

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**21st AUGUST 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****a) Clwb yr Efail**

"I am writing to you following our AGM held at the club yesterday, the 8th of August. I had decided, as chairman, that it would be appropriate for me to acquaint out committee & members of the latest kindness & support we have received from Conwy Town Council this year before conveying the deep felt gratitude for all of the generous & ongoing interest in our activities by all of our Clwb Yr Efail people. Let me first reply to the letter received from Kathy Cook on the 11/7 & confirm the receipt & sincere thank you for the kindly sent donation by the Mayor Cllr Bill Chapman. Secondly the response to our application for funding which has seen the council again contribute so very generously to our work to promote & improve the quality of our services to our older population. I do not exaggerate when I say that this support is so important to the efficient running & maintenance of the club on a day to day basis, without this we would be hard pressed to deliver the quality & individual sensitivity to each of our people in the manner we have so far achieved. Thirdly, the donation of the past Mayor Cllr Pat Hart's charity funding. This impressive sum raised on our behalf was really well received & I am at pains to express our sincere gratitude for the inclusion in the Mayor's charities for this past year.

Lastly, we are honoured to welcome Cllr Liz Hughes & Cllr Emma Leighton Jones as County representative to our ranks & look forward to a productive future with the experience & industry these members bring with them. Please therefore, express to the body & members of the Town Council the deep & heartfelt thanks for all of support & good offices of the council. We will endeavour, with your support to continue our efforts to build & offer a much needed service for the more senior people in the Wards of Conwy. We keep an open door & would extend a warm cordial invite for councillors to drop in & see us at any time & take part in the club's activities. Our sincere gratitude & best wishes for all that the Council do on behalf of our residents & members. My kindest regards to all. Terence James, Chairman of Clwb Yr Efail"

2. Conwy County Borough Council**a) Economy and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee-Meeting**

The meeting on 28/09/17 has changed from 6pm to 5pm

The meeting on 26/10/17 has changed from 6pm to 5pm

The meeting on 30/11/17 has changed from 6pm to 5pm

3. Road Closures**a) St Agnes Road, Conwy**

04/09/17 to 29/09/17, Junction of Sychnant Pass Road to Junction of Mill Hill - Gas work

b) Mill Hill, Gyffin

02/10/17 to 20/10/17, Junction of Llanrwst Road to Junction of Hendre Road - Gas work

c) Church Street, Conwy

06/09/17, Junction of Rose Hill Street to the Junction of High Street – Welsh Water work

4. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**a) Good Practice Exchange – Wales Audit Office**

28/9/17, Llanrwst, 9:30am to 1pm, Involving the citizen. How different methods of engagement can help involve the citizen in public service delivery

7/11/17, Online webinar, 12 noon to 1:30pm, How understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences can help integrate service delivery

7/12/17, Llanrwst, 9:30am to 1pm, Alternative Delivery Models/Commission is Services

13/3/18, Llanrwst, 9:30am to 1pm, How you Manage Risk around Organisation Change, Service Transformation & Innovation

b) Community Music Wales – Tutor Training

At Community Music Wales we use music as a tool to enable people to express themselves. We have helped over 50k people in communities across Wales over the last 25 years. Our tutors are musicians

equipped with skills from our accredited Community Music Tutor Training programme. If then taken on, they work on a paid, freelance basis. We have spaces available on our forthcoming training course in Bangor in September & we'd love to help you make your music make a difference. For more information visit <http://communitymusicwales.co.uk/tutor-training/> or contact: hannaht@communitymusicwales.org.uk | 02920 838060

c) CVSC and Work Welsh Training

Information and Advice Session about 'Work Welsh' 26.9.17 10.30 – 12.30 IAITH Offices – Abergele (Plas Derwen, Groeslwyd, Abergele, LL22 7SU)

The Information Session for Third Sector Organisations includes: An introduction to the current policy context; Information regarding the need to plan bilingual workplaces; Information about the advantages of developing institutional bilingualism for the learner, customers, other staff members & for the organisation; Advice on how to analyse learning needs with regard to the Welsh language in your organisation; Advice on the training available from the National Centre for Learning Welsh; Advice on supporting learners in the workplace & an opportunity to discuss and plan for the future. The session will be delivered by IAITH: the Welsh Centre for language planning.

To book your FREE place please telephone CVSC on 01492 534091 or email mail@cvsc.org.uk remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have.

d) WCVA Training

Third Sector European Team (3-SET) Courses:

5/9/17 Webinar: An introduction to the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programme

7/9/17 WEFO Webinar: Data collection & integrity for Active Inclusion projects

12/9/17 Webinar: Project closure (in the medium of Welsh)

13/9/17 Data protection and confidentiality

14/9/17 Writing a successful funding strategy

19/9/17 State Aid

All courses are free to third sector organisations delivering, or with an interest in delivering, European funded activity under the 2014-20 programmes.

19/9/17 (Welsh) & 3/10/17 (English) National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales (Webinar) –

To raise awareness & knowledge of the Principles & the Evaluation Toolkit. It is aimed at organisations who want to develop & increase their awareness & knowledge of how to plan for effective engagement

12/10/17, Wrexham – Free regional participation network event

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk

5. Events

a) The Royal Cambrian Academy

Summer Sundays until 17/9/17 12.00noon - 4.00pm.

Sunday 30th July - David Brightmore

Sunday 6th August - Jeremy Yates

Sunday 13th August - Susan Gathercole

Sunday 20th August - Bev Bell - Hughes

Sunday 27th August - Peter Holloway

Sunday 3rd September - Dafydd Lloyd Griffith

Sunday 10th September - Gilly Thomas

Sunday 17th September - Jan Gardner

b) Pensychnant Nature Conservation Centre – Book Fair

19/8/17, 10am to 5pm - Mostly Natural History & Local Interest. Free Entry, tea and cakes

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6. Big Lottery Fund Wales – People and Places Committee Recruitment

Can you help us recruit people to decide how lottery money is spent in Wales? We're asking for your help to recruit new committee members to our People and Places decision-making panel to help decide how this money is spent across Wales. We want to involve a diverse range of people from different backgrounds who can bring fresh ideas & new approaches to our committee. We particularly want to involve people who have directly benefitted from our funding. This will help us to understand

communities better & to make intelligent funding decisions. We think the best way to connect with people who may be interested in this opportunity is to get in touch with projects like yours, where you have a close relationship with the people in your community who have seen the difference lottery funding can make. We're not looking for people with previous experience of being on a committee or making funding decisions - we'll provide all the necessary training, support & mentoring. What we want is people who are passionate about seeing people's lives improved, who are committed & motivated & who can voice their opinion & raise questions in a constructive way. Who are we? Every year the Big Lottery Fund distributes millions of pounds of money raised by the National Lottery to community groups & charitable projects across the UK. The People and Places programme aims to enable people to work together for strong communities, social justice & better rural & urban environments in Wales. Our vision is putting 'People in the Lead' to improve their lives & communities. Our approach focuses on the skills, assets & energy that people can draw upon & the potential in their ideas. We feel that strong, vibrant communities can be built & renewed by the people living in them - making them ready for anything in the face of future opportunities & challenges. Why we want you. We want to recruit committee members to decide how this money is spent. We want to: Improve diversity; Understand communities better; Involve people who have benefited from our funding. What will you be doing? Be part of a committee who decide what projects get our funding; Be involved in improving the programme - We want fresh ideas and approaches; There will be opportunities to visit projects and see them in action. Who can apply? We're accepting applications from people living in North Wales, including areas of north Ceredigion and Powys, who are either: Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic or a refugee, disabled or aged 18 to 25. What skills/ experience do I need? We don't expect you to have any past experience of being on a committee or making funding decisions. We will provide training, support & mentoring will be provided by our existing Committee members. However, you will need to be: Passionate about seeing people's lives improved; Committed & motivated; Happy to voice your opinion in a constructive way; Comfortable raising questions. When & Where? We will arrange an induction session ahead of the Committee meeting at a date suitable for yourself. The Committee meetings will then be held bi-monthly. Please note that meetings are usually held during the day on weekdays. Members are unpaid, but they may claim reasonable expenses, such as any travelling or accommodation if required. Lunch is normally provided. Committee meetings are usually held at our offices in Cardiff or Newtown (Powys) but we also have the opportunity to visit some of our funded projects (in this case we would support you with travel). How can I apply? How you apply is up to you. You could send us a video on Twitter or visit our Facebook page & send us a message, send a voice recording or email a covering letter. Please remember to let us know how we can contact you back with our decision. However you choose to apply, we have three questions we want you to answer: 1. Tell us about yourself, such as your background, where you're from, what you like to do in your free time & interesting facts about yourself? 2. How have you benefited from Big Lottery funding & which project was it that you were involved with? 3. What interests you most about this opportunity to become part of the People & Places Committee and why do you think you'll be good in the role? The deadline to apply is midnight, 9/10/17. Email: wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk Twitter: @BigLotteryWales Facebook: [/biglotteryfundwales](https://www.facebook.com/biglotteryfundwales) Post: Big Lottery Fund, 2nd Floor, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1JB Want to find out more? Contact Awel Jones (Welsh speaker) or Deane Clements by emailing wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk or calling 0300 123 0735.

7. **Appointment of 4 Members to the Board of Career Choices Dewis Gyfra (CCDG)/Careers Wales**
Career Choices Dewis Gyfra (CCDG) operating under the name of Careers Wales is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Welsh Government delivering careers advice & guidance to school & further education students as well as young people as a delivery arm of the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government is looking for 4 highly committed, enthusiastic & motivated individuals who can contribute to the continued strengthening & development of CCDG. Successful candidates will be expected to have a genuine interest in careers guidance delivery & be able to demonstrate this alongside innovative ideas & an ability to think strategically. Board Members will need to assist the Chair in providing strong, effective & visible leadership to the CCDG playing a key role in ensuring the organisation delivers against its remit. Board Members will be accountable for the performance of the CCDG, developing key relationships with partners & must have a clear understanding & commitment to the Committee on Standards in Public Life's 'Seven Principles of Public Life'. Board Members of the CCDG are not employees & currently serve in a voluntary, unpaid capacity. Members will be appointed for a period of 3 years with a minimum time

commitment of 8 days per year. All 4 of the appointments are to start 17/11/17. It is the policy of the Welsh Government to promote & integrate equality of opportunity into all aspects of its business including appointments to public bodies. Applications are welcomed & encouraged from all groups & we ensure that no eligible candidate for public office receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, or pregnancy and maternity. The principles of fair & open competition will apply and appointments will be made on merit. For further information and to apply, please visit www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments or for queries contact the Shared Service Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 or e-mail sharedservicehelpdesk@gov.wales. The closing date for applications is Thursday, 31/8/17. Application forms received after this date will not be considered. It is expected to hold interviews on 2/10/17 & 6/10/17, in Cardiff.

8. The North Wales Population Assessment and Regional Plan

The first draft of the regional plan is now out for consultation here: <https://www.northwalescollaborative.wales/north-wales-population-assessment/regional-plan/>. The plan explains how we will work together across North Wales to deliver health and social care services. We know there are some gaps in the plan where we need more information about what is happening at the moment and suggestions for what needs to happen. We'd really appreciate your help with this. Please could you complete the online survey or send any additional information to sarah.bartlett@denbighshire.gov.uk by 31 October 2017.

9. Newsletters & Publications

- a) CVSC News
August edition is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall
- b) RFCA for Wales
August edition is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

10. Welsh Government Consultations

	<u>Closing Date</u>
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- Code of Practice for the welfare of horses	20/10/17
<u>Welsh Language</u>	
- Welsh Language Bill – White Paper	31/10/17

North Wales Community Health Council

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CHC Campaign receives support from the Consultation Institute

The Consultation Institute has expressed serious concerns about the proposal to abolish CHCs in Wales, particularly in relation to independence, credibility & the lack of meaningful public involvement in service change. They have warned of the dangers of repeating the English experience of abolishing CHCs; *“Community Health Councils were abolished in England a decade ago. Now Wales is thinking of doing the same. In England, their demise led to a succession of failed initiatives. CHCs were replaced by Public & Patient Forums. They were then abandoned in favour of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) & we now have HealthWatch, with the jury still out on their effectiveness”*. These concerns are echoed by the former Health Minister Andy Burnham; *“the abolition of Community Health Councils was not the Government’s finest moment ... it seems we failed to come up with something to replace CHCs that did the job well”*. The link for the article & their proposals for an event that will consider the issues raised by the White Paper - <https://www.consultationinstitute.org/welsh-nhs-proposals-public-engagement-raises-important-questions/> The CHC movement will be sending delegates to this conference & the debate will be useful in forming our response & counter-proposals to the White Paper.