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**Policy & Finance Meeting** 

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## Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre

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South Parade, Pensarn, Abergele, LL22 7RG

Mandy Evans – Town Clerk, Abergele Town Council.

11th October 2023

Dear Mrs Evans,

As you will be aware, there are many community groups and activities taking place at Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, Pensarn. Every Thursday morning, from 9.30am to 12 noon I run the "Dewi Sant Drop In" – this drop in provides a warm bright room, tasty refreshments, good company and friendship for all who attend. It also gives me an opportunity to link in the attendees with any organisations or groups that may be able to give them much needed extra support. Many of the attendees live on their own, with the majority being over 60 years of age. For some attendees, this is the only social group they attend each week – it really is a lifeline and helps to alleviate the feelings of isolation and loneliness felt by so many people in our community.

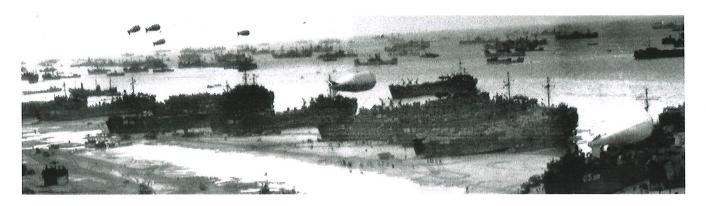
I am writing to Abergele Town Council to ask if a financial donation could please be made to Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre to help towards the high running costs of keeping the Dewi Sant Drop in running through the colder autumn and winter months ahead. The cost of utilities as you will know have rocketed to a ridiculously high level.

As one of the few remaining community buildings in the area, we really would appreciate your financial support. A donation of £500 would very much help Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre keep the people of our community warm in the Drop In this autumn and winter. Thank you so very much. I look forward to hearing from you.

With very kind regards, Theresa Curran

Theresa Curran

Administrator – Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre



Dear Town or Parish Clerk,

## TOWN, PARISH & COMMUNITY COUNCILS - D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024

As you are aware, we are organising D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in commemoration/celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, in Normandy, France, on 6th June 1944. This will enable our Town, Parish and Community Councils to use their involvement as their 'tribute' to those many, many thousands that gave so much on the Beaches in Normandy, to help ensure our freedom we share today, especially as many members of your community will have had relatives that were either involved in the D-Day landings and/or WWII as a whole.

We feel sure you will agree with us when we say that individuals and communities of all sizes were deeply affected in many and various ways during WWII. With this in mind, we would like to encourage your Town, Parish or Community Council to take part in D-Day 80 on 6th June next year by lighting a Beacon. We are aiming to achieve the lighting of at least 14 Beacons per County, within England and Wales, as part of this 80th Anniversary event. We would be extremely grateful if you would be kind enough to discuss your possible involvement with your Council members at your earliest convenience please, with the view to ensuring we achieve the lighting of this number of Beacons in your County at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024.

Those taking part will receive a Certificate of Grateful Recognition, enabling them to frame and display it as a lasting reminder of this moment in history commemorated/celebrated.

The Guide To Taking Part, message from the Prime Minister and other aspects of the event, including the Lamp Light of Peace are available to download from the D-Day 80 website - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk

From inside the Guide, you will see there are various types of Beacons that can be used on 6th June, which could be lit on town and village greens, local farms and country estates, or other locations of your choice that night. (However, those that have existing Beacons, (including the gas fuelled ones used last year), are being encouraged to re-light these to save on funding).

Those taking part are being asked to provide the following:

**Name of Country**, Name of County, Name of Town or Parish Council, Name of Contact, Email, Beacon Location, **Public or Private Beacon**.

Please forward this information to brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible.

We do hope that your Town, Parish or Community Council will take part, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

My warmest regards to you all,

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