



Cyngor Tref Tywyn a Bae Cinnel Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

Town Clerk Mr Dave Cowans
Community Resource Centre, The Square, off Foryd Road,
Kinmel Bay, Conwy, LL18 5BT

Date: 17th December 2009

To Whom it May Concern

Re: APPLICATION TO D.E.C.C. BY BOARD OF KINMEL BAY & TOWYN SPORTS ASSOCIATION

In respect of the above application, it is worth noting that this Council has played a leading role from the very inception of the Y Morfa Leisure Centre in 1995 in terms of capital match-funding to start with, as well as revenue support of between £6,000 and £12,000 p.a. for the past 10 years.

This Council is also proud to have played a significant part in the out-turn of a local safe-routes network, having contributed significantly to the original £5,000 feasibility study for Community Routes on Morfa Rhuddlan by Mr Mike Chown in 1992-3, which a year or so later encouraged Sustrans to include North Wales on the National Cycle Network, and also helped set up the Assembly's Package Grant for the Clwyd Coastal triangle.

In the Package Grant, a big item for this community has been the £600,000 shared Foot/Cycle bridge over the railway – for which this Council had helped broke the first preliminary design study in 1994, in association with Capital Symonds, the Land Authority for Wales and the award-winning local Charity Community Routes that had been inspired by Mr Chown's work.

Both the Y Morfa Leisure Centre itself and the shared-route network are now still to some extent recognised as being in the classic 'half-empty, half-full' situation as regards fulfilling community aspirations.

The DECC Low Carbon Community Challenge application by the Board of the Sports Association was discussed last month at this Council, as a possible way forward, when a presentation was made by Cllr Anderson, and the application was fully supported by members.

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I might add that members warmly applauded the Low Carbon Communities Challenge scheme itself as a welcome instance of central government trying to get some steer from the local community – something we have been very instrumental in trying to provide over the past two decades, and look forward to continuing to help provide with our partners.

Yours faithfully,