

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****9th MAY 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****a) Conwy Classical Music Festival**

"Please pass on to the Mayor & Members of the Town Council my very sincere thanks for their generous support once again this year. It is much appreciated, and goes a long way to ensuring that the standard of performers & performances is maintained. All good wishes"  
C Roberts

**b) North Wales Blue Grass Festival**

"I am writing on behalf of the North Wales Bluegrass Committee to thank Conwy Town Council for its grant donation of £1500. We are very grateful for the continued support for this year's festival. Due to the festival's popularity, it will formally commence on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, making it a four day event, thereby lengthening the amount of time that our visitors spend in Conwy" G Williams

**2. Funding**

Groundwork North Wales are working with Tesco to transform green spaces like sports facilities, school grounds, play areas, community gardens & woodland walks across North Wales for everyone to enjoy. The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales & Scotland will be used to pay for a number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities. Administration of the local funding will be managed by the community charity with a green heart, Groundwork, which specialises in transforming communities & the local environment for the better. Apply for funding for your community group. Community groups across North Wales can apply for a grant of up to £12,000 to improve local green spaces. Groundwork & Tesco colleagues will shortlist three projects to receive funding of £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000. There is then an in store vote & Tesco customers will decide who gets which amount. Round 2 of the Bags of Help funding is open from 18/4/16 & closes at 12 noon on 3/6/16. More information on how to apply for a grant can be found here; <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-bags-of-help-grants-uk> More information on the Tesco programme can be found here <http://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/> However if to discuss a project idea or for more help please get in touch with Geraint Hughes at Groundwork North Wales on 01978 757524 or email [geraint.hughes@groundworknorthwales.org.uk](mailto:geraint.hughes@groundworknorthwales.org.uk)

**3. Road Closures****Conwy Bridge to Bonlondeb arch, Lower Gate Street, Conwy**

7am - 25/06/2016 to 7pm - 26/06/2016 – Conwy Pirate Weekend

**4. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences****a) One Voice Wales Larger Councils Conference**

6/7/16 - Our guest speakers will be Elwyn Thomas – Chief Executive, Planning Aid Wales who will be discussing the implications of the Planning Act on Community & Town Councils & Helen Murray – Chief Executive of PLANED who will be discussing how Third Sector bodies engage with communities & the lessons Community & Town Councils can learn.

Innovative practice sessions will cover: Provision of Community Defibrillators, Working with Young People, Delivering Community Services & supporting a clustering model. In the afternoon a diverse range of subjects will be addressed via the workshop sessions: Review of the 2014/15 audits & Changes to the Audit Regime for Community & Town Councils Overview of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act & its implications for larger councils Making the most of your Council website. A range of exhibitors will be there on the day providing details of services relevant to Larger Councils. Simultaneous translation from Welsh into English will be provided & there is ample free parking. Please complete the conference registration form. For further information, please contact either Tracy Gilmartin-Ward or Wendi Huggett on 01269 595400 or email [admin@onevoicewales.org.uk](mailto:admin@onevoicewales.org.uk)

**b) One Voice Wales training**

Chairing skills – Jubilee room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB. 12/5/16 – 6.30-9pm.

Chairing skills – Abergele Town Council, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, LL22 7BT. 25/5/16. 6.30-

9pm

Chairing Skills – The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Caernarfon, LL55 1AT. 25/5/16. 6.30-9pm.

**c) WCVA training and events**

Engaging with seldom heard individuals & communities

9/6/16, Rhyl. Identify the various barriers to involvement, & learn about, explore & share strategies to minimise or overcome these.

9/5/16, Rhyl. Designing bilingual marketing. A free workshop on bilingual design & marketing in relation to the Welsh Language standards.

**d) CVSC training**

Ensuring Good Governance - Come along to this informal & friendly session to find out the principles of good & effective governance & how you can best attract funding. This session will be particularly useful & informative for Chairpersons as it will include advice on chairing meetings effectively. Cost £15 Member, £20 Wider Voluntary Sector, £40 Private & Statutory. 18/5/16. 5.45pm registration for 6pm to 8pm. Community Room, Theatre Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7RU.

**5. Events**

**a) Blue Grass Music & Dance Festival**

30/6/16 to 3/7/17 Weekend tickets start from £30. Children under 11 are free. Po Box c/o 6 Llys Pentre Isaf, Old Colwyn, LL29 8NY

**b) CVSC Volunteers' Week Celebratory Event**

As part of the Volunteers' Week celebrations, we are holding a special Awards Evening, kindly supported by Conwy Communities First, to recognise & reward the excellent contribution of volunteers in our communities. Join us from 5.30pm for a 6pm start on 2/6/16 at Llandudno Junction Community Club, Victoria Drive, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9PG - for a celebration of volunteering achievements, followed by a light buffet!

**6. Newsletters**

**a) Clerks & Councils direct**

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

**b) CVSC funding newsletter**

The April edition is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall