

From: ERF Service Requests and Enquiries <erf@conwy.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 February 2026 14:49
To: Dylan Thomas
Subject: Kinmel Dunes Local Nature Reserve

Dear Dylan,

Re: Kinmel Dunes

Thank you for your most recent enquiry regarding the viewpoint at Kinmel Dunes LNR. My sincere apologies for not feeding back until now. I would be grateful if you could share this update with members for their consideration.

The viewpoint has been cordoned off for public safety. The most cost effective and biodiversity beneficial solution is to remove the structure, lightly re-profile and plug plant the ground with native species to increase the footprint of Priority One habitat.

Historically, the platform has not been viable for use by those with limited mobility and would remain so if reinstated. Any alteration to access points to adequately accommodate those with limited mobility would involve damaging existing habitat. In addition, the viewpoint has repeatedly been vandalised. A new structure will be as vulnerable to acts of antisocial behaviour.

We have been made aware of possible funding, which has a very tight deadline of 26th March 2026. By juggling work demands, I could attempt to complete the following within the deadline;

- Remove the structure, lightly re-profile and plug plant with native species.
- Install a bench, accessed via the existing informal paths.
- Install 3 benches along the wheelchair accessible golden gravel path that winds its way through the reserve.

This option aligns well with the reserve's management plan to balance biodiversity enhancement with public access.

The scale of work to provide a seated platform is more extensive than originally thought. As such, the construction requires involvement and sign-off from the Council's Infrastructure Consultants within the Flood Risk and Infrastructure Team (FR&I). It will need to meet current British and European standards for structures. The existing viewpoint does not meet current standards and therefore it is not possible to replace like for like.

I have been exploring construction options, but progress is determined by their availability, and the team currently have a full workload. It is not possible to finalise a specification of work without their approval. Estimation of cost depends on the specification of works but is broadly speaking between £8 - £13k. What financial contribution can Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council offer?

In the interim, I will be meeting with Gareth Smith, Design Engineer within FR&I and point of contact for the Construction Contractors on the Promenade scheme on-site. Please note that the removal of invasive non-native species that have encroached into the dunes along the frontage has already been agreed, funded from the small part of the scheme's biodiversity enhancement allocation. To reinstate a viewpoint structure does not meet biodiversity enhancement, but to remove and reinstate dune habitat does.

I look forward to hearing back in due course and would be happy to discuss things further on the phone or meet with any member(s) on site.

I can be reached via the Customer Service Team: erf@conwy.gov.uk 01492 575337.

Your Sincerely,

Lesley Lawson
Warden Cefn Gwlad / Countryside Warden

AFFCH / ERF

Yr Amgylchedd, Ffyrdd a Chyfleusterau / Environment, Roads & Facilities
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol CONWY County Borough Council

Ffoniwch/Call 01492 575337

affch@conwy.gov.uk / erf@conwy.gov.uk

www.conwy.gov.uk



Peidiwch â phrintio'r neges yma os nad oes angen Please don't print this e-mail unless you really need to



Lleihau Ailddefnyddio Ailgylchu ✓ *Reduce Re-use Recycle*



Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg fel ei gilydd. Ni fydd gohebiaeth yn yr un iaith na'r llall yn arwain at unrhyw oedi.

Mae'r neges e-bost hon ac unrhyw ymgysylltiadau yn gyfrinachol, ac wedi eu bwriadu ar gyfer yr un sy'n cael ei h/enwi yn unig. Gallent gynnwys gwybodaeth freintiedig. Ar gyfer yr amodau llawn ynglŷn â chynnwys a defnyddio'r neges e-bost hon ac unrhyw atodiadau, gweler https://www.conwy.gov.uk/ebost_ymwadiad

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

This email and any attachments are confidential and intended for the named recipient only. The content may contain privileged information. For full conditions in relation to content and use of this e-mail message and any attachments, please refer to https://www.conwy.gov.uk/email_disclaimer