

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**16th March 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****a) Garry Carr- Christmas Eve Fee**

Donation to Blind Veterans UK, Llandudno Centre. "I am writing to say thank you for the generous donation from the Town Council of £50. On behalf of everyone here, please accept our sincere thanks. I have sent a thank you to Mr Carr who kindly put us forward for this donation. I hope your Christmas Event was a success and would love to hear if there is any way in which we could get involved next year". Victoria Beech, Regional Fundraiser

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

The March 2015 Forward Programme can be found at

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

3. Wales Air Ambulance Introduction to new area fundraising coordinator

I am Sandra Dulson contacting you from Wales Air Ambulance as your local area fundraising coordinator. Wales Air Ambulance provides a lifesaving service for the people of Wales that is funded by the People of Wales through charitable donations & fundraising activities. There are many ways money can be raised to support Wales Air Ambulance to continue its lifesaving work including my own which is to create the awareness of Wales Air Ambulance through Informative talks to groups & a short DVD, WAA Merchandise sales, Bucket collecting & providing fundraising support to groups & workplaces wishing to arrange events on our behalf. As you are the Contact for the Community Centre I was hoping you would kindly pass on my contact details & also the WAA info below to the groups that use your facilities to make them aware of my availability for any of the above. They are welcome to contact me for more information & arrange a talk or event. Thank you for your time & help. Sandra Dulson Area Fundraising Coordinator, Wales Air Ambulance, Tel: 07468 161336

Email: SandraDulson@walesairambulance.com

4. Health Watchdog: Maternity Changes

At a meeting held yesterday, the health service watchdog for North Wales questioned health board managers about their decision to temporarily move doctor led maternity care from Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. We asked the health board to explain why its decision to announce these changes was made on such an 'urgent' basis, particularly when it has been clear to the health board that there have been issues raised in independent reports about the service at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd for such a long time. We understand that decisions sometimes need to be made in the interests of patient safety, but we fail to understand why this proposal is being rushed through, without any meaningful discussions & engagement with patients & their families beforehand. The health board should have given the CHC proper notification of such changes as far advance as possible and we will be notifying the Health Minister that in our opinion the health board has not followed Welsh Government guidance in this respect.

Mr Ryall-Harvey went on to say, 'We have seen and heard already, that there are grave concerns about how these changes might affect people. People are already asking many questions about the plans, therefore we are very pleased to learn that the Health Minister has asked that an independent assessment is undertaken of the situation at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd & that he will be looking at the plans very closely'. The Chair of the Health Board has promised that the changes to maternity services at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd will be

temporary & should only last for no more than 18 months. We will be holding the Health Board to account on that promise.'

To let the CHC know your views, please contact the CHC on 01248 679284 or admin@bcchc.org.uk

5. GwirVol wants to know what you think

GwirVol is conducting a consultation looking into our support & communication with young volunteers in Wales & we want to know how we are doing. We have two separate questionnaires, one which we would like young people to complete & a second for organisations to fill in. We want to know about young people's experiences with volunteering, specifically how they are represented. Since GwirVol seeks to be strongly youth-led, the following questionnaires are part of a wider project being undertaken to look at how we can dialog better with young people & our partners as an organisation & to find out how we can best support young people to come forward with suggestions & concerns and crucially get the most out of volunteering. We hope this will help us get an overall picture of the impact of GwirVol on young people & communities' & help us to improve how GwirVol works. All responses in the young person's questionnaire will be treated anonymously unless the young person indicates otherwise. Together with other information, these questionnaires will help us assess our current performance & enable us to put together better aims & objectives over the coming years. Can you please; 1) take a few moments to complete the survey on the link below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GVYRORG15> 2) copy and paste the message below & forward it to any young volunteers & any other young people you're in contact with.

6. Free furniture for community groups

Following a generous donation from a local business, B2C has a number of furniture items available free of charge to community groups in North Wales: Desk with keyboard drawer
Corner desk unit with shelves (Includes 2 drawer cabinet), Desk with 4 built-in drawers
2 drawer filing cabinet (wood), 6 drawer filing cabinet (metal), Shelves, Filing unit with sliding top, Wooden desk with drawers, Wooden desk/table, Table with metal legs. If you would like any of the items, please contact Emma Jones on emmaj@b2cwales.co.uk or 01492 523847. You must be able to collect the items from their respective locations (Rhyl or Prestatyn). Some lifting/dismantling may be required.

7. North Wales Prison & Third Sector

The new North Wales Prison will have a number of opportunities for Third Sector organisations to be involved with prisoners & their families. AVOW in conjunction with Jigsaw & Coleg Cambria are holding an initial meeting on 30/3/15 at 1.30pm (venue to be confirmed). The announcement this week about the management being through HMPS included specific reference to 34% of services being outsourced to the Public, Private & Third Sector. The purpose of the initial meeting will be to highlight the potential links across support services that could be provided to prisoners, families & relatives both behind the gate, families & relatives on the outside & through the gate on release. It is important that organisations come to this meeting to find out & share their own knowledge about operating in an area with a prison & find out from speakers who have experience of operating around & within a prison to share with you their experiences. If you are interested in attending please email kate.davies@avow.org.
<http://www.thejigsawgroup.org.uk/>

8. Funding

BBC Children in Need Funding Surgery

CVSC & DVSC are pleased to announce that a day of pre-booked appointments has been organised in collaboration with BBC Children in Need. The opportunity to access this very popular funding programme is open to voluntary & community groups that work with disadvantaged children & young people. Groups serving Conwy County & Denbighshire will be able to apply for a 30 minute appointment with James Bird, a BBC Children in Need grants officer, to discuss the eligibility & potential of a project proposal. Groups that wish

to apply must be available any time between 10am & 4pm on 20th March 2015 – confirmation of the actual appointment time will be advised to successful applicants by 18th March 2015. There will be a maximum of nine appointments available on the day.

9. Road Closures

a) From Town Ditch to Lancaster Square, High Street, Conwy

9am- 4pm - 26/3/15 - Conwy Seed Fair

b) Junction of Conway Road to St Margaret's Road, Oswald Road rear west, Llandudno Junction

10/03/2015 - BT work

c) Temporary Traffic Regulation - From Underpass to the new roundabout, Conway Road, Llandudno Junction

11am to 4pm - 18/4/15 - Music and theatrical Street Festival - Cyffordd Llandudno Junction Trakz

10. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) 47th Executive Meeting, European Walled Towns

Bergen Op Zoom, The Netherlands, 3-6/6/15. To register for the 47th executive meeting please use cultuur@bergenopzoom.nl RSVP before 1st April 2015

b) WCVA training

i) Using social media to influence policy- 14 April, Rhyl. Find out about the power of social media to influence policy & to get the tools you need to conduct effective social media campaigns.

ii) The Language of Volunteering- 9 July, Llanrwst. This year's Volunteering Conference focuses on 'the language of volunteering'. What does volunteering mean to you? & when is volunteering not volunteering?

c) All Wales Safeguarding Awareness Training

This course is based on the Care Council for Wales 'All Wales Safeguarding Awareness Training', & is an Introductory Level course to Safeguarding Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults. 18/3/15- Colwyn Bay Youth Centre, Douglas Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7PE, 9.30am - 4.30pm. Free- funded by the Conwy & Denbighshire LSCB. Please note that Lunch is not provided

d) Onevoicewales- Latest Training Brochure

The latest Training Brochure is available on the website www.onevoicewales.org.uk

e) Onevoicewales- March training

12/03/2015 The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Caernarfon, LL55 1AT. Module 5 – The Council Meeting – WELSH

19/03/2015 Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB. Module 4 - Understanding the Law

26/03/2015 Bangor Isycoed Village Hall, Overton Road, Wrexham, LL13 0BY Module 8 – Introduction to Community Engagement

f) Park Life Conference

Conference on improving playgrounds, parks and public spaces for children's play. There are only 15 Places Per County so please Book Early to avoid disappointment. 25/3/15, 9.30am to 3.30 all places inc. refreshments, lunch
Please share this with any professional or volunteer you think may be interested.

11. Events

a) Connect Buddies Festival

Free Live music with Live Bands, Dj, BBQ, Pizza & Bar. 30/3/15, 2pm till late. Bodafon Farm
If you would like any further information please contact Conwy Connect on: 01492 536486 or conwy.connect@gmail.com

b) Wildlife Events Conwy 2015

The new 2015 Wildlife Event programme is now available on Conwy County Borough Council's website & events are open for booking. Please go to: www.conwy.gov.uk/wildlifeevents to find out more & explore the wild side of Conwy! You could join us whilst we track wildlife in the woods, spot sea birds clinging to the cliffs of

the Great Orme or scan the sea for signs of porpoises & dolphins. Alternatively, why not take your children pond-dipping or detect bats as dusk falls?

c) Regional Policy Event- Reforming Local Government: Power to the People

The half-day regional event will provide delegates with opportunities to hear from Welsh Government about their intentions for Local Government to consider the implications of the White Paper for the third sector in Wales to help shape WCVA & the CVC's response on behalf of the third sector. In particular, the events will consider the following subjects from the White Paper: • Renewing Democracy • Connecting with Communities • Power to Local Communities • Strengthening the Role of Review. 17/3/15, Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Rhyl, LL18 3EB

d) Wales in Bloom Launch Event 2015

2014 was a very successful year and this year we are pleased to announce the re-introduction of the very popular School Garden Competition, which will run alongside our usual competitions. The North Wales Launch this year is being generously hosted by Llandudno in Bloom & will be held on 20/3/15 at 2pm at: - Sant Sior Primary School Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

e) Walk for Life 2015

In communities, Towns & parks across Wales, hundreds of people will take steps to help care for & support kidney patients & their families. Holding a walk for life really is simple & straight forward, no matter how big or small your walk is, you will be fully supported by Kidney Wales. 26/4/15 To learn more about the Walk for Life contact 02920 343940 or www.kidneywales.com

12. Newsletters

a) Rhuddlan Borough Talking Newspaper- serving the visually impaired

Free weekly digital recording of your local news is available at www.rbtn.org

b) Clerks & Councils Direct

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

c) RFCA for Wales Newsletter

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

d) The Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales

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

e) Business Wales

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

f) The Clerk Magazine-SLCC

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13. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- Proposals to amend existing Powers to tackle waste crime & poor performing sites in the waste management industry	6/5/15
<u>Finance & Law</u>	
- Developing a landfill disposals Tax	19/5/15
<u>Statistics</u>	
- Collection & publication of fire statistics	19/3/15
- Proposed changes to homelessness data collections	1/4/15