

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**7th NOVEMBER 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Forward Work Programme**

The August 2016 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=583&LLL=0>

b) Meetings

i) A special meeting of the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 12/12/16 at 6pm at Bodlondeb, Conwy. The items for consideration are listed on the Forward Work Programme & cannot all be considered at the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1/12/16.

ii) the special meeting of 21 November 2016 at 2.00 pm has been cancelled.

iii) The time of the meeting of Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 30/11/16 2pm has been changed. It will now be held on 30/11/16, 1pm at Council Chamber, Bodlondeb, Conwy.

2. Review of the National Standards for the Community Health Councils

The Board of Community Health Councils has, for the first time, established a set of national standards for the work of each CHC in Wales. CHC's have an important job to do in representing the interests of patients & the public in the way National Health Services are planned & provided in Wales. The Board of CHCs have for the first time, established a set of national standards for the work of each CHC in Wales. These national standards are designed to establish a clear picture of how the activities of a good CHC should look & feel in practice, from the perspective of patients & the public. The Board of CHCs will actively monitor & manage the performance of local CHCs, using the national standards as its benchmark. However the national standards do not define what priorities & activities your local CHC should carry out on your behalf. We want to hear your views on the national standards. Details of the standards together with the response form, or app if you prefer, are available on the Board of CHC website. Please feel free to contact The Board of CHC on 02920 235 558 for further information, or email us on enquiries@waleschc.org.uk Further information on your local Community Health Council, together with contact details are available on the Board of CHC website.

3. Electoral Commissioner, Wales, recruitment

Electoral Commissioner, Wales / £374 per day / 4-5 days per month; Appointment to commence March 2017. The closing date is 5pm on Friday 11 November 2016.

We are currently recruiting for the role of Electoral Commissioner, Wales. We would be grateful if you could share this information with any contacts who might be interested in applying. As you will know the Electoral Commission is an independent body set up by the UK Parliament, responsible for regulating political party & election finance & setting standards for well-run elections. We work to support a healthy democracy, where elections & referendums are based on principles of trust, participation, & no undue influence, & in placing the voter first in everything that it does. We are now looking to appoint a new Electoral Commissioner, Wales. As a Commissioner this person will bring a track record of senior level involvement in the not for profit, private or public sector & will be able to contribute to the leadership & strategic direction of the organisation. The successful candidate will be someone who is comfortable with scrutiny from the regulated community, politicians & the wider media as well as the accountability this entails. The new Commissioner will have senior level networks throughout Wales which will help the Commission build & deepen its relationships & demonstrate its accountability to the National Assembly for Wales for its work. These are important times for democratic politics & we are looking for

candidates with the motivation & passion to get involved in regulating this area of public life. For further information about the role please visit the Electoral Commission website <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/jobs/_recache>. For a confidential discussion, contact our advising consultants Jemima Dalglish on 0207 932 4319 or James Greengrass on 020 7932 4286. Or if you would like an informal chat about the role & what it involves please contact the Head of Electoral Commission, Wales Rhydian Thomas on 02920 346804 or rthomas@electoralcommission.org.uk

4. The Rural Oscars are open for business

Nominate in our Rural Awards 2016. The prestigious Countryside Alliance Rural Awards have returned for 2016 and there are just two weeks left to nominate the fantastic rural businesses in your local area. Nominated by the public, the Awards recognise those who routinely go the extra mile for their local community or help to preserve & protect rural life. We would love you to help spread the word in your local area & encourage your community to nominate their favourite rural businesses. If you would like us to send you posters & paper nomination forms, please email awards@countryside-alliance.org. It takes two minutes to nominate, so please take part & recognise your favourite local food producer, village shop or post office, tourism enterprise or farm enterprise.

5. Appointment of Vice-Chair and Independent Members to NHS Wales

Public appointments in Wales would be grateful if the advertisement for these roles could be circulated as widely as possible. The closing date for receipt of applications is 16 November 2016. The website can be viewed here: www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments <<https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/>>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Leighton Jones, Yr Uned Penodiadau Cyhoeddus / Public Appointments Unit, Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet / Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office, Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park, Caerdydd / Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

6. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Have Your Say

Police & Crime Commissioner Arfon Jones & Chief Constable Mark Polin want your views to help shape the future of policing in North Wales. A series of open meetings are planned across the force area to give residents, community groups, businesses & partners the opportunity to help shape & develop the next Police & Crime Plan for North Wales. PCC Jones said: "Everyone who lives or works in North Wales will have a view on what should be a policing priority for their area. Listening to local people is one of the most important parts of my role and it is vital that people have a true voice in policing. This is the police service for North Wales and it is only right and proper that everyone has a chance to have their say." The Police & Crime Plan will set out the strategic priorities, aims & objectives for North Wales Police for the next four years. Chief Constable Polin said: "Everyone has a right to be safe & feel safe, However, the threats to safety are changing & people are now more likely to be subjected to crime committed online & the national rise in serious & potentially very harmful threats, such as from Child Sexual Exploitation, are emerging locally too. "I want communities to know that we care, to be sighted on the challenges we face in safeguarding them and to feel informed about how we are, & will continue, to respond to those challenges with their help. Providing good quality policing services remains at the centre of what we do, & we are placing significant priority on this as an organisation. "Hearing what our communities think about the service we deliver & the trust & confidence that they place in us is also incredibly important." Open meetings, with everyone welcome, will be held at: Glyndwr University, Wrexham, 14/11/16 at 6.30pm, Rhyl Rugby Club, Vale Road, 30/11/16 at 6.30pm

7. Trakz talk

The Somme Offensive: A retrospective reflection – talk by Terry James on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at Llandudno Junction Community Club at 7.30pm. Tickets £2, raffle £1. This is Trakz' first talk towards our 2017 festival. Posters are available for emailing or printing out.

8. Road Closure

a) Junction Henrhyd Road to Junction Llanrwst Road, Bryn Tirion Park, Conwy

08/12/2016 to 16/12/2016 – BT Work

b) Junction Castle Street to Junction Bangor Road, Hugh Street, Conwy

09/11/2016 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

9. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Mentoring Service for Reception Welsh Learners

IAITH is now offering a mentoring service for reception/frontline staff to support their use of Welsh. These sessions can be tailored to answer what is asked of organisations in the Welsh Language Standards. The **Aim** of the work is to provide staff with the confidence & skills to use Welsh with members of the public. **The course is suitable for:**

- Individuals who don't speak Welsh but need to provide a bilingual service
- Individuals with some Welsh language skills but haven't used these skills at work before
- Welsh learners who are looking for an opportunity to increase their bilingual skills in the workplace
- Staff who work in the Public Sector, the Third Sector & the Private Sector

The support can include:

- 1:1 sessions with a Welsh language tutor
- An introduction to basic language awareness
- An introduction to language courtesy
- Welsh language skills training, based on the individual's day to day tasks
- Any support needed following the sessions to sustain changes in practice with regards to bilingualism

For more information please contact us at siwan.tomos@iaith.eu or 01745 222052

b) Lesley Barker RCA Masterclass

Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy on 13 November 2016 from 11am to 4pm. The session will explore the possibilities of surface texture, working in both low and high relief. We will use a variety of readily available materials to create surface designs ranging from subtle to exuberant. Cost: £45, includes lunch, refreshments and materials. For more information, contact the gallery on 01492 593413 or education@rcaconwy.org

c) Developments of National Significance

Developments of National Significance will be used to deliver large infrastructure projects across Wales. There are a number of potential projects in Wales including Conwy. If you are a local community representative this event will help you to:

- Learn what a Development of National Significance is.
- Understand how developers are expected to engage with local communities.
- Understand the opportunities for getting the voices of your community heard.
- Develop ideas for improving community involvement for large infrastructure projects in Wales.

16/11/16 12.30pm to 4.30pm £15 + booking fee

d) Care Council for Wales – Social Care Legislation in Wales Information and Learning Hub – One year on

Target audience: Those with responsibility for Workforce Development from the social care sector to include: local authority social care training leads, local authority corporate training leads, police, health, fire service, voluntary & private sector, direct payments recipients' support organisations, housing, further education providers, SCiP coordinator. Aims & objectives

- Familiarise workforce development leads with the range of learning resources available on the Information & Learning Hub
- Explore how to embed learning on the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 into future workforce development programmes creating sustainability, Maximise the use of the learning resources.

17/11/16 9:30 (registration), 10am – 1pm Venue Cymru, Llandudno, LL30 1BB. Book your place here: www.eventbrite.com/e/llandudno-rhannur-dysgu-sharing-the-learning-tickets-28330043924 Places are limited to 30 people, so book early to avoid disappointment.

10. Newsletters

a) Art Uk

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

b) Business Wales

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c) Dewis Cymru

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d) Clerks & Councils Direct

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11. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Environment & Countryside

- Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Wales) Regulations 2007

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