

## Dylan Thomas

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Hello Dylan,  
Trust this reaches you well.  
Please share the next scheduled Place Plan meeting date, if known, thank you.

I'd be most grateful if you'd circulate the following to the current members of the Management Advisory Group for the reserve.

We've a reserve management issue we seek member views and (hopefully) support for our proposal.

### Problem:

The timber decked area with two timber benches, known as the viewpoint has been repeatedly vandalised. The bench tops have had BBQ's left on them and need remedial work, again. The beams below the decking boards are now too rotten to be able to properly replace the currently damaged decking.

Finance has long been at such a low level that it cannot support such infrastructure items. Infrastructure has been scaled back on multiple reserves throughout the county and I am seeking MAG member views on whether they support this proposal for this reserve:

### Solution:

- Refurb and reallocate the two benches.
- Remove the viewpoint, light re-profiling of the immediate area and paths leading to it. Leave to regenerate back to dune/grassland (a priority one habitat that we as an Authority have a Statutory Duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to protect and enhance where feasibly possible).
- Re-profile area to enable plant access for regular deposition of windblown sand from the promenade. It desperately needs loose sand on the dunes that it can't get because the promenade stops the natural processes/beach feeding the dune front.

The sand that's been deposited in recent years on the West side of the car park is visibly regenerating well with marram naturally colonising, so any concern that the loose deposited might blow into neighbouring properties, this has been proven to not be the case, the new dunes naturally stabilise.

- Some small scale planting up of sea holly, marram grass in future years.

### Finance and timescale:

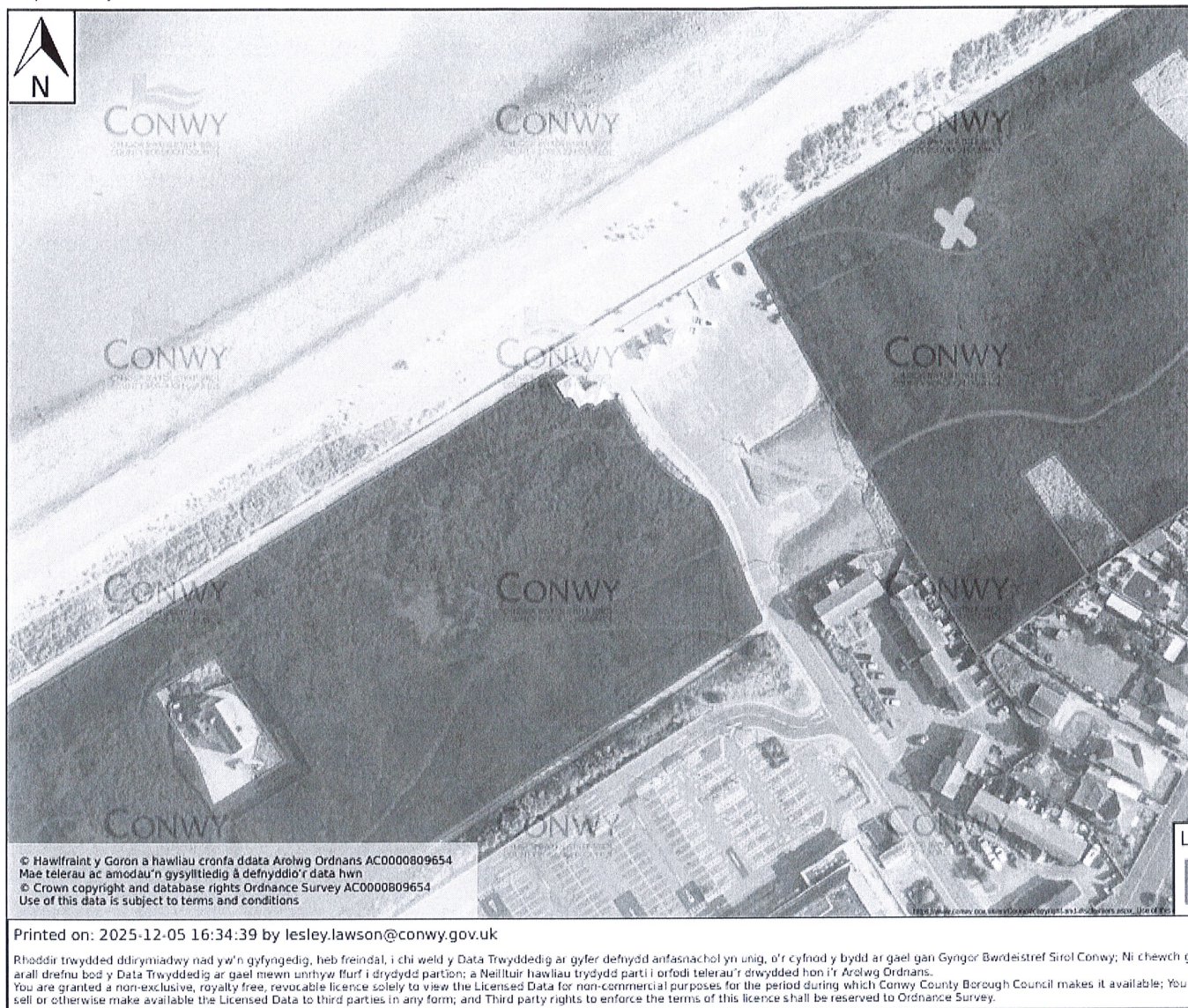
It can be done with internal staff/equipment this work this winter utilising s106 funds that are ringfenced specifically for habitat improvement works within the LNR.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Viewpoint shown as green cross on below image.

## Kinmel Dunes LNR

Map description



Please note that Open Spaces are currently moving through a re-structure, where building up resource is at it's heart, therefore in the medium/long terms there is opportunity for the Nature Reserve Warden team to re-start some of the service delivery lost since 2016. Services like environmental education through events and school engagement.

But there is a long way to go and are still prioritising Health & Safety and re-furbishing/maintaining our existing assets.

Kind Regards,  
Lesley

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