

Report of the Gower AONB Team Leader

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 15 March 2021

Progress Report - Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places Programme

Progress Report - Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places (SLSP) Programme

In addition to the works on Cefn Bryn (previous agenda item), the Welsh Government SLSP Programme of capital funding for AONBs and National Parks has enabled the following Gower projects in 2021/22

- Purchase of battery-powered chainsaws and other countryside management tools for use in Gower AONB
- Access, Heritage improvements and interpretation in Clyne Valley Country Park
- Access improvements within Bishop's Wood Local Nature Reserve including a sustainable drainage system to avoid flooding and erosion to the path network.

All of these projects are either completed or are expected to be completed in the first quarter of the 2021/22 financial year.

Welsh Government has indicated that further funding is available for the forthcoming 2021/22 financial year and the Gower AONB Team are developing project proposals with partners for consideration/approval of Welsh Government and the National Designated Landscapes Partnership (NDLP). These projects will include:

- Further public access and heritage improvements in Clyne Valley Country Park
- Nature recovery and grazing management on Fairwood Common
- Improvements to visitor facility and heritage in Port Eynon and Horton

Details on the projects agreed through the NDLP will be reported on for the next meeting.

Chris Lindley Gower AONB Team Leader 5 March 2021