



ANNUAL REPORT November 2005

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This is the second annual report of Coetir Mynydd and covers the period 1 October 2004 to 25 November 2005. During this period the business of the company was directed by the Board which comprised: Einir Frodsham, Mark Goddard, Gwen Griffiths, Colin Jones, Bryn Williams, Jenny Wong and Mike Yates. The Board met on four occasions on the following dates: 15 February, 22 March, 22 July, 11 September. The minutes of these meetings are held by Mark at Hirdir Uchaf and are available for inspection by members.

Over the year, the Company secured funding and undertook activities as described below.

Parc Tan y Bwlch

A General Meeting in connection to the future of the woodlands on Parc Tan y Bwlch was held on the 23 November 2004 and followed up by a site visit on the 9th of January 2005.

The outcome of these meetings was an agreement that Coetir Mynydd should seek funding to purchase Parc Tan y Bwlch from the Penrhyn Estate to be developed as a community woodland and to restore the woodland to fulfil its function as a shelterbelt for the village. A provision for this was included in Coetir Mynydd's successful Cydcoed grant application. Unfortunately, the Estate was not willing to sell the property and it was not possible to pursue this project.

Parc yr Ynys

With a grant from First Hydro a wooden gate was installed at the top of Parc yr Ynys to replace the old bedstead.

Planned work in Parc yr Ynys includes the installation of a bench near the new gate and repairs to the roadside stock fence and to the stone boundary walls. Both are scheduled for the coming year, the former to be funded by First Hydro and the latter by Cydcoed.

Parc yr Ocar

The management plan was approved by the Forestry Commission, and the contract for the Woodland Grant Scheme (WGS) for Parc yr Ocar was approved on the 21st January 2005. The plan is for five years 2004 to 2009 with a £1,368.75

grant provided for activities under the first year of the plan which were as follows:

- Tree safety audit;
- Installation of 4 cleft oak steps using windblown wood on site;
- Erection of a 5m slate fence next to the bridge at Yr Ocar;
- Control of invasive species (Rhododendron and smaller sized beech) and
- Installation of three notice boards at the main entrances to Parc yr Ocar. These have been commissioned and will be installed in the near future.

In addition to the works funded under the WGS, the Cydcoed grant has funded:

- works prescribed by the tree safety audit and
- repairs to the traditional boundaries. The contract for this was awarded to Hefin Williams and work has commenced and should be completed by mid 2006.

Coed y Parc Dam

Signboards warning 'Danger. Deep water and silt. Keep out or you will drown' were erected close to the lake. Unfortunately two of these were vandalised and will need to be replaced.

A trial 5m section of security fence was installed on top of the wall alongside the dam. The intention is to install a length of this fencing on top of the wall to prevent access to the dam and reservoir from the road and to permit the removal of the existing walkway, barrier and gate on top of the dam.

Plans and specification of necessary repairs to the dam structure have been prepared and a funding application made to the Aggregates Levy.

Youth activities

Over the year Coetir Mynydd secured funding from Academi and Tir Coed for Coed Call who manned a youth activity tent at the Mynydd Summer Festival.

Mike Bithell also made a display table for Ysgol Bodfeurig from the tree from Parc y Bwlch that was felled and planked in 2004.