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Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council Community News

Town Clerk – Mr D Holland

Mayor – Councillor G Corry

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Dropped Kerbs Kendal Road, Kinmel Bay

Lack of access for disabled, and people with walking difficulties using 'The Square' and community facilities close-by, are to be addressed in the near future. The Town Council requested the adoption of Kendal Road, which is now in place and this means that dropped kerbs will be installed here, in the next few months.

CCTV Towyn

Towyn is now, hopefully, a safer place as a result of this Council.

£9000 was put into the new CCTV camera at Towyn Crossroads. We have also agreed to ensure that it remains in good working order by paying the £2000 per year maintenance cost.

Our Mayor, Cllr Geoff Corry said 'It's great that we now have a permanent camera at the crossroads. It's a busy junction with lots going on. I'm sure everyone will be happier knowing it's there.'

Message from the Mayor

The Future is Looking Good

2008 will see quite a few changes. The Council's Focus Group Team will be addressing a new 'clean & green initiative'. New play equipment will be put into Clwyd Park play area, it will see the relocation of the play area in Park Hanes and the start of the Tir Prince Country Park 'Wetland Scheme'.

We are also concentrating our efforts to improve the local environment by entering 'Wales in Bloom' and our main aim this year will be to improve information and advice on the important issue of flooding. Our new parkland in Towyn is well underway and our 'Woodland Site' on Chester Avenue, Kinmel Bay continues to be developed.

Town Twinning is to be investigated and we will be looking for interested local people to get involved in this, as well as our 'Wales in Bloom' entry.

Community involvement is essential to us and I will now be holding an informal 'Community Surgery' at the Kinmel Bay Resource Centre on the last Wednesday of every month, starting at 6.30pm. I and other Council Members will be on hand and you will have an opportunity to give us your views on local issues, as it is important that this Council is able to focus on what is important to you, our residents.

Fill in the slip on page four, send it or call into the Resource Centre, Foryd Road for a coffee and a chat or email us on:

admin@towynandkinmelbaytowncouncil.gov.uk

Good times could be even better!

Meet the Council ~ You have an opportunity to air your views on local issues with Town and Borough Councillors on the second Wednesday of every month (except August) in the Community Resource Centre at 7:00pm, when the Town Council have their monthly meeting. Inform the Clerk prior to the Meeting.

FLOODING CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

Most people think that flooding can never happen to them. Well, it can. If you live on a floodplain, your home is more likely to be flooded than catching fire.

Flooding is a natural process and can happen quickly. The Environment Agency Wales explains about the Flood Warning Service and what it means to you, so that you can be prepared for flooding.

One of the main responsibilities of Environment Agency Wales is to provide you with an accurate and timely alert so that you have sufficient time to take appropriate action if flooding occurs.

Don't delay – call **Floodline** on **0845 988 1188**. When prompted enter the Quick Dial Number for your area:

Kinmel Bay – 05121542 / Towyn – 05121543

Have you registered for Floodline Warnings Direct?

This is a free flood warning service that gives you time to prepare for a flood. When you register to receive advance warning of potential flooding in your area this system will enable you to receive pre-recorded messages on flood warnings direct to your home via telephone, mobile, pager, fax or e-mail. Once registered, the Environment Agency will write to you to confirm your registration details.

IF YOU'RE HOUSEBOUND, ELDERLY OR INFIRM

If you think that you or a member of your family may need special assistance then please make prior arrangements. Social Service Departments should be informed if you are housebound.

A full copy of the Flood Warning Service is available at the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay.

**Environment Agency Customer Contact Centre
08708 506 506**

Grants

Each year this Council helps local groups by donating small grants. If your group is in need of funds, either call in to the Community Resource Centre or telephone our office on 01745 355899 and we will send you an application form. The groups below are just some of those we helped in 2007:

Conwy Crossroads

Falklands Commemoration North Wales

Kinmel Bay Church – Parent & Toddler Group

Kinmel Bay Garden Club

Kinmel Bay Over 60's Club

The Little Dragons

Rhyl Benefits Advice Shop

Royal British Legion

The Samaritans

Towyn Jubilee Townswomens Guild

Y Morfa Leisure Centre and Wales Air Ambulance

Know your Council Members

Your local Councillors are:-

Mayor

Cllr Geoff Corry – Kinmel Bay

Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mariette Roberts – Kinmel Bay

Towyn

Cllr Dennis Huxley-Owen

Cllr William Knightly *

Cllr Darren Millar AM*

Cllr Cliff Parry

Kinmel Bay

Cllr Stuart Anderson *

Cllr John Bevan *

Cllr Gareth Parry

Cllr Heather Roberts

Cllr Wendy Smith

Cllr Peter Worswick

*Denotes County Councillor

All Council Members can be contacted through the Office Telephone Number on **01745 355899**, where you will find the Town Clerk, Dave Holland and Administrative Assistants, Jacqui Richmond or Andrea Faulkner, who will help or pass on your enquiry. Under normal circumstances the offices are open from Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:30pm.

Litter Bins

So far this Council has installed an additional 14 litter bins on our streets. We know that more are needed and we will work with Conwy CBC to ensure that more are provided annually.

Councillors' Surgery

Councillor John Bevan holds a surgery at the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay on the 3rd Saturday in each month.

If you have a local issue that needs addressing then come along between 10:00am and 11:00am where Councillor Bevan will be happy to assist you.

The surgery is well attended and you will also have the opportunity to speak to other Town & County Council Members including the Mayor Councillor Geoff Corry.



Walk your way to Health

Mark Richards, who is the Walking the Way to Health Co-ordinator for our area, organises healthy walks around Kinmel Bay. The walks are free of charge and are a great way to make new friends. You will receive a **free pedometer** on your first walk and there are many other incentives. Walking really is a great way to keep your body fit and is suitable for all ages.

For full details please

contact Mark on

Tel: 01745 361140

Tel: 07733 013004



All Wales Smoking Cessation Service

Benefits of stopping smoking

- ▯ Blood pressure will return to its level and the risk of heart disease starts to fall.
- ▯ Circulation improves in a few weeks.
- ▯ Breathing improves as your bronchial tubes relax.
- ▯ You will have more energy, save money and live a healthier, richer life.
- ▯ How ever you choose to stop you are twice as likely to succeed if you have support.

So call **0800 085 2219** for free & friendly advice. Surgeries are held at the Community Resource Centre in Kinmel Bay on a weekly basis.



Community Fit Club started at the end of January last year and has proved to be very successful. It was recently nominated

for a Conwy Sports Award under the category 'Community Health Challenge' and although Community Fit Club didn't win the award it shows that we are on the map and here to stay.

Members have achieved so much in such a short period of time, with many achieving their target weight. You probably already know that healthy eating and exercise are the key factors when trying to lose weight. So why not let us provide you with a whole lifestyle programme, designed to give you fantastic value, access to local activities such as: sessions in the gym, aerobics, swimming and line dancing and of course the support and advice needed to guide you through your weight loss.

So why not join now. The cost to you is £2.00 per week and you can start making the most of your two free activity sessions by calling **01745 355899**.

www.communityfitclub.co.uk



The Three C's meet every Monday morning between 10:00am and 12:00noon at the Resource Centre. Why not pop in for a chat & a cuppa.

New Parkland in Towyn

Around three years ago Cllr Darren Millar was asked by residents to help create a recreational area in Towyn. At the time, and with the help of the Welsh Development Agency, an area of land was allocated at Towyn Way East and the Town Council was given ownership in June 2007.

The Mayor, Councillor Geoff Corry, at a Focus Group Meeting, formed a task group to look at how the development could be progressed. Councillor Bevan found additional sums of money held in the Borough Council, which made it possible to do even more on the site and he also found a local developer undertaking a site strip and they were able to provide us with the 2006 tonnes of top soil. The site was stripped and leveled, manholes raised, 400 metres of double fencing erected, 1,100 hedging whips planted, ground rotovated, seeded, fertilized and rolled.

The Mayor is proud to be a part of this scheme. He would like to thank the young people from the North Coast Church together with Councillor Huxley-Owen for their stone clearing day, Cllr Bevan for putting it all together, Cllr Knightly for keeping the community informed and all Council and staff members for their commitment. Thanks also goes to the Town Clerk for his successful grant application of £21,700 from WREN, which will enable us to construct a foot/cycle path through the site. Work is due to commence in the spring with an official opening date to be advised soon after.

Carers Outreach Service – Conwy

Who are we?

We offer information to unpaid family carers throughout North West Wales. Our office is located in Colwyn Bay.

What do we offer?

We arrange activities for carers and send out information about these, to registered carers on a regular basis. Monthly carers support groups are arranged and there is an officer available to visit carers at home if they are unable to attend the activities. Carers are therefore able to take advantage of one-to-one support.

How to register (It's free!!)

Contact Carers Outreach Service on:

Tel No: **01492 533714**

e-mail: conwy@conwycarers.wanadoo.co.uk

Victim Support ~ Drop in sessions take place at the Kinmel Bay Library once a month, usually on a Monday between 10:00am and 12:30pm. To find out when the next session is telephone the Victim Support Helpline on **0845 30 30 900**

Why not visit our new Web Site www.towynandkinmelbaytowncouncil.gov.uk

Let us know if you like it.

Y Morfa Leisure Centre

Cader Avenue, Kinmel Bay, Conwy LL18 5HU

Tel: 01745 360410

e-mail: hamdden.ymorfa.leisure@conwy.gov.uk

Y Morfa Leisure Centre has something for everyone with both indoor and outdoor activities.

Facilities Include:

Multi Purpose Sports Hall

Squash Courts

Multi Use Games Area (Floodlit)

Senior Size Football Pitch

Outdoor Senior Size Cricket Pitch with Artificial Wicket

Good Sized Male & Female Changing Rooms, both with Showers

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion branch covering Abergele, Towyn and Kinmel Bay area is very much alive and doing sterling work for the ex-service community.

Today the branch has a membership of 60 plus and many of these are active members. Are you an ex-service man or woman and have you received your Veterans Badge? If the answer is no, they can help. If you have a family member who is ex-service they would love to hear from you.

Can you help? There are various ways you can assist. You don't have to be an ex-service person to join and all ages are welcome. At present we need volunteers to take on the role of Poppy Appeal Collectors.

The Royal British Legion is here for all ex-service people and their families. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month in the rear of the Pen Y Bont Public House in Abergele at 8:00pm. There will be food and a raffle afterwards.

All enquiries should be made to:

**Mr I R Martin, Llangollen, Kinmel Way, Towyn,
Conwy LL22 9NE - Tel: 01745 338037**

Active Communities Scheme

The Active Communities Scheme was set up in April 2007 under the name 'Community Champion Scheme'. It is sponsored by the Sports Council for Wales and Communities First.

There are two Community Champions in the area, Andrea Faulkner and Bill Darwin who have put an activity timetable together. The activities are mostly free with some requiring a small fee to cover costs. Activities available range from canoeing to golf.

As part of the scheme a 'Fun Olympics' event was held in September at the Y Morfa Leisure Centre which proved to be very successful. All age groups joined in the fun from 16 to 67 years of age. The Chester Avenue Health Group won the shield on the day and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

If you are interested in joining or require further information then please contact either:

Andrea - **07756 671416** or Bill - **07951 274809**.

New War Memorial

After April 2008 the Council will be erecting a new war memorial. There have been many requests as we do not have an external one in the parish at present The Council agreed and, to help compliment the one in St Mary's Church - Towyn, a much larger one will be constructed. Its exact location has not yet been agreed but it will be in place for our Memorial Service in November 2008.

Thank You to the Gardening Club

In November 2007 members of the Gardening Club planted daffodil and crocus bulbs around the Community Resource Centre to add a touch of colour in the spring. The bulbs were donated by Councillor William Knightly who has distributed bulbs across the Towyn and Kinmel Bay area and we would like to thank them both for their joint contribution.

Heating Concerns ~ If you are worried about the high cost of heating bills and feel that you are not able to afford to pay, you should contact your energy supplier. There is also a national helpline number

0800 336699 Don't sit in the cold!

I am interested in getting involved with some of the Council's activities

I have some suggestions which I would like to talk to the Council about

Name _____ Telephone No _____ email _____