

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****Vardre Bowling Club**

"On behalf of the Vardre Bowling Club can I thank you and your councillors for allowing Dave Holland to come along and tell you about our clubs activities and for your generous presentation of a grant of £7100. This amount will allow us to finish the patio step work & also complete our greens gutter replacement. We would like to invite the Mayor to officially open our 2016 season. The invitation will be open to all council members. If that suggestion is acceptable we will arrange a mutually convenient date & seek numbers attending for light refreshments" Mary Hughes.

**2. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Forward Work Programme**

The February 2016 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=552&LLL=0>

**3. Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan**

The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 puts in place a key legislative foundation to deliver this 'Positive Planning' improvement programme. This is to be supported by changes to secondary legislation, policy & guidance, as well as introducing measures to support culture change. We have published on our web-site a Positive Planning Implementation Plan that: - brings together the various improvement projects / programmes & supporting secondary legislation to be delivered; & - sets out the priorities & timescales for delivery for the remaining Assembly term & an indication of timescales post May 2016, which will be subject to ratification by the next Welsh Government. This Implementation Plan can be accessed by using the following web-link:

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planning-wales-act-2015/positive-planning-implementation-plan/?lang=en>

**4. Road Safety Review across trunk roads in Wales**

Following completion of the initial review in January, the minister for Economy, Science & Transport continued to receive correspondence regarding speed limits, & road safety more broadly. Therefore, we have updated the findings of the review, taking this correspondence into consideration. This work was undertaken over the summer & the findings are now available on the Traffic Wales website using the following link:

<http://www.traffic-wales.com/Trunkroadssafetyreview.aspx> The Schemes have been prioritised on an all-Wales basis & the website provides information on the earliest start dates. However, these may be subject to change based on the availability of funding & emerging road safety issues. Where information has been provided by Community Councils, this has been fully taken into account. Richard Morgan Head of Asset Management Standards.

**5. More than just words.... follow-on Strategic Framework Public Consultation**

The Welsh Government recognises that for many Welsh speakers, being able to use their own language is likely to be a fundamental aspect of their care. For this reason it wants to build on the work done by the first More than just words.... strategic framework to further strengthen the provision of Welsh language services within health, social services & social care. This follow-on strategic framework has been drafted with guidance & support from the More than just words.... Implementation Group & has been presented to stakeholders across NHS Wales, social services & social care for their comments. Ministers have decided to consult with the service & the public on the proposals. If you would like to respond to this consultation, please ensure that we receive your responses by 28/2/16. Full details of the public consultation as well as instructions on how to respond are available here:

<http://llyw.cymru/consultations/healthsocialcare/more-than-just-words/?skip=1&lang=en> we will also be holding a consultation event in Cardiff (2 February 2016). You can register to attend the events through completing the Consultation Event Registration Form

## **6. The North Wales Cancer Appeal- Annual General Meeting**

It is my pleasure to write on behalf of the Appeal Committee & invite you to our A.G.M. on 9/2/16 at 6pm for 6.30pm. This will be held in the Medical Physics Seminar Room which is in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. We are fortunate to have Mr. Z. Hammad, Consultant ENT/Otolaryngologist Surgeon, as our guest speaker who is also a founder member of the Ron & Margaret Smith Cancer Appeal. It will be an interesting meeting when you will learn about our most recent purchase for the Radiotherapy department & the events held during the year which has raised an invaluable financial contribution towards this equipment. Fund raising for the Cancer Centre has been ongoing for twenty-five years under the registered charity name of the Ron & Margaret Smith Cancer Appeal spearheaded as many of you know by our late president Margaret Smith MBE. There is strong interest to keep the Appeal going & we hope there will be support from this meeting with a new committee membership. We are proud of what we have achieved & we hope therefore that you or a representative will give time to attend this important meeting where you will be assured of a warm welcome. Please contact me if you require further details. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. With best wishes for 2016, Doris Roberts - Hon. Secretary.

## **7. Funding**

### **Active Inclusion Fund**

WCVA is running a series of local events for you to find out more about the fund. This opportunity is open to organisations from any sector & you do not need to have previous experience of running European funded projects. The fund is now open for first stage applications across the whole of Wales for projects working with people who are aged 16 & over & are economically inactive or long term unemployed. The half day events will comprise of presentations, opportunities for questions & a chance to network with other like-minded people. Please be aware that if you are already an approved beneficiary for the Active Inclusion fund, you do not need to attend these events.

If you are interested in attending an event, please request a booking form from [activeinclusion@wcva.org.uk](mailto:activeinclusion@wcva.org.uk) & return it to the same address

## **8. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**

### **a) Iaith Training Programme 2016**

18/1/16- Recruitment - Welsh language considerations, Venue Cymru, Llandudno

25/1/16- Procurement & the Welsh Language - contracts & grants, Venue Cymru, Llandudno

24/2/16- The Welsh language & the Active Offer in the Third Sector, Optic Centre, St Asaph

16/3/16- Making the most of social networks, Glastir, Llanrwst

Further information here [www.iaith.cymru](http://www.iaith.cymru)

### **b) WCVA training- Training skills**

23-24 February & 23 March, Rhyl (delivered in Welsh) Get the knowledge, skills & confidence to plan, prepare & deliver training sessions with this three day accredited course. One of our most popular courses, Training Skills gives you an overview of learning theory, provides practical planning tools for designing & evaluating training, & helps prepare you for delivering your training. The course is ideal for those who are new to training &/or may have taken on a training role in their organisation for the first time. Our in-house trainers support you to get accreditation via written assessment & the design of a training course, part of which you will deliver during the third day.

## **9. Events**

### **a) Cerdded Conwy Walks**

The volunteer group Cerdded Conwy Walks & Conwy Council have put together the New Year Walks Programme 2016, full of walks for you to enjoy! You will find the programme here: [www.cerddedconwywalks.org](http://www.cerddedconwywalks.org)

### **b) Launch of Bay of Colwyn Volunteer Awards 2016**

Nomination forms can be emailed on request from the Guildhall. Please return the form by 15/2/16 to: Bay of Colwyn Town Council, Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7TE / E-mail: [info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk). Individuals cannot be nominated by a partner or family member, or nominate themselves. Groups cannot be nominated by an employee,

volunteer or trustee of the organisation. You may only nominate one nominee or group for each category. The nominee must live in the Bay of Colwyn Area or the Group be based in the Bay of Colwyn Area (i.e. within the Town Council's boundaries of Colwyn Bay, Old Colwyn, Rhos-on-Sea & Upper Colwyn Bay). The nature of the certificates & awards presented is the decision of the Volunteer Awards Committee of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council. No alternative prizes will be considered.

**c) First World War Partnership Day 2016**

Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914–1918, led by the Welsh Government, & the First World War Centenary Partnership, led by Imperial War Museums, are inviting organisations & individuals working on First World War Centenary projects in Wales, large or small, to attend an event on 28/1/16 at Aberystwyth University. The aim of the event will be to:

- Provide an overview of national plans to mark the commemoration in 2016.
- Share key opportunities including new resources & the Year of the Film.
- Inspire projects & partnership working for 2016 & beyond.
- Enable participants to gain an overview of centenary activity shaping up across Wales.

For a review of last year's Partnership Days, please visit: <http://www.walesremembers.org/first-world-war-centenary-partnership-days/> To book a place email [extranet1914@iwm.org.uk](mailto:extranet1914@iwm.org.uk) with your name, organisation & any dietary requirements or access needs you might have. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, with spaces available for 3 delegates per organisation. Please note that delegates' names & e-mail addresses will be circulated after the event to encourage partnership working. Please indicate in your RSVP if you do not wish your email address to be circulated. There will also be photography on the day. We would be grateful for any support your organisation can provide in promoting this event. A tweet regarding the event can be found here. #PartnershipDay2016

**10. Newsletters**

**a) CVSC winter newsletter**

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

**b) RFCA for Wales Newsletter**

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

**c) Clerks & Councils Direct**

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

**11. Welsh Government Consultations**

	Closing Date
<u>Environment &amp; Countryside</u>	
- Amending UK legislation to account for changes to the R1 energy efficiency formula relating to energy from waste plants	29/01/16
<u>Health &amp; Social Care</u>	
- Working together to reduce harm – Delivery plan 2016 – 2018	30/03/16
<u>Planning</u>	
- Proposed changes to Technical Advice Note 20: Planning and the Welsh Language	30/03/16