

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**9th NOVEMBER 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Forward Work Programme**

The October 2015 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=548&LLL=0>

b) Meetings

The meeting of Special Council scheduled for 25/11/15, 4pm has been cancelled

2. Conwy Local Action Group- Call out for ideas: Provision of and / or access to transport

Funded through the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 as part of the Welsh Government & European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Conwy Local Action Group (LAG) is working with Conwy County Borough Council to deliver the LEADER 2014 - 2020 programme in Rural Conwy.

LEADER uses local knowledge to promote a joined-up “Grass Roots” community-led delivery for rural development. The Conwy LAG submitted a Local Development Strategy to Welsh Government in September 2014 & have secured funding to develop projects within the 5 themes below: Adding Value to local identity & natural & cultural resources, Facilitating pre-commercial development, business partnerships & short supply chains, Exploring new ways of providing non-statutory local services, Renewable energy at community level, Exploitation of digital technology. The LAG have decided that their priority for the first call for ideas will be: Provision of & / or access to transport

We are currently developing project activities & would like to know what ideas there are in your communities in relation to the Provision of &/or Access to transport. Contact us for more information: 01492 576 674 ConwyLocalActionGroup@conwy.gov.uk

3. Petition: Charging for Parking and the Relationship to High Streets and Their Success

As Chair of the National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee, I would like to bring to the attention of members of your council a petition that has recently been launched on the Assembly website. In the context of current Local Authority finances & recent work undertaken by the Federation of Small Businesses in Wales on local high streets, the issues raised in the petition may be of interest to your councillors & those they represent.

The petition reads “We, the undersigned, call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to commission research, in partnership with local authorities in Wales, to assess fully the relationship between car parking charges & successful local high streets. Prof Calvin Jones of Cardiff Business School has emphasised the negative economic impact of car parking charges, especially in market towns. In the light of this - & a current Ministerial study on the issue - we call upon the Welsh Government to urge Welsh local authorities to impose a moratorium on the introduction of car parking charges at new sites in their ownership & any increase in parking fees until the 2017 election. In addition, we urge the Welsh Government to ensure that local authorities engage proactively with relevant town & community councils, before implementing any changes in the local car parking regime. Town & community councils should be given the opportunity to adopt car parks in their area - as no one is better placed to understand the dynamics of the local high street - before any other options, notably outsourcing of management, is contemplated. Finally, we call upon the Welsh Government to make clear & transparent regulations governing the procedures relating to car parking charges to be followed by local authorities” For your convenience the web link to the petition, which is gathering signatures until 30th October, is below: English -

<https://www.assembly.wales/en/gethome/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=862>

4. Wrap up Wales- Dŵr Cymru

It's now time to think about getting our homes ready for the winter. So, at Welsh Water, we are encouraging our customers to ensure their homes are ready for winter. For example, wrapping the external pipes to stop them cracking in the freeze. We thought it might handy for you to encourage your community to ensure their homes are winter

weather ready & we were looking for some help to spread this message, if you could mention us on your social media account or on your website with a link to our www.wrapupwales.com. Please see more about our campaign: www.wrapupwales.com

5. Bunting Making Call out to community groups!

Venue Cymru would like to decorate the interior space with as much locally made bunting in fabric wool or paper for this year's Free Young's People's Art festival Take pArt 9th & 10th January 2016. The bunting can be sewed & made from cloth; knitted or crocheted from wool or cut out & made from paper & the aim is to try & get as many local people & local communities groups involved as much as possible. There will be Bunting assembly days organised in December at Venue Cymru when all those involved can come together & hang all the bunting on ribbons ready to be put into place for Take pArt on Sat and Sun 9th & 10th January. Refreshments will be provided to all the participants by Venue Cymru & the local press will be invited to come along & take photos. (The Bunting can be made from anything .. fabric bunting or knitted or crocheted bunting would be perfect and if possible measuring 8 inches across on top & 10 inches long or around those measurements because the ceilings in Venue Cymru are high & it will need to be seen) Dymphna can supply a limited amount of fabric & wool so please feel free to contact ddymphna@hotmail.com or dymphna.d'arcy@venuecymru.co.uk or Phone 01492 622153 /879771

6. Charity of the Year Competition Launch

Become our Charity of The Year. We love charities at Redpost Media Wales, so we are overjoyed to announce the start of our Charity of the Year programme. Offering a year's support from us worth over £20,000, & open to any charitable organisation in Wales, the Charity of the Year programme is a great way to deliver your vital message to a broader audience. Joining forces with Redpost Media Wales gives you access to great social media & online content management, alongside advertising opportunities & website design services. We exist to help organisations on tight budgets reach the maximum audience possible. We know the challenges that charities face, & always provide the best, most efficient service we can. Your work is important, and you deserve as many people to know about it as possible. Applications for consideration as Redpost Media Wales' Charity of the Year should be sent to jamie@redpostmediawales.com or click the button below. The closing date is Friday 11th December 2015. The chosen charity will be announced on Monday 21st December 2015. We look forward to getting to know you!

7. 'Your Community, Your Choice'

Cast your vote! 'Your Community, Your Choice' Voting has now opened for this year's 'Your Community, Your Choice' participatory budget fund. Members of the public across North Wales are being encouraged to cast their vote for their preferred initiative that has applied for a share of £42,000. The money made available has been jointly funded by cash recovered from the Proceeds of Crime Act, North Wales Police, & the Commissioner's Fund, Crime Commissioner Winston Roddick CB QC. This year, 32 projects from the six counties across the area have been shortlisted having applied to receive a grant of up to £3,000. Two groups from each county will be successful with one group which operates across North Wales set to receive a grant of up to £6,000. Voting will remain open until Friday, November 27. More information on the groups that have applied & an opportunity to cast a vote can be obtained by accessing the following link: <http://www.north-wales.police.uk/contact/your-community-your-choice.aspx>

8. Road Closures

a) Junction Pen Dyffryn to Junction the Royal Welsh Way

Narrow Lane, Llandudno Junction, 28/10/2015 to 30/10/2015- carriageway work

b) Conwy Half Marathon

Conwy Bridge, A546 & Church Walks Deganwy to Llandudno, 6:30am- 2pm - 22/11/2015- Road race

9. Funding

a) Cash for Youth 2015-16

If you live in Conwy, are aged 14 to 25, have some big ideas or exciting plans that will benefit young people and your community, or you work with a group of young people & have an idea for a voluntary project involving them but need some funding assistance then a Cash for Youth Grant may be just what you need. Grants of up to £750 available. Closing date 12pm 30/11/15. For more information please contact our Youth Volunteering Development Officer, Ellen Jones on [01492 534091](tel:01492534091) or email ellenjones@cvsc.org.uk

10. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) WCVA training

Effective facilitation skills

11th-12th November, 10th December, Wrexham. If you want to develop your facilitation skills this 3 day course accredited by Agored Cymru could be just what you need. You'll build upon your existing knowledge & learn & practice a range of facilitation skills & techniques. The course is aimed at those wanting to effectively facilitate meetings & events with citizens, communities, colleagues & partnerships. It covers; the role of the facilitator, planning & running effective facilitated events, consensus building & questioning techniques & how to manage conflict & difficult situations.

Fundraising and how to make the verbal ask

24/11/15, Conwy. Asking for money verbally can be a little daunting, learn how to build rapport and deliver powerful messages while feeling reassured of your professionalism.

Fundraising - effective and efficient writing

24/11/15, Conwy. This half day practical course is designed to help those working in the charitable sector to produce fundraising copy that engages and persuades.

Towards the future

26/11/15, Llandudno. Our conference & AGM, packed full of practical information, is the place to share exciting ideas & innovative ways of working

Shared power in public services

10th-11th May, 16th June, Llandudno. Work in public services & want to further develop your public engagement skills & knowledge?

b) One voice November training

Start time is 6:30pm until 9pm.

10/11/2015-Dolgellau Free Library, Module 19 –Devolution of Services.

11/11/2015-Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB, Module 5 - The Council Meeting

11/11/2015- Noddfa, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr. LL34 6YF, Module 10 – Chairing Skills

12/11/2015- The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Carnarfon. LL55 1AT, Module 17 – Making Effective Grant Applications

25/11/2015- Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB, Module 20 - Sustainability

26/11/2015- Council Chamber,Shire Hall,Llangefni.LL77 7TW- Module 19 – Devolution of Services(WELSH)

30/11/2015- Abergele Town Council,Council Offices,Llanddulas Road,Abergele.LL22 7BT, Module 19 – Devolution of Services

c) Promoting Carbon Monoxide Awareness - Free Training and materials

24/11/15, 10am -1pm- Theatr Colwyn, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7RU

Does your organisation employ staff or engage volunteers to support people in their own home? Do you train them in the signs & symptoms of Carbon Monoxide? (CO) Front line staff or volunteers working in people's homes play a critical role in identifying problems for their clients at an early stage. That's why the Think CO - Promoting Carbon Monoxide Awareness project, funded by the Gas Safe Charity, is so important. It could make the difference between life & death. Workers who visit people in their homes can be the only visitor in some people's lives. Staff & volunteers must be trained & prepared for all kinds of scenarios when they visit a client. This project aims to ensure staff & volunteers are also aware of the key causes & symptoms of CO poisoning, so if they face a situation or Most people will be familiar with the recent publicity involving Thomas Cook & the tragic death of two young children in Greece who were overcome by CO fumes from a faulty

boiler. Hear about potential symptoms from a client, they will know what to do. They will not only be helping their clients, but also protecting themselves from the associated risks of entering a house which contains a gas which has no smell, taste or colour. It focused on the 'duty of care' that employers have. At the end of the morning participants will have developed a plan to integrate CO awareness into their activities. Staff and volunteers won't be experts on CO, but they will have an increased knowledge & awareness of the signs & causes & know what to do if they suspect CO may be present. Each year in the UK 40-50 people die & around 4,000 go to hospital due to CO poisoning, & that is probably the tip of the iceberg. As improvements in diagnosis occur, many more people may be linked to CO poisoning as the cause of their long-term illnesses. To register, email mail@cvsc.org.uk or telephone 01492 534091, remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have.

11. Events

a) Mingle Festival Fayre

26/11/15, 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Llandrillo College
Festive tunes & Carol singing. Music by Serge Music. Refreshments & Mulled Wine. Surround yourself with all things Christmassy: homemade produce, pamper with health & beauty products, handcrafted goods, cakes & tasty treats, photography, lots of gift ideas, packed with fun & games. Come along & Jingle with Mingle.... Free admission. Supporting local producers. Charity raffle with over 30 donated prizes, proceeds to St. Kentigern. For further details or to book a table (£10 per table) please contact Sandra Donoghue: sandra@mingleforbusiness.co.uk or 07748 528505

b) Conwy Business Week

16th to 20th November. With workshops covering everything from finance & funding to social media skills & succession planning there's something for every business in Conwy Business Week. Please visit our website to view the timetable/book events: <http://conwybusinesscentre.com/conwy-business-week/>
The week has been developed following feedback from our businesses & we're confident it will be a huge success – as a bonus, most events are free due to the kind support of our sponsors, supporters & partners.

c) The Gift of Life

Memorial Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving for Organ Donors & families
St Asaph Cathedral, 14/11/15, 2pm
Featuring guest soloists Rhys Meirion, Sioned Terry & the "Cor Hogia'r Ddwylan" Male Voice Choir. Guest Speaker: Dr Paul Murphy (National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation) supported by Prof. Matt Makin (Medical Director of BCULHB)
The moving memorial ceremony of "Lighting the Candles" by each member of the audience is the highlight of the meeting, which will be conducted by Rev. Wynne Roberts. Admission is free & everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments for all at the end of the service.

12. Newsletters

a) Welsh Government Update for Community & Town Councils

The October 2015 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Historic Towns Forum Upcoming events 2015

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

c) Clerks & Councils Direct

The November 2015 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

13. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Health & Social Care

- Code of Practice on the Role of the Director of Social Services under Part 8 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) 2014 Act 4/12/15
- Amendment to the Commissioner for Older People in Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2007 31/12/15

People & Communities

- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: How do you measure a nation's progress? 11/01/16