

FelinDaclus (Tidy Felin)

What is it? : A Group of volunteers in Y Felinheli who wish to improve the look of the village and campaign against rubbish and dog foul.

When was it set up?: It was set up at a public meeting in the village on November 4 2008. The meeting was held at the request of the Community Council and the County Councillor following complaints by a number of villagers about general rubbish and dog fouling in open spaces. A joint rubbish collecting day was held with the Junior Youth Club in October 2007 and a number of Community Councillors are acting as “litter wardens” in parts of the village. But no formal training has been held. In the initial meeting, a number of other projects were discussed. Officers from Gwynedd Council and Tidy Towns came along to the first meeting. The ideas have been discussed with Gwynedd Council’s Countryside Service Unit, the Primary School, Youth Club and Junior Football Club.

What happened then? Three members of the group walked around the village and there were further meetings with officers. 5 particular projects have been prioritised:

- 1)General Dog Fouling campaign : to target irresponsible dog owners.
- 2)General Litter Campaign : jointly with the Community Council, Junior Football Club and other groups.
- 3)Research into an allotments scheme for waste land near Lon Las Menai (behind Arvonja). At least 5 people have expressed an interest and the Group intends to visit other projects in the area.
- 4)Improve a small woodland at Cerrig yr Afon to create an environmental resource for the nearby primary school.
- 5)Improve a small woodland near Lon Las Menai (behind Arvonja) jointly with the local youth club to create wooden paths and bird boxes. To help young people take pride in their environment and reduce vandalism.

Does the group have a constitution?

Yes. The formal constitution was adopted at a meeting on January 16 2009 and three officers were appointed. A bank account was set up in the name of FelinDaclus and a grant application was submitted.