

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
15th MAY 2017
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Letters of Thanks

- a) Conwy Borough Football Club – Funding for the Purchase of a New Mower
 “Please pass on our thanks to the Town Council for their support which is much appreciated, especially in these times of limited funding access.”
- b) British Heart Foundation Cymru
 “Thank you, Conwy Town Council. You’ve helped save lives by raising £50 to support our groundbreaking research. Simon Gillespie, Chief Executive”
- c) Stroke Association
 “Thank you so much for the welcome donation of £50. We are deeply grateful that you chose to support our work with a kind & thoughtful gift. Donations ensure that we are here to assist stroke survivors to make the best recovery they can & also go towards vital research to develop new treatments & ways of preventing stroke. We believe that together we can conquer stroke, so thank you for your part in helping us to achieve this. Yours sincerely, Nancy Connelly, Support Care Assistant”
- d) Deganwy Prom Day
 “...all the Committee would like to thank Conwy Town Council for their very generous cheque towards Prom Day. We are very grateful for the money as we have a number of payments & we are not sure whether we would have been able to cover them. We are in fact, running the Dash again this year, but when we began our arrangements, it wasn’t going to happen. We look forward to seeing the Mayor & Constable of the Castle & Mayoress about midday. We will meet then at the ‘Green’ at the far end of the Prom. The Prom Day is always popular & it is a wonderful way for charities to make a little money & people to get together in a happy atmosphere, with lots of fun things to do. Thank you again. Vicky Macdonald (Chair)”

2. FundingCash for Youth – Grants of up to £750 Available!

If you live in Conwy, are aged 14 to 25, have some big ideas or exciting plans that will benefit young people & your community, or you work with a group of young people & have an idea for a voluntary project involving them but need some funding assistance then a Cash for Youth Grant may be just what you need. Want to know more? Come along to a drop-in session on 1/7/17 between 1pm - 4pm to have a chat about your ideas & your application at CVSC, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TG For more information please contact our Youth Volunteering Development Officer, Emma Roberts on 01492 523844/534091 or email emmaroberts@cvsc.org.uk
 Closing date: 4pm 7/7/17

3. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferencesa) One Voice Walesi) New Councillor Induction Training

18/5/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold. CH7 1AB. Through the medium of English. £60

24/5/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele. LL22 7BT. Through the medium of English. £60

30/5/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Plas Pentwyn, Castle Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham LL11 3NA. Through the medium of English. £60

31/5/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Canolfan Hen Blas, Stryd Mawr, Y Bala, LL24 1AE. Through the medium of Welsh. £60

1/6/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Yr Institiwt, Allt Pafiliwn, Caernarfon. LL55 1AT Through the medium of Welsh. £60

What town and community councils do; How they serve their communities; The changing world of councils; What makes a good council; Your role as a councillor; Your commitment and the Code of Conduct; Fulfilling your duties and responsibilities; Being the voice of the community

ii) Local Government Finance – Advanced Training

11/5/17, 6:30pm to 9pm, Glasdir, Plas Yn Dre, Llanrwst. LL26 0DF. Through the medium of English. £60

This course is aimed at building on the knowledge gained from attendance at Module 6 – Local Government Finance. It will appeal especially to Chairs, those serving on Finance Committees & to any Councillor who wishes to learn more about the governance & accountability framework in which councils are required to operate. This Module covers the following areas: Governance & Accountability; Roles & Responsibilities; The Annual Governance Statement; The Statement of Accounts; Internal Controls & their Review; Compliance with the Law; The Rights of Electors; Risk Assessment; Internal Audit; Liabilities & Commitments; Trust Funds; Reserves & Provisions; Investments

b) Planning Aid Wales

i) Network Event – Place Plans: Rolling Out the Concept

24/5/17, 11:45am to 4pm, Newtown, £17.50

Learn tools & techniques for Place Plan preparation from emerging guidance

Learn lessons from Town & Community Councils shaping the future of their areas

Learn how Shropshire Council's approach to Place Plans support partnership working with local communities, deliver Local Plan commitments & inform developer contributions

Understand the different roles that Town & Community Councils & local planning authorities can play in the process

Provide information & practical advice to those planning, engaging in or considering the preparation of a Place Plan

For more information please contact the Town Clerk

ii) Free Planning Training

20/6/17, 5:45pm to 9pm, Venue Cymru. A training workshop for Town & Community Councillors. The workshop will focus on planning applications. Planning officers from your local authority will be attending to answer questions. Attending the workshop will help your Council to better understand how planning applications are dealt with & how you can influence decisions. 2 free places are available for each Town & Community Council.

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk

c) DVSC Training Opportunities

25/5/17, Ruthin, 1pm to 4:30pm

Data Protection

14/6/17, Denbigh, 9am to 12:30pm

Principles of Manual Handling

TBC, Ruthin

Minute Taking

TBC, Ruthin

Digital Inclusion: Supporting people to get online, introduction to social media, Google Apps/Tools, using web/Apps to support health & safety

TBC, TBC

Discrimination awareness

All courses £35 for third sector, £50 for private/statutory organisations

For more information, contact: Debbie Neale, Sector Development Officer, DVSC, Canolfan

Naylor Leyland, Well Street, Ruthin. LL15 1AF. 01824 709334/702441,

email: debbien@dvsc.co.uk

d) Introduction to PQASSO

Colwyn Bay: 6/6/17, 10:00am-12:00 noon, Colwyn Bay Cricket Club

Do you want to strengthen governance, better manage risk, deliver better services for users, improve operating practices & better demonstrate outcomes in your third sector organisation?

Then join us at our workshop to find out more about PQASSO. The workshop will also introduce [PQASSO Essentials](#). PQASSO Essentials is a new, simple & straightforward self-assessment tool intended for small third sector groups & organisations. Who should attend? Anyone interested in

developing & supporting strong third sector organisations including trustees, staff, volunteers, funders, commissioners & contract managers. Find out more about PQASSO on [NCVO's website](#). For any questions or to reserve your place please contact Heledd Kirkbride, PQASSO

Wales Officer: heledd.kirkbride@ncvo.org.uk or 07376 602320.

4. Events

a) Refugees: Reflections in Words & Music

7/7/17, 6pm, St.Asaph Cathedral

Speakers, poetry, music & personal stories from refugees (in English & Welsh). Doors open at 6pm for viewing the exhibitions. The main event starts at 7pm. Organised by Amnesty International Colwyn Bay Group (with Youth Group Ysgol Parc Eirias). Free entry, donations welcome. Booking not essential, but to ensure a place contact maggietowse@gmail.com or call 01492 514870. With thanks to the Bishop, Dean & Chapter of St.Asaph Cathedral www.facebook.com/AMNESTYcolwynbay or www.emnesty.org.uk/groups/colwyn-bay

b) Volunteers' Week 1st to 7th June 2017 Celebratory Event

As part of Volunteers' Week celebrations, we are holding a special Awards Evening, kindly supported by Conwy Community Wellbeing Team & Conwy Communities First, to recognise & reward the excellent contribution of volunteers in our communities. Join us from 5.30pm for a prompt 6pm start, on 15/6/17 at Llandudno Junction Community Club, Victoria Drive, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9PG - for a celebration of volunteering achievements, followed by a light buffet! For further information please contact 01492 534091 or email volunteering@cvsc.org.uk. Nominations must be completed by 26/5/17

5. The Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme

The Enterprise Programme aims to support unemployed young people aged between 18 & 30 to work out if self-employment is right for them, help them test their ideas, write plans & start a business or achieve alternative goals in employment, education, training or voluntary work. Wrexham – Information Session 1 17/5/17, Information Session 2 31/5/17, Explore Enterprise Workshop 6th to 9/6/17

Rhyl - Information Session 1 13/6/17, Information Session 2 20/6/17,

Information Session 3 27/6/17, Explore Enterprise Workshop 4th to 7/6/17

As well as taking part in the 4 day workshop & benefiting from 1:1 mentoring & financial support, every young person can now gain a recognised Level 1 & Level 2 Explore Enterprise qualification as they plan their business. The qualifications include units on Personal Progression, Marketing, Market Research & Understanding Money. We can also reimburse public transport costs for travel to the 4 day workshop.

To refer a young person please complete our online referral [form](#) or call us on 0800 842 842. A young person can also apply directly via our '[Get in Touch](#)' page, phoning our freephone number or texting 'CALL ME' to 07983 385 418.

6. Newsletters/Publications

a) RFCAs for Wales

The May 2017 newsletter is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) CVSC News

The May 2017 newsletter is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

c) Clerks & Councils Direct

The May 2017 issue is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

7. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Regulations on sharing student information	31/7/17
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- Revised UK air quality plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide	15/6/17
- Proposed sustainable management measures for the Welsh whelk fishery	14/7/17
<u>Health & Social Services</u>	
- Phase 2 implementation of the Regulation & Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016	25/7/17
<u>Planning</u>	
- Integrated sustainability appraisal scoping report for the National Development Framework	21/7/17