

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
27th April 2015
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Conwy County Borough Council

a) Forward Work Programme

The May 2015 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=548&LLL=0>

2. Letters of thanks

a) Classical Music Festival

"Please would you pass on to the members of the Council my sincere thanks for once again supporting the Classical Music Festival so generously this year. I am grateful for this vote of confidence in the Festival. With all good wishes Chris Roberts"

b) North Wales Bluegrass Festival

"I am writing on behalf of the North Wales Bluegrass Committee to thank Conwy Town Council for its generous grant of £1500. We are very grateful for the continued support for this year's festival, our 21st in the beautiful town of Conwy. Due to the festival's continued popularity, it will formally commence on Thursday 2nd July, making it a 4 day event, thereby lengthening the amount of time that our visitors spend in and around Conwy. Kind regards, yours sincerely, Gill Williams"

3. CCTV Thank you letter

"I am writing to update everyone following our CCTV Presentation in July 2014 to the TC Forum, during which we gave information on the CCTV service currently provided, benefits & costs. This presentation & subsequent visits to individual Town & Community Councils was well received, & we would like to thank everyone who invited us along & allowed us to make our suggestion for standardising future CCTV contributions from Town Councils. I would like to thank all those Town Councils who have contributed. Your contributions will help maintain the current service this year in your area. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Emma Dowell, CCTV Manager, with any enquiries you may have. Kind regards Peter Brown, Head of Regulatory & Housing Services"

"We managed to raise a grand total of £22,546 for this financial year which was just short of our target. Kind regards, Emma Dowell"

4. Conwy Community Facilities

CVSC is once again delighted to have worked in partnership with CCBC, Community Development Service in the updating & revising of village & church hall, community centre & wider Community Facilities information in the county. We can be very proud of the many wonderful facilities we have in the county & this piece of work is important for a number of reasons. It maps provision across the county – the who's who & the all-important booking clerk, promotes local services & amenities in our local communities, provides income generation for our local communities. With an increasing interest in healthier lifestyles & increasing demand for access to meeting rooms, this information resource is of huge value. For the first time the information is wholly available online – complemented by a promotional leaflet complete with QR code to allow mobile phones to hone in straight away to the information. So - are you looking to hire a local facility for a meeting, community activity, or maybe even a party? If yes, look no further than our brand new online directory! Featuring the same detail as the previous paper brochure but with the added benefit of real-time information, your new online community facilities brochure contains the details of over 80 facilities, so you'll be sure to find a suitable venue for whatever event you are looking to host.

Each facility has been sectioned according to location, so to find your venue click here

Not found your facility? Do you have a community facility that you would like to see included in this section? Or perhaps you manage a facility already included, & would like to make an update to your existing entry? For enquiries of this nature please contact: Jan Smith, Senior Development Officer, Community & Voluntary Support Conwy, Tel: 01492 523846

Email: jansmith@cvsc.org.uk

5. Conwy Seed Fair, Post Event report

The Seed Fair was successful, with about 55 stalls, including some new ones. A cold day & rain in the morning reduced the number of stalls & visitors. Feedback from visitors & town traders was generally favourable. Looking ahead- This year's Honey Fair is on Monday 14th September. We expect it to be a busy day. Next year, the designated Seed Fair date of 26th March is on Easter Saturday. Conwy Town Council has already approved a change to Saturday 2nd April, to avoid congestion. However, there are now concerns that Saturday 2nd April will also be unsuitable for the Seed Fair, based on the large crowds of visitors in Conwy this year on the Saturday after Easter. We suggest that Friday 1st April would be more suitable. We're awaiting feedback from the Chamber of Trade meeting on 22nd April. Note: The next Saturday Seed Fair is in 2022, and the next Easter Seed Fair is in 2027. Many thanks for your continued support. Peter McFadden

6. 1st Conwy Scout Group report for 2015

Beavers- There are 18 Beavers, 2 Beaver leaders supported by 2 D of E helpers. They meet at St Johns Church schoolroom, Rose Hill Street, Conwy between 6 & 7 on Monday evenings. They support district events like the sports & orienteering. They also attend Civic, Remembrance & St Georges Day parades. They also have day camps, sleepovers, etc

Cubs- There are 28 cubs & 5 leaders. They meet at St Johns Church schoolroom between 7.15 & 8.30 on a Monday evening. They support District activities such as sports & orienteering competitions & also attend the parades. In the summer months they try to get outdoors when weather permits using facilities in Bodlondeb woods & the grounds of the old scout hut in Morfa Bach. Activities include the annual camp at Rowen, sand sculpture competition on the nearby beach, archery, kayak experience, hiking, rock wall evening & an annual visit to Ski Llandudno.

Scouts- There are 15 scouts with 4 leaders & an additional helper. They meet at Bodlondeb Youth Centre on a Tuesday evening. They support district events, parades etc. Activities include kayaking, wild camping, walking, biking, archery, climbing & other water sports, as well as traditional skill such as pioneering, camp fires & creative events.

Explorers- The unit is new & building up its numbers-mainly from the scout troop. So far. They have been shooting (inviting other Explorer units in the District) but will be involved in similar activities to the scouts.

Group- The groups members organize 3 District events –the sports, orienteering competition for beavers/cubs & the orienteering competition for scouts/explorers.

Our scout hut was burnt down in an arson attack 3 years ago & we are working to replace it. We still have our hut site on land at Morfa Bach which we use for activities in summer although the cubs have an outdoor Christmas party there & the cubs & beavers celebrate Guy Faulkes night there. Ray Castle

7. Royal Cambrian Academy Fee scrapped in support of young artists

The Royal Cambrian Academy recently launched a submission request for young artists in Wales aged 15 to 30 years to enter their work if selected for an exhibition in May & June. There will be a first prize of £250 & a People's choice award of £100.

The response was good, with much talent coming through the door. What was clear to us as a gallery keen to promote young artists was that the cost of £10 submission could have been an issue for young artists. For this reason, the Royal Cambrian Academy is re-launching the Young Wales 2015 with NO entry fee & new submission dates of Saturday 28th to Saturday 2nd May, we are closed Sunday & Mondays. All artists who did pay the fee will be reimbursed. Please check our website on www.rcaconwy.org for the rules &

guidelines for entering & spread the word to all other young artists. Please feel free to ring the gallery on 01492 593 413 for any further information.

8. Tenovus Cancer Care ManVan is coming to Bangor!

Tenovus Cancer Care invites you to come & see the ManVan on its next open day. The ManVan is Wales' first dedicated mobile support service for men affected by prostate & testicular cancer & it is a partnership between Tenovus Cancer Care, Prostate Cancer UK & Movember. The ManVan brings information, support & advice directly to men in communities across Wales. We'll be in Bangor on 5/5/15 at the main entrance of Ysbyty Gwynedd. We would like you to join us anytime between 9.30am & 4pm - come & have a cuppa & chat to some of the Cancer Support Team members to find out more about all the services we provide. Rachel Iredale our Director of Cancer Support Services & other members of the Cancer Support Team will be here to talk to you about our cancer support services. There will be half hour slots available throughout the day where you can come & find out more information about our services & we would love to see you there. Please RSVP to this e-mail if you would like to book a slot. For more information, call the Tenovus Cancer Care free Support Line on 0808 808 1010 (8am – 8pm, 365 days a year) or text MANVAN to 66777.

9. Road Closures

a) Junction to Glan Y Mor Road, Ty Mawr Road, Deganwy

20/04/2015 to 25/05/2015- Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water work-This is a worst case scenario & they are hopeful to have the road back open within three weeks.

b) No exit onto Glan Y Mor road only, Warren Drive, Deganwy

11/05/2015 to 07/06/2015, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water work- Access will be possible for cars turning into Warren Drive from Glan Y More but no access will be permitted from Warren Drive onto Glan Y Mor road during the restriction.

10. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) WCVA training- Demonstrating impact: an introduction

28/4/15, Rhyl. Find out how you can best show the impact of your work with our introductory course for beginners.

b) One Voice Wales- Understanding the Law Training

The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Caernarfon. LL55 1AT on 30/4/15. The training will be conducted through the medium of WELSH.

11. Events

a) Motivational Speaker and 5 time Paralympian - FREE EVENT

John Harris is a 5 time Paralympian & world record breaker who has travelled the world breaking records & inspiring others to become more inclusive. John is a proud advocate of disability sport & is renowned for his straight talking, no-nonsense approach whilst giving motivational speeches & inspiring children, parents, coaches, volunteers & professionals.

JOHN HARRIS COMES TO CONWY! Sport Conwy are hosting the below events:

Dispelling the myths of working with disabled people: 23/4/15: 8pm – 10pm at Colwyn Bay Rugby Club, Rhos-on-Sea, LL28 4SW. Meet John: Your chance to meet a Paralympic Gold Medallist & Paralympic Legend: 24/4/15: 4pm – 6pm at Eirias, Colwyn Bay.

Inclusive Sport Seminar: Hear John's story and find out about local disability sport opportunities: 24/4/15: 7pm – 9pm at Eirias, Colwyn Bay.

All events are FREE OF CHARGE however places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information or to book, please contact

b) Bangor orchard event

There is an interesting & relevant course being run over at the Moel-y-Ci Centre near Bangor regarding restoring orchards & fruit trees, all the details are here -

<https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/wales-events/restorative-fruit-tree-pruning?view=Events>