CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

2026 – 2027

(including Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – Section 40 Report)

Reviewed and Approved by

Connah's Quay Town Council

4 November 2026

Chair's Report – Cllr Alan Manship (2025-2026)



It was a great honour to be elected Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council for the civic year 2025–2026. This was my second term as Chair, having previously held the position during 2023–2024. On both occasions, it has been a tremendous honour and a genuine privilege to serve the Council and represent our community.

Throughout the civic year, I have had the pleasure of attending numerous civic engagements hosted by neighbouring councils. These occasions have provided valuable opportunities to meet fellow councillors from other towns, strengthen relationships and share in the work of our respective communities. I am particularly grateful to my wife, who has supported me throughout my time as Chair and accompanied me to many of these engagements as my consort.

One of the highlights of my year has been raising an impressive £5,000 for local charities and community organisations. It was a great pleasure to distribute these funds to Claire House Children's Hospice, Rupert's Rainbow, Cancer Research UK and local organisations within Connah's Quay. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who generously donated and helped make this achievement possible. Your kindness and support have made a meaningful contribution to these very worthwhile causes.

Another highlight was being involved in the Connah's Quay Annual Festival, held at Wepre Park at the end of June. This wonderful event brings our community together and provides a valuable opportunity to showcase local talent across all age groups. The Christmas Fayre is another event of which I am particularly proud, especially as it gives local schoolchildren the opportunity to share their musical talents through singing and festive performances.

Both events demonstrate the strength, spirit and talent within our community. They are occasions that bring people together and reinforce the reasons why I am so proud to be a councillor and, in particular, to have served as Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Town Clerk and all Council staff for their continued hard work, dedication and support. The success of our community events relies on a considerable amount of work behind the scenes, much of which goes unseen but is essential to ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Their commitment plays a vital role in the effective running of the Council and in delivering events that our community can enjoy. I am extremely grateful for their guidance and assistance throughout the civic year.

My thanks also go to my Vice-Chair, Councillor Vince Roberts, and his consort for their support and contribution during the civic year.

Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all my fellow councillors at Connah's Quay Town Council for placing their trust in me and giving me the opportunity and privilege of representing the Council as Chair. It has been a rewarding experience, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together in supporting our community and celebrating everything that makes Connah's Quay such a special place.

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair for a second time, and I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout this civic year.

Elected Chair for 2026-2027 - Councillor Andy Dunbobbin

Elected Vice-Chair for 2026-2027 – Councillor Vince Roberts



During 2026-2027 Councillor Vince Roberts resigned as Vice-Chair of the Council

Councillor Alan Manship was elected as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the civic year

From the Town Clerk

On behalf of the offices of Connah's Quay Town Council, I am pleased to welcome you to the Council's Annual Report for 2026/27.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. It outlines the Council's aims, objectives and aspirations, celebrates key achievements, and highlights the positive contribution the Council makes to the town, its residents and visitors. It also demonstrates the Council's ongoing commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and to supporting the long-term well-being of our community.

As Town Clerk and Finance Officer, my responsibilities include advising and supporting the Council to ensure that decisions are lawful, independent and objective, while recognising the Council's accountability for its actions. I also lead and support the Council's team in delivering its services and carrying out the decisions made by elected Councillors.

I have held the positions of Town Clerk and Finance Officer since 2022 and have been employed by the Town Council for over 17 years. During this time, I have witnessed the dedication and commitment that underpin the Council's work. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of staff for their continued hard work and valuable contribution to the Council and the wider community.

The Council's achievements are made possible through the combined efforts of Councillors, staff and the many volunteers who generously give their time to support our events, activities and community initiatives. Their collective commitment plays an important role in helping Connah's Quay remain a welcoming and vibrant place to live, work and visit.

One of the initiatives the Town Council is particularly proud to support financially each year is Quayplay, the summer play scheme operated by Flintshire County Council. By allocating funding to support the six-week programme, the Council helps ensure that primary school-aged children can access positive, engaging activities during the summer holidays. This provision offers valuable opportunities for children to enjoy their holidays, socialise with others and support their health and well-being throughout the summer break.

As Town Clerk, I am extremely proud that the Council continues to prioritise this funding and invest in opportunities that benefit local children and families.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to supporting the Town Council in its work to serve our residents, strengthen our community and deliver positive outcomes for Connah's Quay. I look forward to building on our achievements and continuing to work together for the benefit of the town in the year ahead and beyond.

Suzanne Wilson

Town Clerk and Finance officer

Introduction

From April 2022 community and town councils have a duty to prepare and publish a report about the Council's priorities, activities and their achievements.

Councils have a duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity – Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and to meet requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

This Act is a legislation promoted by the Welsh Government which aims to improve further social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales now and for the longer term.

In order to meet the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Flintshire Public Service Board (PSB) was established to prepare and publish a Well-being Plan for Flintshire. The membership of the board includes a number of public services and bodies.

There is also representation from the Community and Town Council sector in Flintshire, as the Act stipulates that all Community and Town Councils with a turn-over of £200,000 or more must provide an annual report on how it is contributing to the objectives of the County's Well-being Plan.

Whilst the Flintshire PSB realises that there is much that could be done to add value to public service and to the communities of Flintshire it has identified and agreed a number of priorities that support the seven goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. These are:

- Community Safety – Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery, Organised Crime Gangs, Child Criminal Exploitation;
- Economy and Skills – Promotion of careers in the Public Sector, Championing skills across all sectors. Support own workforces at risk of poverty, collective work on workforce policies, identification of PSB partner land for housing, education or well-being;
- Environment – Build a map of land and sea assets across the County, Community based approach to delivering a coastal green infrastructure plan, develop a plan for some pilots to trial doing things differently. Using the environment in local communities to support resilience;
- Healthy and Independent Living – Development of extended Care Home and Discharge to Assess facility. Opening of the Health and Well-being Care Centre in Flint, develop a shared understanding of social prescribing, co-located health and social care workforce, Early Help Hub;

- Resilient Communities – Pilot area-based work. Getting Flintshire moving to increase activity. Evaluation of new ways of working and delivery of community benefits, agreeing community benefit strategies across all partners. Explore benefits of Community Shares, Development of Social Prescribing, a new leadership programme for those who work with communities:

These priorities have been chosen as the themes where the PSB can add most value and make a positive and lasting difference.

This report describes how Connah's Quay Town Council has contributed to the priorities of the Flintshire Well-being Plan for the community of Connah's Quay. The report also details the Town Council's response to the Environment Act 2016 and how it has met its duties under the Act.

Connah's Quay Town Council

The Town Council has 20 Councillors representing 4 Wards in the town: Central, Golftyn, South and Wepre. The contact details for the Councillors are included in Appendix A.

Elections for the Town Council are held every five years. The last election was held in May 2022, and the next one will take place in May 2027.

Full council meetings are held every month and are attended by all 20 councillors. They agree decisions from the other council committees and authorise the Council's expenditure.

The meeting schedule for 2026- 2027 is included as Appendix B.

Chair

The Chair of the Town Council is elected by full council at the annual meeting in May and has the role for one year.

The Chair is politically impartial. They chair meetings of the full council and carry out a range of community and ceremonial duties.

The elected Chair of the Council for 2026-27 is Councillor A. Dunbobbin, the Vice-Chair Councillor V. Roberts.

Councillor V. Roberts resigned as Vice-Chair during 2026-27. Councillor A. Manship was elected as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the civic year.

Town Clerk

Suzanne Wilson is the Town Clerk. She has responsibility for the overall management of the council. She is responsible for making sure that all the council's policies are put into action. She represents the council through contact with the media and provides a link between the council and other organisations.

Council Committees

The Town Council has several Standing Committees. **All** Councillors are a member of each Standing Committee.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee is agreed at the Council's Annual Meeting which is held in May.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the respective Standing Committees for the year 2026-2027 are:

Planning Committee

Chair: Councillor R. Fenwick

Vice-Chair: Councillor D. Owen

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Chair: Councillor A. Manship

Vice-Chair: Councillor P. Shotton

Recreation and Entertainments Committee

Chair: Councillor D. Addaway

Vice-Chair: Councillor D. Owen

Town Regeneration Committee – Disbanded

Appointments of Bodies

School Governing Bodies (period of 2 years due to local elections)

Bryn Deva School	-	Councillor E. Loughnane (term of office until May 2027)
Golftyn School	-	Councillor D. Richardson (term of office until May 2027)
Ysgol Caer Nant	-	Councillor A. Wren (term of office until May 2027)
Wepre School	-	Councillor A. Manship (term of office until May 2027)

Other Bodies

Connah's Quay Old Peoples Association

Councillors R. Fenwick and Councillor G Faulkner

North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils

Councillors A. Manship, Councillor D. Owen and Councillor A. Wren

Wrexham-Bidston Rail Users - Disbanded

Parc Adfer Community Liaison Group

Councillor D. Owen

Connah's Quay and Shotton Interservices Committee

Councillor E. Faulkner

Wepre Park Stakeholder Group

Councillor R. Fenwick

How the Council is funded

The Town Council does not receive any funding from the UK or Welsh Government or Flintshire County Council.

Precept

This is the main source of our funding. Residents of the Town pay a precept which is collected with their Council Tax bill. Council meets annually to set the precept for the following financial year.

Other funding sources

We also receive income from fees charged for certain council goods and services, for example hire of the Civic Hall, Community Centre, Quay Building, Quay Café and the Allotments.

What the Council Does

The Town Council is responsible for the management of the Civic Hall; Community Centre; Allotments; Quay Building; and Quay Café.

Civic Hall



Our Civic Hall is located on Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay.

It can be hired for a wide range of events and fund-raising activities as well as business and family functions.

The main room can hold up to 300 people (depending on the type of event) with a stage, large dance floor, cafeteria and fully licensed bar.

There is a smaller meeting room upstairs (Len Williams Room) which can seat approx. 30.

We can offer catering for any occasion and budget, ranging from buffets to three course meals.

Community Centre

The Community Centre is located on Cable Street, Connah's Quay.

It consists of a hall that is suitable for groups / events for up to 50 people.

There is a fully equipped kitchen with serving hatch and a fenced outdoor area.



Allotments



The Town Council is responsible for the Mill Lane Allotment site in the town.

Allotments are important green open spaces, often providing a haven for wildlife in the heart of towns and cities.

There are currently 36 individual plots on the site.

Quay Building

The Town Council Offices are situated on Fron Road with ample free parking for visitors. We have two rooms available to hire.
Our large room is suitable for up to 40 people (depending on set up). The room is equipped with wifi and sound system.
We also have a smaller meeting room which can accommodate approx. 6/8 people.



Quay Café



Quay Café closed during the covid outbreak; the Council re-opened it for a short while after the restrictions had been lifted. It eventually closed in 2022.
In March 2023 the Town Council received an 'expression of interest' for the Veterans and Communities Hub (V.C. Hub) to take running of the Café. This was agreed by Council. The Council look forward to continuing a successful working relationship between the Town Council and the V C Hub.

During 2024-2025 financial year the Town Council upgraded the bar supplies at the Civic Hall this was done by changing suppliers, which provides the Civic Hall in offering better choice of refreshments as well as keeping any increase costs to a minimum for hirers of the venue.

The Town Council in 2026-2027 financial year are looking to improve the external and internal area of the Community Centre. This will be achieved by decorative improvements which will enhance the appearance and make the venue more appealing for users.

Improvements are planned for the Allotment Site with developments to the entrance and common areas.

The Quay Building is planned to have decorative improvements during this financial year.

In addition to managing venues, the Council also provide other services for the local community, including:

Summer Playscheme: *Quayplay*

The Town Council financially contributes to the Connah's Quay summer play scheme – '*Quayplay*' – each year. Flintshire County Council operates the scheme on behalf of the Town Council.

The scheme is free for children under the age of 12 to attend and is open to children with a range of needs, offering a 'buddy scheme' to those who require it.

It runs during the school summer holiday period and takes place at '*Central Park*' – using our Community Centre and the 1st Connah's Quay Scout Headquarters to host indoor activities. The large, grassed area outside is used for outdoor activities including football, a waterslide, arts and crafts and much more. Quayplay is a major asset to the area. It encourages children's wellbeing throughout the summer school holidays by socialising with friends throughout play during the six-week period.

The Town Council contributes financially to fit, fed and read. This is run by Gwella. It offers the children in the community sport and physical activities, reading challenges and crafts whilst providing food, snacks and drinks. This takes place in Central Park, Connah's Quay every Tuesday afternoon during the summer school holidays.

Annual Festival

Every summer the Town Council hosts an Annual Festival. In recent years this has been held at Wepre Park and for 2027 this will continue.

The event for 2025 and 2026 was a successful one-day event, with excellent feedback from attendees.





It is a free event and provides a range of activities throughout the day for all of the family – including a fun fair, dog show, stalls, music performances, local dance school performances, wrestling shows and much more. It is a great event for the community.

Christmas Fayre



November sees our Christmas Fayre held at the Civic Hall.

We have a Santa's Grotto for the younger children with them receiving a small Christmas 'goody bag' as a memento.

There is a good mix of local community and charitable organisations hosting stalls, and local small 'businesses' selling seasonal products.

We have charity raffle and there are performances on stage from local schools and/or organisations.

The event includes the switch on of the lights on our Christmas tree at Wepre Drive / High Street.

CCTV Cameras

The Town Council contributes towards the running costs of the CCTV cameras across the town. During the 2026-27 purchase three deployable cameras. Initially the cameras will be situated at the following locations:

Thornfield Avenue

Redhall

Bryn Road Cemetery

Festive Lighting

The Town Council funds the installation of the festive lighting on some of the street lighting columns in the town. We also provide a Christmas tree that is located on the junction of High Street /Wepre Drive.

School Milk

We are proud to be able to fund free school milk to all the children who want it at each of the 4 primary schools in the town.

How Connah's Quay Town Council has met the requirements of The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 and how it will continue to in the future

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Economy and Skills

The Town Council encourages a close relationship with all schools based in Connah's Quay. The primary school's involvement in designing the Chair's Christmas cards, this encourages the younger children to get involved. Both primary and secondary schools take part in the Christmas Fayre to showcase their singing talents. Local dance schools are encouraged to actively take part at the Summer Annual Festival.

Local talent is showcased at the Summer Annual Festival.

Looking ahead to 2026-27

- Continuing to deliver the activities mentioned above and make them more accessible to the community.
- More active involvement with local businesses where they will be able to share ideas and concerns for the future.
- Encourage local school councils to get involved with the Town Council.
- More active and encourage and support youth engagement activities and funding in the local area.

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Environment

Connah's Quay has excellent green space areas, such as Wepre Park. The Town Council will continue to support and encourage residents and visitors to attend Wepre Park. The Council have a close working relationship with staff, rangers and volunteers at the park.

Connah's Quay has play areas for children in each ward.

The Allotments are used for the planting, growing of vegetables and fruit and is a haven to wildlife.

Looking ahead to 2026-27

- The Town Council have agreed to match fund Gwella up to £10k in improving of the Play Areas in each ward. It was agreed that this would be available for the next 5 years. The following play areas have been improved:
  - 2022/2023 – Broad Oak Play Area
  - 2023/2024 – York Road Play Area
  - 2024/2025 – Festival Gardens Play Area
  - 2025/2026 - Fron Road Play Area
  - 2026/2027 - Hillsdown Drive Play Area
- To continue in encouraging allotment plot holders in using the site. Improve areas within the allotment site.
- To support and advertise Wepre Park events through our social media and/or website.

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Health and Independent Living

The Town Council supports a local non-profit enterprise to have an allotment plot for people who have specific needs and issues. The well-being of these people involved helps them get out and about and interacting with people with the same interests, whilst helping the environment and learning new skills.

The Town Council offers discounted rates for Flintshire County Council in hiring the venues for workshops/seminars/meetings/courses which are related to well-being issues.

The Town Council are accredited in the 'White Ribbon' campaign which supports with engaging men and boys in ending violence against women and girls.

Looking ahead to 2026-27

- To continue supporting local enterprises and business in promoting the importance of well-being in the Town and County
- The Council to continue supporting local charities and community groups in offering hall waivers to carry out any training or functions, this will enable the charities extra funds for the charity.
- To promote any organisations in the town that offers warm-hubs, food banks etc
- To actively promote and raise the awareness of the 'White Ribbon' campaign as well as other campaigns in ending violence against men and women.

Flintshire Public Service Board Well-being Priority: Resilient Communities

The Town Council funds Quay Play during the summer school holidays. This is very popular with the children of Connah's Quay. The scheme is run and managed by Flintshire County Council with the Town Council funding the scheme at a cost of in the region of £26k per year.

Quay Play takes place over 6 weeks in the summer holidays and is catered for primary school children up to the age of 11. The scheme is very well attended and the feedback received from parents/guardians and children excels every year.

The Town Council contributes financial support to Gwella for the Fit, Fed and Read scheme during the summer school holidays. This offers children of all ages the opportunity to take part in sport and physical activity as well as reading challenges and crafts, providing children with food, snacks and drinks whilst taking part.

The Town Council every November has a Christmas Fayre in the Civic Hall, this is well attended by residents of Connah's Quay. The Town Council organise stalls from local charities or organisations, local business with entertainment from the local schools. The Town Council provide free goodie bags for children visiting Santa. Local schools can showcase the student's talent by providing the entertainment during the event.

The Christmas Fayre during 2020 did not take place due to Covid. The Civic Hall was used for a Covid Testing Site by the NHS. During 2021 the government regulations allowed the Town Council to have an outside event, which took place.

Every summer (except 2020 & 2021) the Town Council organise a Summer Festival at Wepre Park. This is a well-attended event with local organisations, charities and schools taking part. The Town Council work closely with Wepre Park in making the event a success.

Looking ahead to 2026-27

- That the Town Council continue to fund the summer playscheme Quay Play at a cost in the region of £26k per year
- To continue providing financial support to Gwella for the Fit, Fed and Read scheme.
- To continue with events for the residents to enjoy and participate each year
- To improve Town Council venues which will benefit the usage of residents
- To work closely with Flintshire County Council Regeneration Team with the Place Making Action Plan
- To provide financial support for the CCTV in the Town, also purchasing of three de-ployable cameras which will ensure reassurance to residents of problem areas with previous anti-social behaviour incidents and/or vandalism.

Actions for 2026-2027 and beyond

- To continue to deliver activities mentioned throughout this report and making them more accessible to the community
- Promote what we do through various channels
- Engage the community more in community-focused events
- Work more closely with the local schools and businesses
- To continue supporting the Place Making Action Plan

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Appendix A – Town Councillors

Appendix B – Town Council Meeting Schedule

APPENDIX A

TOWN COUNCILLORS 2026/2027

Central Ward

Councillor D Addaway

Councillor W Catterall

Councillor D Owen

Councillor V Roberts

Councillor D Vernon

Golftyn Ward

Councillor A Dunbobbin – Chair of the Council

Councillor E S Faulkner

Councillor G A Faulkner

Councillor A Hughes

Councillor D Richardson

Councillor P Shotton

South Ward

Councillor L Attridge

Councillor A I Dunbar

Councillor R Fenwick

Councillor A Owen

Councillor I R Smith

Councillor A S Wren

Wepre Ward

Councillor R Mansell

Councillor A Manship – Vice Chair of the Council

Councillor E Loughnane

APPENDIX B

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the council, committees and sub-committees. Only meetings, or parts of meetings where confidential or other restricted information is being discussed are not open to the public or press. Meetings are accessible in person or hybrid.

Council meetings are normally held in the evening and take place in the Council Chamber at Quay Building, Fron Road.

Public notice is given in advance of all council meetings including whether they are open to the public.
For more information on council meetings please contact the Town Clerk on 01244 819420.

Year 2026/27	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Annual Meeting	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Council	6	3	1	-	2	7	4	2	6	3	3	7
Planning	6	3	1	-	2	7	4	2	6	3	3	7
Finance & General	6	3	1	-	2	7	4	2	6	3	3	7
Recreation & Entertainment	6	3	1	-	2	7	4	2	6	3	3	7

Annual Meeting – Held each year in the month of May

Committee Meetings of Planning(1), Finance & General, Recreation & Entertainment– Held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 6.30pm