

Kath Evans

From: Barry Griffiths <BarryBees@outlook.com>
Sent: 12 May 2026 17:20
To: Dylan Thomas; Kath Evans
Subject: Communications
Attachments: Sep 2020 TLEP case for jobs.pdf; Jan 21 TLEP Desolation.pdf; JJ Parc Hanes Jan 24.pdf; GI Proposal draft version 3.pdf; Sandy Cove Overtopping 9 April 2024.pdf; 3 Jan 26 TKB.pdf

Hello guys,

Early Jan I wrote to Llyr Gruffydd (attached) and had a serious reply 8 Jan - below;.

I followed up after the recent election and attach for your info.

In this way on a number of fronts I am trying to create awareness and encourage support leading to action on a number of issues including sustainable tourism and the levy; Sandy Cove; Place Planning and Park Hanes; our community deprivation and lack of income; jobs; environment; etc.

I do appreciate the great efforts you both and Di make felt you should know. I also work as a volunteer for Y Morfa, currently chair of Y Foryd but not for long.

Kind regards,

Barry

From: Barry Griffiths
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 16:35
To: Gruffydd, Llyr (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd)
Subject: Re: flyer

Dear Llyr,

Congratulations for the Plaid Cymru result in these recent elections; I was delighted to receive your reply to my email in January, as you noted my wife Lynda is also a Town Councillor and we both endorse your approach and values, thank you.

We here in Towyn and Kinnel Bay face a number of challenges as outlined in my note of January 26 and your very appreciated feedback. It would be good to have progressive relationship with the new government and our Senedd member(s).

I came here in 1968 having completed a technical apprenticeship in London I joined the new Pilkington company in St Asaph manufacturing defence optics; I had a great 25 yrs

with that company during which time the company grew and achieved technical and commercial success - ongoing. Over the years to date thousands worked in that company and were able to earn added value salaries, buy homes, educate children and lead constructive lives in St Asaph and surrounding communities. I do believe this in no small part was due to the Welsh Development Agency targeting business development prospects.

Here in Kinmel Bay we have a large business park with roads, drains, lights but without a single business unit. I attach my notes to CCBC of 2020 and 21 (TLEP) which rings true today. Our community needs some added value opportunity for our future generations, as an alternative to jobs in tourism which are low pay and insecure. Our area is deprived as listed in WIMD;

I worry about our representation, deprived communities are less likely to advocate for themselves and several of our town council have recently opted for Reform.

<https://towynkinmelbay-tc.gov.uk/councillors/>

With flood risk killing the already deprived community development; tourism dominating the economy with a widely held view that tourism benefits us and the wider Conwy - without any evidence I can find.

We do have a Place planning programme; our place plan has been approved and is listed in CCBC Strategic Planning - Supplementary Planning Guidance and the tourism levy could help fund the place plan. However, we have been unable to make progress; one of the largest elements in the plan hinges on release of land owned by Wales Gov - an area of some 30 acres called Parc Hanes. The land had been retained for residential development but this is not permitted on the grounds of flood risk. A recent new edition of TAN15 - Wales Gov technical advice, endorses this. The land is part used for grazing and barb-wired off for access. I attach my original proposal for Parc Hanes (GI proposal Draft) drafted during covid lock down, the plan was welcomed by CCBC strategic planning who developed some designs of real interest but over the years no progress has been made on release / lease / sale of the land.

We have large areas of homes which have unmade roads, Sandy Cove was constructed some 100 yrs ago but not completed so the properties tend to be lower cost to buy or rent and are occupied by many disabled / elderly who suffer most in the worsening environment. Maybe the tourism levy could fund Place planning to make progress on Sandy Cove with its approx. 1,000 residents; I attach one of my reports on the cove environment.

Kinmel Bay is a place forgotten where even the Governments own policy on place planning runs aground; where for years serious deprivation has worsened; where low income, flood risk, environment and infrastructure are all dominated by caravan parks.

I hope it maybe possible to share an progressive agenda for our community.

Kind regards,

Barry

Cllr Barry Griffiths M.Sc.,
TKBTC

From: Gruffydd, Llyr (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd)

Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2026 10:01

To: Barry Griffiths

Subject: RE: flyer

Dear Barry

Thank you so much for your comprehensive response.

It's heartening to know that people like you and Lynda are so passionate about the future of our communities and the people who live in them.

I'll answer your questions in the order they're asked.

1. Yes, I support the visitor levy. Plaid Cymru is passionate about developing sustainable tourism that works for the benefit of our communities. I'm particularly keen to ensure the money raised stays local and that areas such as Towyn and Kinnel Bay will see tangible benefits when it's introduced.
2. On local employment I often make the analogy that the local economy is like a leaking bucket. Too much wealth flows out of our communities. Plaid's economic strategy published last year has a big focus on ensuring wealth is retained and recycled in our local economies. That means better support to help create and grow local businesses along with concrete measures to support our local high streets – including changing business rates to favour small businesses in town centres rather than out-of-town superstores. You can read more here: <https://nation.cymru/news/plaid-cymru-unveils-plan-to-breathe-new-life-into-the-welsh-economy/>
3. On the Asian Hornet, I'm aware that the British-Irish Council (a coming together of the UK, Irish and all the devolved Governments) had an Environment Ministerial Meeting in May where they agreed a Work Plan for a new Invasive Species Work Sector. I haven't seen it but know it includes taking forward the work of the Invasive Non-Native Species subgroup and Asian Hornet Taskforce subgroup. Apparently, it has an emphasis on monitoring and surveillance technology, awareness raising, alerts and rapid response and there's a specific focus on Asian Hornets. Details are here – but there doesn't seem to be a link to the documents: [BIC Environment Ministerial Meeting - London - 8 May 2025 | The British-Irish Council](#)
4. As a father of four – all of whom have benefitted from playing football and rugby for local junior and youth teams, I'm a big advocate of community sport. Sport will feature strongly in our priorities for May's election as part of a big focus on health. If we're serious about addressing problems in the NHS we must put greater emphasis on improving public health and preventing people getting ill in the first place. Sport and community participation in sport (at all ages) is essential in that respect. Getting youngsters involved can help tackle the obesity epidemic and create positive lifelong habits. I personally enjoyed the benefits of playing football for many years and my dad is a former chairman of the Welsh Schools FA – so we were all a bit football mad in our household!

I see reference to you volunteering with St Kentigern. I visited Jane McGrath (CEO) and Steve Thomas (Chair of Trustees) in St Asaph a few weeks ago to show my support and to reiterate the need for more support from government. The hospice sector saves the NHS millions every year and that needs to be better recognised in the provision of funding support.

Once again, thanks for your email and for the work you both do locally.

If there are any other issues you'd like to flag then feel free to get in touch again in the future.

Best wishes and a happy new year.

Llyr

From: Barry Griffiths

Sent: 03 January 2026 15:57

To: Gruffydd, Llyr (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd)

Subject: flyer

Thank you for the flyer delivered today; I attach some comments which I hope you view as constructive and hope to hear from you.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Barry Griffiths