

Dylan Thomas

From: Kay Redhead
Sent: 08 December 2025 19:49
To: Lesley Susan Lawson; Councillors; Dylan Thomas
Cc: Kath Evans
Subject: Re: Kinmel Dunes

I do fully understand that - but I wouldn't be doing my job as a ward member if I didn't put forward views of residents!

Hopefully the new promenade facilities will provide ample opportunities for the public to be able to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

I think a robust communication strategy needs to be in place, as we will get comments and feedback on this.
Also worth bearing in mind that the town council may be able to support in the way of grants going forward.

Thank you for such an in-depth reply.

Cllr Kay

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From: Lesley Susan Lawson
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 6:05:19 PM
To: Kay Redhead ; Councillors ; Dylan Thomas
Cc: Kath Evans
Subject: RE: Kinmel Dunes

Hello Cllr Kay,

Thank you for the swift reply and points raised. Appreciate you taking the time to feedback.
The viewpoint had been restored in May. Vandalised more severely again in August. The latest vandalism issue now means that a good number of decking boards need to be replaced.

WG grants cover initial capital works putting this kind of infrastructure in, but rarely covers any cost of maintenance or repeat work when it eventually fails entirely.

Local Places for Nature grants only support nature enhancement works – this does not fit the criteria.
The coastal flood defence scheme has a small allocation ring fenced for nature/habitat enhancement – the wish list has already been agreed. It does not fit the criteria to reinstate seating.

The seating planned to be installed under this scheme along the promenade will come from 'public realm' allocation.

It is time for a new viewpoint – the hardwood beams are no longer solid enough to attach new decking boards to. The cost is covered from Open Spaces/Countryside revenue allocation (£2,500) which is extremely tight across all 17 reserves, given all the fences and steps that are perishing in those reserves too.

The reinstatement needs to be like for like using hardwood, which given that timber prices have tripled does mean that the whole annual allocation will be needed (when it becomes available in April) to fix this one asset.

We are desperate to increase footprint of coastal habitat and this would be an opportunity to meet our statutory duty. The funds available are only for restoring and enhancing habitat.

It's understood that benches are being installed under the sea defence scheme along the promenade and the viewpoint two can be re-allocated elsewhere in the dunes. The BBQ burns can be dealt with, namely because such thick bench top timber was used in their construction.

I hope this provides more context as to why we'd arrived at the option we had.

Many thanks,

Lesley

Lesley Lawson

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We welcome correspondence in both Welsh and English. We will respond to correspondence in either language without delay.

From: Kay Redhead

Sent: 08 December 2025 12:41

To: Dylan Thomas ; Councillors

Cc: Lesley Susan Lawson ; Kath Evans

Subject: Re: Kinmel Dunes

Thank you Lesley and Dylan.

I would like to see this restored - it is a popular place for many locals to sit and enjoy. Many that suffer with mental health enjoy coming to sit here and take in the peace and look out to sea.

It's a shame that vandalism ruins things for others, but I think it would be a shame to deprive people of this because of a minority.

Kind regards,

CLlr Kay

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From: Dylan Thomas <clerk@towynkinmelbay-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:56:27 AM

To: Councillors <councillors@towynkinmelbay-tc.gov.uk>

Cc: 'Lesley Susan Lawson' <Lesley.Lawson@conwy.gov.uk>; Kath Evans <deputy@towynkinmelbay-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Kinmel Dunes

Good Morning All

Please see the below email from Lesley Lawson (CCBC Countryside Warden) regarding the proposed/required works at the Kinmel Bay Dunes.

Lesley's email has been added to the agenda of the Full Town Council (Environ) on 21/1/2026, however it's likely that some and/or all of the proposed/required work will have been completed by then, as there are some serious H & S issues/concerns regarding the poor condition of the viewing platform.

If any councillors have any queries/comments/concerns regarding the proposed/required works, please can you kindly contact me and/or Lesley, both our contact phone numbers and email addresses are recorded below.

Kind Regards

Dylan Thomas

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