in Llanberis, Bethesda and Blaenau Ffestiniog, along with conservation works and town Centre improvements. They have also secured SPF funding for town Centre improvements in Penygroes, Porthmadog and Tywyn meaning that all 6 of the main towns within

the designation will see projects such as public art installations, improved signage, new welcome signs and small scale infrastructure projects take place. The WHS is also working on their National Lottery Heritage Fund application which will be subject to a formal review meeting in December before moving on to submitting the full application in February 2024, if successful, this will be a £1.75m project across the WHS to support community activities, offer training and volunteering opportunities, support businesses and improved marketing and interpretation.

Maritime matters

The coastline in Gwynedd was once again extremely busy during the season, in particular during May and June when the weather was favourable. There was also a slight increase in the number of berth holders in our harbour compared to the previous year.

In 2023 Cyngor Gwynedd registered over 2500 powered craft, and the vast majority of owners generally adhered to the regulations with very few complaints about their usage.

There were no fatalities on any of Gwynedd's beaches or harbours this year although our officers provided first aid to numerous beach users and assisted the emergency services in searching for missing children, particularly at Barmouth and Morfa Bychan beaches. Officers also promoted key coastal safety messages to users by utilising the 'sea character costumes' which proved extremely popular and raised awareness of coastal hazards on the Council's *digital platforms*.

Maritime staff once again experienced aggressive and abusive behaviour from members of the public when undertaking their duties, and all officers are now required to wear bodycams at all times during working hours.

Anti-social and dangerous driving at Morfa Bychan beach was still a concern, but new signage along with an awareness campaign by North Wales Police and Cyngor Gwynedd had a positive impact.

Overnight parking and wild camping in coastal areas remain problematic despite clear signage being in place – the main areas of concern are Y Foryd, Dinas Dinlle, Porth Neigwl, Morfa Bychan and Penrhyn Point near Fairbourne.

Dog owners who contravene the 'Public Spaces Protection Order' were common with several complaints being received, particularly on rural beaches where there is no daily supervision, e.g., Porth Towyn, Harlech, Llandanwg and Fairbourne.

Litter and the incidence of fly-tipping on beaches was greatly improved this year compared to previous seasons, with additional litter bins and recycling receptacles positioned at certain locations, but dumping of domestic waste in beach bins was still common practice.

A number of events were successfully held on the beaches of Gwynedd in 2023, eg The Roc Triathlon at Abersoch and Barmouth Motocross event to name but a few.

Town Centre Regeneration

The process of establishing the Regeneration Framework for Gwynedd has identified the regeneration of town centres as a priority. Town Centre Regeneration is also a

priority project within Cyngor Gwynedd Plan 2023-2028. To ensure a vision is established and priority projects identified for the County's towns, Place Making Plans are being developed. Work has been completed at Bangor and Caernarfon, and is underway for Porthmadog, Pwllheli and Bala. The intention is to ensure that all of the County's main towns have a strategic direction. This complements Welsh Government's Transforming Town's Programme.

NW Forum

Conwy update

- Brilliant Basics project update: Llandudno shelters and colonnades – we have appointed the contract for the replacement of the remaining Llandudno shelters to MWT. They worked on the previous Llandudno Shelters project. We expect work to start on site in January. In the meantime, we are starting to order some of the materials for the new shelters before we start demolition.
- Brilliant Basics project update: Destination and directional signage – we are currently carrying out a tender exercise to appoint a company to produce an audit of our fingerpost signage in Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Llanrwst and Abergele. Once the audit has been produced, we will then start to install any new fingerposts required by the communities and remove outdated fingerposts. For the destination signage element, we have appointed a digital artist called Olivia Whitmore to create the destination signage. Consultations will be carried out in the New Year.
- SPF project update: Improving and futureproofing the visitor economy – this project seeks to produce a winter tourism marketing campaign, feasibility study to improve the night-time economy, development of networking events for Conwy Tourism Ambassadors, development of local trails and support for our Tourist Information Centre online shop. We have now awarded the contract for the winter tourism marketing campaign to Working Word. Work will begin shortly. The tender for the feasibility study for the night-time economy is currently live and will be awarded in the New Year.
- Launch of the revised Destination Conwy Management Plan took place last month at Conwy Business Centre. The event went really well and we were approached by a lot of businesses after the event wanting to become involved with developing the Action Plan for the strategy.
- One thing that was highlighted a lot in the launch event was the importance of international visitors. We'd like to work with other NW local authorities to see how we can capitalise on the success of Wrexham and encourage some of those visitors to travel across North Wales, benefitting the whole region.
- We will be carrying out some consultation on signing the MOU with Gwynedd and Eryri for their Sustainable Visitor Strategy 2035. We are particularly keen to engage with businesses in the Conwy area of Eryri National Park.

- Conwy Tourism Ambassador Programme – worked with other LAs on Wales Ambassador Week. This was held last month and went well. Conwy currently has 560 bronze ambassadors, 450 silver ambassadors and 351 gold ambassadors.
- Clare Sharples has been appointed to the role of Tourism and Regeneration Project Officer. Clare has previously worked for the Tourism Team at CCBC before doing a 3 year stint in the private sector, so has lots of relevant experience to bring to the role.
- Work has started on the previous M&S building in Llandudno. Mostyn Estates bought this building and received funding from Transforming Towns to remove the asbestos. This is now being started and will be complete by March 2024.
- We have been working with Colwyn Bay Town Council to develop their Place Plan further. They have received some development funding from Transforming Towns to host workshops on the six main themes in their plan and develop these further.
- Llandudno 10 Year Regeneration Plan has been approved by CCBC Cabinet. An Action Group has been established to identify priority projects within the plan and attract funding for these.

NW Forum

Ynys Mon update

- **Destination Management Plan (DMP)** Has now been adopted by the County Council. Next steps will be creating an Action plan and delivery partnership. With the aim of holding a launch event/forum early 2024 to develop the new partnership to drive this forward and create details action plan
- Brilliant basics application successful. Work has been tendered out and the successful contractor has been appointed to start on next round of improvements at Beaumaris, Moelfre, Rhosneigr and Traeth Bychan. New facilities including shower facilities, new washrooms and improved appearance. Works will be complete by March 2024. This also includes a new roof in Moelfre after initial investigations.
- Smart Towns now operational data is now fully available and visible on patrwrm.io for everyone. This also includes town centre wifi for visitors and residents to improve engagement and dwell time
- Digital - New visitanglesey website ready to launch early 2024. Ironing out last few technical issues. Website will focus on in destination itineraries for days out, half days and be more location specific - Digital App development
 - Stori mon and Dan y Môr apps now both launched earlier this year
 - Positive take up and marketing campaign undertaken
- Cruise ships (this benefits the whole region)
 - Very successful season with more vessels than ever

- New partnership approach and coordinator appointed by Holyhead town council. Resources needed to safeguard this vital post for the region. This is working well
- Debrief taken place and recommendations for 2024. Formal Cruise Wales meeting this Friday for Pan Wales updates
- In excess of 70 vessels now booked for 2024
- Ambassadors
 - Supporting and working with Denbighshire and Artichoke on an Ambassador week to raise awareness and progress further
 - New silver modules now live along with videos
 - Exploring options for further training and development
- Menai Suspension bridge restrictions still having an impact
 - Restrictions started this week until 2025 to replace hangers
 - Meeting held with Welsh Government and Always Aim High re utilising the bridge / surrounding trunk road for the Menai half marathon. 2024 will not see the bridge itself used but option being looked at utilising the trunk road and running under the bridge
- LUF progressing with projects in Holyhead
 - Uchedlre centre
 - Improvements to cinema
 - New kiosks on Newry beach
 - St Cybis church improvements
- SPF Stage 2 applications have been approved (single LA and multi LA applications)
- Freeport development progressing
- Arfor. Awaiting to award various private project, includes food producers. Benefits Welsh Language and the economy
- Maritime. In process of recruiting a new maritime manager to oversee future development and process. Will include reviewing harbours and byelaws