

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



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 **23** Community / Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members in Bro Peris.
- 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 Peris noted that were **good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
The Welsh language / culture	12
Environment and proximity to natural attractions, e.g. mountains, the seaside and the countryside	9
Community spirit and friendliness	8
Education provision and good schools	7
Footpaths, cycle paths and coastal path	6
A safe and secure area	6
Heritage and history of the area	4
Health resources - hospital, pharmacy, doctor's surgery	4
Leisure facilities e.g. Centre, Cinema, Library	4
Social activities e.g. sports clubs, choirs	4
Amenities and facilities such as shops, cafés, restaurants	3
Activities and opportunities for young people	3
Organisations, charities, enterprises and operational groups	3
Clean and tidy area	3
Local produce and businesses	3
Potential of renewable energy	2
Opportunities and benefits of attracting tourism / visitors	1
Volunteers	1
Clean air / no pollution	1
Provision/housing conditions	1
Strong economy / not much poverty	1
An area with a creative / arts tradition	1
Caban Cyf's communal allotments	1
Rhiwlas Hall upgrade has made a big difference	1

3. What is not so good about your area?

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

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Problems concerning parking	13
Public transport and insufficient bus network	12
Litter, untidiness and general appearance of the area	8
The number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	8
Problems and impact of over-tourism	6
Concerns about the conditions of roads and traffic	6
Lack of provision and activities for young people, e.g. youth club	6
Lack of affordable housing for local people	5
A lack of high salary / full-time jobs	5
Concerns about health provision, welfare and care	5
The Welsh language / culture losing ground	4
Matters relating to education provision / placement of schools	4
Need to get people involved in Community Councils / Committees	3
Local economy - a lack of resources and shops closing	3
No place to convene / community hub	3
Lack of quality / safe walking and cycling paths	3
The poor condition of housing	3
Lack of football provision and facilities	2
Too many events in some parts of the area e.g. races	2
A split within the area	2
The cost of activities in the area	1
Poor broadband / internet connection	1
Poverty in the area	1
Need for Gwynedd Council to provide support/training to the Community Council	1
Drugs and alcohol misuse	1
Antisocial behaviour	1
Not enough new houses being built	1
Lack of activities for older people	1
Local businesses need support	1
Problems with the community website	1
Lack of communication regarding Llanrug Memorial Hall	1
Waunfawr Community Hall needs a Committee and better management	1
Lack of collaboration between organisations and Community Councils	1

Green energy source not sustainable	1
Villages e.g. Rhiwlas not benefiting from nearby projects e.g. Heritage Site, Ynni Ogwen	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 Peris 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	11
Support local businesses to establish and thrive	9
Clear Sustainable Tourism Plan in place to better manage tourism and maximize economic potential	9
Better parking management for visitors and local people	8
Improve local community facilities and resources to bring people together e.g. clubs, summer fair, classes	8
A greener area - renewable energy, plastic free, charging points	8
Maintain and develop public footpaths, cycling and walking paths	8
Communities taking control of assets and becoming more independent to meet local needs e.g. Ysgol Cwm y Glo	7
Improve the appearance of the area - clean streets, more bins, flowers	7
Develop the Community Councils and provide members with appropriate skills / support	7
Create high value work and jobs	6
Public transport - accessible, integrated and suitable for local needs	6
Better collaboration on a local level e.g. between organisations, initiatives and Community Councils	5
Provide more facilities for young people	5
Legislation to have better control over holiday homes / second homes	4
Young people to take a more active part in their community	4
More encouragement for the Welsh language / culture to thrive and assist learners	4
Football pitch	3
Invest to improve the roads in the area	3
Tackle flooding problems	2
Create a broadband infrastructure	2
More support for mental health and well-being	1
Tackle the drug and alcohol problem and anti-social behaviour	1
More empty spaces in cemeteries	1
Health Centre for children and adults	1

Provide more facilities for older people	1
Opportunities to improve the community through arts	1
Safeguarding and promoting ancient monuments	1
No poverty	1
An inquiry into the number of allotments	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 Peris:

- Gwynedd Council
- Schools
- Community Groups
- Tyddyn Teg
- Menter Fachwen
- Antur Waunfawr
- Llanberis Regeneration Group
- The Police
- Local Councillors
- Engie
- Ynni Padarn Peris
- Arts Organisations
- RSPB / BTO Organisations
- Health Board
- Youth Club
- Westminster Government
- Charities
- Keep Wales Tidy
- Nursery Schools Movement
- Community / Town Councils
- The Band
- Football Clubs
- The National Park
- Welsh Government
- Local Businesses
- Slate Museum
- Parc Padarn
- Environmental Networks
- Project Green
- Natural Resources Wales
- Merched y Wawr
- Voluntary Organisations
- Community Centre
- Big businesses e.g. McDonalds
- Grŵp Cynefin
- Ageing Well Plan (Age Cymru)
- Hunaniaith
- Men's Shed

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

Rhiwlas Hall Committee consultation on the hall upgrade scheme

5.3 Other issues relating to the 'Our Area 2035' work that arose in Bro Peris:

- A joint production methodology is important for responding to climate change.
- When moving forward to talk more widely to communities in this project, they wish for face-to-face meetings as many do not use technology, and the conversations and information need to be made accessible to everyone.

- Llanberis Regeneration Group formed fairly recently by Gwynedd Council, a group with several sub-panels looking at different aspects of Llanberis life.
- Comments relating to the Electric Mountain building and the need for the Council to apply pressure to ensure that the site responds to the Community's needs.