

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****13<sup>th</sup> April 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****a) Age Cymru**

"Thank you ever so much for your letter of the 13/3/15 to our Chief Executive, Mr Ian Thomas, together with an accompanying cheque for £50. Our charity supports thousands of older people in Wales, many of whom live in the county of Conwy. We provide practical support to help older people survive the cold winter months, offer a free information & advice service, organise a wide range of healthy ageing activities, enable older people to have a voice in decision making processes, & we campaign tirelessly for the rights of older people. Donations such as this one will help us to continue our vital work"

**2. Conwy County Borough Council**

a) The meeting of the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 16/4/15 at 6pm has been cancelled. The update from the Llandudno Coastal Forum, which was to be presented on 16/4/15, will now be considered at the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 4/6/15. This will allow for the responses to the recent consultation to be properly evaluated & analysed.

**3. Welsh Government**

Letter from Ken Skates AC/AM, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport & Tourism dated 4/3/15, received 7/4/15.

" I am writing to you, as a leading representative of the local community, to reiterate the importance of the heritage of your area & to inform you of some of the events that are coming up over the next year. I know that you already share my passion for our country's heritage & that you are aware of its importance in shaping each & every local community within Wales. Not only is our heritage a powerful source of identity & pride, but can also help attract investment heritage tourism to make a huge contribution to the Welsh economy & is of particular interest to visitors from our new key markets. In the coming months there are many opportunities for members of the local community to visit a heritage site. On St David's Day visitors can gain free entry to all sites cared for by Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service. We are also encouraging children to explore historic monuments through a "kids go free" day on 17/5/15. Later in the Year, Cadw also co-ordinates a month long "Open Doors" festival, an annual celebration of Wales's heritage, offering visitors free entry to much-loved museums, historic buildings & hidden gems across the country during September. In addition to raising awareness of existing events & activities, I would also like to encourage the local community to consider these magnificent heritage sites as venues to host their own local events. Wales's spectacular monuments provide a unique backdrop for any event- from business to community - & will leave a lasting impact on all visitors. Within a short distance are the following Cadw monuments: Conwy Castle- Roy Williams 01492 592358, Plas Mawr-Sheena Williams 01492 580167. I have provided the contact details of the custodians of the sites so that you can contact them directly to explore what opportunities the sites can offer. I do hope you will take this opportunity to make use of your local Cadw site, & to encourage the local community to embrace & celebrate their heritage.

**4. Positive change for Wales**

Today, the Big Lottery Fund is making two important announcements: we are launching our strategic framework, which outlines our vision for how we will work with communities across the UK over the next six years, & we are announcing our future funding priorities for Wales. Both bring together the findings from our consultation last year, Your Voice, Our Vision. Our mission remains to help communities and individuals most in need but our vision is that people should be in the lead in improving their lives & communities.

As we continue to develop the key strands of the framework we'll be updating you & asking for your ideas. Keep up to date with whats happening through our social media channels. Please follow us on Twitter & like us on Facebook Read more about the announcement [http://bigblogwales.org.uk/2015/03/25/putting-people-in-the-lead-for-positive-change-in-wales/?utm\\_source=Big+Lottery+Fund&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5479270+Wales+eBulletin+March+2015&dm\\_i=UH9,39FTY,6GATCB,BQ2GH,1](http://bigblogwales.org.uk/2015/03/25/putting-people-in-the-lead-for-positive-change-in-wales/?utm_source=Big+Lottery+Fund&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5479270+Wales+eBulletin+March+2015&dm_i=UH9,39FTY,6GATCB,BQ2GH,1)

## 5. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

### a) WCVA training

#### i) Introduction to data protection and confidentiality

13 May, Rhyl. This course is for anyone who handles personal information, and for those that are responsible for their organisation's data protection compliance.

#### i) Planning for success: project closure & beyond

16 April 2015 (half day - morning session)Rhyl. This interactive workshop helps you to close down your project & plan for the future. The sessions will offer you the chance to pick up tips & advice on what to do next & which options are available to continue your work. Book now to avoid disappointment! The course is suitable for those new to project management & those wishing to gain insight into the process of project closure.

### b) WASPI awareness Seminar – Third Sector & North Wales Fire & Rescue Service NWFRS

If your organisation refers clients to North Wales Fire & Rescue Service for the FREE Home Fire Safety Check Service, then this information will apply to you. 2/4/15 at Rhyl Community Fire Station. There will be two sessions on offer: Morning: 10am – 12pm Afternoon: 1pm – 3pm Places are limited. To confirm a place please email:

[Kayleigh.harper@nwales-fireservice.org.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.harper@nwales-fireservice.org.uk)

## 6. Events

### a) Armed Forces Day

A military themed event for the whole family, 20 June 2015 - 10am-5pm, Parc Eirias, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay. [www.conwy.gov.uk/communitycovenant](http://www.conwy.gov.uk/communitycovenant)

## 7. Newsletters

### a) CVSC News

The Spring 2015 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

## 8. Welsh Government Consultations

<u>Education &amp; Skills</u>	Closing Date
- Proposal for the registration of School Learning Support Workers with the education Workforce Council	1/7/15
<u>Environment &amp; Countryside</u>	
- Changes to the Producer Responsibility regimes for batteries & packing	22/5/15
- Consultation on the Agricultural Advisory Panel for Wales- 2015	19/6/15
- Proposals for the basic payment scheme	23/6/15
<u>Housing &amp; Regeneration</u>	
- Consultation on the regulation of private housing (information periods & fees for registration & licensing) (Wales) Regulations 2015	7/5/15
- Consultation on a private rented Sector Code of Practice for Landlords & Agents	22/5/15
<u>Planning</u>	
- Proposed changes to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations & Local Development orders	18/6/15