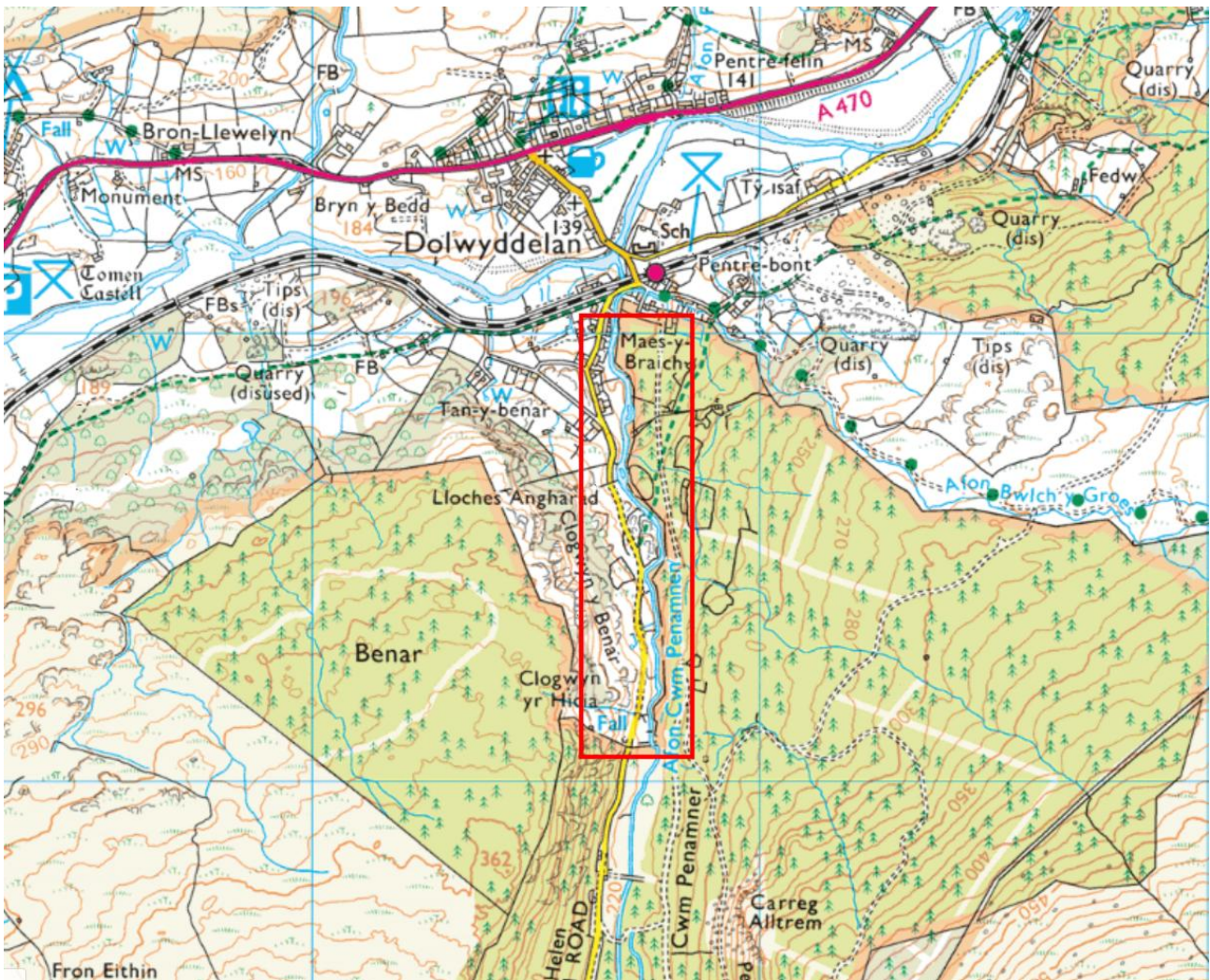
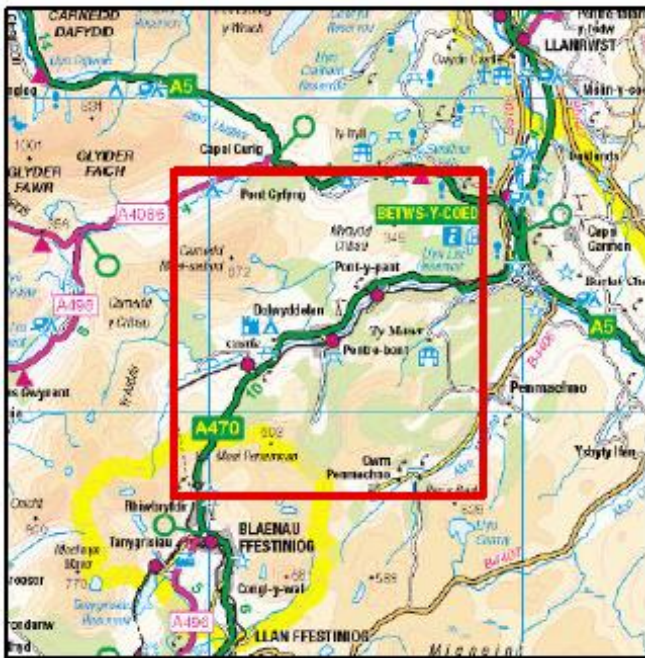


# Hydro Scheme Expression of Interest

NRW has received a proposal from a community group to develop a small-scale hydro electric scheme within Gwydyr South Forest, Dolwyddelan, Conwy.



**Figure 1a.** Red boundary delineates the area of interest, the site can be located using the following coordinates: 53.045, -3.884, SH 7378 5147.



**Figure 1b. Location map of the proposed site**

As part of our consideration of this proposal, NRW is obliged to determine whether there are other parties who would be interested in developing a hydro project in this area.

We would therefore like to invite any interested parties to come forward by submitting an Expression of Interest by completing and returning to us the form below.

### **This Document**

This document contains information about this potential development site and what we are looking for from you in our **Expression of Interest (EOI)**. The document also explains how to submit your EOI and how we will use the information you provide to take forward the development opportunity.

Please read this document and use the form listed at Appendix 1 below when preparing information to return to NRW.

### **About Us**

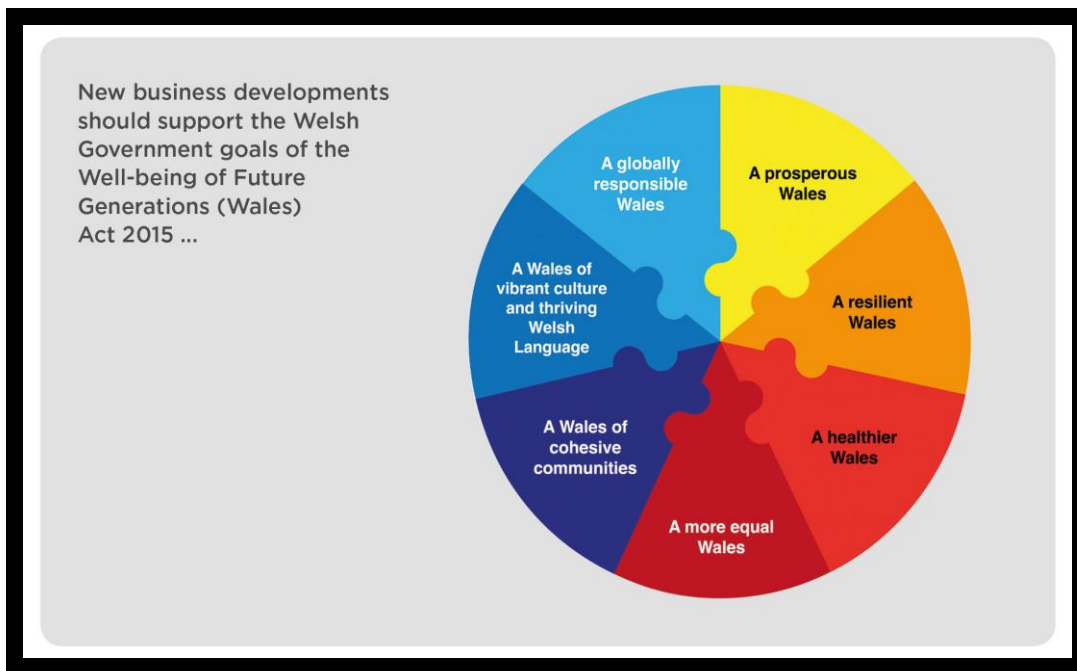
Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is the largest Welsh Government Sponsored Body and was formed in April 2013, largely taking over the functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and the Environment Agency in Wales, as well as certain Welsh Government functions. In addition to a number of other responsibilities, NRW manages 7% of Wales' land area and acts as an Enabler, collaborating with the public, private and voluntary sectors to deliver a wide range of environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits.

For further information please visit:

### The Opportunity

This is an opportunity to develop a hydro-electricity proposal on the NRW estate within the red line boundary shown in Figure 1a. The development opportunity would involve entering into a lease for use of the site, including a right of access for construction, maintenance and decommissioning. The lease would require the developer to pay an annual market rent for the use of the site based on a percentage of the gross revenue generated by the scheme.

EOIs should demonstrate to NRW how they would deliver long-term social, environmental and economic benefits, as well as satisfying the aims of the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR), the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (see Figure 4) [The Well-being of Future Generations | GOV.WALES](#) and the 3Ps (People, Planet and Prosperity) as set out in [NRW's Commercial Strategy 2021-2026](#).



**Figure 2. Goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

### **Additional factors to consider.**

NRW has multiple separate functions relating to the development of small-scale hydro schemes in on the NRW-managed estate in Wales.

- **NRW is a land manager.** This call for EOIs relates to NRW's function as a land manager on behalf of the Welsh Government.
- **NRW is a regulator.** NRW issues water Abstraction and Impoundment Licences and other consents which will be a requirement for small-scale hydro development. Applying for these consents is a separate process and **is not** covered by this EOI.
- **NRW is a Statutory Advisor** on planning applications. All small-scale hydro schemes need a planning consent. Applying for a planning consent is a separate process and **is not** covered by this EOI.

Separate to the lease referred to above, developers will be required to apply for all necessary consents including Water Abstraction and Impoundment Licences and Planning Permission, which will need to be secured before construction can commence. By entering into discussions about a lease, NRW is not giving any assurances that it will act in a certain way as a regulator or a statutory advisor.

### **How and when to apply.**

Please complete Appendix 1 and upload your proposal to the Sell2Wales portal:

[Sign On Cymru - Sell2Wales \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/sign-on-cymru-sell2wales)

**The deadline for responses is 1700hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.**

### **Any questions?**

If you have any questions, please post them on the Sell2Wales portal, **deadline for questions is 1300 on 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.**

[Sign On Cymru - Sell2Wales \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/sign-on-cymru-sell2wales)

**Search: Afon Cwm Penamnen**

## How the information submitted will be used

By making a submission, you are not committing yourself to any further action, although we do expect proposals to be realistic. We currently anticipate using the information provided in the **EOIs** to determine whether to run a competitive tender exercise.

***However, NRW reserves the right to not to proceed with any of the ideas submitted or any subsequent tender exercise.***

Any personal data you submit to us as part of the **Expression of Interest** process, will be held and used by Natural Resources Wales in accordance with all applicable data protection and privacy legislation in force from time to time. For further information on the processing of your personal details please see our Privacy Notice page at: [Natural Resources Wales / Privacy notice](#).

If you have any further queries or concerns about data protection, please contact [dataprotection@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk).

## Appendix 1

### Afon Cwm Penamnen Hydro *Expression of Interest* Submission Proforma – July 2026

#### About You

Please provide the information in this section for the submitting party or all members if acting in collaboration.

1.1	Name	<b>[Name]</b>
1.2	Current Organisation Name	<b>[Name]</b>
1.3	Registered office (where applicable)	<b>[Address]</b>
1.4	Principal contact name	<b>[Name]</b>
1.5	Collaboration	<b>[Yes / No]</b>
1.6	If YES to above, please set out other organisations and relationship	
1.7	Address	<b>[Address]</b>
1.8	Telephone No	<b>[Telephone]</b>
1.9	Email Address	<b>[Email]</b>

## Questions

**1. Proposal: describe your proposal for the site, including the proposed output expressed in kW. Please provide a plan clearly showing the proposed intake, turbine house, access route for construction and maintenance, and likely grid export route.**

**2. How will your proposal / submission deliver on the Well-being Goals, SMNR and wider NRW objectives, including the Commercial Strategy 3Ps?**

**3. Funding: Please provide a simple financial model showing expected capital cost, expected revenue, expected operating costs. Please provide source of funding. What is your preferred lease term and why?**

**4. Please provide any other information that you feel might be relevant to your submission (e.g. examples of track record of delivering similar projects if applicable), with particular reference to how your project will provide clear community benefits.**