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What People Told Us

Report of Consultation

Wave 2

Community Connections Project

Towyn and Kinmel Bay

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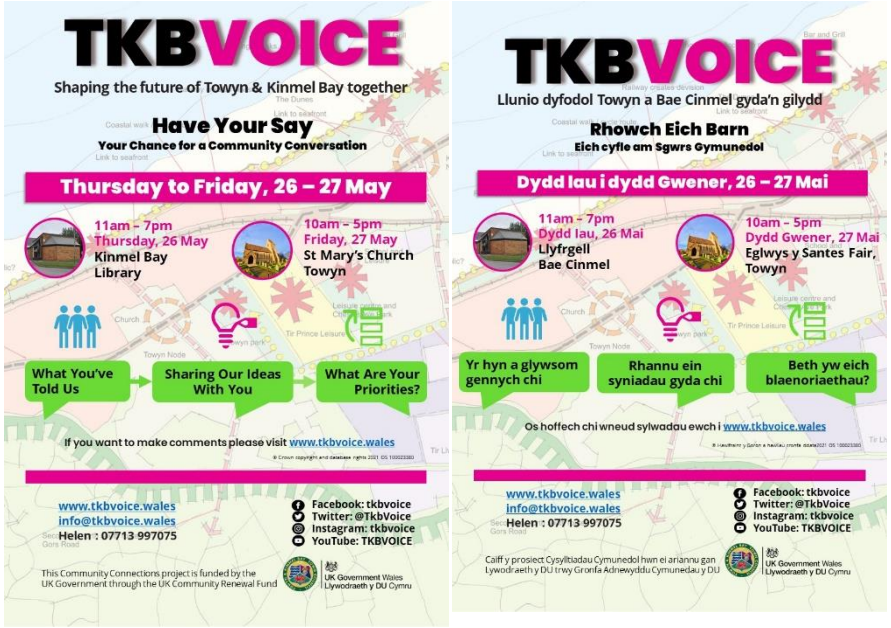
1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to report on the second wave of consultation held as part of the Community Connections project for Towyn and Kinmel Bay in the County Borough of Conwy.

The project is funded by UK Government through its Community Renewal Fund and by Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council.

Image 1 – Promotional Poster for Community Consultation Event



Source: Chris Jones Regeneration

2. Consultation Opportunities

The second stage or wave of consultation was about sharing with the community and stakeholders, the proposed 15 year vision, some themes and focus and outlining a number of place and people centred proposals.

Community Roadshow

On the 26th and 27th May, a community exhibition was organised across Towyn and Kinmel Bay with a presence at the following venues and places:

- 26th May - 11am to 7pm – Kinmel Bay Library
- 27th May 1st April – 10am to 5pm – St Mary's Church, Towyn

55 people directly engaged across the two locations, with 20 written postcards completed or handed in.

Written

Two emails have been received through the TKB Community Connector email account or directly to the Place Plan consultant.

Digital

From the 26th May until the 11th June, the TKBVoice website provided a number of digital means to provide comments, these being:

- Download facility of electronic display panels
- Use of the e-postcard
- Use of the Create Streets proposals rating app

Image 2 - Photos from Community Consultation Event

Source: Various

3. Community Consultation Event – 26th and 27th May

The following comments were made by made by members of the public through the use of handwritten postcards or by talking to members of the Place Plan consultancy team.

Community Assets and Facilities

- Need to improve the community resource centre next to the library
- Consideration of disabled parking spaces outside the library
- When developing the schools and Y Morfa site, consider parking for the two schools, its staff, visitors and the drop off/pick up facility
- When considering how Y Morfa leisure can be improved also think about the arts, creatives groups for activities and bookings
- At Y Morfa leisure, build in a MUGA and develop a family sports offer

Destination for All

- Need to maximise the potential of the coast and well-being, on the eastern edge of Conwy; the sea air, lifestyle, enjoyment, beach life
- Move the promenade wall back to improve access; explore use of rock ballast as groynes
- Beach hub could become a kitesurfing place like in Rhyl
- Beach can be a place for mindfulness, meditation, painting, arts, live music, creativity, guitars on the beach, film shows, outdoor cinema, theatre, drama – create a natural stage and explore what Tape Community and Music organisation provide in Old Colwyn
- The Place Plan needs a statement on tourism pressure from holiday park and the impact on the local ecosystem of services

Sandy Cove

- Worries over loss of biodiversity and sand dunes and privacy with some properties
- Need more updates on the improvements
- It needs improving to the right quality standard but respect the character and setting
- Maintain and manage the drainage gullies and get the sub base and foundations right

Young People

- Nothing fun to do in TKB unless you pay for it; kids need access to things to do but without costing money
- Need for an annual event or activity for young people – a festival, event of carnival
- The placement of play areas needs to consider the area they are placed in relation to noise from them or

encouraging young people to gather and intimidate the residents

Access and Movement

- Gors Road is not to standard
- A link to Tir Price from Gors Rd in the south west corner would be preferable – need to protect play and amenity in south east corner

The Environment

- Not to destroy some of the natural beauty
- Don't encourage anti-social meet up areas
- Management of commercial waste and fly tipping at Tir Llywd

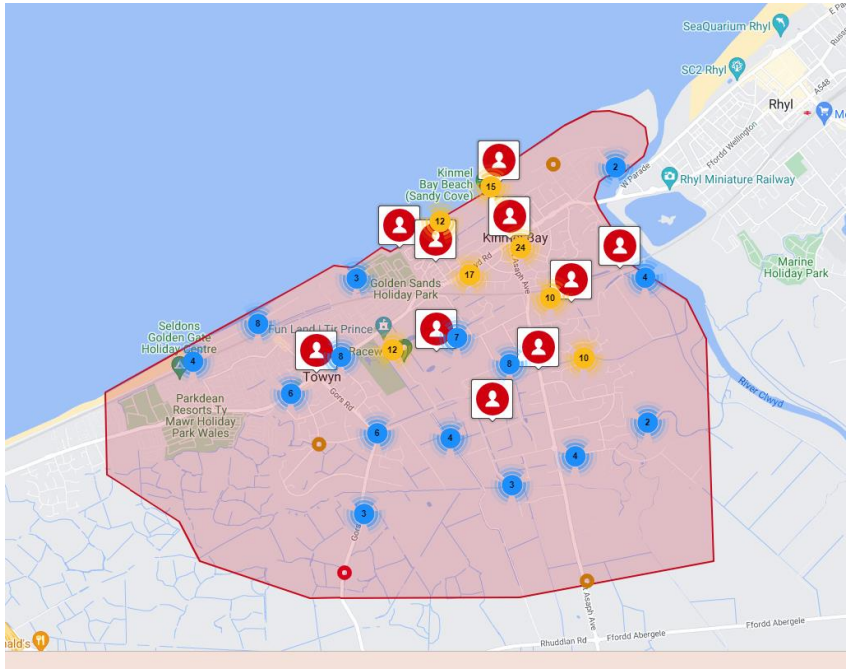
Local Issues

- A resident discussed a boundary issue

4. Create Streets Rating App

Member of the community also made comment digitally using the Create Streets app. The main projects were shown on the map, with respondents asked to rate and make comments on the ideas. The response rate was low with the comments listed alongside.

Figure 1 – Rating of Fixed Point Ideas



Source: TKBVoice website and Create Streets App

Do you support the proposals to improve the Kinmel Bay Beach area? (2 responses)

- A need for more inviting kiosks. The ones there are very outdated. Maybe like they have in Abergele with photos of local people

Do you support the proposals to improve the Square area and A548 with more trees, greenery and increasing space for pedestrians and cyclists? (4 responses)

- Yes also need parking spaces makes out in the carpark in the square as people just park anywhere. If designated space will be able to fit more cars on there
- I am concerned about where live which is (anonymised), I will not allow the destruction of the sand dune outside my home its a natural area of beauty and much valued and needed privacy
- We just need the roads doing and some drainage, in this day of limited financial availability that would be enough

Do you support the need to improve routes for walking and cycling through Active Travel? (1 responses)

- 1 person supports the ideas

Do you support the proposals to improve the Parc Hanes area? (1 responses)

- We need to get the children involved in keeping our town up to date & a nice place to grow up in

Do you support the need to bring about employment opportunities across the communities? (1 responses)

- Yes definitely we need something to keep outlets children wanting to continue to live in our area & not have to move away to get employment

Do you support the proposals to improve Y Morfa Leisure and the infant and primary schools? (1 responses)

- The leisure centre is very outdated & is need of a revamp maybe include a gym & a youth club for teenagers

Do you support the proposals to improve the roads and environmental quality of the Sandy Cove residential area? (5 responses)

- Many elderly people living on the estate & proper roads are needed for disabled access
- Heard it all before, down to money!!
- I totally agree with the suggestion

Do you support the proposals to improve the crossroads and environmental quality in Towyn? (3 responses)

- Towyn crossroads is very outdated & sad looking with empty buildings being an eyesore. Refurbish or knock them down
- Make sandbank road 1 way towards the beach

Do you support the proposals to improve accessibility and amenities on the promenade in Towyn and Kinmel Bay? (2 responses)

- Can only be done if flooding issue resolved
- Strongly support easier access to the beach. It is very steep over the pebbles for an older person. I live in Sandy Cove and find it really difficult to get down onto the sand. Not sure what you mean by more amenities on this part of the promenade.

Do you support the proposals to plant more trees and greenery on roads such as Gors Road and St Asaph Avenue? (2 responses)

- Yes definitely will make the place look more inviting