

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**3rd JANUARY 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Meetings**

- i) 19/1/17 Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee; 5.30pm at Bodlondeb
- ii) 2/2/17 Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee; 5.30pm at Bodlondeb
- iii) 17/2/17 Special meeting of Council has been arranged to consider the appointment of the Chief Education Officer; 1pm at Bodlondeb

2. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**a) Local Government Finance - Advanced Training**

12/01/17 at Council Chambers, Shire Hall, Llangefni, LL77 7TW, 6.30pm – 9pm; and 02/02/17 at The Memorial Hall, Penrhyndeudraeth, 6.30pm – 9pm (both through the medium of Welsh). This course builds on the knowledge gained from attendance at Module 6 – Local Government Finance. It will appeal especially to Chairs, those serving on Finance Committees & to any Councillor who wishes to learn more about the governance & accountability framework in which councils are required to operate. The cost is £35 for members or £45 per non-member.

b) National Development Framework Engagement Event

07/02/17 at Conwy Business Centre, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Places are limited to 2 people from each organisation. If you would like to attend please email ndf@wales.gsi.gov.uk

The NDF will be a national land use development plan & will replace the existing Wales Spatial Plan. It will set out the 20 year spatial framework for land use in Wales, providing a context for the provision of new infrastructure and growth and setting out how the Government's land use objectives will be taken forward at the national, regional and local levels. The NDF engagement event with Welsh Government Planning Officials will raise awareness of the work ahead, provide an opportunity for people to ask questions & learn more about what we're doing.

c) Ireland-Wales exchange seminar and site visits

Dates for the diary: 27/03/17 – 29/03/17

d) Finance Training for Small Charities

Details of affordable, relevant, useful financial training & free downloadable resources aimed at supporting small charities can be found at <http://smallcharityfinance.org.uk/>

e) Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme

Unemployed 18-30 years olds interested in starting their own businesses are offered training and Level 1 Explore Enterprise qualification by attending a four day workshop in Rhyl in January, February or March 2017. To find out about this & other programmes in Wales, follow us on Twitter at @PrincesTrustWal & like our Facebook page 'Princes Trust Cymru'.

3. Twitter account

A Conwy Town Council Twitter account has been launched: @ConwyTownCouncil

4. Public meeting with First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones AM

19/01/17 in Llanrwst. This is your opportunity to tell the Minister about the issues in your community that matter to you, have your say & ask the First Minister directly the questions you want answered. Please register your interest in attending online via **Eventbrite**.

<http://gov.wales/newsroom/firstminister/2016/Carwyn-Connect-Llanrwst/?lang=en>

5. Police And Community Trust

PACT & sister charity Crimebeat offers grants to community organisations to support projects that support the Police and Crime Plan – to prevent/reduce crime and anti-social behaviour & help to make our communities safer places. Maximum grants are up to £2,000, but they do offer smaller grants (up to £250) through the network of PCSOs. The Crimebeat fund (the High sheriffs Fund) also offers grants of up to £500 to support young people, & a number of grants have been made to youth groups in Conwy over the years. More details about the projects supported through PACT and Crimebeat can be found the websites: www.pactnorthwales.co.uk & www.crimebeatnorthwales.co.uk Brochures are on the Guildhall chamber table. To discuss any proposals, please contact Dave Evans, PACT Project Manager, on 01745 588516, ext 88516 & email: David.V.Evans@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

6. Digital Communities Wales Support information

Digital Communities Wales is a Welsh Government funded programme designed to assist community groups and organisation with Digital Inclusion, specifically around support for staff and volunteers who deal with service users. Free accredited digital training and digital champion training for frontline staff and volunteers, delivered onsite. The Welsh Digital Charter has six principles which prove an organisation’s commitment to digital inclusivity
<http://digitalcommunities.gov.wales/charter/>

7. Appointment of Members to Qualifications Wales

Closing date for applications is 20/01/17. For information, please see <http://llyw.cymru/about/recruitment/public-appointments/?lang=cy>

8. Appointment of Chair & Members to Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales

The Welsh Government is looking to appoint a Chair & eleven Members to serve on the Board of HCC. Closing date: 11/01/17. Further details: www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments

9. Notification of Scope house-to-house collection dates

Operating under the Exemption Order granted to Scope by the Home Office, their house-to-house collections will take place between 3/4/17 & 23/4/17 and 2/4/18 & 22/4/18.

10. Newsletters

a) Historic Towns Forum

The latest newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

11. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Environment & Countryside

- Changes to environmental impact assessment regulations 31/01/17
- Bathing water review in Wales 2017 15/02/17
- Proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products 28/02/17

Health & Social Services

- Charging for social care 25/01/17