

Stage 1 Results: The responses of Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Lleu / Nantlle



Summary (January 2022)

1. Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of the 'Our Area 2035' project is to conduct a conversation and discussion with local communities to identify what matters to residents and how they would like to see the area develop in the next 10-15 years.
- 1.2** We intend to collaborate and jointly develop solutions with organisations, groups and individuals. At the end of the project there will be 13 specific regeneration frameworks that reflect the aspirations of local communities.
- 1.3** The first stage of the project was to conduct initial talks with Councillors, Community and Town Councils and local regeneration groups in order to establish:
 - What is good about the area?
 - What is not so good about the area?
 - What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live?
- 1.4** An invitation, together with area statements (namely booklets that summarised the main economic, social, cultural and environmental data) were sent to all Councillors, Community Councils and the main local groups.
- 1.5** Between September and November 2021 a discussion took place with **15** Community / Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members in Bro Llew and Nantlle.

2. What's good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Lleu and Nantlle noted that were **good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Environment and proximity to natural attractions, e.g. mountains, the seaside and the countryside	10
Heritage and history of the area	8
Community spirit and friendliness	8
Organisations, charities, enterprises and operational groups	6
The Welsh language / culture	6
Local produce, businesses and shops	5
Volunteers	4
Footpaths, cycle paths and coastal path	4
Social activities, e.g. sports clubs, wild garden	3
Education provision and good schools	3
Development of the Health and Well-being Centre	3
Good road links	3
Opportunities and benefits of attracting tourism / visitors	3
Outdoor leisure activities	1
A safe and secure area	1
Clean air / no pollution	1
Play park for children	1
Housing provision	1
Support for local shops	1

3. What is not so good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community / Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Lleu and Nantlle noted that were **not so good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Lack of affordable housing for local people	9
Public transport and insufficient bus network	9
A lack of provision and activities for young people, e.g. youth club	9
Concerns about health provision, welfare and care	9
A lack of high salary / full-time jobs	7
Litter, untidiness and general appearance of the area	7
Lack of collaboration between local organisations / initiatives	4
No place to convene / community hub	4
Concerns about education provision / closure of schools	4
Problems and impact of over-tourism	4
Concerns about the conditions of roads and traffic	4
Antisocial behaviour	3
The Welsh language / culture losing ground	3
The poor condition of housing	3
A number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	3
A lack of capacity / provision / zeal locally to hold activities and attract new people to lead Community Councils and groups	2
Cuts / deterioration in Gwynedd Council services	2
A lack of quality housing to rent	2
Local economy - a lack of resources and shops closing	2
Concern about Planning for Housing / Local Development Plan	2
Poor broadband / internet connection	2
Poverty and fuel poverty	2
A lack of good quality / safe footpaths	1
Loneliness	1
Flooding	1
Environmental pollution	1
Communities under pressure due to incomers	1
Housing stock is old	1
Trees dying	1

4. What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live? (Identify up to 3 changes.)

These are the principal matters the Community / Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Lleu and Nantlle wanted to see happen in the next 15 years:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people	9
More health, care and well-being resources	9
Secure work and high-value jobs	8
A greener area - renewable energy, plastic free, charging points	7
Better collaboration on a local level, e.g. between organisations, enterprises, Community Councils, for the benefit of local residents	6
More support for local businesses to prosper in the area	6
Public transport - accessible, integrated and suitable for local needs	6
Provide more facilities for young people	5
An increased provision for leisure / sports facilities	4
A central support / information hub	4
A need for tourism and to maximise the economic potential of visitors	4
More communication between Community Councils and Gwynedd Council	3
A community resource to bring people together, e.g. growing area, pub, adult classes in the school	3
Review the vision for education in the area	2
Young people to take a more active part in their community, e.g. join Committees	2
A permanent prescription / food delivery scheme	2
More encouragement and activities to allow the Welsh language / culture to thrive	2
Create a broadband infrastructure	2
Legislation to have better control over holiday homes / second homes	2
Communities that are prepared for climate change, e.g. flooding	1
Maintenance of public footpaths	1
Support to reduce fuel poverty	1
Community to work to prevent discarding litter	1
Environmental improvements, e.g. tree planting	1
Consider developing other mountains apart from Snowdon, for visitors	1
Improve the roads network	1
A need to be aware of the UNESCO status before local development	1

5. Additional questions

5.1 Who are the main organisations and groups that could come together to fulfil the required change?

This is a list of all the organisations and groups noted in response to this question in Bro Lleu and Nantlle:

- Gwynedd Council
- Dyffryn Nantlle Children and Young People Partnership
- Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle
- Snowdonia National Park
- Health Board
- Housing Associations - Grŵp Cynefin / ADRA
- Community Groups and Organisations
- Menter Ty'n Llan
- Social Services
- Sport Clubs
- Local support services
- Local and new employers
- NFU
- Local colleges
- Canolfan y Fron
- Community / Town Councils
- Welsh Government
- Menter Môn
- Siop Griffiths
- Antur Nantlle
- Y Bont
- Primary Schools
- Nantlle Vale
- Community Centres
- The community
- Arts Clubs
- Transport for Wales
- Wales Tourism
- Y Fron Residents Association
- Slate Heritage Lottery Project

5.2 Are you aware of any local consultation work that has been undertaken in the last year?

This is a list of the consultation work noted in response to this question in the Bro Lleu and Nantlle area:

- Bro Lleu Strategy.
- Menter Ty'n Llan held a local consultation as part of the Ty'n Llan project.
- Talks about the potential for the creation of a local green economy following the closure of the Northwood factory.
- Grŵp Cynefin consultation – Health Centre.
- Llanllyfni Memorial Hall Committee consultation as part of the hall upgrade scheme.

5.3 Other issues relating to the 'Our Area 2035' work that arose in the Bro Lleu and Nantlle area:

- A number of observations referred to **the Bro Lleu Strategy** which is operational within the area. There was a desire that the Our Area work would feed into this in some way, and not duplicate it. There was also a feeling that there was a need to better communicate the Strategy and encourage collaboration between local organisations and groups.

- The villages of Nebo and Nasareth have approximately 125 houses with around 250 residents. Apart from the square in Nebo, properties are often isolated with no immediate neighbours. The demographic tends to be around 50+. Our comments reflect the challenges we face living in a very rural community, where some residents express concerns that the villages have been left behind.
- Gwynedd Council needs to act rather than hold consultation after consultation that get us nowhere. A need to be clear about funding sources for this project and their impact on current services.
- Feel that Gwynedd Council does not provide community councils with enough opportunities to provide input into strategic decisions affecting communities - a need to change this situation. Community councils have been expected to take on much more responsibility in recent years, and we need to remember that they consist of volunteers.