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Cllr Charlie McCoubrey, Council Leader,
Conwy County Borough Council,
By Email

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URGENT

Re: Public Transport for Dolgarrog & Tal-y-Bont

Dear Leader of the Council, Cllr McCoubrey, Charlie,

I am writing with regards to my serious concerns about the severe impact the closure of the B5106 is having on residents in Dolgarrog and Tal-y-Bont dependent on public transport.

As you will be aware, the highway is closed between Dolgarrog and Trefriw so to facilitate work to improve drainage and flood alleviation. However, whilst I am aware that a shuttle service was put in place to transport people from the aforementioned communities to the re-routed 19 bus, this is no longer in operation.

In short, this means that there is no public transport in the villages, leaving residents unable to access GP appointments in Llanrwst, attend hospital appointments in Llandudno, and travel to access other services and businesses. Additionally, this is the first week of the school holiday, a time when a significant number of young people are likely to be using bus services for days out. For all in Dolgarrog and Tal-y-Bont, this is no longer a possibility. Indeed, the train station in Maenan is not a genuine solution for the majority, due to various reasons.

It is my understanding that Conwy County Borough Council has refused to pay Llew Jones for the provision of a shuttle service. Whilst I would appreciate an explanation from yourself as to how this situation where two communities have been cut off from public transport has been allowed to arise, most importantly, I would be grateful if you could come to an urgent agreement with the relevant bus provider so to see a shuttle service put into action once again.

Kind regards,

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