

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**10th DECEMBER 2018****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of thanks**

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"Thank you for our Christmas tree, which thanks to the help of our wonderful window cleaner we managed to install and light up by 10am"

2. Events

Postponement of North Wales PSB and T&CC event - 30.11.2018

Regretfully the Town & Community Council event planned for this Friday (30 November 2018, in Bodelwyddan Community Centre) has been postponed. Unfortunately, one of the key facilitators for the day is now unavailable. We would like, therefore, to rearrange for 11th January 2019, 10am – 1pm, and again at Bodelwyddan Community Centre. Please contact iolo.mcgregor@denbighshire.gov.uk to register your interest by Friday, 4th January 2019.

3. Major new report highlights reading as a powerful social tool

Major new report highlights reading as a powerful social tool and Conwy Libraries project showcased at the British Film Institute, Southbank. Please see below for information about the success of the Reading Friends Project, which involved CVSC support in developing their Volunteer Programme. If you are inspired by the video to offer some volunteer time to the project, please get in touch with us here on 01492 534091 or volunteering@cvsc.org.uk I'd like to draw your attention to the recent report commissioned by Demos on Loneliness and the response by The Society of Readers for addressing this, with reading at its core. It places libraries, situated in the heart of our communities, in a strong position to make a direct impact. Conwy Libraries (the first test site in Wales) have been directly involved in delivering the national volunteer led project Reading Friends which is one of the first interventions developed by the Reading Agency to address Loneliness. I hope that you will take 10 minutes to watch the short film via the link below 'Yarn, Natter, Blether' which saw the official launch of the project at the British Film Institute, Southbank last month. It was a proud and moving moment to see the amazing Conwy scenery on the big screen and hear the words of National Poet Ifor ap Glyn transforming the life story of a young woman from Cerrigydrudion who is now one of our home library readers and a Reading Friend, into a piece of literature which can be shared with others. Jane's son Hugh, also in the film was our first volunteer for the project. I would be grateful if you could share the film with your colleagues and families in order to raise awareness of the project and encourage more volunteers to come forward. I would also like to thank CVSC for their tremendous support. Please get in touch if you would like any further information.

4. Walled Towns Meeting 21/11/18 Caernarfon Cyfarfod Trefi Caerog – CADW report

World Heritage Site - some conservation work to be done in Conwy- proposals being put together to reconfigure Beaumaris visitor centre- public consultation taking place on 26th and 27th on proposed visitor improvements at Caernarfon Castle Steering Group meeting taking place in January at Beaumaris Town Hall - key focus will be on delivery of management plan and forward look for the year ahead. Conservation and planning sub group taking place in Caernarfon at 10.30 am on 13th December - opportunity to discuss and consider progress on key issues including project to map archeological deposits at Beaumaris and work on current state of play on characterisation work across the four towns. Ireland- Wales links
 - two Cadw reps attended Dig Conference event to present work on the value of archeology in the economy and society. - discussions still ongoing to firm up heritage-led regeneration visit to Ireland next year during March or April. Liam has also passed on some really interesting resources which might be useful to members: 'In other news, we have just brought out a new publication called Ballybrilliant: heritage-led regeneration in five Irish towns <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/files/Ballybrilliant.pdf> Bally comes from the Irish baile, meaning town.

5. Newsletters

a) CVSC e-bulletin

The December newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Play for Wales Magazine

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

6. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Education & Skills

- Guidance to school governing bodies on school uniform and appearance policies 21/02/2018
- Draft professional standards for assisting teaching 14/03/2019
- Draft guidance to challenge bullying in schools 15/02/2019

Health and Social Services

- Code of practice on the delivery of autism services 01/03/2019

Communities and Third Sector

- Reform of fire and rescue authorities in Wales 05/02/2019
- Proposed indicators for the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 17/12/2019

Transport

- A494 River Dee Bridge improvement scheme 04/02/2019