

TKBTC Clerk

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Sent: 29 November 2024 10:12
To: TKBTC Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Free Wi-Fi Towyn and Kinmel Bay

Hi Dylan,

Would it be OK do you think to drop my recent Wi-Fi note into VSM, gives members a heads up?

Cheers,

Barry

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Hi Katie,

Further to my note of yesterday and having looked in more detail at your comprehensive report (thank you very much) your recommendation is that Kinmel Bay Phase 2 should not proceed. This is because the areas covered (even by phase 1) are low density residential and fail to meet the SMART Town project objective to provide digital solutions and information via Wi-Fi installations to Town Centres. As such I assume grant funding would not qualify even if TKBTC & CCBC wanted to proceed with Phase 2.

Acknowledging as you say that the system falls short of original aims; from my perspective I find it difficult to see any grant compliant benefit from either the original or final Phase 1 installations for Kinmel Bay or Towyn. I see in the revised green boxes we have a chippy and a chemist; can you say how your assessments justified the grant? The inaccurate comparison of TKB with Wrexham was made to you in my earlier communications.

Kinmel Bay Phase 2 would require additional Wireless Access Point Routers (AP's)? but this phase is not considered necessary

because the Free Wi-Fi residential catchment area is non compliant in Smart Town grant funding terms. There is then a discussion on what data may be harvested from the KB Wi-Fi, at what cost.

The report states you are ready to proceed to Phase 2 in Towyyyn where we have some residential property, a corner of the park, the market and amusements able to eventually access Smart Town data - subject to any further costs and data content; then there is the electrical config with existing sockets etc. In terms of foot-fall data it appears the only beneficiary could be the market and fun fair? Though they do already know how many visitors they have, spending etc., beyond those using iPhones in the area.

The council will need to understand the full financial picture; what grant funds, itemised and total costs, across installation, maintenance, phases and future.

I hope this is OK.

Kind regards,

Barry

Cllr Barry Griffiths

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