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Overview of support potentially available for Abergele Town Council

Introduction

Egin is a programme that aims to unlock the collective power of communities in Wales to take their first steps towards tackling climate change and living more sustainably – especially those who are the most likely to be affected by climate change.

The Egin Programme is pleased provide this overview of support to Abergele Town Council, aimed at fostering sustainable development and empowering the local community to achieve environmental and economic benefits.

1. Visioning Session

The visioning session serves as a collaborative workshop to align stakeholders on Abergele's sustainability aspirations. This facilitated session will:

- Identify key priorities for reducing the town council's carbon footprint.
- Explore innovative and practical solutions tailored to local challenges.
- Develop an action plan for integrating sustainability into Council operations and community initiatives.

Outcomes: A clear, shared vision for Abergele's green future, supported by actionable strategies and community buy-in.

2. Building Energy Audit

This detailed audit will assess the energy performance of selected council-owned or community buildings, providing tailored recommendations for improvement. Key components include:

- Analysing current energy usage and identifying inefficiencies.
- Proposing cost-effective upgrades, such as insulation improvements, renewable energy installations, and smart energy management systems.
- Offering signposting on accessing grants or subsidies to fund recommended improvements.

Outcomes: A comprehensive report outlining actionable measures to enhance energy efficiency, reduce operating costs, and decrease carbon emissions.

3. Event for Community and Town Councils

Egin would like to work in partnership with ATC to hold an event for Community and Town Councils from throughout North Wales. By hosting an event like this, ATC will be supporting other councils to take action in line with their declaration of a climate emergency.

Outcomes: Shared learning of good practice, new ideas and case studies for Community and Town Councils in North Wales.

Benefits to Abergele Town Council

1. **Reduced Carbon Footprint** By implementing the recommendations from the building energy audit and community-driven strategies from the visioning session, Abergele can significantly lower its carbon emissions, contributing to broader national and global climate goals.
2. **Reduced Energy Bills** Energy efficiency improvements will lead to tangible cost savings for council operations and community facilities, freeing up resources for reinvestment in other critical areas.
3. **Potential access to Funding Opportunities** The Dormant Accounts Fund (National Lottery Community Fund) provides a potential avenue for securing financial support.

Conclusion

The Egin Programme's proposed support offers a comprehensive approach to supporting Abergele Town Council in achieving its sustainability objectives. Through a collaborative visioning session, actionable energy audit, and dynamic community engagement event, the Council will be well-equipped to lead the town towards a greener, more sustainable future. These efforts not only align with environmental priorities but also provide significant economic and social benefits, ensuring long-term value for Abergele and its residents.

We look forward to partnering with Abergele Town Council to make this vision a reality.

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Subject: RE: Abergele fingerposts

Hi Abby,

Thanks for the feedback. It's great to hear that they members are happy with the design and locations. I can confirm that the flow has been considered by the signage company and we have walked the whole proposal document with them recently also are happy that this is as it should be for pedestrians. We have also followed industry standards and guidelines in terms of heights of posts, fingers, text, font etc so again this is something that has been considered.

Unfortunately we are unable to add any more points of interest at this stage. Noted in relation to the toilets and these can be removed.

In relation to Tower Hill, we wouldn't include this in light of the distance from the high street and the number of junctions that would need to be passed before reaching the site (each would need a fingerpost). This would be best suited to a brown sign or other signage for people driving or cycling.

With regards to Gele Parc. To ensure the pedestrian flow, this would require an additional fingerpost to be added on the corner of chapel street into high street to then signpost people down to Gele Parc from Chapel Street. It wouldn't make sense to signpost from the high street just up chapel street as you would be just sending the visitor down a road without further signage. Primarily, in light of budgetary constraints it wouldn't be feasible to do this at this time.

We're really excited to get started now and will share the schedule of works with you as soon as it is available. Thank you for all your support.

Best regards
Clare

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Letter to the members of Abergele Town Council —
and to the members of Conwy Borough Council, with regard to
the proposed new bridge - St George Rd, Abergele.

We have lived on St George Rd for around fifty years.
As a society we have all become dependant on the motor
car. — increasingly so — as our very busy roads show.

St George Rd is no exception — over our 50 years residence
we have watched the road become much busier. Structurally,
however — the road has not changed. — and it remains
for the purpose it was built for — as a quiet country lane.
— used to farm traffic — horse + trap. etc. Let me now
add a crucial word to my description of St George Rd —
NARROW. — a narrow, country lane. — and perhaps at
its narrowest being from Wenfro down to Market St, Abergele.

On this particular stretch of the road we are able to observe
how this narrowness contributes to the dangers of this road.

Motorists — private cars or other larger vehicles will mount the
pavements — sometimes stopping — but frequently continuing to move
as the other vehicle does the same in the other direction. Our
pavements — already narrow and sloping are now in a
serious condition, being badly broken up. I must repeat — vehicles
mounting the pavements on this stretch of St George Rd is a
frequent occurrence.

A note on pedestrian use of St George Rd.

The pavements being so bad, a lot of people — young and old —
now choose to walk on the road — this includes mothers with
prams — people jogging — invalid buggies. etc.

This is a narrow, dangerous road.

— made yet more dangerous by motorists breaking the 20mph speed
limit — which they frequently do.
— only a councillor who lived on this stretch of road could truly
appreciate the existing dangers.

Building more houses (200-250)? inevitably means increasing road traffic up & down St Georges Rd - another 200-400 cars?
- Is there a proper access road planned?

Are Councillors, knowing of the existing dangers of using St George Rd as an access road, able to support such a plan?

As things stand - safety measures should be introduced.
- and I don't mean 20mph signs - speed bumps, whereby motorists have to slow down. - and they should be introduced now - to tackle the present level of danger - and speed cameras would discourage some of the regular speedsters.

St George Rd is already a dangerous road.

I submit this letter in the sincere belief that Councillors will reach decisions that work to safeguard the safety and well-being of the people of Abergate.

I have distributed copies of this letter.

