

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**20th JUNE 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of thanks**

Retired Town Clerk of Denbigh "Received the retirement card from Conwy town council last night. What a pleasant surprise. The card was very much appreciated. Please thank the councillors for the card and their good wishes" M. Jones

2. Sustainable income generation in coastal areas

On behalf of Welsh Government, the Big Lottery Fund are currently carrying out consultation to identify business & infrastructure needs in coastal areas of Wales. We would like to hear from a range of people, including entrepreneurs, business owners, third sector organisations, Local Authorities to name just a few. So if you have an idea that might create sustainable income generation in coastal areas or improve the lives of those living along the coast, we would love to hear from you. We would be most grateful if you could not only complete the following survey, but also circulate it with your networks. Click here to complete the survey <http://dmtrk.net/t/UH9-499JY-KJTSNI-24KBPB-1/c.aspx>

3. National Plant Monitoring Scheme

The second season of the National Plant Monitoring Scheme is well underway with volunteers up & down the country going out to visit their squares. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to promote the NPMS in 2015, this has resulted in the recruitment of over 1100 volunteers. We thought you might be interested to see what your hard work has helped us achieve. Follow the link to see the results from 2015 and the projects plans for the year ahead. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/dff607ff-4243-4b5d-a845-04071fcedfc7> There are still lots of squares available for surveying so we would be hugely grateful if you can use your communication channels to promote the scheme again using either the newsletter (above) or the NPMS flyer (<http://www.npms.org.uk/sites/www.npms.org.uk/files/PDF/NPMS%20flyer.pdf>). The live map on the NPMS website shows the squares that are available:

http://www.npms.org.uk/square-near-me-public?dynamic-return_all_squares=true

We particularly need to promote the scheme in remote areas as well as areas containing coastal & upland habitats. This scheme is a partnership between Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland (BSBI); JNCC; Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) & Plantlife & is backed by the government. The scheme will recruit & support volunteers to survey 5 plots in a kilometre square close to where they live. The plots will be surveyed twice a year. The kilometre squares to monitor have been identified by stratified random sampling. The plants have been chosen as indicators of the health of individual habitats. There are 3 levels volunteers can participate at depending on confidence & knowledge & support will be provided both through training; web & telephone. Once again thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions then please do get in touch. Hayley New NPMS Volunteer Coordinator, 01722 342743, support@npms.org.uk

4. Throw a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie

I am writing to you from the North Wales Marie Curie Fundraising Office to ask if you can help us to promote our upcoming Blooming Great Tea Party season. Marie Curie is calling on people to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party between 20-29 June & support the charity which provides care & support for people living with a terminal illness. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the poster please make contact with me here in the Fundraising Office on 01745 352 910 or by responding to this email. Throw a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie. Like baking the perfect cake, hosting a Blooming Great Tea Party is all about the right ingredients – nice cuppas & naughty cakes, old friends & new faces, bad jokes & good conversation. It's all about having a blooming great time while raising money for a blooming great cause. You can get your free fundraising pack at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty with bunting, invitations, posters, quiz questions & recipes to download. Marie Curie provides free hands on nursing care to patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in their own homes as well as vital emotional support for

their families & carers. In North Wales last year, 58 Marie Curie nurses provided care to 1,179 terminally ill people in their homes, usually overnight. £20 pays for a Marie Curie Nurse to look after someone with a terminal illness for an hour in the comfort of their own homes; £180 will pay for a full nine-hour shift. Any help you are able to give us at this time is greatly appreciated. Rosemary Williams, Community Fundraiser, Marie Curie Care & support through terminal illness Email – Rose.Williams@mariecurie.org.uk Tel - 01745 352 910

5. Local voices needed for NHS Watchdog

Do you have an interest in your local NHS? Do you want to improve local health services in your area? Do you have 3-5 days free per month to become a volunteer member? If you answered YES, then why not apply to become a volunteer member of a Community Health Council (CHC) in Wales? CHCs have an important role in representing the interests of patients & the public in the way National Health Services are planned & delivered locally. Whilst CHC members are volunteers; they deliver an important service that makes a real difference to patients & the public. Members spend time visiting & talking to patients & carers about what works well & getting a really good understanding of the things that people would like to see improved. They also invest their time engaging with the public, including particular groups & communities to see how NHS services should be developed for the future. If you have an interest in putting the patient voice at the centre of local health services the CHC would like to hear from you. In exchange for a few days of your time each month, membership provides a fantastic chance to make a difference for local people as well as gaining new skills and knowledge. So, for anyone who enjoys working with others, talking to people of all ages & backgrounds & working with professionals to bring about improvements – CHC membership could be a challenge worth taking. You don't need any particular skills or experience – just a genuine interest in health services in your community. Training & support will be provided any 'out of pocket' expenses will be reimbursed. Vacancies for CHC members across Wales will be advertised at www.gov.wales/publicappointments on the 26 May 2016 until 13 June 2016 (interviews will take place week commencing 4 July 2016). If you require further information on how to apply, please contact the Shared Service Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 / sharedservicehelpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk A large print, Braille or audio version of this advert can be obtained by request from 029 2082 5454.

6. Age Cymru

Age Cymru Advice has re-launched their national advice line service. This free, impartial & confidential service provides expert information & advice on matters effecting the over 50's in wales. We are contactable between 9am & 5pm, Monday – Friday (excluding bank holidays) via a bilingual free phone number: 08000223444 or by email advice@agecymru.org.uk We also accept letters at Age Cymru, Tŷ John Pathy, 13/14 Neptune Court, Vanguard way, Cardiff, CF24 5PJ. www.agecymru.org.uk/advice

7. Big Lottery Fund Consultation

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8. CVSC seeks new Trustees

Do you want to make a real difference to the 3rd Sector in Conwy? Join Team CVSC! We're looking for Trustees to fill vacancies on our board. The Board meets 4 times per annum & all expenses are covered. For an informal chat or more information please contact Chief Officer Wendy Jones, or Chair Maggie Kelly. More info attached, or see: <http://cvsc.org.uk/en/cvsc-seeks-new-trustees/>

9. Road Closure

a) Ffordd Maelgwn Level crossing, Ffordd Maelgwn, Llandudno Junction

10/08/2016 & 12/08/2016 9.25pm – 5.20am - Railway Maintenance Work

b) Junction Rose Hill Street to Junction Upper Gate Street, Rosemary Lane, Conwy

18/07/2016 to 21/07/2016 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water works

10. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) WCVA training

Communicating causes: Strategic Campaign Communications

Aims- Strategic communications are central to the success of modern charities, voluntary groups and campaigns. Delivering integrated and effective campaigns using social media, websites, email and print publications is now as essential as gaining traditional media coverage. Content- This one day course will guide you step-by-step through developing a communications strategy. Covering everything from setting goals to evaluation, and with many practical tips along the way, this strategic approach means your communications will have the impact they need. This course is for those who are currently responsible for communications within their organisation, or would like to develop these skills. To book a place please visit www.wcva.org.uk/training

Full cost recovery 12 July, Wrexham

Full Cost Recovery (FCR) is a method of cost allocation which ensures all overheads are included in your budgets when you apply for project funding or bid for services. Failure to properly fund overheads can lead to instability, poor service delivery as well as jeopardising the sustainability of your organisation.

This half day workshop will equip participants with an understanding of full cost recovery as well as introducing the different tools and techniques needed to identify and analyse their organisations' full costs for a specific project.

Financial Policies

12 July, Wrexham. Are your policies thorough, robust and appropriate? Our new course reviews good practice and considers the effects of recent legislation.

b) Go North Wales Conference 20/06/16.

This event will bring together market leaders, tourism businesses and the captains of our industry from across Wales. Liverpool Conference Centre, Kings Dock, Liverpool (Cost to members £65 & non-members £75 + VAT & includes exhibit space for Monday). Register here

20/06/16 Ready Foods (part of the Meadow Vale Group) 'Meet the Buyer' sitting alongside the Go North Wales Conference. There are only 5 spaces remaining (19/5/2016), it is recommended that those that attend are able to supply buyers by the pallet or container, taster samples are allowed. (Cost for this opportunity is £270 + VAT). <http://www.sbarc.net/ifb2016/>

c) One Voice Wales Training

The Council as an Employer – The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Caernarfon, LL55 1AT on 30/06/16, 6.30-9pm. The training will be conducted through the medium of Welsh.

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. If you or your councillors are interested in attending the training, please email: wendi.huggett@onevoicewales.org.uk URGENTLY with the name, email address & telephone number of each person wishing to attend.

11. Events

a) Cerdded Conwy Walks

As a keen walker you may be interested to know of a day of guided walks on 25th June at Capel Curig. These are being organised by Caffi Siabod as part of its 'Reach Out for Nepal' event which is raising funds to help rebuild a school devastated in the earthquakes in Nepal last year.

Walks vary in length from 2 to 15 miles and will be running throughout the day; some will be led by Walk Leaders from Cerdded Conwy Walks. Details of the walks and how to book can be found by clicking on the 'Nepal Charity Blog' tab at www.moelsiabodcafe.co.uk

b) Go North Wales Show

19-20/06/16, Liverpool Conference Centre, Kings Dock, Liverpool . Sunday 19th June:

Show me Wales exhibition, sitting alongside the Great British Showcase. Your invite to exhibit at THE most exciting & family targeted tourism & leisure show for North Wales. (Cost from £180 + VAT) Sunday 19 June: Launch of The Welsh Market will take place at the Show me Wales event at Liverpool Exhibition Centre. (Cost of this space from £45 + VAT). Open to Welsh Producers only. <http://www.sbarc.net/ifb2016/>

c) Battle of the Somme- Vigil

Battle of the Somme 1st July 1916 – November 1916, Vigil - All Saints Church, Deganwy, 30/06/16 7pm & 01/07/16 7.15am

d) Fun Palace

A Fun Palace is a free, local event using arts & science to celebrate each unique community & the skills & interests of those who live there. Come to a free information workshop & find out how anyone, everywhere can make a Fun Palace. Last year there were 142 Fun Palaces across the country with 2079 people involved in making them & over 50,000 people participating. People gathered to make & share arts, sciences, learning, games & have FUN - this workshop is your chance to find out more about how to get involved & join the campaign for culture in the heart of our communities. You don't need to be an expert in anything to make a Fun Palace - you just need to want to make something happen (however tiny) with and for the people that live around you.

Are you intrigued to find out more, interested to meet other people who might want to get involved; got some ideas you would like to share, some queries about how it works? Then come along to this conversation event & see what you think. You can find out more on our website: funpalaces.co.uk/ Or watch this four-minute video to find out what happened at Fun Palaces 2015: Any questions? Prefer to book by phone? Get in touch! E-mail hannah@funpalaces.co.uk or ring 0208 692 4446 ext. 203 & leave a message Saturday 18th June, 2-5pm ARCADIA Room, Venue Cymru, Llandudno Free, but please book your place here as space is limited: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fun-palaces-workshop-2016-llandudno-tickets-25408229699>

e) Connect Buddies Festival 2016

Connect Buddies is a service which is available to people with a learning disability who live in Conwy County, they are holding a Live Music family event, £5 on the day. Bodafon Farm, Llandudno. Contact Catherine Pickering 01492 536486 cathpickering@gmail.com

f) North Wales Prison Information Event

We are holding an event at Conwy Golf Club on 21/6/16 from 7-9pm where Russ Trent, the governor of HMP Berwyn & members of his SMT will give an update on the progress so far. The prison will open in 2/2017 and will house 2,106 men, serving as a resettlement prison for men from North Wales. We would be delighted if you send a representative of the community council to attend this event. We have also invited representatives from organisations such as the WI & Rotary & the voluntary sector & we hope that it will stimulate a good conversation about the prison & what we hope to achieve. This is an invite only event & you can register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/berwyn-community-engagement-conwy-21-june-tickets-25646475298> The password is [Berwyn2106](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/berwyn-community-engagement-conwy-21-june-tickets-25646475298). Please don't hesitate to email if you have any questions. On behalf of the North Wales Prison Programme Board 07894490421

g) Formal launch of Dewis Cymru

Formal launch of Dewis Cymru will take place on 30/6/16 at the annual Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru conference in Llandudno. As part of the work to promote its use, we've been setting up a Twitter account in order to spread the word about Dewis Cymru. I'm pleased to say that this is now active, & we'd be really pleased if you would 'follow' us to help get the message to as wide an audience as possible. We'll be using this account to post a series of notices over the next few weeks designed to attract people to visit the site, so it's in all of our interests to spread the news about Dewis Cymru far and wide. You'll find the Dewis Twitter page at www.twitter.com/dewiswales We will also be establishing a Facebook presence over the coming weeks.

h) Public talk on breast cancer 'The Angelina Jolie Effect'

The Wales Gene Park (www.walesgenepark.cardiff.ac.uk), with Cancer Research UK, is holding a free public event 'The Angelina Jolie Effect', about breast cancer in families, on 30/6/16 at 6pm, Catrin Finch Centre, Glyndwr University, Wrexham. The event is free to attend but booking is required via Eventbrite: <http://ow.ly/4nchgu>

i) Cerdded Conwy Walks

The volunteer group Cerdded Conwy Walks have put together the Summer Walks Programme 2016, full of walks for you to enjoy! You will find the programme here: www.cerddedconwywalks.org

12. Newsletters

a) Art UK newsletter

The 8th edition can be found on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) CVSC funding newsletter

The latest edition can be found on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

c) RFCA for Wales Newsletter

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d) Business Wales

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