

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**11th APRIL 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****a) Llandudno Junction Memorial Hall**

"On behalf of the Management Committee of the Institute, I would like to express my gratitude to your Council for its generous grant. The Institute recognises the continuing & highly valued support of Conwy Town Council for the aims & objectives of the Memorial Hall & its importance to the community. I should be grateful if this can be conveyed to your Council in due course" R Meirion Hughes, Hon Chairman

b) Llangollen 2016

"On behalf of everyone at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, I would like to thank your Council for the kind donation of £100 towards the cost of Llangollen 2016 – the 70th staging of this wonderful, internationally-acclaimed Festival" S Eager, Secretary

c) Conwy Borough Football Club

"On behalf of everyone at Conwy Borough Football Club we would like to thank you for your support of the Club by the way of contributing £1000 to our clubhouse improvements" D Cartwright, Vice-Chairman

d) Cyffordd Llandudno Junction Trakz Busking Festival

"The team at Trakz would like to say a very sincere thank you for your donation of £500 for community engagement in support of Trakz 2016. This donation will go towards our road signage bill, which is considerably higher this year. Without the kind donations and devoted help of our volunteers this festival could not go ahead" Trakz Team

2. Streetlife.com

Streetlife is a free & simple website that connects you with people in your local area. We invite you to join the online community for Llandudno. It's handy for sharing practical information like crime alerts, lost pets & community events, & for exchanging skills, belongings & recommendations with locals. We recently launched Streetlife in your area, & we'd love you to join in with your neighbours, & help to build a stronger, safer, better connected community. To join Streetlife visit www.streetlife.com

3. North Wales on a hydro high

Hydroelectric projects in North Wales helping Wales become 100% renewable• Applications welcome for Dolgarrog Power Station's £10,000 Community Fund. RWE Innogy UK's Dolgarrog hydroelectric power station has been operating for over 100 years. In addition to powering homes & businesses in the area with renewable energy it has also created many skilled jobs & supported numerous local organisations. Every year, Dolgarrog power station injects £10,000 into community organisations. In 2015 an additional £30,000 donation supported Dolgarrog's community playground which is almost ready to be opened. Local schools, community buildings, the local children's hospice & activities like Llanrwst Junior football club & Rowen Carnival are amongst the latest beneficiaries of the fund. Dafydd Williams of Dolgarrog Community Council said: "RWE Innogy UK has been part of the village for many years. The generous funding from them has allowed for improvements & renovation works on our community centre including new windows, doors, guttering & help with a new kitchen & disabled toilets, roof insulation new wiring & decorating. Other funding has been able to transform the village war memorial garden which has won an award. "The latest big project for the village is the children's play park which is due to open soon, this would not happen without RWE & will benefit the village's children for many years. It's a pleasure to work with management & employees of RWE Innogy. David Bevan, Production Manager at RWE Innogy UK's Dolgarrog Hydro Power Station said: "We have approximately 40 skilled staff working from our Dolgarrog office who have a wealth of experience to look after our hydroelectric portfolio across North Wales. We are really proud to contribute towards helping Wales become 100% renewable, generating green energy for Wales whilst supporting our communities." Dolgarrog community fund is open to community organisations in the Conwy Valley close to the Power Station. To apply please contact community.investment@rwe.com

4. Health Watchdog Conwy: Chair and Vice-Chair 2016-2017

The North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) - the health service watchdog for North Wales - welcomes the appointments of Chair & Vice Chair to its Conwy Local Committee. Following the recent Annual General Meeting of the NWCHC's Conwy Local Committee, Mr Roger Williams of Llanfairfechan was elected as Chair of the Committee for the period 2016-2017. Mr Williams, a NWCHC member since 2013, has over 30 years of banking & managing experience. Mr Williams was appointed by the Welsh Government in 2002 to undertake 'lay reviews' of NHS Wales Complaints & later as a Mediator.

'I have enjoyed all aspects of my membership with the NWCHC. My role has been varied & I have been involved in all areas of the CHC's work such as hospital inspections & replying to consultations regarding the health service. In particular I have enjoyed acting as Vice-Chair to the Conwy Local Committee over the last year. I am now looking forward to the year ahead as Chair of the Conwy Local Committee & hope that I can continue to make a positive contribution to the work of the NWCHC.' Mrs Sian Ramessur, an active NWCHC member since 2015, was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Conwy Local Committee for 2016-17. Mrs Ramessur's background is in health – as a nurse, occupational therapist & social worker. Her varied career has included being a Practice Teacher & a Training Officer in the area of Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA). She has been instrumental in developing this area of work across the whole of Wales. On her appointment, Mrs Ramessur said 'I welcome this opportunity to continue to ensure that the NWCHC is able to tell those who plan health services in North Wales of the issues that concern people in Conwy & indeed across the North Wales region.' Geoff Ryall-Harvey, Chief Officer of the NWCHC said 'I am delighted that Roger has been appointed to serve a term of office as Chair of the Conwy Local Committee & welcome Sian to the position of Vice Chair. Both Roger & Sian have the determination to get local people involved in the way decisions are made about local health services.'

5. Health Watchdog seeks views about the District Nursing Service in North Wales

The North Wales Health Watchdog – the 'NWCHC', is encouraging people to give their views about experiences of the District Nursing service across North Wales. Geoff Ryall-Harvey, Chief Officer for the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) says, 'One of our roles is to keep an eye on the health services in North Wales & this includes the District Nursing Service. We want to know what people's experiences are, whether these are good or bad – and we will be asking people who have used the service recently to tell us about all aspects of the District Nursing Service.' The NWCHC will be working with the Health Board in conducting a survey throughout April 2016. Mr Ryall-Harvey went on to say, 'Questionnaires have been designed to make sure that people (whether they are a patient, relative or carer) can tell us about all aspects of the District Nursing Service. District Nursing staff will be handing out the questionnaires when visiting patients & their families, however all questionnaires can be completed in confidence & then returned to the NWCHC who will analyse the results independently. We will then work with the Health Board to make sure that what people are telling us is taken into account.' For further information about the survey 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. Police & Crime Commissioner

On the 5/5/16 Vote for your local Police & Crime Commissioner. You have a vote to say how you would like crime to be tackled in your local area. A vote for a Police & Crime Commissioner who will decide how the Police Budget is best spent. To find out who your candidates are, visit choosemypcc.org.uk or call 0800 107070

7. Nominations open for premier volunteer award

Nominations are now open for Wales's premier awards scheme recognising the work of the many dedicated & inspirational individuals & groups of volunteers across the country. There are around a million people volunteering in Wales, helping to make real changes for the better to our lives. Run by third sector umbrella organisation Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) since 2004, the Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards has six nomination categories: • Individual (age 25 and over) • young volunteer (under 25 years) • groups • 'green' volunteer • trustee • international volunteer. The closing date for

nominations is 15/4/16. Forms are available at wcva.org.uk. Hard copies are available from WCVA's Helpdesk by calling 0800 2888 329. Alternatively follow us at facebook.com/walescva and twitter.com/walescva and search for #voty2016. For more information please contact Lynne Reynolds on 029 2043 1718 or Simon Dowling on 029 2043 6596. WCVA website www.wcva.org.uk

8. Funding

BBC Children in Need Funding Surgery

CVSC & DVSC are pleased to announce that a day of pre-booked appointments has been organised in collaboration with BBC Children in Need. The opportunity to access this very popular funding programme is open to voluntary & community groups that work with disadvantaged children & young people. Groups serving Conwy & Denbighshire will be able to apply for a 30 minute appointment with James Bird, a BBC Children in Need Grants Officer, to discuss the eligibility & potential of a project proposal. Groups that wish to apply must be available any time between 10am & 5pm on 20/4/16 – confirmation of the actual appointment time will be advised to successful applicants by 18/4/16. There will be a maximum of ten appointments available on the day. All appointments will take place at the CVSC office (Colwyn Bay). For more information see the attached document or contact Emma Jones (emmajones@cvsc.org.uk)

9. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) WCVA training

- i) Marketing your services 19/5/16, Wrexham (delivered in Welsh) Want to develop your marketing and sell your services more effectively? Our 'Marketing your services' course is for you. The course is designed to help you build a planned approach to marketing, with practical guidance on how to really sell your organisation's services. It will help you to map your services, develop a marketing strategy, get to know your current and potential customers and consider how to communicate with them effectively. We'll also look at the role of marketing in selling services and explore a range of marketing tools and techniques.
- ii) 'Have You Got News For Us' 22/4/16, Wrexham. BBC Wales is hosting two special events for WCVA members as part of its 2016 Election Tour around Wales.

10. Events

a) TS Aberconwy Conwy County Sea Cadets Fundraising Evening

8/4/16 7.30pm Onwards. Llandudno Sailing Club, Horse Racing, Quizzes – Ran by our cadets, Raffle with fantastic prizes. Entry Donation: Adults: £2 Children 50p

b) Conwy 2016 Wildlife Events

Go to <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/sectionextra.asp?cat=11962&Language=1> to find out more information

c) Spring Walks 2016

Are you interested in enjoying guided walks (in the Conwy County area) in the New Year, Spring, Summer and Autumn? Cerdded Conwy Walks is an independent, not for profit, group of Volunteer Walk Leaders who put together seasonal walk programmes with the help of Conwy County Borough Council. The next one is the Spring Program: April 8, 9, 10 2016, April 15, 16, 17 2016, April 22, 23, 24 2016 If you want a copy of the Spring Walks Programme

http://www.cerddedconwywalks.org/uploads/4/5/0/3/45039049/a4_electronic_spring_walks_2016_amended2.pdf

Friday 8th April, Foel Fras & Penamnen.

Foel Fras & Penamnen 8/4/16. Due to a footpath closure this walk will be cancelled and an alternative walk provided, details are noted. The Upper Lledr Valley. We will take a bus (fare/pass) to the start of the walk at the Crimea Pass. The return to Dolwyddelan will take us through the beautiful & tranquil upper Lledr Valley, passing a number of disused & now silent quarries, the 'Poet's Bridge' & Dolwyddelan castle built by Llewellyn ab Iorwerth in the early 13th century. If there is time, we will end the walk with a visit to the historic St Gwyddelan's church. Duration: 5-6 hrs inc. travel time, Distance: 11km / 6.5 miles Meet: station car park, Dolwyddelan, SH 737 521 Shop and toilets available Start:

9:30am for 9:45am start Booking: Peter Collins : 01492 680353 If leaving a message, please give a landline number on which you can be reached.

d) Royal Cambrian Academy

You are invited to the opening of - 4 Artists : 4 Journeys - an exhibition of work which opens on Saturday 9th April at 2.00pm. The exhibition continues until 7/5/16

e) Dementia Care - making a difference today and tomorrow

Programme includes topics relating to NHS wards; care homes; family care; research updates; future strategy. A date to Remember 8/4/16 Venue : Conference Room - Anglesey Arms Hotel - Porthaethwy/ Menai Bridge. 9.00 am - 12.30 Free Entry For more details & registration contact Brenda Ellis b.ellis@bangor.ac.uk or tel 01248 383719 – closing date for registration 1 April 2016

11. Newsletters

a) CVSC's March Funding News

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

b) Gwynt Y Mor funding newsletter

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12. Welsh Government Consultations

Education & Skills

- National Outcomes Framework for Youth Work

Closing Date

09/06/16

Health & Social Care

- Consultation on Reforms to Death Certification

15/06/16