



EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR LLANBERIS, SNOWDONIA & THE MOUNTAIN BIKING COMMUNITY

BEICIO LLANBERIS CYF HOLDS ITS FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Beicio Llanberis Cyf is inviting the local community to attend its first **Public Meeting**. This is being held on 23rd March from 7pm, at The Royal Victoria Quality Hotel, Llanberis, with the opening address given by **Alun Fred Jones, Assembly Member** for Caernarfon.

Guto Wyn, Vice Chair for Beicio Llanberis Cyf, enthuses "This has been our first real opportunity to talk to the local community about our proposals to develop Glyn Rhonwy into an all-year round recreational mountain biking facility. Beicio Llanberis Cyf is formed of people who live and work in this community and at the end of the day we want what is best for our area. So the sooner the wider-community know of our plans and have some input and ownership the better!"

Local mountain biking enthusiasts were quick to identify the untapped potential of the Glyn Rhonwy site. With a 200 acre area and a height drop of over 300m from the local high point, Cefn Du, down to Llyn Padarn there is the potential for downhill, cross-country, free ride, 4X. What's more there could be something for everyone, novices through to expert. Then there's the potential to host major events and competitions, for local instructors and coaches to run courses, and don't forget this would add to the network of superb mountain biking venues to be enjoyed throughout Wales!

Set on the northern outskirts of Llanberis, Glyn Rhonwy benefits from views over Llyn Padarn and across to Snowdon and the Glyders, but without the bad weather of the high mountains. It could also offer Wales its first non-forested mountain biking venue.

The small group of enthusiasts grew and formed Beicio Llanberis Cyf which recognises that this site has tremendous potential to add value to the local landscape, communities and economy. From small beginnings this group is now revealing its plans for not only a world-class mountain biking facility, but a series of walking and

nature trails plus the Canolfan, which plans to house a bike hire shop, cinema, lecture theatre, small business units for the outdoor sector, and much more.

Alun Hughes, Beicio Llanberis Cyf Chairman, stresses “These are exciting times for Llanberis and the surrounding communities – residents and businesses alike. Cyngor Gwynedd is poised to make a key decision about the future development of the Glyn Rhonwy site. The decision could have a significant impact on the people who live and work here, so we want everyone to have this opportunity to find out more about what **we** are proposing and ask as many questions as they want.”

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