

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**Monday 21st July 2014****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks - St.Hilary's Parish Church, Llanrhos**

"Many thanks."

2. The Queen's Birthday Honours 2015 – Call for Nominations

"I am writing to invite nominations for consideration for the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List. While this seems a long way off, the lead in time for Honours awards requires considerable forethought. In responding, please can you bear in mind the need to consider colleagues retiring in the latter half of 2014 as Honours are usually only awarded in the list immediately following retirement. Although long & meritorious service is not usually sufficient of itself, it can feature in citations.

The honours system recognises exceptional contributions of people across the UK. In Wales, as elsewhere, we have many who offer exceptional service & who are a credit to the communities & organisations they serve. We should therefore have a strong & diverse pool of candidates from Wales. Against that background I would encourage you to consider potential nominees from within your organisation & amongst those with whom you come into business contact, & make nominations appropriate to all levels of award. Please take a personal interest identifying & bringing forward nominations, as this is an important way of recognising & raising the profile of public service in Wales. Recent rounds have seen surprisingly few local authority nominations coming forward & this is something we would like to address. In preparing nominations, please consult widely within & beyond your organisations, using governing bodies & staff networks as appropriate to ensure all aspects of your work & levels of contribution are considered. We are looking for nominations that reflect the diversity of your workforce & professional communities. Based on levels of nomination in the past this suggests you should give particular attention to identifying & nominating women where contribution merits consideration.

While there are no fixed criteria for honours nominations, we would expect nominees to:

- have contributed above & beyond the normal requirements of the role;
- be acknowledged as exceptional by their peers & colleagues;
- have made some kind of wider contribution beyond the requirements of their position, including community or volunteering service or a caring role;
- have continued to make an exceptional contribution over & above that previously recognised in cases where they already have an honour.

We are looking for candidates who have genuinely added value – there is opportunity in considering levels of nominations to distinguish between those who have contributed in communities, organisations locally, across Wales or even helped to raise the profile of Wales internationally. Nominations should be made whilst the nominee is still active or, towards the end of active service if possible, at least 12 months before he/she is expected to retire or stand down. In preparing your nominations, it is reasonable to ask other people for information about the candidate, but is essential that all enquiries are handled in strict confidence & in no circumstances should the nominee be told that they are under consideration for an honour. The need for discretion when making necessary enquiries is particularly important.

In your trawl for nominations, please could you ensure that you:

- communicate the nominations process across your organisation or professional community;
- consider candidates that have won a local volunteering award;
- work towards a balanced & diverse set of candidates – experience suggests that fewer women & individuals from the minority ethnic groups from Wales are nominated than their proportionate representation in specific sectors or communities would suggest;
- after nomination, if something of an adverse nature comes to light please let us know. Changes of address, new appointment, retirement, serious health problems or death should also be notified to us.

I would also welcome any suggestions now of potential candidates for future rounds. I look forward to receiving your nominations by 23 July 2014.”

For more information on the nomination process please contact the Town Clerk

3. Homes for Wales Update - Housing (Wales) Bill – Stage 4

The National Assembly for Wales has passed the Housing (Wales) Bill on 8/7/14. The Minister for Housing & Regeneration thanked the National Assembly & stakeholders for their detailed engagement with the Bill. This is a significant Bill which will make real improvements to people’s lives here in Wales, helping to meet people’s housing needs, improve the private rented sector & prevent homelessness. More information & the final Stage 4 version of the Bill can be found at:

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=8220&Opt=0>

It will be at least 4 weeks before the bill can proceed for Royal Assent & become an Act of the National Assembly for Wales. For further information, please contact

homesforwales@wales.gsi.gov.uk

4. Conwy County Borough Council

a) Forward Work Programme

The updated Programme for the period 3/8/14 to 30/11/14 can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=543&LLL=0>

b) Principal Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The meeting scheduled for 4/8/14 at 10am will now be held at 9:30am at Bodlondeb

c) Special Meeting of Council

Please note that, with the agreement of the Chair, a Special Meeting of Council has been arranged for 22/9/14 at 10am. The matter for consideration will be Environment, Roads & Facilities Office Accommodation.

5. Scrutiny of Conwy County Borough Council

Do you want to be involved in Scrutiny of Conwy County Borough Council as a third sector representative? Do you work for/volunteer for or represent a third sector organisation? Do you have experience of committees? If so we would like to hear from you! We are currently recruiting a pool of scrutinisers from the third sector to act as ‘expert witnesses’. For more information on how to involved contact the Town Clerk

6. North Wales Police – Summer Safety Launch

Over the summer months North Wales Police will be running an operation aimed at making sure people keep their cool & enjoy themselves safely. North Wales’ pubs & clubs are traditionally busy over the summer & there are also a number of events & festivals lined up, with one of the biggest, Wakestock, next weekend. Officers will work with licensees, to ensure that they act responsibly & within the law in selling alcohol. Selling to people who are under-age or to those who are drunk is unlawful & licensees

have specific responsibilities in law which they must take seriously. Officers & PCSOs will also step up patrols in our town & village centres to make sure that we are visible & there for our communities. These are local officers, who work in local communities to keep the area safe. This will help in tackling any anti-social behaviour & providing reassurance to our communities. The operation will also focus on domestic violence, anti-social behaviour & other forms of bullying & harassment, which cause harm to our communities.

7. Could You Create a Job for a Young Unemployed Person?

Jobs Growth Wales programme will reimburse you with the salary costs for 6 months. By working with Groundwork North Wales, your organisation could access support to cover the first 6 months of employment when recruiting 16 to 24 year olds. Jobs Growth Wales is the Welsh Government programme creating thousands of jobs for unemployed young people. Groundwork North Wales are working with local businesses & third sector organisations to help create jobs across North Wales. This is the support you would receive:

- Reimbursement of the National Minimum Wage for the young person & the NI contributions for a minimum of 25 to 40 hours per week
- Advertising the job opportunities for you
- Sourcing candidates, ensuring those referred to you for interview meet your criteria
- Support you & the young person during the 26 weeks

Criteria for participation:

- The job is additional to your existing workforce
- It is a quality job opportunity ensuring that the young person gets valuable work experience to help them gain sustained employment at the end of the 6 month period
- A job description needs to be drawn up to outline the structure of the role
- The young person must be gainfully employed for the duration of the programme & be part of the workforce
- The young person needs a contract of employment drawn up by you which notifies them in writing of the terms & conditions of their employment

At the end of the programme, it is hoped that the young person will gain sustained employment by you, or if this is not possible, that they enter an apprenticeship or continue with learning. Employers may be eligible for further support if they keep the young person on an apprenticeship. For more information contact 01286 674803 or email employment@groundworknorthwales.org.uk, visit www.groundworknorthwales.org.uk

8. Playing Out

28/7/14 to 28/8/14. Free Inclusive Playscheme for children aged 5 to 14 years.

Come & join the fun & prepare to get muddy & messy

This Summer we are adding sports & games to our play sessions & having a weekly theme to base our activities around.

As well as getting wet, muddy & messy with our free play, we will also be offering a range of arts & crafts, structured games & sports in every session, based around the following themes:

- Commonwealth – it's 2014 & the Commonwealth Games start in Glasgow on 23/7. Come along & try a variety of games based on some Commonwealth sports, as well as themed arts & crafts
- Circus – come & play with our circus skills kit, build circus tents, tightropes, dress as a clown, create a show or play some games

- Beach – whether you live near the sea or in rural Conwy you can enjoy building sand castles, play volleyball, make some beach art, play with water & fly kites
- Wild West – challenge your opponents to dodge ball or some tag rugby, make rope swings, hats & headdresses or even your own wild west scene
- Super Heroes – dress as your favourite film characters, follow a map to beat pirates to the treasure, fly down the waterslides, show your strength with a tug of war & make your way through assault courses

Sessions:

- Gyffin Park, Conwy – Wednesday 11am to 1pm (themes – 30/7 Commonwealth; 13/8 Beach; 20/8 Wild West; 27/8 Super Heroes) – No session on 6/8
- Cae Derw Park, Llandudno Junction – Wednesday 2:30pm to 4:30pm (themes – 30/7 Commonwealth; 13/8 Beach; 20/8 Wild West; 27/8 Super Heroes) – No session on 6/8
- Pentwyn Park, Deganwy – Thursday 2:30pm to 4:30pm (themes – 31/7 Commonwealth; 7/8 Circus; 14/8 Beach; 21/8 Wild West; 28/8 Super Heroes)

6/8/14, 12 noon to 4pm, National Play Day at Eirias Park

Parents are welcome to stay on site, or come back later to collect your child.

Parents/guardians are required to fill in a registration form prior to their child's first session. These can be found at www.conwy.gov.uk/playdevelopment or picked up from the Playworkers at the beginning of the session

We are working to encourage more children to play out where they live, in local parks & fields & therefore, toilets are not always available on site

9. Coffee & Cake: A Stroke Café Success

The Stroke Association is running a competition to find a new name for its Stroke Café initiative as it starts to roll out across North Wales. Many stroke survivors reflect on the ordinary things they used to do before a stroke & how they become difficult post stroke especially when speech & concentration levels are affected. The Stroke Café was originally established to support a client from Menai Bridge who has now sadly passed away. However, the concept has been embraced by a number of stroke survivors who felt they too would like this kind of support in the community. Stroke Café volunteers were recruited to support the initiative & to socialise alongside the members. The Stroke Café initiative will be run every other Monday at the ST GEORGE'S HOTEL, LLANDUDNO on the 21st JULY between 10.00am & 12.30. The lead volunteers running this new project are Hannah Garlinge & Kellie Salmon who have been volunteers with the Stroke Association for quite a while & have a wealth of knowledge between them to help stroke survivors. For more information on volunteering or attending this café please contact Rhian Morris on 01745 586905. To drum up interest in support for the cafés, the Stroke Association wants to run a small competition to find a suitable bilingual name for the programme. Please send your ideas, which should capture the social elements of the stroke café as well as the importance of stroke rehabilitation to info.cymru@stroke.org.uk or call us on 01745 586900.

Stroke Association is a charity. We believe in life after stroke & we're leading a community of people to change the world for people affected by stroke. We work directly with stroke survivors & their families & carers, with health & social care professionals & with scientists & researchers. We campaign to improve stroke care & support people to make the best recovery they can. We fund research to develop new treatments & ways of preventing stroke. The Stroke Helpline (0303 303 3100) provides information & support on stroke. More information can be found at www.stroke.org.uk

10. Road Closures - Glan Conwy Level Crossing, Ffordd Maelgwn, Llandudno Junction
13/9/14 to 14/9/14, 9pm to 8am for maintenance work. Request by Centurion Site Services

11. Funding

a) Gwynt y Môr Community Investment Fund

CVSC is part of RWE Innogy UK's Gwynt y Môr Community Funding Advisory Group. This group has been discussing how the £19m associated with Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm can be best spent. As part of that, RWE Innogy UK has launched a procurement process to identify a suitable organisation or organisations to oversee & manage this fund in North Wales. This is an unusual & exciting opportunity to ensure the fund makes a significant, long term positive impact in North Wales. To find out more information & to register to complete a pre-qualifying questionnaire, please visit www.rweinnogy.com/gwyntymor/communities

b) Big Lottery Fund – Have Your Say on its Future

The Big Lottery Fund in Wales needs your views on its future funding strategy. After the Welsh Government, the Big Lottery Fund is the second single funder to the third sector in Wales. Until the end of July, the Fund is seeking input from the sector about its funding strategy between 2015 & 2021. In Wales, the Fund is thinking about specific areas that it could invest in alongside its demand led funding streams, such as People & Places. They are:

- Future proofing the third sector
- Financial resilience
- Environment with a focus on building social capital
- Rural poverty
- Employment as a route out of poverty
- Supporting disabled people & those with life limiting illness

What are your views on these 6 areas? What actions could be taken to address each theme? Are they the right areas to focus on, or do you think that the Fund should be considering other areas & themes? If you have thoughts on this, we would like to invite you to complete a short survey by 25/7/14 (it will take less than 15 minutes). Your feedback will provide us with valuable information to help shape WCVA's response to the Big Lottery Fund. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRGTYVC

12. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

Cruse Bereavement Care North Wales

Cruse Awareness in Bereavement care Course 2014. Mondays from 22/9/14 to 20/5/14, 10am to 4pm, Touchstones 12, Norfolk House, 39 Princes Drive, Colwyn Bay, £50. For more information contact Rhiannon Davies on 01248 852885 or email davieses2@aol.com

13. Events

a) Charity Concert in aid of Cruse Bereavement Care North Wales

27/7/14, 8pm, The Catholic Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Llandudno. £5.
Llanrwst Male Voice Choir. Tickets available on the door

b) CHAPS

CHAPS will perform 2 one act plays at the War Memorial Institute, Llandudno Junction on 21st, 22nd & 23rd August at 7.30pm

c) Tour of Britain

Britain's biggest professional cycle race. Top Tour de France teams: Team Sky, Omega Pharma Quick Step, Movistar & BMC Racing leading the way. World class line up. 18 teams, 108 riders

For the 2nd year, Conwy County Borough is pleased to welcome stage 2 of the Tour of Britain, Britain's biggest professional cycle race on 8/9/14 & we are very proud to announce that this will include a sprint finish on Llandudno's very own Promenade. The race, previously including cyclists such as Mark Cavendish, is entering the county in Glascoed & will be included in the final 3 televised hours of the race on ITV4.

What better way to advertise our beautiful county! Stage 2 will start at Knowsley Safari Park & make its way through North Wales passing right through your town or village. Come & offer cheers of support for the riders as they pedal the route, of which Conwy County Borough has the final & longest section! The race will enter Conwy county at approximately 1:30pm, where the riders will be battling to the top of a King of the Mountain stage near Moelfre. They descend into LlanfairTalhaiarn via the A548 & on to Llangernyw to then embark on their second King of the Mountain climb. Following this they arrive in Llanrwst, travelling down Denbigh Street & in to the Square, over Y Bont Fawr & turning right on to the B5106 passing through Trefriw, Dolgarrog & onto Conwy. From here the race passes the Castle & travels over the bridge turning left through Deganwy, along Station Road & on to West Parade, Llandudno. The riders then experience breathtaking scenery on their final King of the Mountain challenge around the Great Orme, with the stage finish on Llandudno Promenade in front of Venue Cymru. There is also another sprint, yet to be announced, which will be another exiting addition to the line up in Conwy county.

Approximate timings:

1:30pm – Moelfre – finish for King of the Mountain 1

1:47pm – LlanfairTalhaiarn

1:58pm – Llangernyw – start & finish of King of the Mountain 2

2:14pm – Llanrwst

2:19pm – Trefriw

2:25pm – Dolgarrog

2:27pm – Tal y Bont

2:32pm – Ty'n y Groes

2:40pm – Conwy

2:46pm – Deganwy

2:52pm – West Parade, Llandudno – start & finish of King of the Mountain 3

3:05pm – Stage Finish – Venue Cymru, Llandudno

There will be a rolling road closure throughout the race. The road will be closed in your area for approximately 30 minutes to allow for the race to pass through.

Timings are approximate & could vary on the day, depending on the racing conditions. Viewing points will be arranged for the schools along the route & they will be contacted separately offering opportunities for some pupils at the finish area in Llandudno. We will work closely with you to minimise any potential disruption & we apologise in advance for any inconvenience. The event will be a real positive for the area & we thank you for your patience & co-operation. For further information please contact Natalie Hughes on 01492 575943 or Natalie.hughes1@conwy.gov.uk
For further information on the Tour of Britain visit www.thetour.co.uk

14. Newsletters

a) Clerks & Councils Direct

The July 2014 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Kidney Wales Foundation

The 2013-14 annual report is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

c) CVSC News

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

15. Welsh Government Consultations

Education & Skills

The registration of further education teachers with the Education Workforce Council
6th October 2014

Local Government

Devolution, Democracy & Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Government
1st October 2014