

**CYNGOR CEFN GWLAD CYMRU**  
**COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES**

**Draft minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau cSAC Liaison Group meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2002 (starting 7pm) at Plas tan y Bwlch, Maentwrog**

**Present:**

David Archer	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Mike Bowyer	Archaeology
Bill Bracewell	Dovey Yacht Club/Aberdovey Partnership
Aled Davies	Gwynedd Council
Barry Davies	Gwynedd Council
Iwan Edgar	
Rod Gritten	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Andy Hall	
Lucy Kay	Countryside Council for Wales (notes)
Peter Lloyd	Welsh Yachting Association/RYA
Bill Miller-Jones	Sub Aqua Association
Kirsten Ramsay	Countryside Council for Wales
Cllr Caerwyn Roberts	Snowdonia National Park Authority (chairman)
Rowland Sharp	WFSA
Mike Thrussell	
Cllr Ray Quant	Ceredigion County Council
Dylan Williams	Environment Agency

**Apologies:**

Jim Andrews	North Western & North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee
Tony Andrews	Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water
Alf Bowen	Chair, Aberdyfi Community Council
Chris Corcoran	Keep Wales Tidy
Huw Davies	Gwynedd Council
Jan Edwards	Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water
Jill Jackson	Gwynedd Council
Andy Jeffrey	Outward Bound Wales
Tony Porter	Trinity House
Iain Roberts	NFU County Chairman / Fisherman
Craig Rockcliff	Environment Agency
Jill Whipp	CPRW

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

- 1.1 The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting

**2. Matters arising**

- 2.1 Item 2.5: Lucy to write to Liaison Group members who have not come to meetings or acknowledged correspondence to check if they are still willing to be representatives of the Liaison Group. **Action: Lucy - carried forward.**
- 2.2 Item 3.2.1: Completed. No comments received on report format.
- 2.3 Item 5.2: Completed. Chris Corcoran from Keep Wales Tidy had responded that KWT would be very interested in having a representative on the Liaison Group. KWT had not been able to attend this meeting but would attend future meetings.

**3. SAC moderation – feedback on public consultation**

- 3.1 Lucy provided an update on the public consultation on the final modifications to the cSAC. All Liaison Group members had been sent copies of the consultation information. 700 consultees were contacted and 60 responses received. One objection had been received, but the majority of responses had been seeking clarification and some in support of the proposal. The results of the consultation had been sent to the National Assembly and CCW were waiting for a response about the submission of the site to Europe. The timetable for the designation of SACs is still the end of 2004. When the site is submitted to Europe, there is a process whereby the European Commission considers the suite of sites submitted by each member state and determines whether the sites should go forward to become Sites of Community Importance. After this stage, the sites can be designated (the process for this is not yet clear, but may be an announcement by the government of each member state).

#### **4. Action Plan implementation**

- 4.1 An update on the work carried out during April – October 2002 was distributed at the meeting. This summarised the key actions and work undertaken by the relevant authorities and others during this period, and identified actions that had been programmed for 2002-03 but that have been deferred to 2003-04. Further copies of this available from Lucy.
- 4.2 The relevant authority representatives present talked through the actions that they had been providing a lead on.

**Action: Rod Gritten to send copies of the maps from the mapping of Spartina in the Mawddach to Mike Thrussell.**

**Action: Lucy to send a copy of the cSAC slide pack and Powerpoint presentation to Councillor Quant, Mike Bowyer, Bill Miller-Jones and Caerwyn Roberts.**

**Action: Lucy to send a copy of the full Action Plan to Councillor Quant**

#### **5. Distribution of the Liaison Group meeting minutes**

- 5.1 Lucy provided a recap on how information from the Liaison Group has been circulated to a wider group of interested groups and individuals – a mailing list was built up through the public meetings and work on the management plan and action plan. This list may be a bit out of date and not include people who were consulted recently.
- 5.2 When the site is submitted to Europe, CCW are required to write to all the consultees to inform them that this has happened – CCW will undertake this work on behalf of the Welsh Assembly. Lucy explained that the intention was to include a tear-off slip at the bottom of the letter and ask people to return this if they were interested in continuing to receive information about the cSAC. This would enable the relevant authorities to confirm who wanted to be on the wider mailing list.
- 5.3 Mike Thrussell suggested that even if they didn't respond, all Community Councils should be kept on the mailing list. It was suggested that it would be worth trying to find out who on each community council would be responsible for subject matter relating to the cSAC, as it appeared that information sent to the Council clerks did not always get circulated to other members of the Councils.
- 5.4 Liaison Group representatives were asked how they distributed information from the Liaison Group meetings to others: Peter Lloyd passes on information to the Welsh Yachting Association and Royal Yachting Association; Andy Hall circulates the information to the heads of outdoor education centres; Bill Miller-Jones circulates the information to the Sub Aqua

Association and his local dive club; Mike Bowyer circulates the information to those dealing with maritime archaeology; Rowland Sharp circulates the information to anglers; and Mike Thrussell uses his web site to circulate information from the Group.

- 5.5 Several members of the Group agreed that it would be useful to receive more of the information through e-mail if possible. The group representatives were asked to provide their e-mail addresses so that an e-mail group could be established, but also to indicate if they preferred to receive paper copies of information produced.

**Action: Liaison Group representatives to let Lucy know if they prefer to receive information through paper copies of electronically and, if the latter, to provide Lucy with their e-mail address.**

**6. Presentation and discussion: Surveys in the cSAC and involving others**

- 6.1 Lucy explained that this was a trial run to see whether it was useful having a presentation and discussion about a particular topic relevant to the cSAC. The aim was to make the Liaison Group meetings more informative about activities and issues relevant to the cSAC and to stimulate discussion about specific topics.

- 6.2 Lucy provided an introduction to biological surveys within the cSAC and Kirsten Ramsay (CCW Subtidal Biologist) gave a presentation about the work that has been taking place in the cSAC involving volunteers in underwater biological surveys.

- 6.3 It was agreed that having a presentation as a standing item within the Group meetings would be useful. Offers to provide a presentation at future meetings were made by Andy Hall, Mike Bowyer and Barry Davies.

**Action: Lucy to contact Liaison Group and relevant authority reps about presentations at future meetings.**

**7. AOB**

No items were raised.

**8. Date of next meeting**

7pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at Plas tan y Bwlch.