

## **ATISN 11240**

### **Document 3**

From: [ ]  
Sent: 09 February 2017 18:13  
To: [ ]; [ ]; [ ]; Roberts, Kathryn (ESNR-Tourism, Heritage & Sport-Cadw); [ ]  
subject: Pen Dinas - Management Plan

Hi [ ] many thanks for getting the top of Pen Dinas cleared for the survey. It's great to see the work outlined in the management plan started.

I know that there had previously been some mention of clearing the scrub/gorse/bracken where is it masking the features of the hillfort prior to bird breeding. Do you know when this is going to happen?  
We're happy to share any information with people on events or work that is taking place or that local people can get involved in.

Also after the recent metal detecting issues we've spoken to CADW, the Royal Commission and police, and I believe that Simon Thomas AM has spoke to the Minister responsible for CADW about the preservation of the site. I wondered if there was any chance of getting some signs up at the entrance points to Pen Dinas to inform people about the issue?

We were also wondering if there was a plan of works for the coming year in relation to the management plan?: section below

- In order to ensure the bracken is kept down to 20% on the scheduled site.
- Work to maintain archaeological interest as discernible and interpretable features in the landscape (these are hidden under the scrub that is currently there) - This was raised when we met up there in August in respect to the lower levels of the site not being accessible.

It's currently difficult to see the archaeological features of the hillfort, and there now appears to be trees growing into the embankments.

I've attached a recent aerial image (from CADW) of the site that shows the extent of the scheduled monument area that the plan refers to so that the issues that need to be dealt with are clearer.

I think that by the end of the year Ceredigion could have a fantastic site for both wildlife and heritage that would appeal to locals and tourists.

Regards  
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## **6. AIMS, OBJECTIVES, INDICATORS AND MONITORING**

### **6.1 Hillfort**

Aims:

- Maintain archaeological interest as discernible and interpretable features in the landscape
- Maintain heathland and unimproved grassland

**Rationale:**

The site is dominated by the magnificent Iron Age hillfort of Pen Dinas, whose defences enclose the two hill top summits of a longer ridge. Only the southern half of the fort falls within the LNR. The hillfort is a scheduled ancient monument, and the Wellington Monument stands on the southern section.

**Objectives:**

Control gorse and bracken where there is masking of the banks of the hillfort .

Ensure that bracken cover does not exceed 20%.

Maintain Wellington Monument.

**Indicators:**

Carry out checks to ensure that the hillfort banks are visible throughout the year.

Carry out checks to ensure that heathland is maintained on the top of the hillfort and that bracken cover does not exceed 20%.

## **Document 4**

From: <Kathryn.Roberts@wales.gsi.gov.uk>

Date: Friday, 10 February 2017 at 09:48

To: [ ]

Subject: RE: Pen Dinas - Management Plan

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I have discussed the matters you raised in your previous email with Polly Groom, our regional Inspector for Dyfed. We both agree that Pen Dinas is a very important historic site and local asset and we would be pleased to offer what assistance we can. Polly will be in touch with you – please can you include her on your mailing list. Polly's email is [Polly.groom@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Polly.groom@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Thanks

Kate

## **Document 5**

From: [ ]

Sent: 10 February 2017 11:47

To: Kathryn.Roberts@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Pen Dinas - Management Plan

Many thanks Kathryn, and Polly.

One of our main aims in the community is to highlight the importance of the site as a part of the historical and cultural landscape of Wales. The village below, Penparcau is an ex-Communities First area, so anything that we can do to bring attention to the area that engenders civic pride, a sense of ownership and offers people new experiences is great.

We've had fantastic support from the Commission, AMs, the local community and yourself. We've even had a couple of meetings with Baroness Kay Andrews, whom I believe is now an adviser for our charity.

As a charity, we would be happy to work on any joint/multi party ventures. We've had funding from the Assembly to develop a community centre, and as part of that we have been discussing a Heritage Café as a major component of the development. I suppose one of the key issues with the Pen Dinas site is maintaining the "archaeological interest as discernible and interpretable". I would argue that the features are not currently discernible or interpretable. The last time I spoke to the county I don't think that any work had been done for a few years due to staff changes. It would certainly be good for the scrub, saplings/bushes removed and the bracken kept down to 20% in the scheduled area, as outlined in the management plan.

I believe that [ ] has a very good recent picture of the site that you might find interesting.

Many thanks for getting back to me, really appreciate it and good to have your support.  
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## Document 6

From: [ ]  
Date: Friday, 10 February 2017 at 13:12  
To: [ ] "Kathryn.Roberts@wales.gsi.gov.uk"  
<Kathryn.Roberts@wales.gsi.gov.uk>  
Subject: RE: Pen Dinas - Management Plan

Dear all

[ ] has provided a very full reply detailing the Penparcau Community Forum's recent successes in getting the Pen Dinas project off the ground. It's been a great project.

The regular metal detecting on the hilltop (within the SAM) remains a real concern; the fact that it often occurs during the day with parents and children, or older people, suggests it may be in ignorance of the SAM area rather than wilful or criminal. It

would be very useful to bolster the Penparcau Forum's recent vigilance with some new legal signage, if this was at all possible.

In the meantime I attach an AP from this Wednesday 8th Feb showing the excellent clearance recently carried out on the central part of the south fort, in advance of the geophysics survey. The cleared area does serve to illustrate how overgrown the rest of the south fort has become over the last decade,

With best wishes

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### Document 7

From: [ ]  
Sent: 22 March 2017 10:21  
To: Roberts, Kathryn (ESNR-Tourism, Heritage & Sport-Cadw); [ ]  
Subject: Re: Pen Dinas - Management Plan

Did anything ever come of this Kathryn?  
I wondered if there was a new inspector?

I did try and get a plan of works for the site in respect to the "management plan", but never heard anything back.

Thanks  
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### Document 8

From: Groom, Polly (ESNR-Tourism, Heritage & Sport-Cadw)  
Sent: 13 April 2017 14:39  
To: [ ]  
Subject: RE: Pen Dinas - Management Plan

My apologies for not getting back to you sooner

I am afraid that I haven't had any contact about the management plan for Pen Dinas, but I will see if I can get in touch with anyone in the council. Do you have any particular contacts I could try?

In the meantime, I understand from Archaeology Wales that the results of the site survey should be available shortly, and I look forward to seeing them. We are also hoping to be able to put some signs up shortly about the scheduled status, in the hope of deterring any further unauthorised metal detection.

If it would help, I am happy to meet you on site ? or feel free to get in touch with me either by phone or email

Regards  
Polly

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