

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**24th OCTOBER 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council****a) Forward Work Programme**

The October 2016 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=581&LLL=0>

2. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

What a fantastic week Llangollen 2016 turned out to be! With reasonable weather and visitors witnessing some of the best competitive groups for some years, it was an International Eisteddfod that showcased Wales as a warm, friendly & welcoming country to visit. The week began with the sensational performance of 'Carmen' by Kate Aldrich, whose expertise as the leading lady brought such wealth to the performance. We were extremely lucky to get Kate at the last minute as a replacement after Katherine Jenkins was forced to withdraw from the concert due to ill health. As they say 'the show must go on' and it most certainly did, with both Kate & local favourite Noah Stewart giving the audience a night they will treasure forever. Other highlights from the week included the Phizz-whizzing Big Friendly Concert in celebration of the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth. Many visitors enjoyed the 70th Classical Gala Concert starring Bryn Terfel & Joseph Calleja that much they never wanted the night to end! Staging an internationally renowned Festival is a financially challenging task & we are grateful for all the support that the Local Authorities, Town & Community Councils continue to give us during these times of cuts. As you can see from an insight into Llangollen 2016 that I have shared with you above, Llangollen really does benefit the whole of Wales & we know that you share that ideal. We would like to respectfully ask the Local Authorities, Town & Community Councils who support us to continue & with this funding help to keep Wales on the world Festival map. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Dr Rhys Davies, Chairman.

3. One Voice Wales - National Conference report

Cabinet Secretary proposes very positive developments for the Community & Town Council Sector in Wales. One Voice Wales held another successful National Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground on 1/10/16 with 170 delegates present, 16 supplier companies exhibiting & three great presentations from Mark Drakeford AM the Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government, Stephen Mulholland & Julie May of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) & Peter Davies CBE, Chair of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). One Voice Wales will be working with the IRPW in the months ahead supporting their consultations with the local council sector & with the WCVA on closer partnership working between local councils & the Third Sector. In his keynote address to Conference Mark Drakeford AM Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government set out the challenges facing local government brought about by the current financial climate. He sent out a very positive message that community & town councils had a very important role to play in the future of public services provision & proposed an initial eight point action plan for the local council sector in Wales. The eight proposals to build resilience & renewal in community & town councils are set out below:

1. Produce a toolkit to support community councils in working through what is required in taking on new services & assets, building on experiences of the key ingredients
2. Press ahead with legislating for the General Power of Competence, shaped by the suggestions made in response to the previous Government's consultation, for innovative ambitious councils looking for more freedom to serve their communities.
3. Re-energise ties between community councils & local authorities & provide a platform to share the good examples across Wales, bringing the new cadre of county & community councillors together after the Local Government elections next year at a conference

focused on strengthening these key relationships 4. Facilitate the creation of clusters of smaller community councils, making some modest funding available to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements. 5. Legislate to make it an obligation on councils to consider and plan for their training needs & review it regularly. 6. Ensure citizens are kept informed & have the right to make representations on any business conducted at a council meeting. Learn from where this is done well & look for a legislative opportunity to strengthen current provisions. 7. Commission the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission to draw up guidelines for local authorities to secure consistency in the manner in which community reviews are conducted. 8. Support community councils to raise awareness & encourage participation in community council elections & to increase diversity, with an initial focus on the elections in 2017 One Voice Wales will be working with the Cabinet Secretary, Welsh Government & stakeholder organisations in taking forward these proposals.

4. Consultation on policing priorities

Consultation on policing priorities – delivering a policing service for the whole of North Wales. The Police & Crime Plan will set the objectives & strategic direction for North Wales Police during my period in office as Police & Crime Commissioner. I meet with several individuals & organisations on a day to day basis & I do listen to their concerns & how we can improve the policing service. Between 17/10/16 & 16/12/16 I will be collecting your views on policing priorities which will help me prepare the Police & Crime Plan. I will be holding a range of public events across North Wales, the details of which can be found on our ‘public meetings’ webpage or you can of course contact my office by phoning 01492 805486. The Chief Constable &/or Deputy Chief Constable will also be in attendance at some of these events. There is also a short online survey you can complete to let me know what you think, it should only take you a few minutes to complete. Your views are invaluable to me to ensure that we have a policing service in this area that reflects the needs of the people of North Wales.

5. National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

The Welsh Government wants a better informed, longer-term strategy of investment in infrastructure which enshrines the principles of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act. We also wish to enable more efficient development of specific projects & enhance our ability to achieve value for money for public sector investment. That is why we have made the commitment to establish a National Infrastructure Commission for Wales to provide us with independent & expert advice on strategic infrastructure needs & priorities. The Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, is today launching a public consultation that invites stakeholder views on how the commission could be set up & run. The consultation period will close on 9/1/17. The consultation is available on the internet at: <https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/national-infrastructure-commission-wales>

6. Road Closure

a) Junction Mill Hill, Hendre Road, Conwy

26/10/2016 to 28/10/2016 – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water works

b) Notification for a road closure on Ffrith Road, Bryn Pydew commencing 17/10/16

Notice is given that the Conwy County Borough Council has made an Order, the effect of which will be to prohibit any person from causing any vehicle to proceed in that length of Ffrith Road Bryn Pydew from its junction with Pydew Road to outside Blodfryn. The Order is necessary to facilitate electrical works. Emergency access will be maintained at all times. The alternative route will be Skerryvore Road to Pydew Road & vice versa. The Order comes into effect on 17/10/16. It is anticipated that the road will be closed for a period of 4 days, or until the works which it is proposed to carry out has been completed, subject to a maximum period of 7 days.

c) Junction Conway Road to Junction Nant Y Glyn, Marl Drive, Llandudno Junction

05/12/2016 to 16/12/2016 - Carriageway Resurfacing

d) Bangor Road & Church St, Conwy

13/11/2016 11am – 11:30 – Remembrance Service Parade

e) Junction Castle Street to Junction Bangor Road, High Street, Conwy

09/11/2016 8pm – 12pm – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Works

f) One way traffic system from Sychnant Pass Road Entrance, Mount Pleasant, Conwy

29/11/2016 to 02/12/2016 – BT work

g) Junction Bryn Hyfryd Park to Junction Wind Street, Sychnant Pass Road, Conwy

02/12/2016 to 16/12/2016 – BT work

h) Junction Walton Crescent to Junction Nant Y Coed, Ronald Avenue, Llandudno Junction

25/10/2016 8am – 5pm - Electric work

i) at the level crossing, Marine Crescent, Deganwy

06/02/2017 8am – 3pm – Maintenance work

j) Junction Gwaun Y Wylan to Junction before cattle grid, Morfa Drive, Conwy

28/10/2016 – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water works

7. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) CVSC training – Introduction to online fundraising

1/11/16 & 29/11/16 9.30am to 1pm, St Asaph Youth Centre, next to Glan Clwyd School, Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph, LL17 ORP. 2 free workshops for local voluntary groups & charities in Conwy & Denbighshire. For more info & booking contact Emma Jones emma@localgiving.org 07808 889671

b) CVSC Trustees Week

The focus of this year's Trustees' Week is good governance & what makes effective leaders. As part of Trustees' Week, join us for tea & cake & to find out more about how trustees can ensure their Board is fit for purpose. You will be introduced to PQASSO, with the focus on how you can use the governance quality area in particular to review how your Board works. Using PQASSO will improve how your Board operates, how you recruit the right people for trustees' roles & how you ensure that Board meetings & other activities are effective. This FREE workshop is primarily aimed at trustees of small, medium or large voluntary & community organisations & social businesses, whether they have paid staff or volunteers or both. It will also be useful for chief executives who know that governance needs to be reviewed or believe that the Board could be supported to become more effective. Limited places are available! Booking essential – please telephone CVSC on 01492 534091 or email mail@cvsc.org.uk remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have. 7/11/16 – 5.30pm-8pm 5:30pm for tea & cake. The workshop will start promptly at 6pm. Station Court, 41 – 43 Station Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 8BP

c) One Voice Wales training

Please find below details of training sessions that are taking place in or around your area, please bring this to the attention of your council. The cost of the training is £35 for members or £45 per person for non members. Start time is 6:30pm until 9:00pm.

08/11/2016 - Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, LL22 7BT
Module 8 - Introduction to Community Engagement. 10/11/2016 - Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB, Module 17 - Making Effective Grant Applications.

15/11/2015 - Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre, 2nd Avenue, Gwersyllt, Wrexham, LL11 4ED, Module 4 - Understanding The Law. 15/11/2016, Noddfa, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF, Module 9 - Code of Conduct. 24/11/2016, The Institute, Pavilion Hill, Caernarfon, LL55 1AT, Module 1 - The Council (Welsh). 30/11/2016, Canolfan Hen Blas High Street, Bala, LL24 1AE, Module 4 - Understanding the Law (Welsh). 01/12/2016, Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB Module 16 - Use of IT, Websites & Social Media

8. Events

a) One Voice Wales - North Wales event - Meaningful change

A one-day event to explore co-production & its approaches in North Wales 11/11/16

Glasdir, Llanrwst. In a challenging economic climate for public services, we need to think

differently about how we support communities & strengthen the capacity of voluntary sector organisations. Co-Production is a proven & successful approach that places people at the heart of public service design & implementation. Join Wales Council for Voluntary Action (<http://wordpress.us6.list>) The final programme will include workshops in relation to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, the growth of the Co-Production Network in North Wales & the use of Spice Time Credits as a tool for citizen engagement. This free event will bring together professionals from health, social care, local government, education, tackling poverty, substance misuse & older people's services, as well as third sector organisations, activists & co-production practitioners. Spaces for the event will be limited, so register your interest in a place here

<mailto:admin@justaddspice.org?subject=Meaningful%20Change%3A%20I%20want%20a%20place>

b) Open Art Exhibition

- i) The Open Art Exhibition will be taking place from 7/1/17 to 4/2/17, any artist aged over 16 may submit up to 2 works for consideration. Forms, rules & guidelines are available by emailing us at admin@rcaconwy.org or call 01492 593413. Submission dates 1st & 2nd/12/16
- ii) "By Invitation" Curated by Jeremy Yates PRCA & Peter Archer RCA at the Royal Cambrian Academy. 22/10/16 at 2pm

c) Plunkett Foundation Open Door Events in Wales

The Plunkett Foundation is offering an Open Doors event taking place in Wales during October & November, & we would like to extend an invitation to you & your team to join us. These events will be hosted by existing community co-operatives & will showcase to members of the public & community organisations the benefits a community run enterprise can bring to a rural community & how it can improve the lives of those who live there, 13/11/16 – Pwllglas Community Shop, Ruthin.

9. Newsletters

a) RFCA for Wales

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

b) WCVA Learning Opportunities Bulletin

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

c) Community Energy Wales

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

10. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
Transport	
- National Infrastructure Commission for Wales	09/01/17