

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letters of Thanks****a) The Rosehill Chuckers**

"We at the Rosehill Chuckers are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the Council towards our funds...This grant will enable us to purchase another set of balls & a ramp needed for our disabled players....Once again, please thank the Council for their support & encouragement. Yours sincerely, Mrs.R.E.Jones"

**b) Conwy Whales Swimming Club**

"On behalf of Conwy Whales Swimming Club may I say thank you very much for the grant of £300 which will be used to help fund our Summer gala. The club continues to thrive & we now have 44 swimmers & 30 volunteers. Once again many thanks for your support. Yours sincerely, Angie Board, Chairperson & Head Swimming Teacher."

**c) Urdd Gobaith Cymru**

"Just a brief but sincere note to thank you for your contribution of £250 towards the Urdd Gobaith Cymru National Eisteddfod in Merionethshire 2014. I can assure you that your contribution will be appreciated & it will help create a successful festival. Yours sincerely, Aled Sion, Director of the Eisteddfod & the Arts"

**d) Conwy Orchard**

"Thank you for approving our recent application for funding to continue with Conwy Orchard Community Group – in particular in supporting us with the public liability insurance. It will really make a difference to continue with work parties knowing that the insurance aspects are taken care of. We are also glad of the money for tools, as there is slow attrition of these kinds of equipment with volunteers of different skill levels & the wide range of tasks done in the orchard. Thanks again on behalf of the committee. Morwenna"

**e) Marie Curie Cancer Care**

"Thank you for supporting Marie Curie Cancer Care with your donation of £100. Last year, in your local area, we provided care for 1319 people with cancer & other life-limiting illnesses. Marie Curie Cancer Care relies on voluntary contributions & therefore your donation is incredibly valuable to patients, their families & to us. It makes a difference because it costs:

- £180 to provide a full 9 hour Marie Curie nursing shift
- £20 for 1 hour of Marie Curie nursing care in a patient's home
- £5 for bereavement booklets to support 20 children

There are many ways to continue your support including volunteering, taking part in one of our events or by getting involved in your local Fundraising Group or Marie Curie shop. We would love to chat through the opportunities to help you find something that suits you. You can call (01745 352910) or email us

([nwalesshropshirefundraising@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:nwalesshropshirefundraising@mariecurie.org.uk)) or please visit our website for more information ([www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk)). Thank you again for your support & for the difference you have made. Yours sincerely, Sarah, Victoria & Laura, Community Fundraising Team"

**2. Conwy Seed Fair, 26/3/14**

"The Seed Fair was very successful with over 70 stalls, including many new ones, good weather & large number of visitors. Feedback from visitors & town traders was favourable.  
Expenses

Public liability insurance (Doodson Insurance) £212  
North Wales Events Group membership subscription £30 (leads to reduced insurance)  
Road closed sign £36  
Printing £82

#### Receipts

Conwy Town Council grant £360 (received with thanks)  
Collection from stallholders & visitors in aid of the charity Bees for Development £439

#### Road Closure

Free parking permits for residents were requested but were no longer available. No problems reported

#### Castle Hotel

Email from Peter Lavin "Yes, the day seemed to go well & the weather was kind! As far as I know, we had no problems with access this time"

#### Honey Fair

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September (our 25<sup>th</sup> as organiser). Following the 2013 Fair, a suggestion was made that the 2014 date could be changed to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to give town traders 2 good trading days. A survey of town traders was done by the Chamber of Trade - 25 out of 39 preferred Saturday, 3 preferred Friday & 11 had no preference. We will encourage visitors to stay in Conwy for the weekend. We will ask destination Conwy to market the Honey Fair & Conwy town as a long weekend attraction to boost trade on the Friday. We will work with the town traders & with NW Police to ensure that any traffic concerns are addressed. Many thanks for your continued support. Peter McFadden, Secretary, Conwy Beekeepers Association

### **3. "Conwy Needs You" Website**

<http://conwycivichall.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b22e4c4827ad2e9c7c215f236&id=52ccda64b0&e=ffc2031096>

### **4. Road Closures**

**From Conway Road to the Caravan Park, Ffordd Maelgwn, Llandudno Junction**

7pm to 7am 27/4/14 to 1/5/14 for carriageway resurfacing

### **5. Funding**

#### **a) People's Millions 2014**

The People's Millions is a partnership between Big Lottery Fund & ITV where the public helps to decide which local community projects receive lottery money. The People's Millions 2014 is now open for applications & the deadline is noon on 16/5/14. Through The People's Millions, Big Lottery Fund has £3.8m to fund community projects across the UK. Up to £50k is available for local community base projects. Do you have an inspirational idea that could:

- Breathe life into your community
- Improve the lives of the people who live there

For more information visit [www.peoplesmillions.org.uk](http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk) or call 0845 010 1112

#### **b) Charity Bank**

Charity Bank has announced a major investment of £14.5m from Big Society Capital. This means they are now able to increase the amount they lend to charities & other social sector organisations.

Charity Bank provides loans & support to help charities, social enterprises & other social sector organisations have access to the loan finance they need. It operates within & as part of the social sector. It provides loans from £50k up to £2m & larger loans can be arranged in partnership with other social lenders. Charity Bank understands & is responsive to a whole variety of needs, including:

- Property purchase or refurbishments
- Capital investments
- Short-term bridging loans to support grant funding
- Working capital
- 'Final brick' loans, to start the project when most of the funds have been raised

Flexible loans and specialist support

- The interest rates, size, type and length of loan are tailored to each organisation
- Unsecured loans can be for terms of up to 5 years & where appropriate security is available, we can lend up to 25 years
- Prepayments (all or in part) are permitted at no charge, unless you choose to refinance with another lender in the first 2 years
- Trustee guarantees are not required

Call Charity Bank's loans team now on 01732 774050 for an initial discussion about the suitability of loan finance for your organisation or to apply for a loan. If you apply for a loan, you will be assigned a dedicated relationship manager who will guide you through the whole process of borrowing money. For a FREE consultation with one of Charity Bank's social sector regional loan experts, or for more details visit

[www.charitybank.org/charity-loans](http://www.charitybank.org/charity-loans)

## 6. Courses/Workshops

### a) Digital Lives Workshop

10:30am - 3:30pm, 23/4/14, Conwy Business Centre, Junction Way, Llandudno Junction  
Are you a disabled person? Interested in getting online? Disability Wales invite disabled people to explore the digital world – come & find out how digital technology can enhance independent living:

- Digital story telling – Story at 40
- Skype
- Social media
- Online shopping
- Assistive technology
- Advice/support
- Gadgets & more

Informal discussion – sharing experiences – gain skills. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. The workshop is free.

The current complex system of working-age benefits & Tax Credits is to be replaced by a new benefit called Universal Credit. The process of moving existing claimants to Universal Credit will be done gradually over the next few years. This will have a major impact for disabled people. Being online will not be an option as everyone will be expected to claim via the internet. We are running a Digital Lives project to support disabled people to develop internet skills & get them prepared for Universal Credit. If you are interested please contact [tina.evans@disabilitywales.org](mailto:tina.evans@disabilitywales.org) or 02920 887 325

### b) Adopting Preventative Approaches – The Reality of Shifting Emphasis & Resources

24/4/14, 9am to 1pm, Glasdir, Llanrwst

This seminar is being run by the Wales Audit Office & the Public Service Leadership Group's Effective Services for Vulnerable Groups Programme. Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Local Government and Government Business, will give the keynote speech. The seminar is aimed at public service strategic leaders including Chief Executives, Directors of Finance, Heads of Service and Corporate Services. Welsh public services are increasingly focusing on preventative interventions & policies, offering consideration of the public service as a whole, rather than individual organisations. Prevention & earlier intervention is a key theme of the draft Budget &

investing now to save down the line is a common priority across public services. In practice, making this shift presents significant challenges for public services. This seminar will facilitate honest conversations about the reality of shifting emphasis & resources, drawing on existing good practice case studies from across Wales & the UK. It is also one of the key principles of the proposed Future Generations Bill. Walking away from the Seminar, delegates will have gained further insight & guidance around practical solutions adopted elsewhere to benefit the organisation, staff, & service users. The seminar consists of showcase sessions:

- Presentation by Minister for Local Government and Government Business - Lesley Griffiths AM
- Presentation by Bromford – Paul Taylor - Showcase plenary session

And a choice of attending 2 of the following:

- Workshop by Cardiff Alcohol Treatment Centre – Wayne Parsons and Sean Maidment - Cardiff Alcohol Treatment Centre
- Workshop by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Chris Davies and Rob Quin - Moving from reaction to prevention
- Workshop by Monmouthshire County Council – Nicola Needle and Simon Birch Demand management
- Workshop by Gwynedd Council – Harry Thomas - Demand management

To reserve a place now, please e-mail [sharedlearningevent@wao.gov.uk](mailto:sharedlearningevent@wao.gov.uk) expressing a preference for which of the 2 seminars you would like to attend. The number of delegates will be limited so please consider nominations carefully to maximise your benefit from the conversations at the seminar. As a bilingual organisation, we encourage participants to contribute in Welsh in all our events. In order for us to make arrangements, please state your language preference

**c) Academi Wales Third Sector Training**

- **Mental Toughness** – 24/4/14 or 25/4/14 (morning session), Rhyl  
Learn how to improve your mental toughness & resilience when faced with challenging & difficult circumstances at work & sustain high performance as a leader of others.
- **Building Effective Relationships** – 24/4/14 or 25/4/14 (afternoon session), Rhyl  
Our ability to form & maintain effective relationships at work & home is an essential part of our lives & the foundation for success. We all share a basic desire for positive connection
- **Managing Change Successfully** – 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> July (3 day), Rhyl  
The Academi Wales team have designed & implemented a highly successful change programme developed over the past 18 months to address the development needs of managers & leaders responsible for delivering change inside the Welsh Public Sector.

This training is only for third sector organisations & is free. For more information contact 0800 288 8329 or email [training@wcva.org.uk](mailto:training@wcva.org.uk)

**d) Conwy Valley Business Bootcamp Week**

6/5/14 to 9/5/14, Glasdir, Llanrwst, Free

This action packed week is a must for anyone who wants to grow & develop their business. There really is something for everyone & every business. The idea is that you can attend as many workshops as you want & you can just attend the workshops that will benefit you & your business.

- Demonstrating confidence & expertise to customers
- My personal brand
- It'll all end in tears – understanding workplace games
- Spotting business opportunities & follow-up

- Advance Facebook & Twitter
- Writing effective business copy
- How to improve your social media presence
- Legal surgery
- Getting your website to the top of Google
- Contracts of employment

There will also be a Business Exhibition on 8/5/14. If you would like to exhibit stands are £50. For more information visit <http://www.glasdir.com>

## 7. Events

### a) DangerPoint

Great news for all voluntary sector groups in North Wales – we have received funding to cover the entrance fee to enable you to visit DangerPoint – the indoor activity centre in Talacre, Flintshire. Suitable for all ages, DangerPoint is designed like a film set. You can explore familiar settings like the home, the beach, the countryside, playground, the farm etc. to learn about the risks, spot the dangers & find out how to keep safe while having fun! For further information & to book your visit call 01745 850414 or email [bookings@dangerpoint.org.uk](mailto:bookings@dangerpoint.org.uk) (places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis)

### b) Wildlife Garden Competition

Gardeners in North West Wales could win a £100 prize as part of the Welsh Wildlife Heroes campaign funded by The Co-operative in Wales. In addition, gold, silver & bronze awards will be given to deserving gardens. Judges will look for variety of habitats; hedges, ponds, meadows, borders, nestboxes as well as gardening methods. The competition aims to encourage sustainable use of natural resources such as making compost, using peat-free products, rainwater collection & alternatives to pesticides. Anybody in Gwynedd, Conwy or Anglesey can enter & you don't need to have a perfect garden. Categories include private gardens (large & small), school gardens, community gardens & business gardens & there is £100 to win in each category. Judging will take place in June & there will be a prize giving ceremony at Portmeirion in early July. The Wildlife Garden Competition has run in Gwynedd, Conwy & Anglesey for 10 years & is managed by the Wildlife Gardening Partnership based with the North Wales Wildlife Trust. Welsh Wildlife Heroes is a national campaign run by Wildlife Trusts Wales & funded entirely by the money collected from the single-use carrier bag charge in The Co-operative food stores & pharmacies in Wales. Over £1m will be shared between grass-roots environmental projects across Wales over the next 3 years. The focus of the project is supporting native species & improving habitats for some of Wales' rarest & most endangered wildlife & empowering the people of Wales to become wildlife heroes themselves by taking small steps in their gardens or local communities. People can pledge to feed birds, create a home for wildlife, plant a wildflower garden or dig a pond. The deadline for entries is 2/6/14. For information about the competition & how to enter contact Anna Williams on 01248 360981/07772 280970 or Amy Roberts on 01248 351541 or email [annawilliams@wildlifetrustswales.org](mailto:annawilliams@wildlifetrustswales.org)

### c) Tenovus, Sing with us Llandudno Choir Launch

I am letting you about a new community choir for people affected by cancer, which will be starting at Penrhyn New Hall, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Tenovus started the *Sing with Us* project 2 years ago in Pontypridd & since then the project has gone from strength to strength, with another 12 choirs set up across Wales. The current choirs have gone on to win awards, sing at major venues & events, but more importantly, they have improved the lives of its members who are often dealing with very difficult issues & treatments. We have been extremely fortunate to receive £1m of funding from The Big Lottery capitals to set up a total of 15 choirs across Wales. Our Llandudno choir will be the 3rd of our Tenovus choir in North Wales. Our choirs in Wrexham & Bangor have been so well

received & I am looking forward to bringing the project to Llandudno, Conwy. I would be very grateful if you could perhaps spread the word to your colleagues & family & please think of us when you hear of someone in need of support.

**d) Conwy & Denbighshire Food Poverty Forum**

22/5/14, 9:30am to 12 noon, Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

Find out more about:

- Different service models being used to tackle food poverty in the 2 counties
- The Financial Inclusion Together (FIT) project
- Communities First in Conwy & Denbighshire
- Plus a great networking opportunity with practitioners

To book visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conwy-and-denbighshire-food-povertytodi-bwyd-yng-nghonwysir-ddinbych-tickets-10890129671](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conwy-and-denbighshire-food-povertytodi-bwyd-yng-nghonwysir-ddinbych-tickets-10890129671)

**e) Royal Cambrian Academy of Arts**

- **Ian Phillips RCA & Affordable Art Fair**

Exhibition opens on 12/4/14 at 2:30pm & runs until 10/5/14

- **Digital Art Open 2014**

The RCA first digital exhibition will be an exhibition of 2D digital artwork.

Downloadable forms (poster, rules & application) are now available on

<http://www.rcaconwy.org>. Closing date 3/5/14

**f) St John Day**

24/6/14. Assemble your team & dress as your favourite superhero to raise money for our lifesaving work. If your superpowers aren't quite working, simply dress down for the day. Or why not hold a bake sale or sponsored CPR marathon... the possibilities are endless. And remember, you can be a superhero any time during the week of 24/6/14 & help us to train more young people in first aid & create new superheroes too! We'll also be giving a free first aid kit to any business that raises more than £150.

Our aim is to have a first aider on every street in Wales

For more information visit [www.stjohnwales.co.uk](http://www.stjohnwales.co.uk)

**8. Newsletters**

**Historic Towns Forum**

The April 2014 newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

**9. Welsh Government Consultations**

Education & Skills

- Curriculum for Wales: Phase 1 – revised literacy & numeracy arrangements  
Closing Date 13/6/14
- The Draft Education (Pupil Referral Units)(Management Committees etc.)(Wales) Regulations 2014  
Closing Date 23/6/14

Health & Social Care

- Public Health White Paper  
Closing Date 24/4/14
- Protecting Adults at Risk in Wales – Draft Guidance  
Closing Date 27/6/14

Local Government

- The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (Amendment) Order 2014  
Closing Date 2/5/14

Transport

- Amendment to the Regional Transport Planning (Wales) 2006 & Guidance to Local Transport Authorities – Local Transport Plan 2014  
Closing Date 30/4/14