

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**10th JULY 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Education & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

A special meeting of the Education & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been arranged on 27/7/17 at 10am at Bodlondeb, Conwy. The item for consideration will be 21st Century Schools Programme Band B Strategic Outline Programme

2. Funding**a) The Great Place Scheme**

The Great Place Scheme has just launched in Wales. This innovative scheme is designed by HLF & its partners to enable cultural & community groups to work more closely together & to place heritage at the heart of communities. With grants of £100k to £500k to support applicants in piloting new, more effective ways of collaborating, the Great Place Scheme includes everything from city-wide initiatives to smaller, rural schemes.

"The Great Place scheme is a challenge to local leaders to work together to put culture right at the centre of their local plans." HLF Chief Executive, Ros Kerslake.

For more information contact HLF Wales, James William House, 9 Museum Place, Cardiff. CF10 3BD.

Tel: 029 2034 3413 or email: wales@hlf.org.uk

b) Sustainable Management Scheme

The 3rd application window opens on 10/7/17.

The Sustainable Management Scheme will provide financial support for land management & collaboration activities, improving the management of our natural resources & is doing so contribute to the well-being of our rural communities. The scheme offers grants to collaborative groups looking to:

- Improve our natural resources eg. soil, water, woodland & carbon storage
- Improve biodiversity & habitat management, managing uplands & peat management
- Take action to improve access & recreation opportunities
- Increase green infrastructure & urban drainage

Grants can range from a minimum of £10k to a maximum of £70k to help start up & facilitate new collaborations through to landscape-scale ambition co-ordinating actions & input from several parties to achieve lasting benefits across our communities. Each window has a maximum of £5m for investment.

The maximum grant rate for any individual investment project is 100% of the total cost. The scheme is open to a wide range of collaborations made up of a variety of individual & organisations including:

- Small & medium-sized enterprises & large businesses, education or research establishments
- Farmers, foresters, other land managers
- Community or voluntary groups (inclusive of all non-government organisations) associations of owners, community woodlands & trusts
- Local authorities

The window closes on 5/9/17. For more information visit

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/cap/ruraldevelopment/wales-rural-development-programme-2014-2020/sustainable-management-scheme/?lang=en>

3. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**a) One Voice Wales – New Councillor Induction**

13/7/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Wrexham

What town and community councils do; How they serve their communities; The changing world of councils; What makes a good council; Your role as a councillor; Your commitment and the Code of Conduct; Fulfilling your duties and responsibilities; Being the voice of the community

Cost £60. To book, please contact the Town Clerk

- b) One Voice Wales – 13th Conference & AGM
 30/9/17 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanellwedd, Builth Wells. LD2 3SY
 The Minister, Mark Drakeford will be the key note speaker & will give an update on developments relating to Local Government Reform.
 For more information, please contact the Town Clerk
- c) Safeguarding Surgery
 20/7/17, CVSC Offices, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay. LL297TG
 Appointments available: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm
 CVSC offers you the opportunity to book a consultation session in person with Suzanne Mollison, WCVA Safeguarding Officer, to discuss your safeguarding issues – bring your policy for guidance, ask about your duties & responsibilities to safeguard children, young people &/or adults, talk about training or the skills you wish to acquire to develop safeguarding practice. Book your appointment slot, remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have(eg Welsh Language) by phoning CVSC on 01492 534091 or emailing mail@cvsc.org.uk. WCVA’s Safeguarding Service provides information, resources, advice & training for third sector organisations working with vulnerable groups to improve safeguarding policy & practice. For further information, please see www.wcva-safeguarding.org.uk, including a [safeguarding self-assessment tool](#) & contact the safeguarding enquiry line by phone on 01745 357 574, through our helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or e-mail safeguarding@wcva.org.uk
- d) Social Media Courses
 - 5/10/17 & 6/2/18 - Facebook for Business
 - 31/10/17 – Hootsuite, Create Time for Social Media
 - 2/11/17 & 13/3/18 – Twitter for Business
 - 15/11/17 & 18/4/18 – Understand the Power of LinkedIn to grow your own Business
 - 5/12/17 – Blogging for Business

4. Events

- a) Calls to Review Fixed Penalty Notice Distribution on Behalf of Conwy County Borough Council – Public Meeting
 6pm to 7:30pm, 20/7/17, Bodafon Suite, The Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, LL30 1AP
 Sign the petition online at: www.JanetFinchSaunders.org.uk
- b) Modern Slavery Awareness Event
 28/10/17, St.Asaph Cathedral
 It is believed that there are 13 000 people caught in modern slavery in the UK today. Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking is happening in North Wales in several forms - sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude, child trafficking etc. & efforts are taking place to stop this & bring the victims to freedom. Working together, the voluntary, community & faith group team in North Wales are hosting an event at St Asaph Cathedral & all members of the community are welcome. There will be speakers from various organisations, charities, the police & the Coop to share about the projects that are being developed to care for the survivors. All members of society have a role that they can play to make a difference & we invite you to join us to learn more & get involved.
 For more information, please contact Sian Connelly Tel 01745532582 or www.havenoflight.uk
 EventBrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-slavery-awareness-event-tickets-35385078723>
 Facebook link - <https://www.facebook.com/events/435620243491010>

5. Health Watchdog Lobbies for “Free Flow” of GPs to Wales

The independent health watchdog for North Wales – the North Wales Community Health Council (‘NWCHC’) has stepped up its campaign for changes that would mean that GPs could easily come to work in North Wales. Geoff Ryall-Harvey, Chief Officer, NWCHC says, ‘In 2014, the NWCHC lobbied the then Health Minister to make changes to the system which prevented GPs registered in England to take up posts in Wales & to start work immediately. In January 2015, we were pleased to hear that rules had been changed to allow General Practitioners based primarily in England to work in Wales. We are disappointed to learn however, that those changes have failed to alleviate the problems & there remains to be barriers in place preventing the ‘free-flow’ of GPs between England and Wales. It is widely known that Wales is facing a GP ‘recruitment crisis.’ We are aware that there is a large pool of potential locums

in the North West of England who are discouraged from working in North Wales, in part, by the 'registration process' which they must complete so that they can work here. Eg., a GP living in Chester, who might be choosing between locum posts in Blaenau (England) and Saltney (Wales) – (both of which are about 2,000 yards from the centre of Chester) – such a GP is likely to choose the Blaenau job rather than go through a further bureaucratic form filling exercise which would need to be completed so that he could practice in Wales.' In a recent letter to Vaughan Gethin – Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being & Sport, Mr Ryall-Harvey pointed out 'There is no other profession in the UK that has similar rules enforced upon it. If teachers, lawyers or architects from Wales were not allowed to work freely in England, then there would be an outcry on both sides of the border – especially if those professionals were desperately needed. You should also be aware that Welsh doctors who qualified in Welsh Medical Schools – but who are currently registered in England, are also prevented from practicing in Wales until they apply to be on the 'Welsh Performers List'. In the past 12 months the NWCHC has been consulted on 5 occasions where entire GP practices have given notice that they are surrendering their contracts. There are many more changes that have involved the closure of branch surgeries, closure of lists &/ or reduction of practice boundaries as practices struggle to cope with the retirement of GP Principals & the inability to recruit young doctors. For further information or to let the NWCHC know your views, please contact the CHC on tel: 01248 679 284 or e-mail admin@waleschc.org.uk or visit our website. www.bcchc.org.uk

6. North Wales Play Association – “Fun Games for Childrenand Others”

The North Wales Play Association, the longest established regional childrens play organisation in the UK, is launching a publication entitled, “Fun Games For Children -----and Others”. The publication is an attempt to encourage children & young people to indulge in more physically active & socially interactive behaviour. It recognises the fact that children & young people are inevitably attracted to & engaged in personal interaction through the developing & increasing use of modern technology rather than as result of direct physical contact. The NWPA is of the opinion that as a consequence of the reduction in time spent in more “natural” play activities, children will be inclined towards a more sedentary life-style, which in turn has the potential result of obesity & physical inability. The Association is keen to encourage the re-emergence of traditional games & other active past times as a means of adding to the all-round development of children & young people. Play has to be given more recognition by everyone with an interest in the well-being of children, as a vital, innate & essential all-round developmental process. “Fun Games For Children----and Others” has been produced by Tony Chilton, the Chair & Technical & Safety Advisor for NWPA, Tony has been involved in children’s play development for over 50 years & is recognised as one of the UK’s most experienced practitioners. He is seen by many as one of the original pioneers of Adventure Playgrounds as well as someone who has initiated a whole range of approaches to children’s play development & the training of Playworkers throughout the country. He initiated the creation of staffed Adventure Playgrounds in various parts of the UK including Telford, Blaenau in Chester & Rhyl in North Wales. The illustrations in the publication have been provided by 16 year old Samuel Bentley who is a pupil at Ysgol Glan Clwyd & who recently gained international recognition for designing the trophy for the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering. “Fun Games for Children-----& Others” This is a not for profit publication and costs only £6.99 including post & package. All monies, other than that used for printing, posting etc., will be directed to the children’s charity NWPA. For more information please reply to this email.

7. Newsletters & Publications

a) CVSC News

The July edition is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) RFCA for Wales

The July edition is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

8. Welsh Government Consultations

Education & Skills

- School Organisation Code Closing Date 30/9/17
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/school-organisation-code>
- A reformed post-compulsory education & training system Closing Date 23/10/17
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/reformed-post-compulsory-education-and-training-system>

Environment & Countryside

- Taking forward Wales' sustainable management of natural resources Closing Date 13/9/17
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/taking-forward-wales-sustainable-management-natural-resources>
- Changes to local authority municipal waste statistical outputs Closing Date 19/9/17
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/changes-local-authority-municipal-waste-statistical-outputs>

Health & Social Services

- Services fit for the future (please see detail below) Closing Date 29/9/17
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/services-fit-future>

Welsh Government White Paper – Services Fit for the Future – Quality & Governance in health & care in Wales

The Welsh Government has published a White Paper that proposes the most radical change to the patient's voice in the NHS in over 40 years. The proposals would introduce for the first time a body with a remit across health & social care. The proposals would see the end of long standing arrangements set up to place power in the hands of local people to monitor how their NHS services are working. Jackie Allen Chair of North Wales CHC said: "CHCs welcome the intention to create a stronger citizen voice in health & social care. However, we are yet to be convinced that the proposals outlined do not dilute rather than strengthen this voice in some important areas. Eg., the proposed new citizens voice body would not have legal rights to hold health organisations to account for the way in which they deliver their services. This is currently a key role of CHCs who will be abolished under the new arrangements. It is really important that people in North Wales take the opportunity to look at the proposals & give their opinion on how their voice should be heard in future". You can read the proposals and respond to the Welsh Government's consultation <https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/services-fit-future>