

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



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 is important 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 Ardudwy.
- 1.6** Initial discussions have been held with young people in the area via the youth service.

2. What's good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in Bro Arduwy 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	11
Community spirit and friendliness	9
A safe and secure area	8
Cambrian Railway network	5
Social activities e.g. sports clubs, choirs	4
The Welsh Language / culture	4
Amenities and facilities such as shops, cafes, restaurants	4
Opportunities and benefits of attracting tourism / visitors	4
Walking and cycling paths and opportunities	3
Job opportunities and self-employment	3
Clean air / no pollution	3
Education provision / Local school	3
Local produce and businesses	2
Heritage and history of the area.	2
Public transport - bus network	2
Activities and opportunities for young people	1
The weather	1
Volunteers	1
Organisations, charities, enterprises and operational groups	1

3. What is not so good about your area?

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

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
A lack of high salary / full-time jobs	12
Public transport and insufficient bus network	10
Lack of affordable housing for local people	9
Lack of provision and activities for young people e.g. youth club	9
A number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	6
Local economy - lack of resources and shops closing	5
The Welsh Language / culture losing ground and lack of opportunities for learners	5
Concerns about health provision, welfare and care	4
Lack of capacity and zeal locally to hold activities and attract people to lead Community Councils and groups	4
Litter, untidiness and general look of the area	4
Lack of housing of suitable quality to rent	4
Concern about education e.g. that not many go on to higher education	4
Not enough car charging points	3
Concerns about the conditions of roads and traffic	2
Geographical distance from everywhere	2
Insufficient provision / investment in art and recreational facilities	2
Lack of childcare in the area	2
Lack of facilities such as public toilets	2
Lack of activities / club for older people	2
Concern about food and fuel prices	1
Drugs and alcohol misuse	1
Problems concerning parking	1
Poor access to the harbour	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 Arduwy wanted to see happen in the next 15 years:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Secure work and high value jobs e.g. by opening Llanbedr Airfield	9
Public transport - accessible, integrated and suitable for local needs	7
More encouragement and activities for the Welsh Language / culture to thrive	5
Better sports provision in the area	4
A greener area - renewable energy, plastic free, charging points	4
Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people	3
Better cycling and walking paths	3
Better roads network	3
Community groups to work together locally	3
Legislation to have better control over holiday homes / second homes	2
Better community locations / hub or centre	2
Better holiday accommodation / hotel in the area	2
Suitable childcare provision in the area and mother and baby groups	2
More variety of businesses and economic activity in the area	3
Clean and tidy communities	2
Access to culture and the arts	2
Education - the provision of an All Through School is required	1
Assistance to promote the Harlech & Arduwy Leisure centre	1
Broadband infrastructure	1
Political viewpoint - feel that Plaid Cymru forget about south Meirionnydd	1
Concern about discrimination in terms of language (no welcome to those who do not speak Welsh)	1
Parking facilities	1
Improvements to the Harbour	1
Use the college / theatre as a hub for local groups and organisations	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 Ardudwy:

- Gwynedd Council
- Westminster Government
- Harlech & Ardudwy Hamdden/Leisure
- Friends of Wern Mynach.
- Lord Harlech
- Schools/Colleges
- Dyffryn Ardudwy Village Hall
- The area would benefit from an enterprise such as y Dref Werdd or Antur Stiniog
- Chamber of Commerce
- Community Centre
- Health Board
- Community/Town Councils
- Welsh Government
- Private Sector
- Barmouth Community Trust
- Barmouth Oasis Community Group
- Byw'n Iach
- Harlech Rugby Club
- Harlech Golf Club
- Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig
- Theatr y Ddraig
- Snowdonia National Park

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 Bro Ardudwy:

- Barmouth Oasis Community Group Questionnaire. A Community Survey was undertaken in order to establish the community's specific needs. The Survey looked at the nature of Barmouth as a community, current services available and what was the opinion of people about these services, especially transport needs, and it asked which facilities and services people would wish to see in the area. The groups have provided a copy of the report to us, and the summary shows that the priorities were to have a central community hub, drop in sessions for adults only, social clubs, discussion groups, activity groups, access to computers, hub to hold events such as a weddings and facilities for the homeless.
- Consultation on second homes
- Consultation on charging points
- Motorhomes consultation
- Car park consultation
- Consultation on parking restrictions