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Dear Mr Roberts,

I am writing to you with regards to your excellent decision to bring the National Eisteddfod to Conwy County in 2019, and to make a formal request that the honour of hosting the festival be given to the historic market town of Llanrwst.

By 2019, it will have been 30 years since Llanrwst last hosted the National Eisteddfod (whilst it was last in Abergele in 1995) and I am hard-pressed to think of a more suitable location within the Conwy County to host this prestigious event.

I would like to endorse the letter submitted to you by Rosslyn Morgan, Clerk to Llanrwst Town Council, on behalf of its elected members and the people and communities of Llanrwst and the Conwy Valley. The points raised in this letter provide, I feel, firm justification for the National Eisteddfod to be hosted in Llanrwst.

Clearly, there is no doubting that the passion for hosting the Eisteddfod in the Conwy Valley far exceeds any call for it to be situated in Abergele. This is corroborated by the staggering fact that over 200 people attended the public meeting in Glasdir, Llanrwst last night.

Additionally, eisteddfodau are still thriving in Llanrwst and its surrounding area. For example, the Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Dyffryn Conwy Llanrwst, Eisteddfod Melin y Coed, and Eisteddfod Ysgol Uwchradd Dyffryn Conwy. The latter is locally very important, as the fantastic work done by the school in reviving this tradition, means that competing in eisteddfodau and the interest in them is proven and thriving amongst the young people of the secondary school.

When considering that the school catchment area is as far north as Glan Conwy, East as Llangernyw, West as Capel Currig, and South as Ysbyty Ifan and Blaenau Ffestiniog, it really should

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be clear that Llanrwst is a an epicentre for countless rural communities which have a well founded passion for eisteddfodau amongst all generations.

That there is a passion for the Eisteddfod in Llantwst and the surrounding area, is apparent when considering the fact that Corwst was founded just before the National Eisteddfod in Anglesey. As I am sure you are aware, this choir made quite an impression, especially given that it succeeded to gain over 100 members.

Finally, in terms of practical considerations, Llanrwst is served by the well-maintained A470 – a key trunk road running through the heart of Wales, making it easily accessible from all parts of the country.

I do hope that this “strong a fervent desire” to host the National Eisteddfod, as expressed in the letter of the Town Council, is considered favourably by the Eisteddfod Council, or relevant body as appointed to chose the location of the Prifwyl.

Yours sincerely,

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