

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**10th JUNE 2019****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Events**

N Gauge Society – North Wales Model Railway Show

6th & 7th July 10am-5pm. Ysgol Porth Y Felin, Llanrwst Road, Conwy, LL32 8FZ. Adults £5, Children £1, Families £10.

2. Investing in Volunteers

We are exploring future developments for Investing in Volunteers and we would really appreciate your thoughts and ideas. We think it is important to hear from different groups; whether you have only initially considered iV, decided iV is not for you, are currently completing an iV journey, have previously had or continue to hold an iV award your thoughts are valuable. This email provides an introduction about the development work and lets you know how you can be involved. We are contacting you as a lead contact relating to Investing in Volunteers, also key is to gather thoughts from your volunteers, senior management teams and /or relevant board members. Please do forward this email to others who might like to be involved. The four Investing in Volunteers country leads (NCVO, Volunteer Now, Volunteer Scotland and Wales Council for Voluntary Action) are working with Ideas to Impact to consult on future developments of iV and a new standard for 2020. This will review the elements of the current standard, update the language to ensure it is inclusive and applicable to a wider range of organisations and volunteering groups, and incorporate the findings from recent research on volunteers' experiences. We are keen to hear from people, including volunteers, from different types of organisations and volunteer roles. To get involved you can: Visit the consultation website - <https://www.ideastoimpact.co.uk/iiv2019> Fill in our online survey - Welsh - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/iiv2019Cymru> English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/iivstandard2019> Sign up for a short online workshop - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/investing-in-volunteers-20145625102>. This will be delivered in English only. Or email admin@ideastoimpact.co.uk if you want to be involved in a different way. We will be contacting key organisations over the next few weeks for more detailed conversations. This stage of the consultation closes on 17 June 2019. Will we also be asking for people to be involved in the second stage of testing the standard's developments at the end of the online survey. A note to the iV community: The new standard will encompass the same values and core practice of the current standard and any new / current iV journeys or iV awards will still be valid. All organisations renewing iV awards in the future will be supported with any changes made to the standard during iV renewal journeys.

3. North Wales Health Watchdog

The North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC), the independent health watchdog for North Wales, has reacted to a report published today by the Welsh Governments Public Comments Committee (PAC) which highlights slow progress with improvements to some health services in North Wales, despite the health board being placed under special measures since 2015. Geoff Ryall- Harvey, Chief Officer of the NWCHC said 'The NWCHC has played a significant part in this review, with senior figures of our organisation having attended the Senedd to provide verbal and written evidence. We have also supported a number of the Tawel Fan families to provide their evidence to the Committee.' 'We totally agree with the recommendations made within the PAC report. The call for additional help for the health board is something that the North Wales Community Health Council has been asking for for some years.' 'In March of last year, we wrote to Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, to reflect the real growing concerns of the NWCHC that the Health Board was yet to emerge from its period in Special Measures. In that letter we said that 'There is a belief amongst NWCHC members that Special Measures is now the 'new normal' for the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board and appears to have lost its impact. We are not the only people who believe this. Our members' extensive contact with the public during our widespread public engagement sessions confirmed that there is lack of public confidence in the current health board being able to deliver the

healthcare that the public in North Wales expects. The new Chair of the health board and board members face the challenge of rebuilding public confidence as a key part of emerging from Special Measures. North Wales Community Health Council will continue to work with them to achieve this by reflecting the views and experiences of patients.’ John Stewart, a member of the Tawel Fan families group who continues to receive support from the NWCHC said ‘This report is highly critical of the health Board and a lot of what the NWCHC has said has been referenced within the report and accepted.’ ‘The Tawel Fan families who took part in the PAC review are pleased that they had the opportunity to have sight of the report before it was released publicly. Mr Stewart went on to say ‘the families involved in the maternity failings in South Wales spring to mind this morning – I hope that the lessons learnt within the report (including the lesson of sharing a report with those affected prior to its public release) will spare families the anger and emotional duress that many of us experienced on the day that the HASCAS report was released last year. We just hope that Welsh Government and the Health Board act upon and implement the recommendations made.’ Geoff Ryall- Harvey went on to say ‘At a time of uncertainty for the future of Community Health Councils in Wales, the comments of the Tawel Fan families regarding the South Wales maternity review are both timely and extremely important. The Community Health Councils movement in Wales cannot allow these experiences to be repeated.’

4. Review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Conwy.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales have completed the final stage of their review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Conwy. The Commission is now publishing Final Recommendations. Under Section 37 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, on receipt of the report, the Welsh Government may, if it thinks fit, make an order giving effect to any recommendations made to it by the Commission either as submitted or with modifications. Any order giving effect to such recommendations shall not be made until after the expiry of six weeks from the day on which the recommendations were submitted to the Welsh Government. The review is available to view on our website – www.ldbc.gov.wales.

5. Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

We are pleased to announce that the first round of 2019-20 Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS) is now open for applications. The fund is open to applicants carrying out activity within 5 miles of an eligible landfill or waste transfer site – view the map here to check if you’re eligible to apply <https://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/landfill-disposals-tax-communities-scheme/map>. From this page you can also view the scheme’s other webpages for further information and the scheme guidance. The scheme funds projects with focusses on Biodiversity, Waste Minimisation and the reduction of Waste to Landfill and Wider Environmental Enhancements.

We’ve run two rounds of the fund so far and have funded some great projects making positive environmental enhancements in their locality with the support of the community. From pine martens to reuse of discarded plastics, there is a variety of activity happening across Wales. You can read more about the projects already running in Wales from here. There is a 12-week application window, the closing date is 21 July 2019 (23:59). We receive a high number of applications which makes the funding process very competitive. If you would like support and guidance in the development of a project you can contact your local Third Sector Support Wales CVC here. If you have any questions about LDTCS please get in touch with the WCVA Grant Funds Team at ldtgrants@wcva.org.uk

6. Newsletters

'Modern Slavery Update' for May 2019

The update is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall