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ANNUAL REPORT

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Town Mayor

Cllr Jo Nuttall

2025- 2026 Highlights





Foreword by the 2025/26 Town Mayo Nuttall

Serving as Town Mayor of the Bay of Colwyn for the 2025/26 Municipal Year has been a truly rewarding and memorable experience

Representing both our Town Council and the communities that make this area so special has given me the opportunity to meet so many inspiring people whose dedication, kindness, creativity, and community spirit continue to shape the Bay of Colwyn in such positive ways.

Throughout the year, the Town Council has continued to support a wide range of local organisations, events, and initiatives that make a real difference to people's lives. From wellbeing projects and youth activities to cultural celebrations, environmental improvements, and community events, it has been wonderful to see the impact these groups and volunteers have across our communities every single day.

One of the highlights of my Mayoral year has been supporting my chosen charity, Youth Shedz. Spending time with the young people involved and seeing first-hand the safe, supportive, and positive environment the organisation provides has been incredibly inspiring. I am so grateful to everyone who supported fundraising events throughout the year, including my Mayor's Quiz Night, which brought together residents, friends, organisations, and councillors for a fantastic evening full of fun, laughter, and community spirit while raising valuable funds for such an important cause.

As Mayor, I have attended a wide variety of engagements across the region, proudly representing the Bay of Colwyn at civic events, community celebrations, open days, performances, sporting fixtures, and charity events. From attending civic services and local summer fairs to supporting Carers Week activities, school presentations, and community open days, every event showcased the strength and generosity of our local communities.

There have been many memorable moments throughout the year, but one of the most exhilarating was taking the helm of the RIB during the GLM Marine Engineering Boat Race event. Being out on the water and experiencing the speed, spray, and atmosphere first-hand was certainly one of the more adventurous highlights of my civic year!

Cllr Jo Nuttall

The cultural life of the Bay of Colwyn has also continued to thrive. It was especially inspiring to attend the Supporting Shorts film premiere at Theatr Colwyn led by TAPE Community Music and Film, celebrating local creativity, storytelling, and talent. I have also enjoyed supporting theatre productions, music performances, Wales in Bloom activities, and community arts events that continue to bring people together and showcase the creativity that exists across our area.

Environmental projects and community pride have remained an important theme throughout the year. It was a pleasure to support Colwyn in Bloom activities, school competitions, and local environmental initiatives, as well as seeing projects like Gardd Pawb continue to flourish as welcoming spaces for the community to come together.

Remembrance events and civic commemorations have, as always, remained an important part of the year. I was honoured to represent the Town Council at services and commemorative events recognising the sacrifices and contributions of so many, while also joining communities in celebrating local achievements, milestones, and special occasions.

What has stood out to me most during my time as Mayor is the incredible dedication of the volunteers, organisations, community leaders, businesses, and residents who work tirelessly to support others and improve the Bay of Colwyn.

Their commitment, resilience, and positivity are what make this area such a vibrant and caring place to live. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported me throughout my Mayoral year, including fellow councillors, officers, community groups, volunteers, and residents.

It has truly been a privilege to serve as your Mayor, and I hope the pages that follow reflect both the strength of our communities and the positive work continuing across the Bay of Colwyn.

Cllr Jo Nuttall

Town Mayor 2025/26

With sincere thanks and appreciation

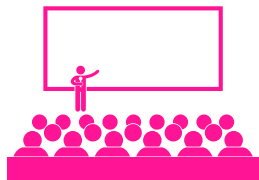


This Annual Report aims to provide clarity to our local residents on the role and priorities of the Town Council and let you know what we have focused our attention on during the past year. The work of the Council is guided by our key objectives and priorities as set in The Colwyn Place Plan which was formally adopted and published in January 2024 (see www.colwynplaceplan.com).

The plan provides the Council with a vision, objectives, principles and actions, giving it direction and enabling it to work in a more focused, consistent and coordinated way. The actions in the plan are organised into six themes, identifying the things that matter most to our local residents: Housing and Future Development; Culture, Heritage & Tourism; Facilities, Assets, Health and Wellbeing; Getting around – A Connected Colwyn; Promoting a Green Colwyn and Business, Retail and Skills. It will also provide us with a benchmark for monitoring and reviewing performance and help us to demonstrate that decisions are being made in a consistent, transparent and accountable way.

Our Annual Report is our main way of giving you information about what we are doing to meet the needs of our local community. Please tell us what you think – we welcome your comments and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

See [Page 28/29](#) for our Contact Details, or alternatively, please contact: Mrs Rachael Gill, Town Clerk, should you have any questions or comments: clerk@colwyn-tc.gov.uk - Tel: 01492 532248



Bay of Colwyn Town Council is a corporate body, formed under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972. It came into existence in May 1995, as part of a major local government reorganisation, which also saw the creation of Conwy County Borough Council.

It is a local authority in its own right and is part of the first tier of local government, with an important role in shaping and supporting the local communities it represents.

The Town Council has 24 elected members who represent a population of approximately 26,500 people across six Wards: Rhos, Dinarth, Rhiw, Glyn, Eirias and Colwyn. These cover the communities of Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay (including Upper Colwyn Bay) and Old Colwyn. See page 26 for a list of our current members.

The agenda for each Council or Committee meeting is posted on the notice board outside the Town Hall and on the Council's website and members of the public are welcome to attend meetings to watch the Council make its decisions. Many of our meetings enable people to attend remotely (online) and the link to join the meeting as an observer can be obtained by contacting the Town Hall. A list of our future meeting dates can be found in APPENDIX A, page 30 and minutes of the meetings of the Council and its Committees are also published online at <https://www.colwyn-tc.gov.uk/town-council/council-meetings/>

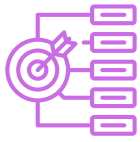
Some of the matters most commonly discussed by the Town Council include: planning applications (we are a consultee on all applications affecting our area); street furniture (signs, notice boards, benches, cycle racks, litter bins, bus shelters, street lights etc); parks and open spaces and events. The Town Council regularly provides financial support for local events (organised by ourselves or others) and for local voluntary groups and clubs operating in its area - please see the grants section of our website for details of how to apply.

The Council is often called upon to act as a lobbying voice for the local community, where there are concerns about, or improvements needed, to services delivered by other public bodies. This can include services by Conwy County Borough Council, such as highways, education or social services, or other important public services such as local policing or health matters.

It is also either consulted about, or is directly involved in partnership working with the County Council and others for some larger locally based projects, such as the ongoing regeneration of Colwyn Bay.

Many of the Council's members also have a role in representing the Council on other local bodies, such as environmental groups, business groups, community centres, schools governing bodies and other local interest groups. This helps the Council to keep in touch with things that are happening in the local area.

Whilst recognising it has wide and varied role, the Town Council can only do those things that it is permitted by law to do – these are known as the powers of the Council. The Council also has a number of duties which it must perform, though these are fairly limited in number



Corporate Vision, Mission and Values

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The Town Council, elected to serve a five-year term until May 2027, will be reviewing its vision, mission and core values during the coming years, following the recent adoption of the Colwyn Place Plan. The current ones will continue to apply until then:



Mission

We commit to represent, listen and be accountable to the whole community, to value our heritage, nurture the wellbeing of all and to promote a thriving and vibrant environment, for current and future generations.



Vision

Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive and caring coastal community

In order to do this, we will engage with our community and encourage collaboration, long-term thinking and innovation to positively impact on the wellbeing of all who live in, work in or visit the Bay of Colwyn.

Our Core Values:

Underpinning our vision and mission are a number of core values, which will be reflected in what we do and what we say. We aim to be ...



Ethical



Empowering



**Honest &
Trustworthy**



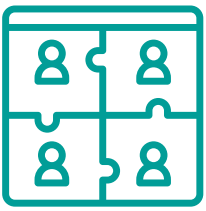
Respectful



Inclusive



**Caring &
Responsible**



The Town Council recognises that well-being is about being healthy and happy in all areas of our lives, including physical and mental health, good relationships and being part of resilient communities. This includes striving to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and taking what action we consider reasonable towards our local Public Service Board's priority areas. It also includes embracing the five ways of working: long term; prevention; collaboration; integration and involvement.

This Annual Report includes information about the actions taken by the Council since May 2025 which have contributed to the wellbeing of our local community.

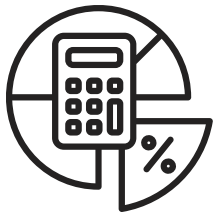
Key Objectives

We have continued to focus on the following priority areas, reflecting the priorities of Conwy County Borough Council:

-  **People in Conwy value and look after the environment**
-  **People in Conwy live in a county which has a prosperous economy with culture at its heart**
-  **People in Conwy are educated and skilled**
-  **People in Conwy have access to affordable, appropriate, good quality accommodation that enhances the quality of their lives**
-  **People in Conwy are safe and feel safe**
-  **People in Conwy are healthy**
-  **People in Conwy live in a county where the use of Welsh is thriving and people can participate in all aspects of community life through the medium of Welsh**
-  **People in Conwy are informed, included and listened to and can actively contribute to a community where their background and identity are valued and respected**
-  **Conwy County Borough is resilient**

These also incorporate the objectives of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Service Board, as identified in the updated Local Wellbeing Plan 2023-28, which focuses on making Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation and identifies 4 key themes to support this main objective:

Well-being – Communities are happier, healthier and more resilient in the face of challenges, such as the Climate Change and Nature Emergency, or the rising cost of living; Economy – There is a flourishing economy, supported by a skilled workforce fit for the future; Equality – Those with protected characteristics face fewer barriers; Housing – There is improved access to good quality housing.

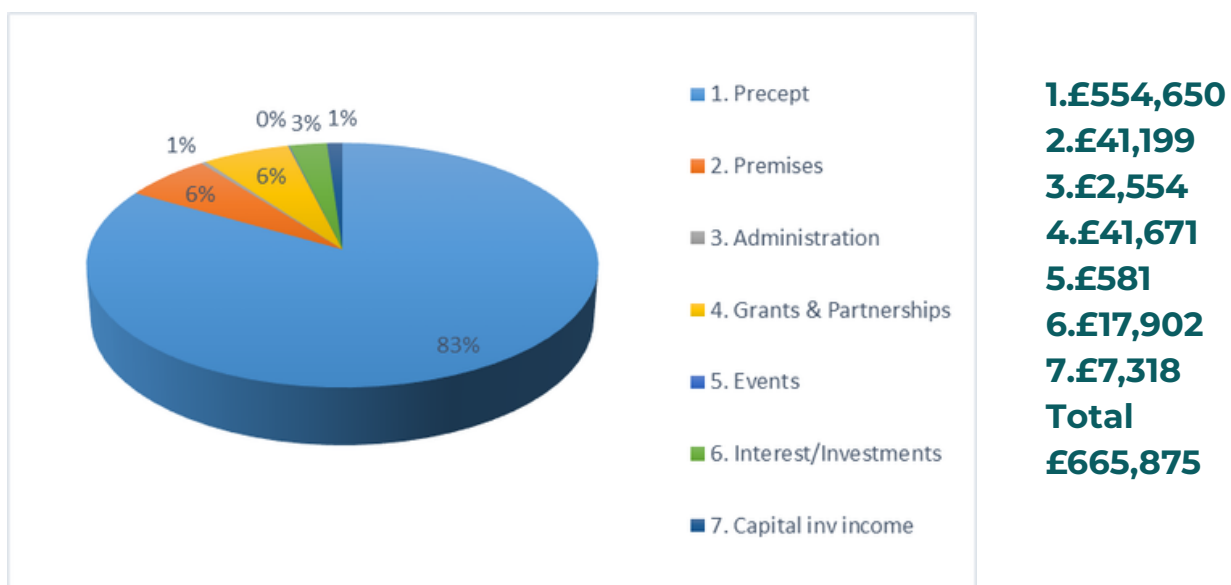


The Town Council receives the majority of its income from the residents of the Bay of Colwyn area, through what is known as the 'precept'. This is a local tax set by the Town Council annually and it is collected on our behalf by Conwy County Borough Council, as part of the annual council tax bill.

In 2025/26, an average council tax bill (for a Band D property) included £45.67 for the Town Council (3% increase on the previous year). This provided a total precept income of £554,650.

Other income came from service charge contributions from shared occupation of our Rhiw Road site, one-off grants and interest/income from investments. The total income received for the year was £665,875.

Fig.1: Sources of Income 2025/26



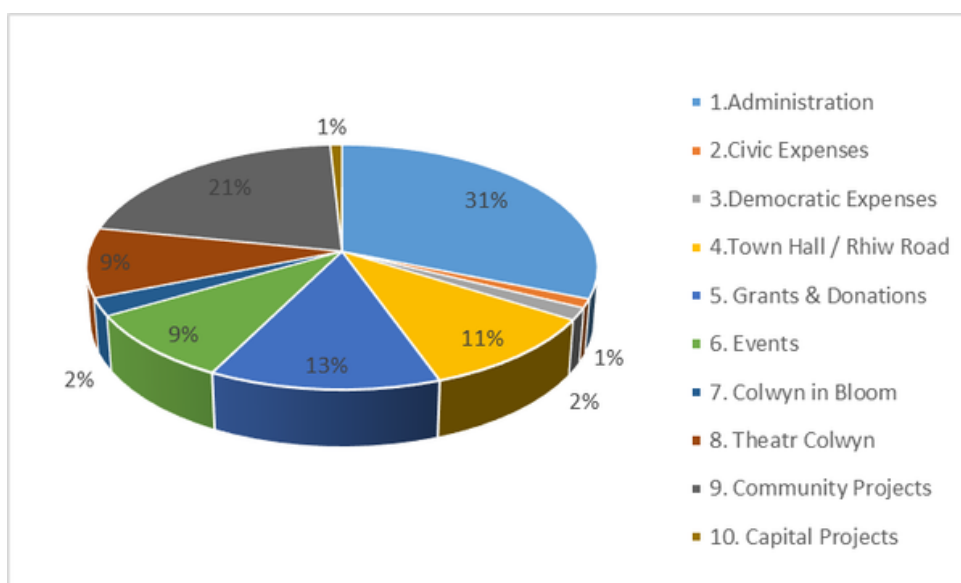
The Council meets to agree its annual budget for income and expenditure in January each year and uses this to determine the amount of precept it needs to collect from its local taxpayers. The Council's expenditure for 2025/26 is summarised below and has been itemised under the following broad headings:



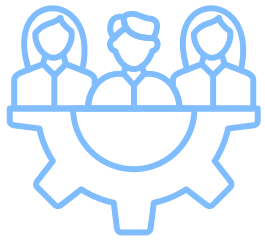
- Administrative costs: staff, travel, training, insurance, audit, professional fees, office and IT equipment, IT and software support and publicity
- Civic Expenses: mayoral expenses and municipal events
- Democratic Expenses: members' travel expenses, allowances, training and cost of any election or by-election(s) occurring during the year
- Town Hall / Rhiw Road site: all premises related costs
- Grants and Donations: small grants (<£500) and larger grants to local organisations, scholarships, plus targeted grants such as youth grants and well-being grants.
- Events: funding for events run by the Town Council, such as the annual bonfire and fireworks event, and funding support to others putting on events in the local area
- Colwyn in Bloom: various local environmental projects
- Theatr Colwyn: support towards the cost of operating our local theatre and Oriel Colwyn
- Community Projects: a variety of community-based projects including summer play schemes, Christmas Lights, CCTV, parks and gardens, street furniture, digital noticeboards and community engagement.
- Capital Projects: street furniture and contribution towards new and replacement play equipment across our 19 county council owned local playgrounds

The total expenditure for 2025/26 was £709,433 The key expenditure headings for 2025/26 can be broken down as follows:

Fig 2. Main items of expenditure 2025/26



1.£221,033
2.£8,174
3.£11,395
4.£75,152
5.£92,005
6.£64,877
7.£16,593
8.£65,000
9.£149,259
10.£5,944
Total
£709,432



Governance and Accountability

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We are committed to being open, transparent, and accountable in everything we do. To ensure robust management of our assets and resources, we operate under a framework of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and Internal Controls, supported by proactive risk management practices.

The Council is independently assessed each year through both internal and external audits. We publish the outcomes of these audits on our website and public noticeboards, ensuring our community is kept informed.

In the year ahead, we will continue to work through the Welsh Government's Toolkit for Governance and Accountability (2022), using it as a foundation for a phased review and improvement of our policies and procedures.



For more information about the Bay of Colwyn Place Plan, please visit the Place Plan website at:

www.colwynplaceplan.com

You can also register to receive our regular newsletter by e-mailing:

info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk



Performance against our agreed objectives is monitored quarterly by the Council and, wherever possible, measured using quantifiable outputs and outcomes. The process of identifying new projects and activities, agreeing actions, setting budgets, monitoring performance and reviewing progress is a constant cycle, with the key stages being:

- Approval of an annual action plan (by December each year)
- Budget setting for the following financial year (by January)
- Quarterly progress review (June, September, December, March)
- Production of an Annual Report (May), summarising progress made / activities undertaken during the preceding financial year and outlining key aspirations for the year ahead.
- Reviewing the key objectives in the Public Service Board's local Area Wellbeing Plan and incorporating any new ones (annually, following publication).

FIG 3: PLAN/BUDGET/IMPLEMENT/MONITOR/REVIEW CYCLE:





Small Grants
£5,382.00



Youth Grants
£3,500.00



Large Grants
£50,134.00



Wellbeing Grants
£6,740.00



Events Grants
£35,149.88



Supporting local groups, organisations and initiatives through grant funding is a key part of the Town Council's commitment to strengthening our community. Over the past year, we've provided financial support to a wide range of projects that reflect the priorities set out in the Colwyn Place Plan—helping to improve wellbeing, promote inclusion, support young people, protect our environment, and celebrate local culture. This section outlines how our grant funding has made a difference across the Bay of Colwyn.

SMALL GRANTS/ DONATIONS

Donation - Welsh Air Ambulance

Funding was awarded to support the charity's lifesaving emergency air ambulance service. The organisation provides rapid critical care across Wales, including support to local communities.

Donation - Llangollen International Eisteddfod

Support contributed towards the delivery of the internationally recognised cultural festival. The event promotes Welsh culture, music and international exchange.

Donation - PMA Theatre

Funding enabled the purchase of a new laptop to support show production and administration. The equipment will help improve the delivery of performances and future productions.

3rd Colwyn Bay Scouts

Grant funding contributed towards the purchase of new tents for Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. The equipment will support outdoor learning, activities and camping opportunities.

Conwy Mind

Funding supported the delivery of the Mental Elf wellbeing event at Parc Eirias. The event promotes positive mental health, physical activity and community participation.

Friends of Rhos on Sea

Funding helped purchase new branded tabards for volunteers involved in environmental improvement activities. The group plays an important role in enhancing local public spaces.

Colwyn Bay Walking Football Club

Grant funding supported the registration of new over 60s and over 70s teams. The project encourages physical activity, social interaction and healthy ageing.

Colwyn Choral Society

Funding enabled the purchase of new music scores to expand the choir's repertoire. This will support future performances and enhance opportunities for members.

Happy Faces

Funding contributed towards repairs to the historic clock above the kiosk on Rhos Promenade. The project helps preserve a valued local landmark for residents and visitors.

Colwyn Bay Rugby Club

Grant support helped purchase new team kit as membership continues to grow. The funding encourages participation and supports the ongoing development of local rugby.

Conwy Connect for Learning Difficulties

Funding supported preparatory work towards becoming a qualified Makaton Tutor. The project will strengthen inclusive communication opportunities for people with learning difficulties.

Upper Colwyn Bay Community Centre

Grant funding supported a community open day and quiz evening celebrating the centre's 25th anniversary. The event brought residents together and highlighted the centre's ongoing contribution to the community.



YOUTH GRANTS

Underground Artist Movement (UAM)

Funding supported the Artist Development Programme for young people aged 16 to 25. The project provides mentoring, creative opportunities and practical support for emerging musicians and performers.

DJ Diamonds (Morris Dance Troupe)

Grant support assisted with start up costs for this newly formed youth dance group. The project encourages participation in traditional dance while creating new cultural opportunities for young people.

LARGE GRANTS

Benefit Advice Shop

Funding supported the provision of welfare benefits and social security advice for local residents. The service helps individuals maximise their income and access the support to which they are entitled.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Grant funding helped provide specialist and general advice services from Colwyn Bay Town Hall and through outreach support. The service assists residents with a wide range of practical, financial and legal issues.

Colwyn Community Hub

Funding contributed towards the running costs of the Community Hub, helping ensure the continued availability of a welcoming and accessible community facility for local residents.

Homestart Conwy

Funding supported the operation of the community hub, helping provide family support, emergency assistance and a warm, welcoming space. The project offers practical help to households experiencing financial hardship.

Mochdre FC

Grant funding contributed towards additional pitch drainage works to improve playing conditions. The project will help enhance facilities for players and support year round participation in sport.

Y Pentan

Funding supported the production of this volunteer led Welsh language publication. The magazine helps promote Welsh culture, language and community engagement across Conwy County.



WELLBEING GRANTS

TAPE Community Music & Film

Funding supported the replacement of seating within the main hall, improving comfort and accessibility for visitors and participants. The project was delivered with additional match funding from TAPE.

Underground Artist Movement

Grant support helped deliver a Rap Writing Course for young people, providing creative opportunities through music and performance. The project encourages confidence, creativity and positive social engagement.

Rhos Football Club

Funding enabled the purchase of new metal football goals to replace ageing equipment. The improved facilities support youth football development across a range of age groups.

Pantastic Steel Pan & Cajon Duo

Grant funding supported the delivery of live music performances within local care homes. The project promotes wellbeing, social interaction and access to music for older residents.

EVENTS GRANTS

Theatr Colwyn

Funding supported a programme of cinema screenings offering affordable entertainment for local residents. The project helps increase participation in arts and culture within the town centre.

Together for Colwyn Bay Ltd – Pride and Beach Party Extravaganza

Grant funding supported the delivery of a vibrant community celebration promoting diversity, inclusion and community pride. The event attracted residents and visitors from across the region.

Together for Colwyn Bay Ltd – Christmas Extravaganza

Funding supported the introduction of a new festive event for Colwyn Bay. The initiative helped enhance the town centre offer and encourage seasonal footfall.

Oriel Colwyn

Grant support contributed towards the Northern Eye International Photography Festival. The event attracted artists, photographers and visitors while showcasing the Bay of Colwyn as a cultural destination.

Colwyn Bowls Festival

Funding supported the delivery of a six day bowls festival organised by local clubs. The event attracted competitors and visitors while promoting local sporting activity.

Conwy County Borough Council – Prom Xtra Eco Zone

Grant funding helped provide free environmental and beach based activities as part of Prom Xtra. The project encouraged outdoor participation and environmental awareness for all ages.

Adferiad

Funding supported a concert and exhibition exploring the historic links between Colwyn Bay and the Congo. The event promoted cultural understanding, inclusion and community engagement.

St Joseph's School

Grant support helped deliver a community summer fair bringing together pupils, families and local residents. The event encouraged participation and strengthened community connections.

Conwy Mind – Seal Splash

Funding contributed towards a community wellbeing event focused on cold water swimming and beach activities. The project promoted positive mental health, wellbeing and outdoor participation.



Summary of Activities Undertaken

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Bay of Colwyn Town Council Contribution to the Wellbeing Goals 2025/26 People live in a county which has a prosperous economy with culture at its heart

Throughout 2025/26, the Town Council continued supporting projects and partnerships that strengthen the local economy, increase footfall, and celebrate the culture and identity of the Bay of Colwyn.

Alongside strategic Place Plan activity and regeneration discussions, the Council supported a wide range of cultural and community events that helped attract visitors, animate town centres, and create opportunities for local businesses and organisations. This included support for cinema screenings and community film activity at Theatr Colwyn, Prom Xtra activity, Colwyn Bay Pride, seasonal events, and creative projects delivered in partnership with local organisations.

Support was also provided for heritage and storytelling projects that celebrate the history and identity of the Bay of Colwyn, including community film initiatives exploring important local figures and heritage themes.



People in Conwy value and look after the environment

Environmental sustainability and community pride continued to be major priorities throughout the year.

Progress continued on the Council's Climate and Nature Action Plan following the declaration of a Climate and Nature Emergency, with activity focused on biodiversity, sustainability, greener public spaces, and environmental awareness. Grassroots environmental projects including litter-picking initiatives, planting schemes, community growing activity, and volunteer-led environmental improvements continued throughout the year, with the Town Hall litter-pick hub remaining one of the busiest in Wales.

Additional environmental improvement projects were also supported in parks and public spaces, including tree planting, biodiversity enhancements, improved seating, and projects aimed at improving accessibility and resilience within local green spaces.

Gardd Pawb continued to flourish as a community growing and wellbeing space, celebrating its first birthday on St David's Day while hosting volunteer sessions, creative activities, and opportunities for residents to connect with nature and each other.



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People in Conwy live in a county which has a prosperous economy with culture at its heart

During 2025/26, the Town Council continued to support the regeneration and promotion of the Bay of Colwyn through projects that attract investment, strengthen local communities and celebrate the area's culture and heritage.

External funding secured during the year included support from Gwynt y Môr, Rhyl Flats and Section 106 contributions, alongside grants for the Rhos on Sea Solar Lighting Project and a town centre mapping project funded through Welsh Government's Transforming Towns programme.

The Council continued to support delivery of the Colwyn Place Plan, working with partners including the Colwyn Bay Regeneration Task Force, Smart Towns Wales and David Rudlin. The Colwyn Bay Conversation event also provided an opportunity for residents, businesses and stakeholders to help shape future town centre priorities.

Building on the success of Beach of Dreams, cultural projects continued to attract visitors, celebrate local heritage and encourage community engagement, helping to support a prosperous Bay of Colwyn with culture at its heart.



People in Conwy are educated and skilled

The Council continued supporting projects and partnerships that encourage learning, creativity, volunteering, and skills development.

The Creative Agency concept with TAPE Community Music and Film is still be explored as a way of local people can gain skills and participate in creative community-led activity. We are hopefully in 2026 to run a small pilot in conjunction with key partners.

Community heritage, arts, and film projects supported throughout the year also helped create opportunities for creative learning, digital skills development, volunteering, and intergenerational engagement. The Place Plan Business, Retail and Learning Working Group continued developing conversations around employability, youth engagement, and skills development across the Bay of Colwyn.

The Council also continued offering free meeting and training space for community organisations and supporting local schools through the appointment of community governors.



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People in Conwy have access to affordable, appropriate, good quality accommodation that enhances the quality of their lives

During the year, the Council continued engaging with planning and development discussions affecting the Bay of Colwyn through its Planning Committee and Place Plan structures.

Work also continued through the Housing and Future Development Working Group, helping ensure local voices and priorities continue to influence future development discussions and the future review of the Conwy Local Development Plan.

The Council also continued supporting organisations that assist residents experiencing hardship, housing-related challenges, social isolation, and financial pressures through local outreach, advice services, and community support provision.



People in Conwy are safe and feel safe

The Town Council continued supporting projects and partnerships that contribute positively to community wellbeing, accessibility, and public confidence.

This included ongoing support for CCTV infrastructure, partnership working with local organisations and community groups, and support for accessible and inclusive community events.

An important part of this work has been the continued development of the quarterly Police and Youth Liaison Group, led by the Town Council.

The group brings together North Wales Police, councillors, youth organisations, businesses, and community partners to discuss local concerns including anti-social behaviour, youth engagement, homelessness, and town centre issues, while identifying collaborative solutions and referral pathways into youth support and outreach activity.



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People in Conwy are healthy

Supporting wellbeing and encouraging community connection remained an important focus throughout 2025/26.

The Council continued facilitating the Wellbeing Network and supporting projects that encourage outdoor activity, volunteering, social interaction, and community participation. Projects such as Gardd Pawb continued supporting mental wellbeing, physical activity, and social connection across all age groups.

Funding secured for accessible beach matting at Colwyn Bay Beach also helped improve access to the coastline for more residents and visitors.

The Council also supported organisations delivering frontline wellbeing and support services for local residents, including family support, welfare advice, outreach services, and projects tackling poverty, isolation, and financial hardship.



People live in a county where the use of Welsh is thriving and people can participate in all aspects of community life through the medium of Welsh

The Council continued supporting Welsh language and cultural activity throughout the year while ensuring bilingual communication remained central to its work.

Welsh language accessibility continued across newsletters, agendas, reports, digital communication, and Place Plan engagement activity, helping ensure community participation remains inclusive and accessible.

Support was also provided for local cultural activity, St David's Day events, heritage projects, and organisations promoting Welsh language participation and identity across the Bay of Colwyn.



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People in Conwy are informed, included and listened to and can actively contribute to a community where their background and identity are valued and respected

People in Conwy are informed, included and listened to and can actively contribute to a community where their background and identity are valued and respected. Strengthening communication and engagement remained a key priority throughout the year.

The Place Plan newsletter and social media activity continued to grow, helping residents, businesses, organisations, and stakeholders stay informed about local projects, funding opportunities, events, and consultations taking place across the Bay of Colwyn.

The development of a Communications and Engagement Strategy also helped strengthen the Council's approach to participation and partnership working. Through Place Plan working groups, stakeholder engagement events, public consultation activity, and partnership meetings, local people and organisations continued to play an active role in shaping future priorities for the Bay of Colwyn.



Bay of Colwyn is resilient

Throughout 2025/26, the Colwyn Place Plan continued evolving from a vision document into a practical framework supporting regeneration, partnership working, and long-term community resilience.

The appointment of the Place Plan Manager strengthened strategic coordination and partnership development across a wide range of projects and initiatives, while external funding support helped progress projects linked to regeneration, sustainability, accessibility, and environmental improvement.

New partnerships and structures established during the year, including the Colwyn Bay Regeneration Task Force and themed Place Plan Working Groups, are helping create stronger foundations for long-term regeneration and positive change across the Bay of Colwyn.



Last year, the Town Council identified a number of aspirations linked to the Colwyn Place Plan within its Annual Report. The following section highlights the progress made over the past year in transforming these ambitions into practical action and positive outcomes across the Bay of Colwyn.:

Identifying and pursuing external funding opportunities

External funding has continued to play an important role in delivering Place Plan priorities and supporting regeneration activity across the Bay of Colwyn. Funding secured during the year included support from Gwynt y Môr, Rhyl Flats, and Section 106 contributions to support the Place Plan Manager role.

Additional funding secured included:

- £10,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for the Rhos-on-Sea Solar Lighting Project.
- Just under £11,000 from Welsh Government Transforming Towns funding for a large-scale town centre mapping project designed to improve connectivity and footfall.

Further funding applications and partnership discussions have also progressed throughout the year.

Progressing the Climate and Nature Action Plan

Progress has continued on the development of the Town Council's Climate and Nature Action Plan following the declaration of a Climate and Nature Emergency.

Community activity has included biodiversity projects, litter-picking initiatives, community growing, and environmental volunteering.

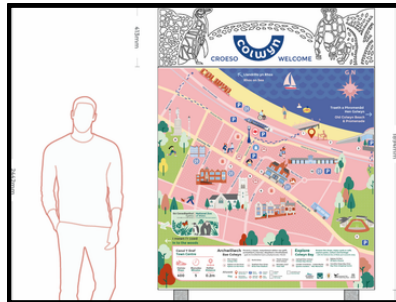
Projects such as the Rhos-on-Sea Solar Lighting initiative and Gardd Pawb demonstrate the Council's commitment to balancing sustainability with practical community benefit.

Building on the success of Beach of Dreams

The Bay of Colwyn played a key role in the nationally recognised Beach of Dreams initiative, acting as the Welsh partner in a UK-wide coastal arts project exploring climate change and coastal resilience. The project brought over 840 silk pennants to Colwyn Bay and helped engage communities in environmental conversations through creativity, culture, and storytelling.

Expanding the Eco Zone at Prom Xtra

Environmental sustainability continued to feature strongly within Prom Xtra and wider community events throughout the year. The Eco Zone provided opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with local environmental organisations and climate-positive initiatives through interactive and family-friendly activities.





Contributing to the review of the Conwy Local Development Plan

The Town Council and Place Plan Advisory Committee have continued engaging with discussions around the future review of the Conwy Local Development Plan.

This work has focused on ensuring local priorities identified through the Colwyn Place Plan continue to help shape future development and regeneration discussions affecting the Bay of Colwyn.



Continuing to enhance the Council's digital platforms

Progress has continued in strengthening communication and engagement through the Council's digital platforms and communication channels.

The Place Plan newsletter and social media activity have helped increase awareness of local projects, funding opportunities, events, and consultations. Work has also progressed on developing a Communications and Engagement Strategy and Marketing Strategy.



Supporting vibrant town and village centres

Supporting vibrant and welcoming town centres has remained a key focus throughout the year.

The Town Council has continued supporting events, markets, cultural activity, and floral displays that help increase footfall and strengthen local pride. Strategic town centre work has also progressed through the Colwyn Bay Conversation event, Smart Towns Wales support, and engagement with regeneration specialist David Rudlin.



Backing grassroots environmental action

Grassroots environmental activity has continued to grow through volunteering, planting schemes, and local sustainability projects.

The Town Council's free litter pick hub remains one of the busiest in Wales and continues to support schools, volunteers, and community groups in improving local spaces and encouraging environmental action.



Building on the success of Gardd Pawb

Gardd Pawb has continued to develop as a valued community space supporting wellbeing, biodiversity, creativity, and social connection.

A major milestone was reached when the project celebrated its first birthday on St David's Day, bringing together volunteers, residents, and supporters to celebrate everything achieved during its first year. The project has continued to host growing sessions, volunteer days, and creative community activity throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

With the Colwyn Place Plan now firmly established as a framework for partnership working and regeneration, the Town Council looks forward to continuing to work alongside residents, businesses, volunteers, and community organisations to build a greener, healthier, and more connected Bay of Colwyn.



During the coming year, Bay of Colwyn Town Council will continue working with partners, residents, businesses, and community organisations to deliver positive change across the Bay of Colwyn through the Colwyn Place Plan. Key aspirations for the year ahead include:

- Continuing to strengthen delivery of the Colwyn Place Plan through project development, partnership working, and community engagement.
- Securing external funding to support regeneration, environmental improvements, wellbeing projects, cultural activity, and town centre initiatives.
- Exploring community-based energy and sustainability projects linked to the Climate and Nature Action Plan.
- Delivering the Wild About Colwyn initiative, focused on environmental improvements, biodiversity, and community-led activity in Colwyn Bay, while exploring opportunities in Old Colwyn and Rhos-on-Sea.
- Launching the It's Our Place volunteering scheme to encourage greater community participation and civic pride across the Bay of Colwyn.
- Supporting the work of the Colwyn Bay Regeneration Task Force and helping shape future regeneration priorities and investment opportunities.
- Progressing opportunities identified through David Rudlin's work to support placemaking, regeneration, and town centre revitalisation.
- Continuing partnership work through the Police and Youth Liaison Group to support positive youth engagement and address community safety concerns.



- Supporting businesses, events, and initiatives that increase footfall and strengthen town centres across Colwyn Bay, Old Colwyn, and Rhos-on-Sea.
- Building on the success of Gardd Pawb, Colwyn in Bloom, and wider environmental initiatives through community growing, biodiversity projects, and volunteer activity.
- Supporting opportunities for young people through creative (like the Creative Agency concept), cultural, sporting, and community-based projects.
- Continuing to support organisations delivering projects that improve wellbeing, reduce isolation, and create inclusive opportunities for residents.
- Developing the Town Hall and community facilities as accessible, sustainable, and welcoming spaces for community use and partnership activity.
- Supporting cultural, heritage, and remembrance activities that celebrate the identity and diversity of communities across the Bay of Colwyn.
- Ensuring the Colwyn Place Plan continues to influence future development, regeneration, and investment discussions affecting the Bay of Colwyn..



The Town Council is split into six areas, known as wards, with each ward having its own elected representatives. These six wards form five electoral divisions (Llandrillo yn Rhos electoral division covers both Dinarth and Rhos wards), for which detailed maps and statistical information can be found via the Conwy CBC website at: <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Council/Statistics-and-research/Profiles-and-summaries/Statistical-profiles-for-wards-electoral-divisions.aspx>

The following is a list, by the Ward, of the Members of the Town Council as of May 2025:

Rhos	Dinerth	Rhiw
Cllr Chris Brockley Cllr Hannah Fleet Cllr Jo Nuttall Cllr Greg Wynne Cllr Ann Jones	Cllr David Wilkins Cllr Phillip Ashe Cllr Lisa Wilkins	Cllr John Clayton Cllr Paul Hughes Cllr Debra Jones Cllr Ricki Owen Cllr Tina Lee
Glyn	Eirias	Colwyn
Cllr Christopher Hughes Cllr Abdul Khan Cllr Tom MacLean Cllr Tomo Davies	Cllr Neil Coverley Cllr Chris Bell Cllr Keena Roberts	Cllr David Carr Cllr Jason Higgins Cllr Sandra McAllister Cllr Stephen Price

Contact details for your elected members can be found on our website:
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Members' Attendance and Allowances

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Attendance at Council meetings is only one measure of an active and effective local Councillor. Undertaking the role of a Town Councillor often involves being available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and many local Councillors are also of working age and must earn a living, alongside their representational duties. Member attendance statistics for 2025/26 can be found in APPENDIX B, page ??.

Members do not receive a salary, but are able to claim various allowances, including a work from home payment of £156 per annum, reimbursement for consumables of up to £52 per annum, a 'senior' payment for additional duties (e.g. Chairman of the Council or a Committee) and reimbursement of travel and care costs for attending approved duties. A record of the member allowances paid for each financial year is published annually, by September, on our website.



Annual Meeting May 2025



The Town Council continued to operate with a small but dedicated staff team throughout 2025/26, consisting of Town Clerk Tina Earley, Place Plan Manager Rachael Gill, and Assistant Clerks Roz Dudley and Pam Everley. Despite the size of the team, significant progress was made across a wide range of community, regeneration, governance, and Place Plan priorities during the year.

In March 2026, the Council marked the retirement of Town Clerk Tina Earley following many years of dedicated service to the Bay of Colwyn community and Town Council. Tina played a significant role in supporting the Council, its councillors, and the wider community over many years, and her knowledge, professionalism, and commitment will be greatly missed. The Council extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Tina for her longstanding contribution and wishes her a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

The Council would also like to recognise the continued support provided by Roz Dudley throughout the year. Roz's experience, reliability, and commitment have played an important role in supporting the day-to-day operation of the Council, particularly through her work supporting Colwyn in Bloom activities and assisting the Town Mayor throughout the civic year. Looking ahead, the staffing structure of the Council continues to evolve to support the increasing scale of work linked to the Colwyn Place Plan and wider Council priorities. Rachael Gill has now taken on the role of Town Clerk alongside her Place Plan responsibilities, with Pam Everley appointed as Deputy Clerk. The Council also intends to recruit an Apprentice role to help strengthen future capacity, resilience, and succession planning within the organisation.



**Tina Earley, Town Clerk
up to March 2026**



**Rachael Gill
Place Plan
Manager &
Clerk from
April 26**



**Roz Dudley
Assistant Clerk**



**Pam Everley
Deputy Clerk
& RFO**



**Vacancy
Administration
Assistant**



How to get in touch

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The Town Hall is usually open daily (Monday-Friday) from 9.00am to 4.30pm, however, we also welcome phone calls and will endeavour to respond to e-mails or Facebook messages in a prompt and courteous manner.

Please do get in touch if you have any comments, queries or concerns that you think may be of interest or relevance to the Town Council. We are always interested to hear the views of residents, local businesses and visitors to the area.

Contact Us

For more information about the Town Council and updates on local news and events etc, please visit our website at
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Appendix A

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2026/27

ANNUAL MEETING	18/05/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	26/05/2026
Full Council	08/06/2026
Place Plan Advisory Committee	12/06/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	16/06/2026
Policy & Finance Committee	24/06/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	07/07/2026
Full Council	20/07/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	04/08/2026
Policy & Finance Committee	12/08/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	01/09/2026
Full Council	07/09/2026
Place Plan Advisory Committee	11/09/2026
Policy & Finance Committee	23/09/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	29/09/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	20/10/2026
Full Council	26/10/2026
Policy & Finance Committee	11/11/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	17/11/2026
Place Plan Advisory Committee	04/12/2026
Full Council	07/12/2026
General Purpose & Planning Committee	15/12/2026
Policy & Finance Committee	06/01/2027 & 13/01/2027
General Purpose & Planning Committee	12/01/2027
Full Council	18/01/2027
General Purpose & Planning Committee	02/02/2027
Policy & Finance Committee	17/02/2027
General Purpose & Planning Committee	23/02/2027
Full Council	08/03/2027
Place Plan Advisory Committee	12/03/2027
General Purpose & Planning Committee	16/03/2027
Policy & Finance Committee	24/03/2027
General Purpose & Planning Committee	06/04/2027
Full Council	19/04/2027
General Purpose & Planning Committee	27/04/2027
Policy & Finance Committee	28/04/2027
ANNUAL MEETING	17/05/2027



Appendix B

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COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE RECORD 2025/26 for the period 20/05/25 to 13/05/2026

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE**	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	%	Additional (Sub) Committees Attended
Councillor Phillip Ashe	20	13	65%	2
Councillor Chris Bell	26	17	65%	0
Councillor Chris Brockley	26	20	77%	1
Councillor David Carr	20	9	45%	3
Councillor John Clayton	26	18	69%	1
Councillor Neil Coverley	20	3	15%	0
Councillor Tomos Davies (from 31/7/2025)	19	19	100%	0
Councillor Hannah Fleet	20	19	95%	13
Councillor Jason Higgins	26	21	81%	2
Councillor Christopher Hughes	20	14	70%	10
Councillor Paul Hughes	26	20	77%	1
Councillor Ann Jones	26	22	85%	6
Councillor Debra Jones	20	0	0	5
Councillor Abdul Khan	20	9	45%	2
Councillor Tina Lee	26	23	88%	0
Councillor Tom Maclean	26	19	73%	3
Councillor Sandra McAllister	20	11	55%	0
Councillor Jo Nuttall (Mayor)	35	32	91%	9
Councillor Ricki Owen	26	18	69%	2
Councillor Stephen Price	20	9	45%	0
Councillor Sakeena Roberts	26	5	19%	0
Councillor David Wilkins	26	23	88%	2
Councillor Lisa Wilkins	20	17	85%	1
Councillor Greg Wynne (Deputy Mayor)	35	28	80%	6

***Mayor and Deputy Mayor are Ex-Officio members of both Committees**

****includes Full Council & Standing Committee Meetings only (i.e. the General Purpose & Planning and Policy & Finance Committees)**



2025-26 ✨

