

Corwen Town Plan Performance Management

Report for the quarter ending 31 December 2013

Key

Source of funding for delivery of priority actions

Service budget	S
100% external	X
From the corporate priority allocation to match a grant	M
100% from the corporate priority allocation	P
Major project which would have to be funded through the capital plan	C

Delivery confidence

Red	Successful delivery of the project / programme appears to be unachievable. There are major issues on project / programme definition, schedule, budget required quality or benefits delivery, which at this stage does not appear to be manageable or resolvable. The project/programme may need re-baselining and/or overall viability re-assessed.
Orange	Successful delivery of the project/programme is in doubt with major risks or issues apparent in a number of key areas. Urgent action is needed to ensure these are addressed, and whether resolution is feasible.
Yellow	Successful delivery appears probable but significant issues already exist requiring management attention. These appear resolvable at this stage and if addressed promptly, should not present a cost/schedule overrun.
Green	Successful delivery of the project/programme to time, cost and quality appears highly likely and there are no major outstanding issues that at this stage appear to threaten delivery significantly

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Priority action	Led by	How this will be funded	After when will this start?	By when will it be complete?	Delivery confidence	Notes
Completing the extension and improvement works to the area school at Cynwyd	County Council Customers and Education Support	C	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2014		Planning permission secured Dec. 2012 Scheduled for completion Summer 2014.
Changing the language status of Ysgol Caer Drewyn and Ysgol Carrog to become bilingual schools to increase the use of the Welsh language at these schools.	County Council Customers and Education Support and School Improvement	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		Proposals have been included in the council's Welsh in education Strategic Plan.
Securing funding to minor improvements to other schools in the area	County Council Customers and Education Support	X	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2014		Improvements will be considered within the long term planning for schools.
Looking into the provision of extra care units for older people	County Council Housing / Registered Social Landlords	X	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2017	Not due to report yet.	Brought to the attention of Social Services HOS , Phil Gilroy and the Service Manager, South Locality , Helena Thomas via Gwynfor Griffiths. July 2013. An Extra Care unit meeting has been

						held with prospective landlords and developers to identify the issues associated with increasing the level of Extra Care Housing in the County. This has led to forthcoming meetings with a couple of developers to look at specific options. An assessment of need is being finalised to identify in which parts of the County the agreed 3 additional facilities would be based and what impact the plans for Poole Park will have for future need.
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Priority action	Led by	How this will be funded	When this will start	By when this will be complete	Delivery confidence	Notes
Securing funding to implement the findings of the feasibility study to find out the needs and aspirations of local people especially with regard to uses for public buildings and spaces.	South Denbighshire Community Partnership	M	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		Dependent on outcome of Study. Report received and invoice paid 6k.
Identifying future funding for the South Denbighshire Community Partnership	South Denbighshire Community Partnership	X	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2014	Completed	Action complete. Removed from Plan. Building transferred from DCC to SDCP March 2013. Cyfenter funding secured Oct 2013.
Determining the future of the Pavilion site	County Council Communication, Marketing and Leisure, Community Council, Corwen Partnership	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		In hand. DCC working with new trustees and charities commission to move forward with intention to transfer land to the community. Cllr Huw Jones met with Keith Amos DCC projects team to look at Business case re Art Competition for design etc 20.12.13
Looking into the feasibility of a better civic amenity provision	County Council Environment	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		Business Case for Corwen Site not robust enough due partly to flood plain issues. Status quo retained.

Improving the external appearance of the old fire station where the gritter is kept	County Council Highways	P	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2014		Nov 2013 Site now to be retained. Works instructed Dec 2013.
Looking at alternative places for parking the gritter	County Council Highways	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2014		Linked to search for Civic amenity Site above.

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<p>Commission a study into the feasibility of the further extension of the railway.</p> <p>Carry out a cost benefit analysis - required for raising the finance needed for the further extension of the railway including any grant funding which may be available.</p> <p>Set out a financing model showing how the constituent elements of the master plan could be</p>	<p>County Council Major Projects.</p> <p>County Council Housing and Community Development</p>	M	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		<p>Draft brief for Study completed by MPG and approved by Railway. Presented to Strategic Investment Group twice. Discussions held at senior level July 2013.</p> <p>Corwen as a potential development area flagged up with EU team for any future EU programmes.</p> <p>Sucessfully assisted Railway with Cyfenter bid for phase 1. Railway to Corwen East by March 2014.</p> <p>Time pressures on RDP match funding for technical study as prepared by</p>

<p>funded including on-going maintenance liabilities for the station buildings.</p> <p>REVISED OCT 2013 Commissioning a study into the benefits to Corwen of the railway; the feasibility/benefits of the further extension of the railway; considering the things Corwen needs to do in order that both the town and the railway benefit.</p>					<p>MPG. Required action Sept 2013.</p> <p>Reviewed at October MAG. RDP now providing Study on benefit to Corwen of the train and the approach needed by the town to make maximum benefit from the potential.</p> <p>No funding now required from town plan for study which is 100% RDP funded.</p>
<p>New jobs in the manufacturing sector could be accommodated in the town</p>	<p>Proposing the retention of as yet undeveloped employment allocations at Tyn y Llidiart in the Local Development Plan for Denbighshire 2006-21</p>			<p>Complete</p>	<p>Land designated as employment use is protected under the LDP policy PSE2 Action complete.</p>

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Tackling untidy sites and buildings such as Commerce House using enforcement action where necessary	County Council Planning & Public Protection	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2017		<p>In hand with Development Control (Paul Meade). Owner written to and subsequently an S215 issued giving 3months to comply from 15.5.13. Partial compliance achieved by S.215 Notice served 10 April 2013. New S.215 Notice served 9 September requiring completion of remaining works. Took effect 11 October 2013 with a one month compliance period. Officer: Jill Emmerson</p> <p>13.12.13 JE waiting for instructions from Paul Mead/Gareth/ Phil Ebbrell as to how they want to proceed, as time's up on the enforcement notice & the schedule of works not carried out.</p>
<p>Refurbishment and manning of Green Lane toilets for expected increase in visitor numbers</p> <p>Priority realigned at MAG NOV.2013 as Corwen to be ready for arrival of Railway passengers in 2014.</p>	Corwen Community Council	X		2015	Not due to report yet.	<p>Priority is for Corwen to be ready for arrival of Railway passengers in 2014.</p> <p>Meeting with Cllr. Huw Jones October 17th 2013. Camp Little Hope (Artists in Residence funded by the Arts Council are developing ideas with the Community for future use of toilets as part of a wider scheme including interpretation and a climate change garden to better link Corwen and the</p>

						<p>Railway at Corwen East.</p> <p>Town Plan funds reallocated at October MAG. Corwen Partnership to apply for 15k to refurbish toilets. DCC to transfer asset to Town Council (Mike Murray).</p> <p>Meeting took place with Karen Tyler Cllr Huw Jones, Malcolm Clements, Digital Magic, CB. Karen offered DCC proposal see email dated 18.12.13. Some Town Plan funding may be required but in essence DCC to upgrade and run toilets.</p> <p>Funds of 8.5k also allocated to garden (via DCC Countryside Service), which links Corwen to the platform at Corwen East. Waiting Code from Countryside.</p> <p>Funds of 4k also allocated to keeping Camp Little Hope working on the project over winter 2013-14 with a view to making a bid for Arts Council funding in 2014 for a wholistic plan to link Corwen and the train. Order to Addo issued for this work Jan 2014.</p> <p>Remaining funds ringfenced for further works/grant bids.</p>
Reviewing signage in the area	County Council Highways	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		<p>New signs provided by DCC for Station yard Industrial estate.</p> <p>Access design Plan work being</p>

						undertaken currently by Countryside.
Improving traffic flows through the introduction of new regulations on the A5	Welsh Government	X	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2014		Update requested via Ben Wilcox Jones/MPG and WG 22.4.13. A matter for WG David.Peel@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK Awaiting response currently from "Burness Edward Martin (CEFNFFYRDD)" EdwardBurness@nmwtra.org.uk No response from WG. Emailed Peter Lea. Dee Valley MAG rep. appointed to Highways Working Group (Cllr. Cefyn Williams). In hand with Town Plan Champion Cllr Huw L Jones.
Looking into developing good links with Rhug Estate Organic Farm which already attracts large numbers of visitors	County Council Housing and Community Development	S	1 Apr 2012	31 Mar 2013		DCC officers met with Rhug in 2012; awaiting proposals from Rhug on any further developments.

TOWN PLAN PRORITIES 2013

Assist Railway achieved –Assisted with Cyfenter bid.Total project cost £59,074 (DCC £18,426, ERDF £40,648). Contribution to garden linking Railway and town £8,500 in hand. Toilet refurbishment awaiting costs from DCC 15k allocated. Contribution to ADDO Arts Management for Camp Little Hope £4k. Economic benefit study for railway to reach phase 2 100% funded by RDP is yet to be done.

Refurbish exterior of gritter shed – achieved – order placed Dec 2013 £5,448 estimated cost.

Survey of Community buildings – achieved - £6k

AREA PLAN PRIORITIES 2014

1. Supporting the community in finding a community enterprise use for redundant buildings e.g. the closed school in Glyndyfrdwy and the soon to be closed schools in Llandrillo & Bryneglwys. Estimated Costs: 5k to match fund a grant application for a feasibility study.

Progress: GlynD Community Enterprise group made successful application to Cadwyn Clwyd Dec 2013 using this 5k as match. AONB match £100. Cadwyn grant £11,900. TOTAL £17,000.

2. Encouraging the setting up of new clubs e.g. a Youth Club in Betws Gwerfil Goch /Melin y Wig area. Estimated Costs: materials and additional staff hours 3k.

Progress: CB contacted DCC contact officer Nick Edwards 17.12.13, awaiting discussions and transfer of funds.

3. Looking into sources of training for the community to help them start up or become sustainable cottage industries in sectors such as, but not exclusively, tourism or outdoor activities. Estimated Costs: 10k to match fund project grant applications.

Progress: CB attending next Dee Valley BAG meeting to see what steps the groups want to take following the conclusion of Arwel Jones Sustainable Outdoor tourism work which included some training opportunities.

CB met with Eirlys of DEA 13.12.13 JD has some 6,444 which could be spent on training packages for Corwen (ascertaining business needs; business planning; marketing; 121s or group sessions). DEA to provide proposal Jan 2014 for discussion.