

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**Monday 23rd June 2014****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council – Joint Communities & Customers Overview & Scrutiny Committees**

With the agreement of both Chairs, the meeting of the Joint Communities & Customers Overview & Scrutiny Committees scheduled for 23/7/14 at 2pm has been cancelled & has been re-arranged for 28/8/14 at 10am. This is due to the amount of work that is required to be undertaken in relation to the options for the Area Library for Conwy, Deganwy & Llandudno Junction.

2. Work Shadowing Brokers at your Service!

As part of the ESF funded Making the Connections Project, the Officers Deborah Doig-Evans & Sabina Dunkling have been tasked with facilitating secondments between third sector & public sector organisations. Secondments are often presumed to mean long term paid placements but in this instance it is more about information & skill sharing. It can be done in a number of ways:

- Attachments – a short term attachment to another organisation from between a few days to 3 months to undertake a project, acquire knowledge or find new ways of working.
- Shadowing – accompanying a counterpart in another organisation in their daily activity or for a particular event.
- Secondments – a temporary move for between 3 months and 3 years without affecting employment status.
- Organisational Raids – a group learning exercise enabling senior managers from one organisation to visit another to learn how they manage particular issues.

We are keen to broker opportunities that add real value to both the organisations & the employee. We have been involved in initial discussion with Cartrefi Conwy who have shown an interest in secondments from an attachment/shadowing perspective. They have identified that their areas of interest that their staff would benefit learning more about are mental health provisions & alcohol/substance misuse. In return they can offer learning, information & experience on tenancy management, community engagement work, including with older people, financial inclusion & welfare rights. They also run inspiring projects such as environmental improvement schemes & 'Passion for life', which increases resilience & health older age. This idea is in its early stages but if you would be interested in meeting to explore this idea further please contact - Conwy: Sabina Dunkling 01492 534091
sabinadunkling@cvsc.org.uk

3. North Wales Police**a) Summer Anti Drink Drive Campaign 2014**

The national All Wales Summer Anti Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2014, backed by all 4 Welsh Police Forces, has now begun. The month-long campaign throughout June will see forces increase the pressure & focus on those drivers who drink & drive or drive under the influence of drugs. There will be increased stop checks to catch those breaking the law, reinforce the message & educate drivers.

North Wales Police has a robust strategy around enforcing the 'Fatal 5' offences which are drink & drug driving, dangerous driving including unnecessary risk taking, speeding, failing to wear a seatbelt & using a mobile phone whilst driving.

Anyone with information regarding individuals who are believed to drive whilst over the legal limit or under the influence of drugs, can contact North Wales Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

During the 2013 Summer Campaign a total of 8,281 breath tests were administered with 109 testing positive

There are strict penalties if you are convicted of drink-driving, including:

- A prison sentence of up to 6 months
- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A fine of up to £5,000
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

If you are convicted of causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink you face:

- Up to 14 year in prison
- An unlimited fine
- A minimum 2 year driving ban

Add to these the everyday consequences of being caught, which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

b) National Volunteers Week – Join the team

Being a North Wales Police volunteer helps you to improve your skills & gain new experiences – whether it's on the front line as a Special Constable or Police Support Volunteer. North Wales Police are supporting this year's Volunteers' Week - a national celebration of volunteers & volunteering which takes place from 1st to 7th June each year with the aim of recognising, rewarding & recruiting volunteers. The week celebrates ordinary people doing extraordinary things to help to improve their communities, & highlights the enormous contributions that volunteers make every day. Volunteers make up an important part of the North Wales Police family by playing a vital role in building important links between the police & local communities. The role of the Special Constable is to assist & support the regular force in meeting local policing needs. They are an important part of the police service & have a vital role to play in the future of policing. Special Constables undertake valuable work & form a vital link between the regular force & the local community. Special Constables are volunteers, from all walks of life, who want to do something positive for their communities. With North Wales Police you would be expected to carry out a variety of tasks. Duties could include assisting regulars on patrol, crime prevention work & community liaison projects. Special Constables have the same powers of arrest as a regular Police Officer. C.I Barrasford is keen to enlist the help of members of the public in the fight against crime. As well as urging the public to assist the police, he is keen to encourage people from all walks of life to join the Special Constabulary & the Police's volunteer sector. To find out more about how to join North Wales Police as a Special Constable please visit the Recruitment section of our website (www.north-wales.police.uk) or contact the team on 01492 804699.

To find out what is happening in Volunteers Week where you live, or about volunteering opportunities available, please contact the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (link to www.wcva.org.uk) on 0800 2888 329 or your local volunteer centre via their website www.volunteering-wales.net

4. Road Closures - Gorlan & Pengarth, Conwy

Temporary traffic regulation, 3/7/14 to 6/10/14 for a new connection. Request from Hollinsworth Bros UK

Phase 1 – from outside 76 Pengarth to the junction of Gorlan

Phase 2 – from the junction of Pengarth to mid junction of Llys Sychnant

Phase 3 – from mid junction of Llys Sychnant to the junction of Y Berllan

5. Funding

a) North Wales Police & Community Trust (PACT) Funding Opportunities

The North Wales Police & Community Trust (PACT) was launched in 1998 to support community initiatives, particularly those in which the Police are involved, which aim to improve the quality of life by reducing crime & fear of crime in all the communities of North Wales. PACT encourages applications from community & voluntary groups, in partnership with their Neighbourhood Policing Teams that will have a positive impact in local communities & encourage a safer environment & increased quality of life. Since 1998 PACT has supported wide variety of projects, investing over £1m in communities across North Wales. Our objectives are to invest in projects that:

- Promote an enhanced quality of life through crime prevention initiatives that reduce crime & the fear of crime & protect people & property from criminal activity.
- Promote education of drug & alcohol abuse to reduce crime
- Promote road safety as an integral part of life through training, education & special projects.

PACT encourages local communities to work with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to develop initiatives that address local concerns, & our Trustees are committed to offering financial support to those considered most worthy of support. Like most other funders PACT has to manage its grant-making activities in a proper manner to ensure that funding can make a real contribution to the quality of life in North Wales. PACT is committed to supporting local community projects that meet our objectives and help to have a positive impact. For more information on this funding click on this link

<http://www.pactnorthwales.co.uk/applications-ceisiadau/>

b) Community Development Grant – Grŵp Cynefin

As you may be aware – on 1/4/14 Tai Clwyd and Tai Eryri merged to create Grŵp Cynefin. Previously, Tai Clwyd offered a grant scheme & as Grŵp Cynefin we are still offering it. The Association would like to promote our Community Development Grant which is open all year. It is a grant scheme for groups working within some parts of our operational area of up to £500 aimed at local communities. It is available to voluntary & community groups or to a group of residents who would like to get together to make a difference in the area they live. It is not essential to be a constituted group. We can fund projects that achieve 1 (or more) of the following:

- Improving the area the group lives in
- Organise an event to get the community together
- Getting young people involved
- Play & recreation opportunities for children & young people
- Involving the whole community
- Improving the environment
- Making people feel safer & more secure
- Creating spaces for wildlife
- Improving the wellbeing of the community by encouraging active & healthy life styles
- Involving people of all ages & abilities in the community

There is no closing date for this grant & members of the Grants Committee will meet at least 3 times a year to discuss each application individually. You will be told if you are successful

or not within 12 weeks of returning your application form. You will not be able to apply for more than 1 grant each financial year. We cannot award grants to:

- Companies which aim to profit
- Religious groups or religious activities
- Schools – mainstream activities that should be funded elsewhere
- Individuals

Simply fill in the grant application form & return it to Community Development Team, Grŵp Cynefin, Unit 8 Gweithdai Penllyn, Aran Street, Y Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7SP.

To check whether your group or idea is eligible please feel free to call a member of the Community Development Team who can advise you on your application. Call Mair, Ffion or Buddug on 0300 111 2122.

If any groups approach you who are in operation in the areas that the grant is available we would very much appreciate that you could mention our grant as an opportunity to secure funding for a project.

c) Flexible Support Grant Funding (FSF)

JobCentre Plus in North & Mid Wales is committed to raising awareness of & access to the Flexible Support Grant Funding (FSF). The aim of this funding is to fund local partnership activity to support our priority customer groups & move people towards employment. This event hopes to maximise the success of bids in Conwy & Denbighshire by sharing good practice from other areas & giving people a chance to meet the funder. For more information visit <http://flexiblesupportfund.eventbrite.co.uk>

d) European Structural & Investment Funds 2014-20 – Opportunities for the Third Sector

Free half day event, 10/7/14, Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Should your organisation pursue European funding? That's a question that can be hard to answer if you're put off by the jargon & perceived complexity around European funds. That's why we're holding these events – to make the subject more clear, more inclusive & more user-friendly than you may have found it before. The event will tell you about the pros & cons of running an EU funded project; how projects can promote equality, sustainability & social inclusion, & the opportunities & access routes for the sector under the 2014-20 programmes. But most of all, they aim to make it easier for you to decide if Euro funding is right for you. For more information contact the WCVA on 0800 2888 329 or email help@wcva.org.uk

6. Courses/Workshops

a) Time to Think – Welsh & Mental Health in the Third Sector – A Seminar to Share Good Practice

25/6/14, 9:30am to 1pm, Deganwy Quay Hotel

Speakers to include Time to Change Wales, Aberconwy Mind, The Samaritans, The Third Sector Unit – Welsh Language Commissioner & Estyn Llaw

A chance to:

- Hear from those affected by the provision
- Find out about good practice
- Share experiences

A networking lunch will be provided at the end of the seminar. To book contact

Ffion.alun@iaith.eu

b) “Playing Out in Conwy” – Developing & Managing Play Spaces: A Community Toolkit

Colwyn Leisure Centre, Eirias Park, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 7SP, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, 3/7/14

An invitation from Play-Wales – The national charity for children's play. A training event for local town & community councillors, other services & organisations, involved in the delivery of play services for children, young people & communities. Play Wales have

developed a Community Toolkit that is intended to provide a single source of support & signposting for groups to navigate some of the challenges of managing or developing a play space. During this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to explore the toolkit, how it was developed & the impact it has already had in Anglesey, where it has been piloted. Participants who make the most of this session will:

- Receive an overview of the Community Toolkit – Developing & Managing Play Spaces
- Understand how the toolkit can be used in practical application by those responsible for developing & managing play spaces
- Understand how to use the play value assessment tool & how it links to involving children & young people
- Consider a range of methods for involving children & young people through participation
- Consider how the addition of natural elements & non-specific play equipment increases play value & gives children & young people a greater range of play opportunities
- Consider some of the myths & misunderstandings relating to play spaces especially with regards to risk management & standards
- Consider how all the above relates to the design & management process & getting better value for money

To book contact Millie Boswell, Play Development, CVSC, 8 Riviere's Avenue, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7DP by no later than 27/6/14. This training has been funded by a Welsh Government, Play Sufficiency Assessment Grant, in partnership with CVSC's The Play Development Team

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d) Responsibilities When Employing People Policy

25/6/14, Rhyl

A seminar on the employer- employee relationship. For more information contact WCVA on 0800 2888 329 or email help@wcva.org.uk

7. Events

a) LIGHTS OUT

LIGHTS OUT is a UK-wide shared moment of reflection, taking place on 4/8/14, 100 years since the outbreak of World War 1. Over half of the UK's local authorities have responded with very generous offers of support & some very interesting, creative & poignant ideas for LIGHTS OUT participation. At this stage, we have already gathered a great deal of support from larger organisations & buildings, & now is the time to disseminate the LIGHTS OUT invitation more widely to invite a broader base of participants who may wish to organise LIGHTS OUT events on 4/8/14. You can download details at the following link:- <http://www.1418now.org.uk/lights-out-community->

[engagement/](#) If you have any questions about taking part in LIGHTS OUT, please contact emma@vcsmanagement.com

b) Conwy Valley Line – Reduction of Train Fares Offer

Arriva Trains Wales has cut back its fares by up to 21% for local journeys in the Conwy Valley over the summer period. The special “pricebuster” promotion applies to local journeys , both single & day return tickets for travel between any 2 stations in the Conwy Valley until the 13/9/14. Tickets can be bought from on-board from the conductor or from the nearest ticket office.

8. Newsletters

a) Historic Towns Forum

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

b) Disability Resource Centre

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

9. Welsh Government Consultations

Business & Economy

Superfast Cymru Infill

Closing Date 3/7/14

The Ireland Wales Cooperation Programme 2014-20

Closing Date 31/7/14

Education & Skills

Capability of headteachers – guidance for schools

Closing Date 21/7/14

Environment & Countryside

Draft fly-tipping strategy

Closing Date 29/8/14

Agricultural Waste Call for Evidence

Closing Date 4/9/14

Health & Social Care

Residential placements for adults: draft regulations & guidance on cross-border placements, dispute resolution & business failure

Closing Date 19/8/14