



**NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

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FOREWARD BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE



I am pleased to present the annual report of New Quay Town Council. It provides an overview of its work of the Council during the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Councillor Julian Evans

2022/23 Mayor of New Quay Town Council



MEMBERSHIP OF NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE

1st April—6th May 2022

Councillor Gill Hopley

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Jennifer Davies

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Julian Evans

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Steve Hartley

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Peter Hopley

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Dan Potter

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Marc Rees

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Brett Stones

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Huw Williams

May 2017-May 2022 Local Government Elections

Councillor Liz Ryder

Co-opted 01/11/21- Local Government elections May 2022)

MEMBERSHIP OF NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE

6th May 2022 – 31st March 2023

Councillor Julian Evans	May 2022 Local Government Elections
Councillor Jennifer Davies	May 2022 Local Government Elections
Councillor Sioned Davies	May 2022 Local Government Elections
Councillor Tomas Davies	May 2022 Local Government Elections
Councillor Brett Stones	May 2022 Local Government Elections
Councillor Ywain Davies	Co-opted 27/06/22
Councillor Ian Pearce	Co-opted 27/06/22
Councillor Matthew Vaux	Co-opted 27/06/22
Councillor Liz Ryder	Co-opted 27/06/22

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

The Council's Role

Work done by the Community Council

The 1972 Local Government Act states that every part of Wales is in a community. In England , the term “Parish Councils” is still used but in Wales, however, the legal and constitutional term for these units of local government administration is termed “ Community Councils”

The Community Council represents the lowest tier of local government and is closest to the public as regards meeting local needs. The Council has several **statutory rights and duties.**

What is the Council structure?

A list of your local councillors is provided on the next page. The Town Council has 10 Councillors who do not represent any political party. They are elected every 4 years. A part time Clerk/Financial Officer is employed to handle all arrangements for meetings and preparing an agenda to deal with the records and financial and administrative matters linked to implementing the Council's work. Contractors are also employed to carry out specialist work such as repair and maintenance i.e. grass cutting, maintain the footpaths and so on.

The Town Council makes observations on planning applications before they are decided upon by Ceredigion County Council. They provide funding for events, clubs and services in the town. The Council appoints members to sit on the School Governing bodies.



ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

How does the Council work?

Any work done by the Council will be implemented following decisions taken at open meetings. Any work is paid for with public money which the Council receives through raising a precept which is part of the Council Tax set by Ceredigion County Council.

What is the Council's precept?

In 2020/21 the Council's precept is set at £16,072.64 The precept is raised to finance the Town Council's responsibilities including the Skateboard Park, Maesypwll Woodland, street furniture and a number of footpaths in the area.

The precept works out at £21.36 per property (Band D).

Can the public attend the meetings?

By all means. You are welcome to attend our meetings as listeners only – and we would encourage that. Members of the public are not entitled to take part in Council discussions or give their opinion during the meeting – there may however be exceptional circumstances where the chairperson is allowed to call for a contribution from the public and for them to make a statement. Council meetings are held monthly, except for August, and are usually held on the last Monday of each month at New Quay Memorial Hall.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is a legal obligation as stated by the Local Government Act 1972. The annual meetings has to be held in the month of May. Council decides on the date. The first item on the Agenda must be the election of the Chairman of the Community Council for the next twelve months

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Election

To be elected as a Councillor a member must be qualified under the law , be a British Citizen and must have attained the age of 21.

The applicant must also be-

a local government elector

has, during the whole twelve months preceding that day, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the same area

principal, or only place of work, during twelve months before election, has been in that area.

resided during the whole of twelve months in that area, or within three miles of that area



THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

NEW QUAY HARBOURMASTER

A meeting had been held with the Harbourmaster and various issues were discussed to include the kayak racks, buddleia by the Watersports centre and the general uncleanliness and untidiness of the pier. Councillor J Davies had sent the full list of issues raised to Clerk, and she emailed the Harbourmaster to confirm these issues that were required to be addressed.

It was reported that the kayak allocations/stand would be considered again in July

The Assistant Harbourmaster had been checking that the kayaks were in the correct place on the rack. If not, they would be removed and stored in the compound in Aberystwyth. Several emails had been sent to the Harbourmaster to remove the boats on the beach and the overgrown weeds, however, this issue had not been addressed up to March 2023.

Volunteers
Needed !

NEW QUAY MUSEUM

Councillor Vaux had discussed the museum with the chair of the W4NQ group, a formal email had been sent by the Clerk outlining the proposal and Councillor J Davies and Vaux would attend their meeting to facilitate the discussion. Councillor J Davies also stated that additional volunteers were required and she was proposing that the museum would open on Mondays and Tuesdays between 11am and 1pm

Following several emails and months, NQTC were informed that they could not sub let the museum to save on the Non Domestic rates that W4NQ group would not be charged due to their charity status.

BENCHES

A survey was received and 15 benches required repair by NQTC. Councillor T Davies and B Stones had collated information on the work required on the benches, prior to going to tender for the repair work. Several people had been in contact to request a bench/plaque in memory of their loved ones.

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therefore the Clerk would inform them stating that they would be contacted following the repair of the benches.

A survey had been completed by Councillor T Davies and B Stones, a copy had been sent to the Clerk, and she advertised for a contractor to complete the work, as 3 quotes were sought. In relation to a request for a memorial bench by the Black Lion, it was agreed that the bench currently at that location could be relocated to replace the broken bench by Dolau Bench. Councillor J Evans had contacted the family accordingly. Concerns had also been raised by Members regarding the shutters on the old TIC which did not allow the public to sit on the memorial benches. Members also queried if the lease had changed as when TC considered the lease of the old TIC, there were restrictions for extra seating etc . The Clerk had contact the Estates Service on these issue.

A new memorial seat had been discussed as a replacement in the park by the Black Lion, the Chairman had informed the family accordingly regarding their concern regarding the concrete plinth. Members were of the opinion that the plinth was currently satisfactory.

The quote for the repair and painting of the benches were considered and a contractor appointed.



THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

RAILINGS UPLAND SQUARE

The railings were required repairing urgently or removed due to Health and Safety. Councillor J Evans sought the position with the sale of land, prior to discussing this issue further and agreeing on their replacement. Quotes for their replacement had been sought.

Due to the Health and Safety issue of the current railings, it was AGREED with the quote received from a contractor to complete the work. Councillor J **Evans had contacted** the contractor to proceed with the work as a matter of urgency. If the new land owner, would require the fence to be removed, the new sections could be removed

WIFI SCHEME

Two Members had been appointed to lead on this the scheme in order to provide free wifi in the Town- Councillor S Davies and M Vaux . The Council had various issues with businesses willing to place the equipment on their businesses, however, by the end of March, 4 locations out of 5 had been agreed.



SKATEBOARD PARK

Discussion on the need to appoint a Member to monitor the park and overlook any work that was required to comply with annual inspections- Councillor T Davies, B Stones and M Vaux had agreed.

Discussion on implementing a new project to improve the park had been considered and work to fix the current park. A quote for the work had be circulated to contractors, and a sub committee would be formed to include Councillor M Vaux and B Stones to peruse a new funding avenue for a new skatepark.

THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

Councillor M Vaux had proceeded with discussions with the company that had designed the skatepark in Cardigan. Quotes for a design for sunken concrete as a ramp would be sought. Councillor Vaux would also contact CCC of the deed of ownership of the land of the skatepark as this was required for grant applications.

An email sent from Mana Designs had been considered. It was agreed to proceed with the project, and that further consideration be given in the May meeting if further resource was available towards the £10k earmarked. Possibly the new park could cost up to £80k. Also, Members for the skatepark committee would be sought .



THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

TRAINING

Training schedule and One Voice Wales courses- all Members were required to attend training course in line with current legislation – Training schedule were circulated. All Members were required to have a training plan and self evaluate of their knowledge of Council business

If you're presenting an application for financial assistance , your recent accounts are required with the application.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SOAP BOX DERBY – It was agreed to pay for the St Johns invoice for the event which would be sent direct to Town Council together with the sponsorship of £100

NEW QUAY MEMORIAL HALL- NQTC contributed £1000 to the hall together with paying for the cost of electric of £300 for the library.

W4NQ- A request for a donation was considered but as their annual accounts were not submitted this was not possible due to the standing orders of the Council that annual accounts are required when considering a donation. Unfortunately, this had been an ongoing issue.

NEW QUAY CAMERA CLUB—Town Council agreed to donate £150.00 to cover the cost of the event that was held.

ABERAERON SWIMMING POOL—£250.00 was donated to this essential facility, as pupils from New Quay use the pool.

HYBRID SYSTEM

The hybrid system had been installed in the Council Chamber and Councillor and Members of the public can now attend the meeting in person or online.

CUTTING OF FOOTPATHS

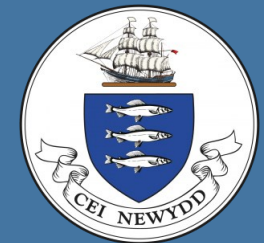
THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

Various footpaths around New Quay were cut twice during the year by New Quay Town Council.

NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL – FOOTPATHS – CUT BIENNIAL

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
FP 49/1	LEWIS TERR – LOOKOUT, PENGRAIG
FP 49/2	CHURCH ENTRANCE – NEUADD FARM
FP 49/3	MID MARINE TERR – MID ROCK ST
CRF 49/4	ROUND WATCH HOUSE
FP 49/5	HILL ST – PICTON TERR
FP 49/6	GLANMOR TERR – BEACH ALONGSIDE BOATHOUSE
FP 49/7	MORAWEL, GLANMOR TERR – BEACH
CRF 49/8	TOWYN CHAPEL – AELYBRYN
FP 49/9	PARK ST – CWM GIDO, JUNCTION WITH 10 & 11
FP 49/10	GUY'S CLIFF – CWM GIDO, JUNCTION WITH 9 & 11
FP 49/11	MAENYGROES CHAPEL – CWM GIDO, JUNCTION WITH 9 & 10
FP 49/12	OPPOSITE LLYSYCOED – TRAETH GWYN
FP 49/13	GLYN GOLEU – BARHAM HOUSE
FP 49/14	PENRHIW PISTYLL – TY TWT
FP 49/15	TANYBRYN – PERTHYGWENYN ACROSS FIELD
FP 49/16	TANYBRYN – PENFFYNNON, OLD SCHOOL
FP 49/17	FROM LANE TO MORFA GWYN – TRAETH GWYN
CRF 49/18	MILFORD HOUSE – TRAETH GWYN
FP 49/19	LEWIS TERR – MARINE TERR
FP 49/20	TO TRAETH Y DOLAU
FP 49/22	BLACK LION, GLAMOR TERR – JUNCTION WITH PILOT LANE
FP 49/25	ROCK ST – QUARRY BEACH
FP 49/28	PILOT LANE
BW 55/18	PENRHIW PISTYLL LANE – PANTEG FARM
FP	ROCK ST – FISH FACTORY
FP	END MARINE TERR – END ROCK ST
FP	MAESYPWLL

FP - footpath
BW - bridleway
CRF



THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

County Councillor M Vaux was informed that the Sandy Slip Public conveniences would be closed due to the need for work to bring them up to standard. He had also been informed if the Water sports centre wished to take them over, this would be through a lease and CCC would then no longer take on their responsibility. A sign to inform the public of their closure and the location of the nearest conveniences had been requested by Councillor Vaux, together with a possibility of the County Council doing a press release on their Facebook page.

Town Council had stated that they were totally against this proposal.

Councillor S Davies had sought clarification from Councillor Vaux funding could be used towards retaining the public conveniences. He had sought clarification, however, it was noted that the application date had closed. Following lengthy discussion on the future of the public conveniences, Councillor J Davies had enquired if the staff at the watersports were contracted and paid to clean them would the County Council consider bringing them up to standard, Town Council would be required to pay for the cleaning. This request had been sent by Councillor Vaux to CCC.



THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022/23

DYLAN THOMAS BOARD/PLAQUES



Consideration was given to the quote received for the repair of the Dylan Thomas board, it was AGREED to repair it at a cost of £950 plus VAT. The actual factual board itself also required replacing, and Councillor B Stones had sought quotes for its replacement.

Also, several of the Dylan Thomas plaques required replacing, Councillor J Evans had discussed with the artist Angharad Taris if she still had spare plaques. It was suggested that possibly a QR code could be placed by the plaques to provide a background to its location and connection to Dylan Thomas.

Councillor B Stones reported that he had requested two quotes. Councillor J Evans had contacted the contractor to proceed with the repair of the outside board. Councillor J Evans had spoken to Angharad Taris and she would consider the price of further plaques due to the cost of firing up the kiln. It was agreed that five could possibly be purchased once costs were confirmed.

BINS ON THE BEACH

CCC were removing the bins from the beach, several emails sent from NQTC conveying their disappointment, but to no avail. The Chairman/Mayor invited Ben Lake MP to New Quay to discuss the matter of the bins and also the closing of public conveniences, but decision of CCC was not overturned.

FLAGS

New Quay Town Council purchase the Welsh Flag and Ceredigion flag for Penwig Park.



FUTURE PRIORITIES

- Members attend training on all aspects of the work of the Council
- A sub-committee is established to raise funds to replace the Skateboard Park
- The free Wi-fi scheme is implemented
- Forward Plan to prioritise the work of the Council

ATTENDING THE COMMITTEE

The Council is keen to see Members of the public attend New Quay Town Council

With the exception of confidential items, all business is held in public.

All of the public agenda papers are published online 3 working days in advance of the meeting

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