

ANNUAL PAYMENTS TO CCBC

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LIBRARY SERVICE</u>	<u>BUS SHELTERS</u>	<u>CCTV</u>	<u>PUBLIC TOILETS</u>	<u>FESTIVE LIGHTS – S178 Licence</u>
2019	n/a	£1250 - Paid	£843 - Paid		
2020	£3k – Paid	£1250 - Paid	£843 - Paid		
2021	£3k - Paid	£1250 – Paid	£1008 - Paid		
2022	£3k - Paid	£1250 – Paid	£1008 - Paid		
2023	£3k - Paid	£1250 – Paid	£1080 - Paid		
2024	Nov 2024- £3000.00 – Paid	Members resolved not to pay in 2024 -25, as CCBC are holding sufficient covering funds on TKBTC behalf. - See meeting mins 4/12/2023, agenda item 14.	£1260 - Paid on 21/5/2024.	CCBC have confirmed that CCBC will not look for TKBTC to contribute towards the running costs whilst the Sandbank Road toilets are closed.	£396.00 – Invoice awaited from CCBC, before paying.
2025	£3,000.00	CCBC have requested £1,250, but with additional shelter (£250 x 6), correct amount will be £1500.00	£1,632 (£544 per CCBC CCTV).	No CCBC Toilets T & KB.	£396.00

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Dear Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

At the Town and Community Council forum held on the 2nd of October 2024, I outlined the significant financial pressures faced by Conwy County Borough Council for the forthcoming year 2025/26. In the current year the Council will receive approximately 69% of its funding from Welsh Government, which has fallen as a percentage of our funding from 72% over the past few years. Time will tell if the 2025/26 Welsh Government draft settlement (published in December) will provide additional funding, but we do not anticipate it keeping pace with the financial pressures that we face from both inflation and service demand. Once again the Council is therefore faced with the need to absorb significant financial pressure within its limited resources.

In doing so, we have no choice but to once again review every service to consider whether it is essential (statutory) and whether there are different levels or different models of service delivery that can be provided. You will appreciate that the Council has faced over a decade of austerity and potential decisions on the provision of services are becoming less and less palatable as the years pass. We have no desire whatsoever to reduce services that are of benefit to our residents, but the financial situation means that there are difficult choices to be made.

In that vein, and as I stressed at the forum, we are keen to work in partnership with Town and Community Councils and explore the opportunity to jointly deliver some services in accordance with our shared aims to support our communities and residents. We believe that this will allow us to work collaboratively to provide services, which are welcomed by residents, rather than see them disappear.

I have set out below some proposals and relevant information for your consideration:

Environment, Roads and Facilities (ERF) are looking to work collaboratively with Town and Community Councils to protect the future of some services delivered by ERF in each community.

1. Playgrounds

We are seeking funding towards playground improvements through the capital programme, if this is unsuccessful the revenue budget for playground maintenance will be under significant pressure.

In the event that we identify defects or failure of an item of play equipment through our inspections we will isolate the item from use. You will then be offered the opportunity to meet the cost of repair/ replacement of the item to ensure its continued availability to playground users.

2. Festive lights

The charge for processing S178 applications for attachments to or for taking electrical supplies from highway equipment for 2025/26 is £396.

3. Bus shelter maintenance

As agreed directly, the costs for the bus shelter maintenance scheme for 2025/26 are as follows:

Service	Item	2025/26 Ask
Environment, Roads and Facilities - Transport	Bus shelter Maintenance	£1,250.00

4. Public Space Surveillance (CCTV)

CCTV is a non-statutory service and in light of the budget pressures, we are not able to sustain the service without recovering a greater proportion of the costs to run the service which is £544 per camera per annum.

Service	2025/26
Regulatory	£1,632.00

5. Play Development opportunities

The cost for 10 play sessions during the year £2,325:

This includes 2 sessions in Easter, 1 session during May half term, 5 summer sessions, 1 session in October half term, 1 session in February half term. (Councils may have as many locations as they would like.)

The summer 2025 offer is £1,400 for 5 play sessions during the summer holidays.

6. Community Libraries

Community Libraries based on the staffing costs for 1 library session (3 hours) for the 2025/26 financial year.

Service	Item	2025/26 Ask
Economy and Culture – Culture and Information	Library Contribution	£3,000.00

You will be aware that a review of library opening hours has been undertaken and in order that we sustain the current opening hours there may be an additional ask of you towards retaining Community Library staffed opening hours. However, at the time of preparing this request we aren't in a position to know what that will be, but we will be in contact with you should there be a further ask.

We continue to review other place based services which may be subject to reduction given the ongoing budget pressures. As soon as we are able, and recognising the timing of your budget decisions, we will contact you to discuss these matters.

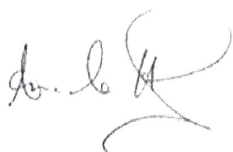
I sincerely hope that you give all of the above your full consideration and work with us to, where possible, continue delivery of those services that are essential to the well-being of our residents in these unprecedented and challenging financial times.

If you want to discuss any of the options or require further information, then please contact the following officers by Friday 20th December 2024.

		E-mail Contact
1.	Playgrounds	erf@conwy.gov.uk
2.	Festive Lights	
3.	Bus Shelter Maintenance	
4.	CCTV	Emma.Dowell@conwy.gov.uk
5.	Playing Out	nathania.minard@conwy.gov.uk
6.	Library Contribution	sharon.morgan@conwy.gov.uk

Please note costs will be subject to VAT.

Yours sincerely



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We welcome correspondence in Welsh. We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh which will not lead to a delay.