

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**5th January 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. High Sheriff of Clwyd Community Awards 2015**

The High Sheriff of Clwyd Awards were launched in 2013 to recognise individuals or voluntary/ community organisations or groups (with charitable aims) that have made an outstanding contribution to their respective communities. Subject to the following anyone may make a nomination for their area and/or Clwyd, including people who benefit from the individual or voluntary/community group's activities. The closing date for the submission of completed & signed nominations to the appropriate County Voluntary Council is noon on 30/1/15. To nominate a group or organisation please go to the link below to fill out the online nomination form ([http://cvsc.org.uk/high-sheriff-of-clwyd-community-awards-2015/Or download the nomination form](http://cvsc.org.uk/high-sheriff-of-clwyd-community-awards-2015/Or%20download%20the%20nomination%20form))& email it to mail@cvsc.org.uk or post it to us at: 8 Riviere's Avenue, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 7DP

2. Conwy are looking for your help

Conwy are looking for your help. Each of the counties in Wales have been tasked to find the names of 50 people, for the Wales Audit office, in each county who are over 55 & would be interested in giving their opinions as part of a national study. This study will look at how well councils are working to support older people to maintain their independence outside of the health & care system, such as information & advice, social activities & leisure services. Particularly it will look at how Local Authorities in Wales are managing to provide services like these with reduced budgets. If you are interested in taking part please send you name & phone number to pauline.roberts@conwy.gov.uk or sian.lewis@conwy.gov.uk or phone 01492 577824/574039 To take part in the survey online, visit <http://alittlehelp.wao.gov.uk> or contact the Wales Audit Office on 029 2032 0500 to find out more about how you can take part.

3. School Life Conference

The Report for The School Life Conference which ran on 17th October in Conwy Buisness Centre is now available. The report details the content of the conference & includes visual minutes & links to videos of the key note speeches such as David Ball on Balancing Risk & Benefits & Glyndwr University Lecturers on how playing and playtime impacts on the school day. If you would like to view a copy of the slides from the presentation please get in touch on the number below & I can send you a copy. Please feel free to share this report with anyone you think may be interested & please do not hesitate to get in touch for information or support on children's play in North Wales. Many thanks and Merry Christmas from The Play Officers North Wales Group. If you would like a copy of the report please let the Guildhall office know and we can forward the report to you.

4. Free wild flower seeds from Kew!

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew have teamed up with Lemos&Crane to share thousands of free seed kits so groups around the country can transform their local spaces into beautiful, inspiring & colourful wild flower havens. We're now part of one of the UK's biggest-ever seed sowing campaigns, helping to create over one million square metres of wild flowers for spring 2015. Registration closes at midnight on 14 February 2015 & the kits will be sent out in late March, just in time for spring sowing.

5. Health Watchdog: Transport to NHS Services in North Wales

The North Wales Community Health Council (CHC) & the Community Transport Association Wales (CTA) are working together to gain feedback concerning how people are

able to get to their NHS appointments. We would like to hear comments on all aspects of the current transport system be it public; community or Welsh Ambulance patient transport. Your comments will be shared with the North Wales Transport to Health Group and will be used as valuable feedback from people who use the transport services. The North Wales Transport to Health Group is one of three working groups across Wales set up by Welsh Government to look at how patients, their families & carers, view their journeys to hospital. All feedback will help to improve health services in North Wales. For further information please contact :North Wales Community Health Council Unit 11 Chestnut Court, Parc Menai, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 4FH Tel: 01248 679 284 e mail: admin@bcchc.org.uk

6. The Inspire! Awards 2015 – Nominate before February 6th 2015!

NIACE Cymru have opened the nominations for The Inspire! Awards, an annual ceremony which celebrates inspirational learners, tutors & mentors in Wales. Those who are chosen are often individuals who have shown exceptional passion, commitment & drive for learning, often in the face of difficult circumstances. Among the fourteen winners from The Inspire! Awards 2014, there was a beautician who has re-trained as an engineer, three generations of the same family who all study together, & a young man who overcame personal tragedy, drugs problems & homelessness to follow his dreams of setting up his own business. You can watch their stories on the NIACE Cymru YouTube channel! NIACE Cymru are excited to open nominations for 2015 & hope to receive some fantastic entries which demonstrate the importance of adult learning in Wales. If you know an inspirational adult learner, tutor, mentor or trainer, please visit www.niacecymru.org.uk/nominate-here. If you would like hard copies of the nomination forms sent to you via post or email please email NIACE Cymru at nisha.patel@niace.org.uk or call us on 02920 370900. Nominations close on 6/2/15. Organised by NIACE Cymru with the support of the Welsh Government & European Social Fund, the prestigious Inspire! Awards ceremony will take place on the 11th June 2015, just before Adult Learners Week, the largest celebration of adult learning in Europe.

7. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Understanding and Engaging with the National Assembly for Wales

CVSC & the National Assembly for Wales would like to invite you to an information session on how you & your organisation can engage with the Assembly via consultations & petitioning. You will also find out how the Assembly represents the people of Wales & holds the Welsh Government to account. Of particular relevance will be the opportunity to contribute to strand 4 of the Communities, Equality & Local Government Committee inquiry into poverty in Wales regarding community based approaches to tackling poverty. Please come along on 13/1/15 from 2 - 4.30pm to a FREE information session at CVSC Offices, 8 Rivere's Avenue, Colwyn Bay LL29 7DP. Please book your place by contacting us on 01492 534091 or mail@cvsc.org.uk by 9/1/15 & remember to let us know of any specific requirements you may have.

b) Children Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

5/2/15 9.30am-4.30pm, CVSC, 8 Riviere's Avenue Colwyn Bay. Trainer: Claire Sharpe, Children in Wales. The UNCRC covers all aspects of a child's life, which includes family life, school, health, play, leisure & work. The aim of this FREE training is to support staff & volunteers in children & young people's services to enhance their skills, knowledge, & confidence around children's rights & the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in order for them to 'cascade' this information to other staff & volunteers.

8. Newsletters

a) CVSC's Winter 2014 News Magazine

The Winter 2014 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

9. Welsh Government Consultations

Environment & Countryside

- Flood & coast investment programme (FaCIP) Closing Date 6/3/15
- Local Authority Environmental Permitting Fees & Charges 2015-16 Closing Date 11/2/15
- Strengthening Enforcement Authorities Powers to seize vehicles for certain waste offences Closing Date 3/2/15

Health & Social Care

- Age of sale for nicotine inhaling products: Draft Regulations Closing Date 28/1/15

Housing & Regeneration

- Designation of Licensing Authority under part 1 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 Closing Date 6/2/15