

**Dyddiad:** Dydd Mercher 16 Hydref

**YMCHWILIAD Y PWYLLGOR I DDYFODOL CYNLLUNIAU AMAETH-AMGYLCHEDDOL**

**Diben**

1. I ddarparu crynodeb i Aelodau o'r ymatebion ysgrifenedig a dderbyniwyd ac i awgrymu pa gyrff y dylid eu gwahodd i roi tystiolaeth lafar i'r Pwyllgor.
2. Yn ei gyfarfod ar 17 Gorffennaf cytunodd y Pwyllgor ar gylch gorchwyl a gwahoddodd gyflwyniadau ysgrifenedig ar gyfer ei ymchwiliad i ddyfodol cynlluniau amaeth-amgylcheddol yng Nghymru. Derbyniwyd 27 cyflwyniad o'r fath ac maent wedi cael eu dosbarthu i Aelodau. Ceir crynodeb o'r prif bwyntiau yn Atodiad 1.
3. Mae Cyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru a'r undebau ffermio wedi cael eu gwahodd i ddau gyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor er mwyn ymhelaethu ar eu cyflwyniadau. Mae'r Gymdeithas Frenhinol er Gwarchod Adar a Dr Mike Christie o'r Sefydliad Astudiaethau Gwledig yn Aberystwyth hefyd wedi cael gwahoddiad i gyfarfodydd cyn y Nadolig.

**Camau i'r Pwyllgor eu Cymryd**

4. Gofynnir i Aelodau gymeradwyo'r rhaglen hon ac i nodi unrhyw gyrff neu unigolion eraill y dylid eu gwahodd i roi tystiolaeth lafar.

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**Ysgrifenyddiaeth y Pwyllgor Hydref 2002**

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS ON TIR GOFAL	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE SCHEMES
Cambria Archaeology	<p>TG welcome as it has raised the profile of the historic environment but a drain on archaeological funding sources</p> <p>Lack of resources to e.g. protect and conserve traditional farm buildings</p>	<p>Need interpreted historic environment data for every farm</p> <p>Address the management of broader landscape areas</p> <p>More historic environment support alongside CCW</p>
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales	Welcomed	More funding, less administrative burden and free professional advice
City and County of Swansea	Insufficient funding and staff resources	<p>Need to further address diversification</p> <p>Funding pilot renewable energy projects</p>
CLA Wales / RSPB		<p>Support a broad and shallow entry level scheme</p> <p>Consideration of obstacles facing dairy farmers in gaining access to the scheme</p>
Coleg Powys	<p>Many benefits for those successful in gaining access</p> <p>Administrative burdens</p> <p>Inadequate funding leading to long delays</p>	<p>Entry should be guaranteed to all who meet the criteria</p> <p>Need to attract smaller, more intensive farms by some tiered payment system</p> <p>Coordinated approach to education and training with training available locally</p>
Conwy County Borough Council	Perception that larger farms benefit the most	Larger lump sum to be given to small farms

<p>Countryside Council for Wales</p>	<p>Need to measure environmental outcomes as well as outputs (no. of agreements, areas covered etc).</p>	<p>Objectives should be broadened in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Biodiversity</li> <li>● traditional landscape features</li> <li>● historic features</li> <li>● public access</li> <li>● soil, air and water quality</li> <li>● employment and training of local labour force</li> </ul> <p>A broad and shallow scheme has to be sufficiently demanding to deliver real environmental improvements</p> <p>Need to ensure greater share of EU rural development funding</p>
<p>Denbighshire County Council</p>	<p>Exemplar scheme for positive land management</p> <p>Not been easy to enter the scheme</p>	<p>Second tier for capital works e.g. hedgerows</p> <p>Separate scheme for pockets not whole farm</p> <p>Additional payments for small farms (under 140 acres)</p>
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Widen the objectives to include more emphasis on the water environment</p> <p>More emphasis on streamside corridors and uptake of farm ponds</p> <p>Encouragement to link TG farms in order to facilitate a strategic approach</p> <p>Insufficient communication by/ with TG project officers</p>	<p>Agrees with principle of a tiered approach</p> <p>Immediate and substantial expansion of funding</p> <p>Broad and shallow scheme containing resource protection and environmental management plans for farms</p> <p>Availability of a part-farm grant scheme similar to "Countryside Stewardship"</p>

		<p>Environmental manager accredited training scheme for farm managers</p> <p>Deal with major concerns of flooding, water pollution and soil erosion</p>
Farmers' Union of Wales	Concern over administrative burden of scheme, limited take-up and the impact these have on farmer perception.	Welcome tiered approach so long as it is adequately funded to meet demand.
Forestry Commission		<p>Welcomes the tiered approach</p> <p>Greater focus on measurable outcomes</p> <p>Need for a focussed woodlands element</p>
Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust	Organisational difficulties have led to the archaeological and historic interest not being integrated into the schemes	<p>Should integrate archaeological interest into management plans</p> <p>Need for specialist archaeological staff</p>
Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	Welcome the principle but feel that scheme is biased towards the natural environment with insufficient emphasis placed on the historic environment	<p>Need more archaeological resource e.g. in CCW offices</p> <p>More use of ICT for data transfer</p>
Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research		<p>Endorse the broad and shallow approach</p> <p>Refine targets</p> <p>Improve access to and integration of schemes</p> <p>Encourage common approach across local areas to maximise environmental sustainability</p>
Institute of Rural Studies, University of Wales Aberystwyth, Dr Mike Christie	All farms eligible to apply, whole farm scheme, delivers biodiversity benefits but limited coverage at present.	Support for move to widen coverage of agri-environmental schemes and to encourage co-operative actions.

Isle of Anglesey County Council	Administrative burden and delays  Easier for larger farms	Open application process with deadlines  Needs to be a simple, stable and long-term scheme
Lantra SSC		Importance of skills development
NFU Cymru Wales	Administrative arrangements lead to complexity and rigidity  Difficult for medium sized farms or those with shorter tenures to enter	Increase coverage, reward good farming practice, reduce administrative burden on farmers. Payments should reflect the value of the public goods delivered. Need for training to encourage skilled countryside management.
Gwlithyn Roberts	Difficulties of tenant farmers if the landlord is uncooperative	
RSPB Wales	Support the scheme's aims and environmental benefits  Strongly support the whole farm approach	Supports an integrated and tiered system  Broad and shallow should lead farmers towards Tir Gofal  Payments for organic production should be considered as long as high environmental standards are met  Additional financial support will remain necessary for particular high value habitats.
Karen Sinclair AM	Beneficial	A core criterion should be a farm water management programme with a long term aim of water course maintenance being mandatory
Snowdonia Society	Supportive of the principles  Under-resourcing leads to delays	Should concentrate on specific objectives and this to be monitored  Role of ecologists in assessment  Should not discourage small farms  Propose an open discussion/seminar/forum

Sparc/Planed	<p>Effective in delivering benefits</p> <p>Hugely under-resourced, leading to long delays</p> <p>Inadequate training provision</p> <p>Little monitoring of biodiversity</p>	<p>Welcome a tiered suite of schemes</p> <p>Maintain the emphasis on whole farm sustainability</p>
Wales Deer Initiative		<p>The presence of deer or deer management should be included in the scoring system</p>
Dr T & R Watts	<p>Bureaucracy and restrictions lead to delay</p> <p>Payments do not cover full costs involved</p>	
Welsh Agri-Food Partnership Organic Strategy Group	<p>A valuable development but restricted funding and eligibility</p> <p>Some difficulties in integrating with Organic Farming Scheme</p>	<p>Support the broad and shallow approach</p> <p>Tir Mynydd review should consider the closer integration with agri-environment schemes</p> <p>Organic maintenance payments to form part of integrated agri-environment scheme.</p>
Welsh Association of National Park Authorities	<p>Support the whole farm principle</p> <p>TG is effective in habitat management</p>	<p>Supports CCW's pyramid model</p> <p>Focus on species management</p> <p>Proactive management of nutrient, water and air quality plans</p> <p>"Special projects" element to meet specific needs</p>