

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**7th JANUARY 2018****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Christmas Cards**

St Michaels Parishioners

"The Parishioners of St Michaels wish you every happiness at this festive season and thank you for your support and prayers during 2018. The re- opening of St Michaels as part of the Christian Community in Conwy is still a major objective. The appeal against the closure is with the Vatican and their decisions is awaited. Meantime we wish you, your family and your congregation a happy peaceful and holy Christmas". J & E Lewis.

2. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

One Voice Wales-Training Sessions. Start time is 6:30pm until 9pm. 22/01/2019 - Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, LL22 7BT Module 5 - The Council Meeting 24/01/2019 Gresford Trust Memorial Hall, Off High Street, Gresford. Wrexham LL12 8PS Module 4 - Understanding the Law 29/01/2019 Llangefni Town Council, Shire Hall, Llangefni. LL77 7TW Module 4 - Understanding the Law 14/02/2019 Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, LL22 7BT Module 1 - The Council 19/02/2019 Llangefni Town Council, Shire Hall, Llangefni. LL77 7TW Module 17 - Making Effective Grant Applications 28/02/2019 - Gresford Trust Memorial Hall, Off High Street, Gresford. Wrexham LL12 8PS Module 10 - Chairing Skills 07/03/2019 Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold. CH7 1AB Module 20 - Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 / Sustainability 14/03/2019 Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, LL22 7BT - Module 6 - Local Government Finance - 19/03/2019 Llangefni Town Council, Shire Hall, Llangefni. LL77 7TW Module 19 - Devolution of Services / Community Asset Transfer 26/03/2019 Tuesday Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold. CH7 1AB Module 12 Community/Place Planning 28/03/2019 Gresford Trust Memorial Hall, Off High Street, Gresford. Wrexham LL12 8PS Module 5 -The Council Meeting.

If you or your councillors are interested in attending the training, please email:

wendi.patience@onevoicewales.org.uk with the name, email address and telephone number of each person wishing to attend. All courses will be conducted through the medium of English unless stated otherwise. Courses marked with (W) will be conducted in Welsh

3. Funding

Your Community Your Choice 2018/19

We are very pleased to confirm that the above fund will once again be open for business this year, and community groups across North Wales will be able to apply for funding to support local community projects. This year a total of £60,000 is up for grabs for organisations who develop projects that support the current Police and Crime Plan. Community groups are expected to liaise with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team before submitting their application. Two groups from each of the region's six counties will receive £2,500 a piece, £5,000 is available for two groups/projects that operate across North Wales, and finally there are two grants of £10,000 available specifically to proposals that address emerging issues such as County Lines. The application window will be open from 14th December 2018 until 18th January 2019 and, as in previous years, the winning projects will be chosen by a public vote that will take place between 4th February to 1st March 2019 via the North Wales Police website. This is a joint initiative between NWP and the Police & Crime Commissioner with funding from Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) monies and the Commissioner's Fund, with the administration of the Fund being supported through PACT. Full details will be available on the NWP and PCC websites. Could you please circulate this opportunity and encourage relevant community organisations to submit applications for initiatives that will support the current Police and Crime Plan, in particular projects that help Deliver Safer Neighbourhoods. The closing date for applications will be 18th January 2019. Since we started 'Your community Your Choice' in 2013, we have distributed almost £200,000 to 66 community projects across north Wales, and we want to encourage community groups to continue to benefit from this fund. Could you please circulate this to your

network of community groups and encourage them to work with their local policing team to submit their application.

4. Land Drainage Byelaws Consultation

We're looking for feedback on new land drainage byelaws which might affect people living in your area. We would be grateful if you could share this information and the links below with them. The byelaws affect activities to and around ordinary watercourses (minor rivers and streams). These include: Building work and excavation, Driving vehicles, Grazing animals, Altering the flow of a watercourse, Maintaining watercourse banks, sluices and floodgates, Lighting a fire. What is it about? Since the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 was introduced, Lead Local Flood Authorities, including Conwy Borough County Council, have raised concerns that our legal powers to manage flood risk are limited. This means that certain activities to and around ordinary watercourses do not need consent but could increase flood risk. To manage this risk, a national set of Land Drainage Byelaws has been approved by the Welsh Government. Before Conwy County Borough Council adopts these byelaws, we would welcome feedback from residents and businesses. Environment, Roads & Facilities Head of Service - Geraint Edwards, BEng(Hons) CEng FICE. Mochdre Offices, Conway Road, Mochdre, COLWYN BAY. LL28 5AB We welcome correspondence in Welsh. We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh which will not lead to a delay. Main Switchboard: 01492 574000 www.conwy.gov.uk How to give feedback. You can find a copy of the byelaws on our website here: www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Crime-and-emergencies/Preparing-for-Emergencies/Flooding/Land-Drainage-Byelaws-Consultation.aspx or use the website's search function to find "drainage consultation" Please complete the short survey on the page to let us know what you think. What happens next? The consultation period for the Byelaws finishes on 15 February 2019. All views from completed surveys will be considered. We will report our findings to Conwy County Borough Council's Cabinet to decide if the Byelaws should be adopted. If you have any questions, please contact Shaun Wasik, Senior Flood Risk Officer at shaun.wasik@conwy.gov.uk Yours sincerely, for G.B. Edwards Head of Environment, Roads & Facilities

5. Third Sector Support Wales partners pledge support for the UK Charity Governance Code

Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) partners, a network of support for the third sector across Wales, have signed up to the principles of the UK Charity Governance Code. Good governance is fundamental to ensuring charities operate effectively and to high standards. The Charity Governance Code is a practical tool to help trustee boards to assess and strengthen their own governance practices. It enables and supports compliance with the law and relevant regulations and promotes a culture that enables charities to deliver their vision in line with their governing document. Through our day-to-day development work Third Sector Support Wales partners see that many of the challenges encountered by charities and voluntary organisations have their roots in governance issues. From financial crises, safeguarding issues and personnel problems, to risk management and setting organisational strategy, clear governance arrangements are central to helping charities and voluntary organisations to navigate through everyday challenges. Public trust in charities. Recent high-profile media reports about safeguarding and standards of conduct threaten public trust in charities, placing increasing pressure on standards of governance, and shaping the regulatory environment charities operate in. This creates new risks, challenges and opportunities, and it is crucial that trustee boards, together with staff teams and volunteers, have the knowledge and skills to provide effective leadership. Signing up to the Charity Governance Code. The Charity Governance Code is based on seven key principles that support good governance: 1. Organisational purpose 2. Leadership 3. Integrity 4. Decision making, risk and control 5. Board Effectiveness 6. Diversity 7. Openness and accountability. Signing up to the Code is entirely voluntary and free of charge and makes a positive commitment as part of an annual report or statement on your website. The Code can be used to review governance arrangements, identify gaps, and improve practice. Carl Cooper, Chief Executive of Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) said: 'As part of our governance development programme, we have used the UK Charity Governance Code as a framework for 30-minute development sessions at the beginning of board meetings. These have proved effective in that they enable trustees to test the extent to which good practice is reflected in their organisation. It has resulted in our changing some of our practices and consolidating others. The feedback from our trustees has been positive and encouraging.' You can find out more about the Code on the Charity Governance Code website. About Third Sector Support Wales Third Sector Support Wales is a network of support organisations for the whole of the third sector in Wales. It consists of the 19 local and regional support bodies across Wales, the County

Voluntary Councils (CVCs), and the national support body, WCVA (Wales Council for Voluntary Action). The CVCs and WCVA provide information, learning and development, and guidance on good governance including a suite of resources for trustees. Contact us by visiting thirdsectorsupport.wales

6. Use of Welsh Language Survey

Welsh Government would greatly appreciate your help in completing this very short survey by the end of January 2019 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RDPC8ZD> The Welsh Government proposes to develop a package of resources for Community and Town Councils to increase their awareness and help increase their use of Welsh. The package will include practical resources and support in the most appropriate format whether that is online, in hard copy or delivered in other ways to assist individual Councils to increase their use of Welsh.

7. Newsletters

a) Play Wales events 2019 newsletter

The latest edition is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter

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8. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- Draft climate change adaptation plan for Wales	04/03/2019
- Code of practice for the welfare of cats	08/03/2019
- Extending financial administrative penalties (FAPs) within fisheries	28/01/2019
<u>Transport</u>	
- Improving public transport	27/03/2018
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Draft additional learning needs code	22/03/2019