

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**4th SEPTEMBER 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks**

a) Clwb yr Efail

"On behalf of the members of Conwy's Clwb yr Efail, may I express our thanks for the generous Grant Funding given to the Club this year 2017. The funding is vital in the organising & running of the Club daily, which helps preserve the "meeting centre" for the elderly, many of whom return to an empty house. We thank you again for the generosity, knowing that the funding will be appreciated by all who attend. May I ask that you convey to Members of Conwy Town Council, our gratitude for including the Club in the distribution of funding. John Hewitt, Treasurer"

b) Benefits Advice Shop

"We would like to thank the Mayor & Councillors of Conwy Town Council for their generous donation of £500 & their continued support of our organisation, it is greatly appreciated. Sian Edwards, Administrator"

c) Conwy Beekeepers

"Thank you very much for the £400 grant to pay for the cost of organising the Conwy Honey Fair on 13/9/17. We're getting a steady flow of bookings for stall space, we are hoping for a successful day. Peter McFadden"

d) Wales Air Ambulance

"On behalf of Wales Air Ambulance. I am writing to thank you for your kind donation. We are grateful that you thought of us. We need to raise at least £6.5 million every year to keep our air ambulances flying in Wales. We receive no government or National Lottery funding & without support such as yours, we would be unable to fund this vital service for Wales. Thank you once again for your kindness & generosity. Lynne Garlick, fundraising manager"

e) All Saints' Church, Deganwy

"We, at All Saints', are very grateful for your generosity, A. M. Meldrum, asst. Treasurer"

f) Bobarth Children's Therapy Centre Wales

"Thank you for your generous grant of £50. Bobarth Children's Therapy Centre Wales is extremely grateful for your support. Without such valued support from people like you we would be unable to continue providing specialist therapy. Rachel Morgan, Head of Income Generation"

g) Macmillan Cancer Support

"Thank you so much for your amazing donation of £50.00 to Macmillan Cancer Support. Because of your generosity we'll be able to reach more people with our life-changing support. Macmillan believes that everyone affected by cancer should be able to get the help & support they need, so they don't go through cancer alone. That's exactly what your donation is helping us achieve. Please remember that the Macmillan team is here to help you & your colleagues too. Each year, over 100,000 people of working age are diagnosed with cancer in the UK. More than 500,000 people are balancing caring for a loved one with cancer with a full or part time job. That's why Macmillan offers a free & comprehensive range of work & cancer resources to support employers, line managers & employees. Visit macmillan.org.uk/work to find out more & order our free Essential work & cancer toolkit for your organisation. If you're interested in doing something else for Macmillan, we'd love to have you on board. Please see macmillan.org.uk/get-involved for more details. Thanks again for being such an important part of the Macmillan team. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to keep providing our vital services. Together we are all Macmillan Cancer Support. Roberta Borg Supporter Donations Team"

2. Road Closuresa) From Lancaster Sq to Berry St, High Street, Conwy

9am to 4pm 13/09/2017 – Conwy Honey Fair

b) Church Street, Junction Rose Hill Street to Junction High Street, Conwy

06/09/2017 – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

c) Ffordd Maelgwn, Level Crossing, Llandudno Junction

12/10/2017 9pm to 13/10/2017 5:30 – Maintenance work

d) From Lower High St to Conwy Road, Conwy
9am – 11pm 23/09/2017 - Su Casa Music Event

3. **Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**

a) Glasdir training

Winning with Social Media for Tourism – 19/9/17 9am - 1.30pm at Glasdir, Plas Y Dre, Station Road, Llanrwst, LL26 0DF. 90% of businesses increase brand awareness with social media. Social media marketing is an easy way to raise your profile, attract new customers, & win new business. Superfast Business Wales will show you how to exploit social media at this fully-funded workshop for tourism businesses.

b) One Voice Wales training

Understanding the Law training in Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele. LL22 7BT on 5/9/17 6.30-9pm. The training will be conducted through the medium of English. A brief description of the session is as follows: Statutory duties and powers, Ultra Vires, The Powers of Delegation, Welsh Language Act, the duty to promote Equal Opportunities, Data Protection and FOI Act, Sources of advice. During the presentation, we will cover a range of legislation & legal duties that affect community & town councils. We will cover statutory duties & powers, the principle of 'ultra vires', the powers of delegation, the Welsh Language Act, the duty to promote equal opportunities & the main statutes & regulations in this area data protection & Freedom of Information act & finally, sources of advice.

c) NWAMI Language Classes

At the Centre for Cultural Engagement, 10 Greenfield Road, Colwyn Bay Autumn/Winter 2017
English every Tuesday 10.30am to 12.30pm, resuming 5/9/17, Welsh every Monday 1pm to 3pm 18/9/17
Arabic for beginners every Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm 11/9/17

4. **Events**

a) Royal Cambrian Academy Exhibition

New exhibition opening 15/9/17 a series of new works inspired by places of reflection, reverence to life & journeys onward. The Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy
16 September - 14 October Opening Hours Tuesday - Saturday 11am – 5pm For more information call the Royal Cambrian Academy, Crown Lane, Conwy, LL32 8AN Tel 01492 593413. You are warmly invited to the private view from 6-8 pm. 15/9/17, wine & soft drinks will be served, please keep the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you.

b) Wool Sunday & Butterfly release - Pensychnant Nature Conservation Centre

A celebration of all things woolly. 10am to 4pm 17/9/17. Ray Sandiford's Butterfly release at 2pm

5. **Welsh Government White Paper**

CHC Campaign receives support from the Consultation Institute. The Consultation Institute has expressed serious concerns about the proposal to abolish CHCs in Wales, particularly in relation to independence, credibility & the lack of meaningful public involvement in service change. They have warned of the dangers of repeating the English experience of abolishing CHCs; "Community Health Councils were abolished in England a decade ago. Now Wales is thinking of doing the same. In England, their demise led to a succession of failed initiatives. CHCs were replaced by Public & Patient Forums. They were then abandoned in favour of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs), & we now have Health Watch, with the jury still out on their effectiveness". These concerns are echoed by the former Health Minister Andy Burnham; "the abolition of Community Health Councils was not the Government's finest moment ... it seems we failed to come up with something to replace CHCs that did the job well". See here for the article & their proposals for an event that will consider the issues raised by the White Paper; <https://www.consultationinstitute.org/welsh-nhs-proposals-public-engagement-raises-importantquestions/> The CHC movement will be sending delegates to this conference & the debate will be useful in forming our response & counter-proposals to the White Paper.

6. Keep Safe Cymru card introduced

A card designed to make vulnerable people more aware of their personal safety, to encourage reporting of a crime – especially hate crime – & to seek help if they need it has been launched by North Wales Police. Launched at the National Eisteddfod in Bodedern, the Keep Safe Cymru card can be carried by anyone with a learning disability, dementia, mental health or communication need. The scheme, which was originally launched in the South Wales Police area in 2016, works by helping the cardholder should they need assistance – whether they are lost, if they are a victim of crime or if they are in a situation that means they need some extra support. The card will hold basic information about the individual such as how they communicate, if they have any health issues & any emergency contacts such as parents or carers. When an individual registers for a Keep Safe Cymru card they will also be given access to the Police Disability Line. This is a dedicated non-emergency telephone number for people with a disability to use to contact the police. When calling this number, the call handler will be aware before they speak to the caller that they have a disability. This will ensure that the call handler is aware of any additional needs that the caller may have & can pass it onto any policing resource managing their report. This is not an alternative to the emergency 999 service; it is to be used instead of the non-emergency line only. The scheme can be accessed in several ways including: Downloading the registration form via the North Wales Police website, ask for a form to be sent out via post by telephoning 01745 538467, Contacting North Wales Police via the online webchat quoting ‘Keep Safe Cymru’ card. Pick up a leaflet from the following Police Station front counters: Wrexham, Mold, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bangor, Caernarfon & Holyhead.

7. Heritage Impact Statements in Wales - Reminder

From 1/9/17 a Heritage Impact Statement will be required to support any application for listed building or conservation area consent in Wales. The Heritage Impact Statement will replace the Design & Access Statement in the application process for listed building consent. This requirement is set out in Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Wales) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/638). Guidance on preparing a Heritage Impact Statement is contained in Heritage Impact Assessment in Wales. This is aimed principally at owners & occupiers of historic assets & their agents, but it will also be useful for decision-making authorities when formulating policies & considering applications for works to historic assets. Please note that a Design & Access Statement will still be required to support planning applications within a World Heritage Site or conservation area for one or more dwellings or the creation of a floor space of 100 square metres (gross) or more. Further guidance is available in Design & Access Statements in Wales.

8. WAO Rural services study & survey

The project brief outlines our study looking at services to rural communities. Recent reports by the Local Government National Studies team include; Community Safety in Wales, Income Generation & Charging, Local Authority funding of third sector services. The survey asks people to identify the three most important council services for them today & how adequate, accessible, available, affordable & acceptable those services are. It also asks them to identify the three most important council services in 10 years time. You are encouraged to complete the short survey for people living in rural communities. Please also share the email within your networks. The survey closes on the 15/09/17 Website English <http://audit.wales/my-rural-services/home.html> Website Short English <http://bit.ly/2tz0j8B> Survey page direct – please use this link: Survey Link <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=150046272093> Survey Short Link <http://bit.ly/2fc57hl> We will use the findings of this survey to inform our fieldwork in each of the Councils. We are also developing a separate telephone survey that will draw a representative sample of those living in rural Wales to inform the final report.

9. Young Trustees Toolkit

The Youth Volunteer Development Officers across North Wales have been working collaboratively as it was identified that there aren't enough young people on boards & that the average age of a board member is 57 years, so, in aiming to reduce this age, the officers have co-developed two toolkits, one for young people who are interested in becoming board members & another for organizations to look at different ways young people can be part of boards. Please find the link below to the CVSC website

where both toolkits can be found. <http://cvsc.org.uk/cy/youth-volunteering/young-trustees-toolkit/>
If you would require any more information or if you would like to discuss the toolkit and getting young people involved with your organization, please contact your local Volunteer Centre asking for the Youth Development Officer. Emma Pugh – Conwy (01492 523844 or emmapugh@cvsc.org.uk)