

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**4th JULY 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Forward Work Programme**

The June 2016 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=576&LLL=0>

2. Appointment of Members to the Arts Council of Wales

Exciting opportunities to contribute to the development of the arts in Wales Members of the Arts Council of Wales. Approx 1.5 days per month. Unremunerated, travel & subsistence costs will be met. The Arts Council of Wales is a Welsh Government Sponsored Body funded largely by grant-in-aid from the Welsh Government, but it is also one of the four Distributors of National Lottery 'funding for good causes' in Wales. The Arts Council of Wales is responsible for developing & improving the knowledge, understanding & practise of the arts; & for increasing the accessibility of, & participation in, the arts to the public. The Welsh Government is inviting applications for up to six Members of the Arts Council of Wales. The appointments will commence in November 2016 & if appointed, you will play an important role in delivering the Welsh Government's strategic policy commitments to promote a rich & diverse culture & a sustainable, viable & innovative arts sector. To strengthen & balance the Council Membership & deliver on strategic priorities over the next three years. The ability to speak Welsh will be essential for a number of these roles. For further details & to apply go to <http://wales.gov.uk/publicappointments> or for queries contact the Shared Service Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 or email SharedServiceHelpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk The closing date for receipt of applications is 7/7/16. Application forms received after this date will not be considered. It is expected to hold interviews during w/c 26/9/16.

3. Social Business Wales Awards

The awards scheme for co-operatives & social enterprises in Wales. In the past few years we've run the Awards under the banner of Social Enterprise Awards Wales. This year, as well as a new name, we've also got five new categories for social enterprises in different business sectors: Culture & Leisure, Health & Social Care, Education, Training & Jobs, Environment, Consumer Facing. We're also running the Social Enterprise of the Year & One to Watch categories. This means that social enterprises have more chances to win one of the £1000 category prizes & compete for a UK award. Please could you pass the information on to your networks? The deadline is midnight on 8 July. Organisations need to express their interest on <http://wales.coop/social-business-wales/awards/> and we'll then send them the application pack.

4. Green Growth Wales- call for projects

Public sector organisations in Wales are invited to apply for Green Growth Wales repayable funding for projects in the financial year 2016-17. First deadline: 5th July 2016. Welsh Government, through its Green Growth Wales initiative is making investments in projects delivering energy efficiency, renewable energy & resource efficiency across Wales, with the overall aim of saving 2.5m tonnes of CO2 as well as helping public bodies to make revenue savings. Our first call for projects to be funded during 2016-17 closes on 5th July 2016. Projects are delivered on an invest-to-save basis, with funding repaid from within the savings made or revenues generated. This call covers both the Salix & Invest to Save – Green Growth finance vehicles. Finance is available now for projects sufficiently well defined. However we also want to hear about developing projects, where the intent is to draw down funds later in the financial year. A second 'expressions of interest' form is available & should be submitted in this case. We are keen to support all eligible projects that might otherwise not proceed, however, there is likely to be significant demand & early sight of projects will help. Terms & conditions for the two finance routes have been aligned and are now accessed through a single website. A number of rounds of investment decisions will take place during the course of the year: 5/7/16, 5/10/16, 5/12/16, 1/3/17. How to apply- Applications & expressions of interest for Green Growth Wales projects are made via the application portal

<http://salixfinance.co.uk/loans/welsh-loans> As part of that process, projects will need to demonstrate how they are contributing to the achievement of the Well-being goals defined in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the nature of the investment & the projected savings (cash & CO2) to be made, & a repayment profile. Projects will be assessed by technical specialists, & bespoke funding offers will be made depending on the nature of the project & the public body. All public bodies are strongly encouraged to seek the support of the Green Growth Wales / Resource Efficient Wales team to develop proposals for investments: Green Growth Wales – Commercial support : Mike Williams- mike.williams@local.gov.uk Resource Efficient Wales Client Manager - Opportunity Identification & Technical Support :David Reilly - david.reilly@CarbonTrust.com fit Cymru - Energy Performance Contracting: Glyn Mountford - glynm@gepenv.co.uk Salix funding application support contact: Judith Britnell - judith.britnell@salixfinance.co.uk

5. County Conversation - Community Engagement

Have you heard about the County Conversation? Can you help? You may be aware that there is a lot of change ahead for public services. This summer we are arranging a number of events to hear what people think about what's important & what needs to change in the local area. We'd like to involve as many groups as possible & can either come to you, attend your groups/ events or arrange to brief someone who is usually part of your group. We have some questions to ask to start the conversation going & some techniques that may make the conversation more fun for your group such as a community cinema event, coffee shop conversation, workshop or focus group. We can also provide information for people to answer questions on line. If you think that there may be an opportunity to work with you or your group over the summer, please email me at the address below, or call me to discuss further, we would really like to hear from you and your community.

6. Public Services Staff Commission- Annual Report

The Public Services Staff Commission has published its first Annual Report. A copy of the report can be downloaded from our website <http://publicservicesstaffcommission.gov.wales/guidance-and-reports/annual-report-2016?lang=en>. You can sign up on our website <http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/www.unllaiscymru.org.uk> to get the latest reports & updates direct. You can also follow us on Twitter @staffcommission. Please can I ask that you cascade the above link to our website to staff & colleagues within your organisation.

7. Road Closures

a) Gorlan, Conwy

25/07/2016 to 02/09/2016 - Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

b) Junction Narrow Lane to Junction Cilgwyn, Pen Dyffryn, Llandudno Junction

08/08/2016 to 19/08/2016 - BT Work

c) O/S Government Buildings, Narrow Lane, Llandudno Junction

01/08/2016 to 12/08/2016 - Parking Prohibition

d) From the Smallest House to the Harbour masters office, Lower Gate Street, Conwy

14/07/2016 to 17/07/2016 - Continental Market

8. Funding

People's Health Trust

The People's Health Trust "HealthDiverse" fund opened 1st of June & will be accepting applications for 6 weeks from projects in Colwyn Bay & some nearby areas. CVSC is pleased to be working with People's Health Trust to support small, local groups to develop their Great Ideas into projects that could benefit from up to £25,000 a year in funding from People's Health Trust, over a maximum of 24 months (£50,000 in total). Throughout the HealthDiverse 6 week application window, CVSC Development Officers will be on hand to provide intensive one-to-one support to help you turn your idea into a reality. Further details of the eligibility criteria & more information about the funding opportunity can be obtained by contacting Emma Jones at CVSC: emmajones@cvsc.org.uk or 01492 523843 Time is ticking so act fast - don't miss out on this great opportunity!

9. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) One Voice Wales training

i) Local Government Finance—advanced training at Noddfa, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF. 11/7/16 This course is aimed at building 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 of the training is £35 for members or £45 per person for non members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place. There is a bursary available to eligible councils – please ask for details. Start time is 6:30pm until 9:00pm. If you or your councillors are interested in attending the training, please email: wendi.huggett@onevoicewales.org.uk URGENTLY with the name, email address & telephone number of each person wishing to attend.

ii) Local Government Finance-Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Rd, Abergele, LL22 7BT 20/7/16 6.30-9pm

b) One Voice Wales Larger Councils Conference

One Voice Wales is holding its Fourth Larger Councils Conference that will include an excellent range of speakers, information on work programmes of relevance to larger councils & workshops on innovative practice being carried out by Councils across Wales. Our guest speakers will be Elwyn Thomas – Chief Executive, Planning Aid Wales who will be discussing the implications of the Planning Act on Community and Town Councils & Helen Murray – Chief Executive of PLANED who will be discussing how Third Sector bodies engage with communities & the lessons Community & Town Councils can learn. For further information, please contact either Tracy Gilmartin-Ward or Wendi Huggett on 01269 595400 or email admin@onevoicewales.org.uk

c) Iaith training- Engaging with communities

i) 6 / 7 / 16- 9am – 12pm Ty Menai, Parc Menai, £85 + VAT / £70 + VAT IAITH members
The aim of this training is to present information regarding how to engage effectively with different groups & communities. The training is intended for staff working at organisations who want to hear from their communities, who want to receive opinions & information from the public and who want to create a relationship with hard to reach communities. This training sessions will be run through the medium of Welsh.

ii) Iaith Twilight Seminar

Welsh-medium twilight seminar at 4pm, 13/7/16, at Llety Parc Hotel, Aberystwyth. Gareth Ioan, our CEO, will be reminiscing on his two decades of professional language planning activity with IAITH & offering a few thoughts on possible future developments

d) CVSC Training "Developing your Volunteer Programme"

Last few places remaining – please get in touch to book your place now! Developing your Volunteer Programme, 30/6/16 9:30am registration, 10:00am prompt start, Finish: 12:30pm at Theatr Colwyn Community Room, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7RU. With the recent production of the Code of Practice for organisations involving volunteers, this is a timely opportunity to check & find out how YOUR organisation shapes up! Join us at this friendly & informal session to find out how you can best meet the listed criteria & embed best practice. Booking essential! Please register your place, remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have, on 01492 534091 or email mail@cvsc.org.uk CVSC Member Organisations £15 Wider voluntary and community sector £20 (These charges are non-refundable) Private and statutory £40

10. Events

a) NGS Open Garden, Pensychnant

9/7/16 10am to 5pm £3.50 children free, plants for sale. Pensychnant, Sychnant Pass, Conwy, LL32 8BJ

b) Conwy Classical Music Festival

St Mary's Church, Conwy. 24th to 30th July 2016. Full programme available in the Guildhall

11. Newsletters

a) SLCC News Bulletin

The latest edition can be found on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) The Big Lunch newsletter

The latest edition can be found on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

c) Art UK

The latest edition can be found on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

d) GoSafe News Bulletin

The June edition is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

e) Ombudsman Annual Report 2015/16

The 2015/16 Annual Report is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall