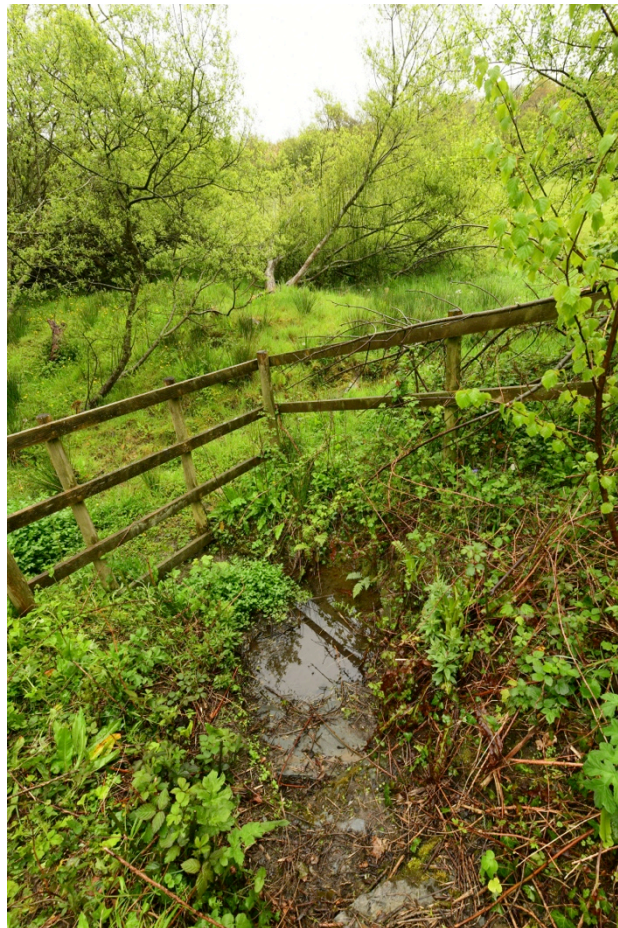


Notes towards
the community renaissance of
FFYNNON FAIR
LLANGRANNOG



*Ffynnon fechan, 'r wyt yn loew,
'R wyt yn groew ac yn llon,
Fel pe byddai gwir dangnefedd
Ar yr orsedd yn dy fron*

Cranogwen
1839-1916

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Our proposals are based upon the important work already done by the Llangrannog Welfare Committee in taking the essential step to protect the well by purchasing the land on which it emerges. As the new well keepers, the question this brief paper seeks to ask is **how now to renovate the site in order to ensure the well's long-term place within the community.**

The work we are proposing which is needed to fully re-instate the site will involve the following steps:

1. An examination of the meanings of wellsprings,

looking at the history and usages of places like Ffynnon Fair, as well as other sites in the area, throughout Wales, and beyond. This will confirm the importance historically - and still today - of these often-abandoned places which played such an important part in the history of our nation.



2. An in-depth analysis of the site,

including what we already know, its relationship with the church and the wider village, and the current physical state of the structure.

3. The involvement of organisations and local people,

including the Urdd and local schools, as well as local artists, craftspeople and artisans in the creative imaginings of new uses for the well and new ideas towards the physical nature of the restored site.

4. Linking work at Ffynnon Fair with an understanding of global climate change:



Explorations of wellspring sites are particularly relevant today, especially within schools for an understanding of the climate crisis, offering rich sources for study.

5. The essential considerations of both accessibility and safety

6. Calculating a budget for the work proposed,

to include likely sources for the funds required, including perhaps linking the project to the many Welsh Government (and other) initiatives concerned with the importance of sites of pilgrimage, walking for physical and mental health, faith tourism, etc.

7. Developing essential partnerships

for the development of the site and its initial and ongoing funding.

8. Discussions around the naming of the well site:

Most wells have had a series of names, over time, originating (in Wales) with a Welsh name suggesting location or usage (medicinal, ceremonial, etc.), later often Christianised with the name of a saint or, as in this case, the Virgin Mary, and sometimes, later, with a modern name.

9. Communicating the findings and proposals, at every level, with local people and organisations,

to ensure the strongest sense of community understanding, support and ownership.

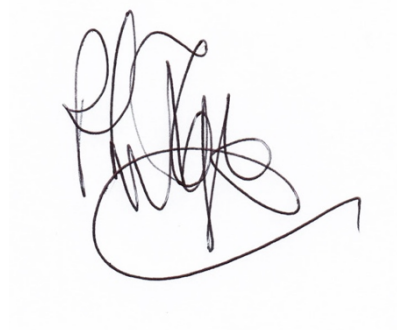


Given the Committee's approval, we are ready to commence immediately upon the delivery of these nine tasks, with a completion date of no more than 12 months from agreement.

We very much look forward to working with you to build the strongest possible foundations upon which to deliver these ambitious plans.

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Mab Monica Kingsbury (1929-2011), a oedd yn byw yn Llangrannog fel plentyn pan oedd ei thad yn Rheithor yn y plwyf. Yr oedd hi'n ymweld â'r pentref trwy ei oes, gyda nifer o ffrindiau yn y gymuned wreiddiol. Ac yr oedd hi'n teimlo'n gryf ynglŷn â thynged Ffynnon Fair.

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