

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**22nd June 2015****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. One Voice Wales Larger Councils Conference**

One Voice Wales is holding its third Larger Councils Conference that will include an excellent range of speakers, information on work programmes of relevance to larger councils & workshops on innovative practice being carried out by Councils across Wales – certainly something to whet everyone's appetite! Guest speakers will include the Chair of the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales & representatives from the Independent Remuneration for Wales - Agenda attached. Innovative practice sessions will cover: • Community Asset Transfers • Centre for Young People Scheme • Environmental Schemes • Community Planning. In the afternoon a diverse range of subjects will be addressed via the workshop sessions: • Governance & Accountability • The Well-Being of Future Generations Bill • Making the most of your website. Exhibitors - A range of exhibitors will be there on the day providing details of services relevant to councils. Simultaneous translation from Welsh into English will be provided & there is ample free parking. Please complete the conference registration form & return by post or email, For further information, please contact either Tracy Gilmartin-Ward or Wendi Huggett on 01269 595400 or email admin@onevoicewales.org.uk

2. Get Involved in WCD Young Carers

Do you know anyone who would like to get involved with WCD Young Carers? This could be: You, your family or friends, a teacher, a Social Worker, anyone who is really interested in Young Carers! Ways to get involved could be: Day trips & Overnight trips, regular groups, transport/ driving, fundraising & Raising Awareness of WCD Young Carers & joining meetings to improve WCD YC service. It may also be a specific talent you would like to share! Your time would be unpaid but it would be really valuable to Young Carers, it would be lots of fun & it would look great on your CV! If you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to contact WCD Young Carers by emailing: marie@wcdyc.org.uk or if they would like more information by phoning one of the WCD Service

3. Welsh Government Budget Tour 2015

The Minister of Finance Jane Hutt AM is organising a tour of Wales over the coming months to talk to those directly involved in delivering front line public services. The conversations will help inform the Minister & the Welsh Government when they come to plan next year's budget 2016-17. Quote from the Ministers letter " I intend to hold a further series of meetings between June & September, with staff working on frontline service delivery , to discuss our preparations for a further period of public spending constraint & consideration of our investment priorities in response to the impending 2015 Spending Review" Therefore if you have any comments you wish to make regarding the budget, please let Wendy Jones, Chief Officer, know as soon as possible on wendyjones@cvsc.org.uk who will make sure those comments are forwarded and will also attempt to secure a reply. Kind regards, CVSC Team.

4. Funding**Cash for Youth Grants Available for 2015/2016**

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. Closing date 12pm 30/6/15 For more information please contact our Youth Volunteering Development Officer, Ellen Jones on 01492 534091 or email ellenjones@cvsc.org.uk

5. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) BRICK Heritage Regeneration Workshop

24/6/15 10am-4.30pm, Mostyn Art Gallery, Llandudno, Wales. This exciting day will focus on topics related to regenerating & operating heritage sites as visitor attractions &, more generally, ensuring a sustainable future for our historic buildings & sites. Increase your knowledge of heritage regeneration with sessions on • Sustainable future for built heritage through innovative design • Recruiting & managing project volunteers • Using historic sites as holiday accommodation • Online & digital promotion of your project. Our early bird price is just £19, including lunch & refreshments. Speakers include experts from: • The National Trust • Purcell Architects • Gwrych Castle Preservation Trust • The Prince's Regeneration Trust. Travel bursaries are available for representatives of community groups (max £25 per person, two per organisation). Please apply by emailing us at brickworkshops@princes-regeneration.org. We're excited to be coming to Wales for the second time in our BRICK programme, & we hope that you can join us. Register Visit our website: <http://brick-work.org/> Email us at BRICKworkshops@princes-regeneration.org or call 020 3262 0576

b) One Voice Wales June Trainings

Please find below details of training sessions that are taking place in or around your area, The cost of the training is £35 for members or £45 per person for non-members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place. There is a bursary available to eligible councils – please ask for details. Start time is 6:30pm until 9:00pm.

24/06/2015 Noddfa, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF. Module 6 – Local Government Finance. 25/06/2015 The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Caernarfon. LL55 1AT Module 8 – Introduction to Community Engagement

30/06/2015 Bangor Isycoed Village Hall, Overton Road. Wrexham. LL13 0BY, Module 7 – Health and Safety

c) WCVA Volunteering conference 2015

The language of volunteering, Glasdir, Llanrwst, 9/7/15.

Our annual volunteering conference where we discuss the latest issues & developments in the world of volunteering. If you're a volunteer programme manager, volunteer coordinator, or you promote & support volunteering in some other way, this is the conference for you. We'll have insightful speakers, including Martin Brown, DWP Director for Wales, on Volunteering for employability, & practical workshops such as How to 'sell' volunteering & Writing volunteer-friendly policies.

d) WEN Wales Engagement Workshops:

WEN Wales Engagement Workshops: Welsh Government's Equality Objectives for 2016 – 2020. WEN Wales will be facilitating three workshops to enable women, & organisations that support women's equality in Wales, to have their say on the development of Welsh Government's Equality Objectives. • Should the objectives stay the same, or should they be changed? • Are the priorities still relevant, or should new priorities be included? No previous knowledge of the Strategic Equality Plan will be assumed & there will be plenty of opportunity for discussion & questions. "Equality is about creating a fairer society where diversity is valued & respected, where people do not face discrimination & prejudice & where everyone can participate, flourish & have the opportunity to fulfil their potential." Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities & Tackling Poverty.

These workshops will be held in partnership with a number of organisations, including Chwarae Teg, North Wales Women's Centre & Women Making A Difference.

North Wales Workshop, Thursday 18th June 2pm – 5pm, Theatr Colwyn, Colwyn Bay Please RSVP by visiting our Eventbrite page

e) Train the Trainer course opportunity for Third Sector

This is a fantastic opportunity for an Aged Level 3 Accredited course, delivered by WEA Cymru. Where: CVSC Offices, 8 Riviere's Avenue, Colwyn Bay LL29 7DP When: 10am to 4.30pm over 3 days - 25th, 26th June & 13th July 2015 (lunch & refreshments provided) Cost: £150 CVSC Members, £200 wider voluntary sector, £300 for private & statutory. Non-refundable. Places are limited & allocated on a first come first served basis. Further information will be forwarded shortly, but to secure your place, please send payment/cheque payable to CVSC & remember to let us know of any specific requirements you may have. Tel: 01492 534091 or Email: mail@cvsc.org.uk

f) Grow some Welsh in your organisation

23/6/15 2-4pm Cartrefi Conwy, Cae Eithin, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8LJ. The afternoon will include examples of good practice, service users experiences & a chance to find out more about training opportunities & how to introduce Welsh into your establishment in a natural way. Tea-coffee & cake will be provided. To book a place please contact Ffion Alun on 01745 585120 or ffion.alun@iaith.eu

g) All Wales Safeguarding Training

10/7/15, 19/8/15, 20/10/15 (Facilitated in Welsh) & 10/12/15. These sessions to be held at Bron y Nant, Dinerth Rd, Colwyn Bay LL28 4YN. 23/9/15 & 18/11/15. These sessions to be held at Douglas Rd, Colwyn Bay. 9.30am - 4.30pm TRAINERS: Val Owen & Gwenan Gruffydd, Y Bont TARGET GROUP: Introductory awareness training on safeguarding children & adults. For personnel who work directly or indirectly with children or vulnerable adults, & have done limited, or no previous Child Protection or POVA training. The course is open to staff from external agencies. Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks provided. Parking is limited; please share transport if possible. If you have team members would like to attend this training, please can they complete & return the booking form to social.servicestraining@conwy.gov.uk

6. Events

a) Cerdded Conwy Walks

The volunteer group Cerdded Conwy Walks & Conwy Council have put together the Summer Walks Programme 2015 (Conwy Walking Week), full of walks for you to enjoy! July 1-8 2015, from short health walks to the peaks of Snowdon.

You will find the programme here: www.cerddedconwywalks.org

b) North Wales Bluegrass Festival

2nd - 5th July 2015- Conwy

Hurry up! there's only a few short weeks left to make sure of your Tickets for this year's festival! Camping for the whole weekend is just £5 on top of the ticket price! This year's line-up includes: Hosts: Highly Strung, & from the USA Jeni Hankins & Billy Kemp, The Biggin Hillbillies, Britannia Band, Chris Moreton, The Down County Boys, The Dude Coopers, New Essex Bluegrass Band, Longway, Tom Nechville & Guy Rogers, The Morris Boys, Shake the Roots. The Saturday afternoon Open Mike session is being re-instated by popular demand - be sure to get your name down early if you want to perform! There will also be other spontaneous bands & artists springing up all over the camping field throughout the weekend! ..&... Appalachian Dance Groups Raise the Dust & Mind the Step will be dancing on the Quay & in the Town Square at various times over the weekend. Have a look at the Website for more details.

<http://www.northwalesbluegrass.co.uk/index.html>

7. Newsletters

RFCA for Wales Newsletter

The May/June 2015 newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

8. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Environment & Countryside

- Consultation: A Strategic Framework for Welsh Agriculture

27/8/15

Statistics

- The 2021 Census: Initial View on content for England & Wales- Office for National Statistics Public Consultation

27/8/15