

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Monday 8th December 2014
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Letters of Thanks

Gran Fondo Conwy 2015

"I am writing to you with regard to our cycle event that starts and finishes in Conwy. The Gran Fondo Conwy was a great success this year and we are bringing the event back to the town on the 26th April 2015. We would like to thank the town council for their support in 2014 and we look forward to bringing more people to the beautiful Conwy in 2015. Best regards, Ali Lavender Event Coordinator, Always Aim High Events "

2. Conwy County Borough Council

a) The Forward Work Programme is available at:

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=549&LLL=0>

b) A Special Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been arranged for 22/1/14 at 2pm. The items for consideration will be a number of Supplementary Planning Guidance.

c) Customers Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting 11/2/15 at 11am

3. LDP Supplementary Planning Guidance Update

The Council's Adopted Local Development Plan contains policies & proposals which provide a basis for decision-making on planning applications & for framing conditions on consented applications. Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) sets out more detailed guidance on the way in which policies of the LDP will be applied in particular circumstances or areas. SPG does not form a part of the Council's LDP, but it is consistent with its provisions & is cross referenced to appropriate policies & or proposals of the LDP. Only LDP policies & proposals have special status (primacy) in decision-making on planning applications. However, once adopted, SPG may be taken into account as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. At its meeting on 11/11/14 the Council's Cabinet adopted the following SPG. LDP05 – Biodiversity in Planning, LDP06 – Welsh Language, LDP11 – Windfarm Landscape & Sensitivity Study, LDP12 – Rural Conversions

The above SPG documents are available at the following link: www.conwy.gov.uk/ldp/spg

4. North Wales Deaf Association

NWDA can support your staff, services users & members in various ways. •Advice & Information •Community Support Services (form filling and benefit advice)•Communication Support (BSL, Lip-speaking, note-taking, DeafBlind Communication)•Equipment assessments & demonstrations & advice•Conwy & Cwysllt Family Support Group•L.I.P.S Lip-reading classes (lip-reading practice, Information, Practical advice & strategies to cope with your hearing loss)•Lipreading Support Groups •Talks & Demonstrations •Training (Sign Language – BSL, Deaf Awareness & Communication, Total Communication training) •Volunteering opportunities•Hot Desking facilities & meeting room available for hire at reasonable rates. Please can you inform all your staff members & service users of our new contact details & the services provided. North Wales Deaf Association, 77 Conway Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7LN, Tel 01492 530013 Minicom 01492 524983 Fax 01492 532615 sms 07719 410355 Skype search for us using nwda.interpreting Email info@deafassociation.co.uk Website www.deafassociation.co.uk Company Limited by Guarantee number 2959589 Charity number.1048017

5. Calling all community groups! Office items free of charge from B2C

Could your office do with some organisation? Would you like to get your files into order before the festive season is upon us? Get a head start with the assorted office items (many brand new) that have been donated to B2C Give. These items are available to voluntary & community groups free of charge via the Lottery funded Business Supporting Communities (B2C) project. More information about B2C is available here: www.b2cwailes.co.uk To claim the items, email Emma Jones (B2C Project Officer in Conwy & Denbighshire) on emmaj@b2cwailes.co.uk. These items are available on a "first come, first served" basis so don't delay. Please ensure you contact Emma directly (not CVSC) to be in with a chance of claiming the items. All items must be collected from Colwyn Bay – dates & times to be arranged.

6. Road Closure

a) Whole Road, Conwy Quay access road, Conwy

16/12/2014 to 18/12/2014, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Work

7. Funding

a) Grow Wild – Funding

Flagship sites - Grow Wild is awarding funding of £120,000 to four flagship sites (one in each UK country) that bring people together to create an inspiring & exciting communal space by growing UK native plants. Our Wales flagship sites will launch in summer 2016 after a public vote in autumn 2015 to choose from three sites. We are looking for flagship site expressions of interest from organisations by 2/2/15. You can see the UK overview & guidance for Wales here <https://www.growwilduk.com/get-funding/flagship-site-funding> Maria Golightly Grow Wild Wales Partnership Manager, m.golightly@kew.org, 07917 266445 www.growwilduk.com

b) Festival of Dangerous Ideas – Funding Available

The Festival of Dangerous Ideas – 16th-27th February 2015. With drastically reducing budgets facing education in Wales, there is a serious challenge for policy makers, providers & practitioners. It is an opportune time to think about innovative, sustainable ways to deliver public services. However, there seems to be limited space for creative debate about different solutions to service delivery. Led by NIACE Cymru, with support from Welsh Government & Big Lottery Fund Wales, the Festival of Dangerous Ideas will bring together the key players in education to stimulate ideas & debate about the future delivery of education & training in Wales. Find out more here - www.fodicymru.co.uk NIACE will commission & oversee the delivery of a festival of dangerous events across Wales, with up to £1000 available to get your dangerous idea off the ground. The chosen projects will stimulate ideas & debates about new methods & modes of delivering adult education & training, along with priorities for public funding & investment. Do you have a 'dangerous' event that needs support from NIACE Cymru? Submit your idea using our grant form. Or maybe you're already doing something that you think could fuel the debate on education – let us know & we can add it to our Calendar. Deadline for Grant Applications: Friday 12th December 2014. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact NIACE Cymru at emma.harris@niace.org.uk,

8. Courses/Workshops/Conferences

a) Veteran Awareness Workshop

Conwy Armed Forces Community Covenant are holding an Armed Forces Awareness Workshop on 12/12/14, 10am – 12.30pm at the Blind Veteran's Centre, Llandudno. A buffet lunch will be provided at the Centre, I would be grateful if you could please let Del in Member Services know - either by email delyth.spencer@conwy.gov.uk) or telephone 01492 576068

b) WCVA training- Evaluating and monitoring outcomes
13/1/15 Conwy Business Centre (LL31 9XX) £125.00 Members

9. Newsletters

Business Wales

The November 2014 newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

10. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Communities</u>	
- Fire & Rescue Authority-Performance Indicators 2015-16 onwards	30/1/15
- Regulations to introduce a new Fire Fighters Pension Scheme in Wales from April 2015	16/1/15
- Revised Child Poverty Strategy for Wales	29/1/15
<u>Health & Social Care</u>	
- NHS Healthcare travel costs scheme	24/2/15
<u>Planning</u>	
- Subordinate Legislation relating to certain internal operations (mezzanine floors)	13/2/15
<u>Statistics</u>	
- New approach to surveys in Wales: Consultation on topics	18/2/15
<u>Welsh Language</u>	
- The Welsh Language tribunal	19/2/15