

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**14th September 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council**

A Special Meeting of the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been arranged for 2/10/15 at 10am. The item for consideration will be the draft Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for the Conwy Local Development Plan (LDP).

2. Letter of Thanks**a) Clwb yr Efail**

"We are in receipt of your generous contribution to assist Clwb yr Efail in Berry Street, Conwy. May we express our sincere gratitude to you & members of the Town Council for your donation to the sum of £1500. I write on behalf of all the members, & those who volunteer their services to keep this vital little Gem available to all who wish to come along. I can only endorse their feelings by adding that every donation is vital to keep the Clwb open, & your contribution is so much appreciated" John Hewitt, Treasurer.

b) A Piece of Cake

"I would like to thank the Mayor & Councillors for having A Piece of Cake again for Civic Sunday. And I would like to sincerely thank you for the gratuity for the staff, it was very much appreciated" Bryn Powell

c) Ysgol Aberconwy

"Thank you for your letter & for the cheque it accompanied. We are extremely grateful to the Town Council for their support of our efforts to maintain 'Bod Silin' as a resource that will benefit young people locally, enhance their education & provide them with a meaningful & potentially life changing experience of our local environment. Diolch yn fawr iawn. Yours sincerely, Mr Ian Gerrard, Headteacher"

d) History of Deganwy Group

"On Behalf of the Members of the History of Deganwy Group, I write to thank you & the members of the Town Council for the very generous contribution towards the History Groups' funds. We have a wide variety of guest speakers who address us each month, each speaker bringing his or her own expertise. We also undertake field trips to places of interest to Group members. Your contribution will enable us to continue to attract speakers of a high standard & thus attract more members to the Group. We have an interesting & varied programme for the remainder of the year as follows:

17/9/15 1st World War Recollections – Pat Chapman

15/10/15 Trefriw Steamers – Richard Clammer

25/10/15 Annual Lunch – Guest Speaker, Trystan Lewis BA, M.Mus

19/11/15 AGM & Kinmel Camp Riots at the end of the 1st World War – Brian Bertola

12/12/15 Open Day, Review of the year's activities with tea & mince pies

We would be delighted to welcome members of the Town Council to any of our meetings.

Once more, many thanks for your generosity. Diolch yn fawr. Yours faithfully,

Ifor P. Williams, Secretary"

3. The Queen's Awards for Enterprise

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the most prestigious business awards, driving growth & innovation, 7 promoting exports. They recognise outstanding achievements by UK companies & could get your businesses noticed, above & beyond the competition. Winning businesses have already enjoyed immediate & long-term benefits from the respected Royal endorsement such as worldwide recognition, increased commercial value, greater press coverage & a boost to staff morale. The closing date for entries is 30/9/15 so start your application today by visiting GOV.UK For tips & advice on completing your entry, take a look at this YouTube video. It will only take a couple of minutes What are you waiting for?

4. Be Tidy this Sept and #DontFeedSimon!

This September, Keep Wales Tidy is asking you to Be involved, Be proud & Be Tidy to help clean up Wales in one of the country's biggest clean-up campaigns! Be Tidy runs throughout the month of September & gives people of all ages the opportunity to volunteer & to get together to help their spruce up their local community. Our special guest for the campaign is Simon the Gull, who reminds people that they need to be responsible with their litter & food waste at all times so that him & his friends aren't blamed for the mess! #DontFeedSimon Registering your very own event is simple! Visit www.keepwalestidy.org/betidy & we'll send you your FREE Be Tidy pack, full of handy tips, contacts, information & freebies to help you organise your Be Tidy event this September. Don't forget to follow the latest Be Tidy news: @Keep_Wales_Tidy using the hashtag #DontFeedSimon He might be a gull... but he's no ordinary gull. Simon is on Twitter! Follow his Be Tidy advice and antics @Simon_Gull You can find all the information about Be Tidy on our website www.keepwalestidy.org/betidy, If you have any questions, you can email betidy@keepwalestidy.org or contact your local KWT Officer (contact details can be found here: www.keepwalestidy.org/contactus) A big thanks and a big good luck with your Be Tidy event(s)! & remember... #DontFeedSimon!

5. Language and Dignity in Care

'Dignity & Language in Care' is a project that involves working with providers of care services in the public sector & the third sector in Conwy. Being able to ensure care services in both Welsh & English is becoming increasingly significant within the Dignity in Care agenda. The aim of the scheme is to work with organisations in order to raise awareness of the linguistic requirements of people receiving care services, encouraging those organisations to change working practices where necessary, when dealing with service users - especially those people who belong to one or more of the 'priority groups'. These groups are recognised as young children, people with learning disabilities & other special needs, people with mental illnesses, & elderly people. A key part of the scheme is to record 'evidence' of the language requirements of users in terms of service provision, as well as collecting examples of good practice. The aim will be to give service users a voice, & to hear their tales. What can Estyn Llaw offer you? Estyn Llaw has specialised staff that can provide you with:

- Advice and support about developing bilingualism
- Research on bilingual matters in the sector
- Bilingual and Welsh medium workshops and training on key issues
- Publicise your volunteering opportunities amongst Welsh speakers. If your organisation would like to:
- Recruit Welsh speaking staff and volunteers
- Expand your services to Welsh speakers
- Increase your Welsh medium skills
- Produce bilingual information and marketing
- Audit Welsh language skills
- Find out about the views of Welsh speaking service users
- Develop a Welsh Language Policy.

We look forward to hearing from you. You can contact us using the details at the end of this email. As Language and Dignity in Care is a project that's part of the Conwy Big Community Voice Project (funded by the Big Lottery Fund), our services are free in Conwy.

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6. British Red Cross – Could You Help Someone in a Crisis?

We are looking for more volunteers in the Denbighshire & Conwy county area to help up refuse to ignore people in crisis. From providing a befriending service to isolated & vulnerable people to easing the transition from hospital to home, our volunteers work hard to help people in North Wales. If you can spare just a few hours please get in touch. 23/9/15, Red Cross House, Abergele. For more information & your invitation register at <https://abergelebrc.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0300 100 1400 or email volunteeringwales@redcross.org.uk

7. Explore Enterprise with the Princes Trust

The Princes Trust is able to deliver the Explore Enterprise course in Conwy. Working closely with Communities First & Affinity, the business arm of CAIS, it will be held in Colwyn Bay, at Affinities premises. Priority for spaces will be given to residents in the Community First areas & Colwyn Bay but the wider Conwy residents will be more than welcome. For the first time we have split the 4 days into 2 weeks. An Information Session regarding the content of the 4

days will be held in Colwyn Bay on the 13/10/15 at 10.00am & will last approximately 1 hour & is designed to allow interested parties to decide if the course will meet their needs. In brief, Explore Enterprise is a pre start course designed to help people decide if Self Employment is right for them. Support in the form of Progression Mentoring is offered to people who do not want to progress to self-employment. For those who wish to 'Explore' their ideas further, there are Test Marketing grants available, low cost loans to support business start up costs and business mentoring for up to 3 years for each person who goes forward to start a business. People who are aged 18 to 30 years, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week or are in education less than 12 hours a week are eligible for this opportunity. We are not able to work with graduates who have been unemployed for less than 6 months after the official end date of their course.

For more information call 0800 842 842 or visit www.prices-trust.org.uk

8. Road Closure

Junction Rose Hill Street to St Michaels Church, Rosemary Lane, Conwy

15/09/2015 to 17/09/2015 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Work

9. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) WCVA training

i) Introduction to e-participation & social media

13 October, Rhyl Explore how to use social media as a tool to engage with service users & communities, & identify opportunities for using e-participation.

ii) New Training Brochure for 2015-16. We're very excited to bring you our new Training & Development brochure with information on all our upcoming courses from September 2015 to July 2016. The 2015/16 learning programme is tailor made for employees & volunteers in the third sector in Wales & designed to help you run your organisation more effectively & develop your skills & knowledge. Ranging from bite-size webinars, & short seminars to full 3-day accredited learning programmes subjects include good governance, measuring & demonstrating impact, marketing & communications, public engagement approaches, finding funding, managing & developing people & projects, & developing your training skills.

iii) Understanding and preparing accounts under the new SORP / Protecting your Charity from risk and fraud

15 October Rhyl. A chance to get your charity on the ball and up-to-date - a double header of seminars aimed at charity trustees delivered by Watts Gregory LLP & Whittingham Riddell Chartered Accounts. Understanding & preparing accounts under the new SORP: The new charity SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) came into effect in summer 2014 & applies to all charities except those that prepare their accounts on a receipts & payments basis. Protecting your charity from risk & fraud: Helping to make you aware of the 'danger signs' & of the sort of controls needed to minimise risks, this seminar will also provide a refresher on good general & financial risk management.

iv) Using the volunteering impact assessment toolkit

20 October, Rhyl. Does your project make a difference? The Volunteering Impact Assessment toolkit helps you to demonstrate the value of your volunteers

b) Business Start Up Workshops held at Conwy Business Centre - September to December 2015

Conwy Enterprise run free Business Start up workshops on behalf of the Welsh Government to encourage & help people who may want to start their own business. The workshops are held at Conwy Business Centre in Llandudno Junction. The Start Up Service is a mixture of workshops & One to One sessions with Business Advisers, it is fully funded by the Welsh Assembly Government & has been instrumental in assisting clients set up their businesses, some of which have become very successful & resulted in increasing employment in the area. We feel it is therefore a very worthwhile & important service & we really do appreciate your help in promoting the service. I thank you in advance for helping us spread the word to the local community. If you require any further brochures or information please contact me on 01492 574555. There are 4 easy ways to book Telephone: 01492 574555 or 03000 6 03000 Email: anturconwyenterprise@conwy.gov.uk

Website: www.business.wales.gov.uk Complete the booking form. We also offer free one to one advice from an experienced business adviser.

10. Events

a) September Mingle Events

Why not come along & Mingle with Sandra Donoghue & myself Lynne Pritchard as we host the first of our September events at The Plough, St. Asaph. Our monthly Mingle events are relaxed & informal, no big sales pitches or pressure, the emphasis is on Mingling, making connections & building relationships. We share ideas, ask questions & share information on what is happening in the business world in North Wales & beyond. Everyone has a story to tell. We encourage & invite speakers to our events so they may share their story with us & inspire our audience. We're proud to present a host of speakers throughout North Wales who'll be sharing their inspirational stories with us throughout the year. The event includes refreshments, a private function room & of course lots of quality Mingling! All monthly events are free for members and £10 for guests.

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mingle-in-flintshire-tickets...>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mingle-in-conwy-tickets-1822...>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mingle-in-chester-tickets-18...>

b) Cerdded Conwy Autumn Walks Programme 2015

September 25, 26, 27, October 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11. You will find the programme here:

www.cerddedconwywalks.org Sian Williams(Secretary) sian.e.wiliams@conwy.gov.uk

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11. Newsletters

a) Business Wales

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

b) NWP Area Planning Board Newsletter

Issue 2 is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

c) CADW All-Wales

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

d) Clerks & Councils Direct

The September 2015 newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

e) Play for Wales

The Autumn 2015 newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

12. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Environment & Countryside

- Charging Guidance to Ofwat (the economic regulator for the water sector) 11/10/15

- Review of the Water Resources (Control of Pollution)(Silage, Slurry & Agricultural Fuel Oil)(Wales) Regulations 2010 20/11/15

Health & Social Care

- Food Hygiene Rating (Promotion of Food Hygiene Ratings)(Wales) Regulations

13/11/15

- Revision of the Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice for Wales

27/11/15

Planning

- Proposed changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development 26/11/15