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Our ref: P-04-607

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Petition: P-04 -607 Call for the Welsh Government to Purchase Garth Celyn.

Dear *Chris*

You may be aware that the Committee have been considering the following petition:

This historic building and grounds are up for sale. Such is the importance of this building/grounds to wales and its history we call upon the welsh government to do whats right and secure Garth celyn for the welsh people once and for all. About the year 1200, Prince Llywelyn ap Iorwerth constructed a royal home on Garth Celyn. To the east of the Llys was the newly endowed Cistercian Monastery of Aberconwy; to the west the cathedral city of Bangor. Between Garth Celyn and the shore the fertile farmland provided food for the royal family, members of the court, and the local community. The sea and the river had fish in abundance and there was wild game to be hunted in the uplands. The village of Aber Garth Celyn on the west side of the river was a bustling, thriving place. Travellers negotiating the dangerous Lafan Sands were given food and lodging in the valley. Goods brought by sea to the Port of Llanfaes were being distributed to other points on the mainland from here. Animals were herded along this routeway to and from the mountains. Grain was carted to the mill. The community came to attend services in the church. Pilgrims from far and wide walked the trackway and paused for refreshments. Bards came to recite poetry recalling the deeds of the heros, the great defender.

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At our meeting on 10 March, the Committee agreed to ask that you take this matter into consideration of the planned Heritage (Wales Bill).

Please forward your response to the Clerking Team at SeneddPetitions@Assembly.Wales Yours sincerely

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Cadeirydd / Chair