

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**7th DECEMBER 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Meetings**

i) A Special Meeting of the Customers Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been arranged for 8/2/16 at 2pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following: Savings from Refuse Collection & Increased Recycling (Recycling Task & Finish Group). Parking Strategy Review.

ii) A Special Council has been arranged for 4/3/16 at 10am to consider the Council Tax & Budget for 2016/2017. This meeting will replace the Member Development & Information Forum, which was to be held at this time.

b) Forward Work Programme

The December 2015 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=552&LLL=0>

2. ERF Launches New Recycling App!

Conwy's Waste & Recycling Team has been working to transform how we interact & engage with our customers, so we have developed an innovative, mobile technology application to help improve our customers' experiences. Developed for smartphones & tablet computers, the Conwy App is fully bilingual & will help users find & receive waste & recycling information in a simple, customisable & interactive format. With the Conwy App, you can:

- Receive a weekly collection reminder so you never forget your collection day or which containers are due for collection
- Receive alerts if your collection is delayed or your collection day changes
- Find out what items can & cannot be recycled and which container to use
- Locate your nearest recycling bank or recycling centre
- Request replacement food waste bags & much more!

This exciting new app is now available, & we would like to give you the first opportunity to try it out 7 to promote its use to the Conwy community. Residents will receive information about the Conwy App in their 2016 Recycling Calendar, which will be delivered shortly & it will be promoted through CCBC's website & social media channels as well as through the press. Available for iOS & Android devices, please follow the links below to download the app for free today! For iOS devices, please visit -

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/conwy-county-borough-council/id942363788?mt=8>

For Android devices, please visit –

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cloud9technologies.conwy> If you

have any questions, please contact the Environment Advice Team by emailing erf@conwy.gov.uk or by calling 01492 575337.

3. Community groups/volunteers wanted for summer play schemes 2016

CVSC Play Development Team are looking for volunteers & community groups who are interested in running a play scheme or play day in their communities during the Summer Holidays 2016. The Play Team will support groups every step of the way to help you help the children in your community get out & play. The groups will decide what they want to run, how they want to run it & how often, we are just here to help! Volunteers will receive high quality, free training in play & play work, first aid & safeguarding. This is an exciting opportunity to help your community, meet likeminded people & enjoy time out playing with children & young people. Email or ring The Play Development Team for more information. playdevelopment@cvsc.org.uk / 01492523857

4. Dry January

Call to action for local authorities, public health teams & NHS Wales. The Welsh Government is working with Alcohol Concern again this year to promote the Dry January challenge to go for 31 days without alcohol. Dry January is aimed at all of us who consider ourselves normal social drinkers. It's not about getting anyone to stop drinking for ever more – it's about us having a pause for thought, & maybe getting out of some drinking routines we've got into. It's about waking up with a clear head every day for a month, probably saving some money, & possibly losing some weight. Above all, it's about taking

control of our drinking & our health. Getting involved couldn't be easier. Anyone can sign up online in English or Welsh at www.dryjanuary.org.uk. People can also follow the conversation, & share encouragement & ideas for things to do instead of drinking @DryJanuary (or @IonawrSych for Welsh language tweets) and on Facebook. Bilingual materials for local use are available FREE OF CHARGE from Alcohol Concern Cymru, including posters, wristbands, badges & pens. To place your order, contact acwales@alcoholconcern.org.uk

5. Protecting vulnerable victims of fraud

Bernadette Lawrie from Sussex & Surrey Specialist Crime Command came to speak at the recent meeting of that steering group, to make us aware of their 'Operation Signature' initiative which was set up to identify & support vulnerable victims of fraud (please see the attached handout for details). They have produced a short awareness film called 'Scam – the secret crime' which you can find at https://youtu.be/0ZDpw_IDSps. It features real life cases, & was produced with the aim of people working together to help educate & prevent vulnerable people from becoming victims. Anna Bezodis
Legal Services Officer (non-practising solicitor) at WCVA

6. Funding

a) QEST and The Prince's Trust - An Opportunity

QEST was created in 1990 by the RWHA as a response to the rapid decline in traditional crafts. QEST Scholarships are grants of between £1,000 - £18,000 to enable additional training or study (eg at the Glasgow School of Art or the London Royal College of Art), or the opportunity to fund a period of work with a master of the relevant craft. QEST is unique in that they can support a diverse range of craft fields ranging from calligraphy, paper & tapestry conservation, to photography, haute couture & jewellery. At present QEST are trying to diversify their pool of applicants for the Scholarship Scheme & are launching a UK-wide initiative to present opportunities to young individuals who may not otherwise have the means to reach their potential in a given craft field &, therefore, we wondered if The Prince's Trust might be able to help QEST reach a wider network via its Enterprise Scheme candidates who could seek funding from QEST for further training in their craft. For background, the timeline of the Scholarship Scheme is as follows:

- Applications open in December 2015. The online application form will be live on the QEST website www.qest.org.uk for a few weeks only.
- If applicants successfully make it through the first two stages of online marking they will be asked to come for an interview in the spring of 2016 (dates TBC).
- If applicants are successfully awarded a QEST Scholarship, funding for their chosen training will be allocated in the spring of 2016 (roughly a month after the interview).

b) Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund

The first round of successful projects will be announced next month. Good luck to everyone who has applied. The next application deadline is 7th March 2016 with decisions being made in early June 2016. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @GrantScape1 for Fund updates.

7. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) CVSC training- Welsh on the computer

8 December 2015 - Canolfan Bedwyr. The aim of this training is to provide a practical session looking at available resources to facilitate the use of Welsh on the computer. This training is intended for:

- Individuals who use Welsh in their day to day work;
- Individuals who are new to a bilingual/Welsh language workplace who want to use Welsh on their computer. <http://www.iaith.cymru/en/academi-iaith/training-programme/welsh-on-the-computer>

b) Counselling Courses - Starting January 2016 at Coleg Llandrillo

Counselling skills and theory Level 3

Course Details Based at: Rhos on Sea Level: 3 Study Mode Lectures, group work, discussions Skills practice, workshops. Length: 34 weeks Course Type: Further Education
CPCAB Level 6 Certificate in Therapeutic Counselling Supervision

Based at :Rhos on Sea Level: 6 Study Mode: Lectures - Discussions - Small group work - Workshops - Tutorials - 15 hours of formally contracted and supervised Supervisory

practice -5 Hours Supervisory Supervision / Consultant Supervision Course Length: 23 weeks, minimum 90 hours Course Type: Higher Education

If you would like further information on any aspects of our Counselling courses please contact the Health and Wellbeing Team on 01492 546666 ext 1729 or e-mail: hcinstitute@gllm.ac.uk

c) One Voice Wales December Training

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. 02/12/2015 Abergele Town Council, Council Office, Abergele, LL22 7BT Module 20 - Sustainability 09/12/2015, Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB Module 21 – Local Government Finance. 10/12/2015. The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Carnarfon. LL55 1AT. Module 19 – Devolution of Services (Welsh)

8. Events

a) CVSC Funders Fair and AGM (incorporating Volunteer Organisers' Network Event)

Please accept this invitation to join us for this combined event with the full programme below. Friday 4th December 2015 from 2pm, Llandudno Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno LL30 2UP. Programme- Welcome – Wendy Jones, Chief Officer CVSC Guest Speaker – Jacky Baldini, Alzheimer's Society "Dementia Friends" Cyfeillion Conwy Friends update – Emma Jones, Development Officer, CVSC. FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS AND MEET THE FUNDERS – including Gwynt y Môr Community Fund, Big Lottery, WREN, North Wales Credit Union, Sports Wales Community Chest, Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm Community Fund – RWE Innogy UK Ltd, Carers National showcasing fundraising techniques & CVSC Funding Information & Advice Service. How you & your group can access the Gwynt y Môr Community Fund – Neil Pringle, Fund Manager, CVSC 4pm prompt, CVSC AGM, 2015. 4.15pm Networking . If you would like to attend please reply so that we make the necessary catering arrangements. To register your attendance please contact : 01492 534091 or e-mail: mail@cvsc.org.uk, giving the following details: Name, organisation, e-mail address, telephone number and any specific requirements you may have.

b) Llandudno Youth Music Theatre's upcoming pantomime

LYMT's pantomime is on 5/12/15 at 7.30pm & 6/12/15 at 3pm. Tickets available from Margaret at 01492 875681. Craig Y Don Community Centre, Llandudno, LL30 1TE

9. Newsletters

a) Business Wales-Special Edition Newsletter

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

b) The North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter

This is available at www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk.

10. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Harmonising school term dates for 2017 to 2018	01/02/16
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- Packaging Producer Responsibility Scheme	23/12/15
- Draft water resources planning guideline	8/1/15
- Green Growth Wales – Options for investment support	29/1/16
<u>Local Government</u>	
- Local Government Act 2000 Part III, Conduct of Local Government Members - Amendments to Subordinate Legislation	10/1/15
- Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum	15/2/15