

## **Sian Gwenllian's Councillor Report**

I would like to remind everyone to take part in the consultation Gwynedd's Challenge about the cuts that Gwynedd Council are forced into making because of Government financial policies. You can fill the questionnaire on-line <https://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/en/Council/Have-your-say/Gwynedd-Challenge.aspx> or visit any library for a paper copy. The Council is asking the people of Gwynedd which services they would save and which ones are less important. The Council is seeking the opinions of the public before the councillors have to take very difficult decisions in the spring.

The National Grid is holding a second consultation about the Pylons. All the details on <http://www.northwalesconnection.com/> or at the Medical Centre. This could mean more pylons in the Nant Y Garth area.

## **Meeting by the Grid : Sat, Nov 21, Y Felinheli Memorial Hall 10-4 \* Report below**

- Rowen path: Gwynedd Council is meeting with one of the landowners in an attempt to agree on slight diversion to the path prior to commencing improvement work.
- They had intended to postpone the work until Cllr Sian Gwenllian persuaded them of its importance to the community.
- Coastal path: nearly all the landowners have now signed agreements which will enable Gwynedd Council to create a new section of the All Wales Coastal path through Felinheli , the Marina and Faenol.
- Parking: As we all know, the lack of parking spaces is a big problem in Felin. The discussions with the Church about the idea of creating a car park at the back of the Church Hall are continuing. The Parish Council has asked the architect Maredudd ap Iestyn for a quantities survey and initial designs for a project to modernise the hall, including the parking element. This could add to the community spaces already provided by the Community Council in their car park behind Bangor Street. It's good to see that private owners are making better use of private land at the back of Bangor St for parking.
- Collection for the Refugees: Thanks to everyone for their generosity whilst we collected items at Felin Sgwrsio before taking them to Bethesda and Capel Caersalem Caernarfon to be sent on to Calais. The response was excellent. I am a member of Ffrindiau Ffoaduriaid Caernarfon who organise a circle around the Castle in a symbolic gesture of support. There were many from Felin at the event.
- Penrallt Footpath: The condition of the path is much improved due to work by Gwynedd Council.
- Craft Fair Nov 24 Church Hall 6.30 pm

## **NO PYLONS TO PENTIR**

*By Cllr Sian Gwennllian Y Felinheli, member of the NO PYLONS campaign group*

The campaign against pylons across the Menai Straits has been won with the National Grid saying they will “put the connection underground.”

But the Grid says it will transfer the electricity on pylons from a ‘compound’ on the mainland to the sub-station at Pentir. They intend to build what they call a ‘sealing end compound’ around an acre in size in the vicinity of Y Felinheli / Bangor to convert from underground cable to overhead cable after coming from under the Menai Straits.

They are consulting on this until December 16.

**But why can't the Grid take the cables underground all the way from Y Fenai to Pentir, avoiding the need for new pylons in the area.**

This is not an option being offered but would be the option favoured by local people, and you can say that in the consultation.

The precise route being proposed for the compound and the route of the pylons will be of great interest to people living in the Nant y Garth area and in the Pentir ward and I suggest your read the documents carefully.

The Grid is offering three options for the location of the compound and three options for the pylon route and you can find the details on the website or at Bangor Library or the Felinheli Medical Centre.

But of course, we don't have to accept any of the options on offer! You can reject all options and argue for putting the cables under the sea from Wylfa to Deeside and then there would be no need for underground cables across Mon or Gwynedd. No pylons!

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