

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
21st DECEMBER 2015
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Christmas Cards & Messages

- a) "Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year" Guto Bebb MP/AS
- b) Deganwy Carol service. "Please pass on our thanks to the Mayor, Cllr Emma for attending last evening's service & for taking part. 70 people attended & £215 was raised for Wales Air Ambulance. A happy Christmas to all the councillors. Once again thanks to Emma" Pat Chapman, Church Warden, All Saints Church

2. Conwy County Borough Council

The Standards Committee that was to be held on 4/1/16 at 2pm has been cancelled & re-arranged for 19/1/16 at 11am. The meeting has been re-arranged to allow for consideration of the consultation, 'a Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill', which sets out the Welsh Government's proposals for the reform of local government.

3. Women's & Maternity Consultation : Update re CHC's response

This is an update to our earlier press release summarising the CHC's formal response to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Consultation document proposing temporary changes to Women's & Maternity Services. The CHC submitted that response to the health board on 27/11/15 &, as such, it reflected the CHCs view of the situation based on what was known at that time. The Regulations and Ministerial Guidance on CHC consultation responses require a CHC to present detailed and costed alternatives where it disagrees with the Health Board's preferred options. As explained in the earlier press release, North Wales considered that, without further information on things like what is meant by 'temporary changes', & clear evidence about risks to patients, it was impossible to support or reject any of the four options that the health board presented in this consultation. The Health Board released the papers for its meeting on 8/12/15 & the Outcome Report recommends that; "Option 1 of the four options consulted upon is taken forward & that there will be no temporary change to the current service configuration." The CHC believes that the key factors in this change of intention by the Health Board have been the recruitment of 7 additional consultants, developments in managing the service and an increased awareness of the concerns of patients as a result of the consultation process. 2 North Wales CHC welcomes this development & will be attending the Board meeting on 8/12, when we will be strongly supporting the recommendation & commending the Board for its success in recruiting the medical staff that have enabled this change.

4. Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan

Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan. The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 puts in place a key legislative foundation to deliver this 'Positive Planning' improvement programme. This is to be supported by changes to secondary legislation, policy & guidance, as well as introducing measures to support culture change. We have published on our web-site a Positive Planning Implementation Plan that: - brings together the various improvement projects / programmes & supporting secondary legislation to be delivered - sets out the priorities & timescales for delivery for the remaining Assembly term & an indication of timescales post May 2016, which will be subject to ratification by the next Welsh Government. This Implementation Plan can be accessed by using the following web-link: <http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planning-wales-act-2015/positive-planning-implementation-plan/?lang=en>

5. Road Closures

Junction Sychnant Pass Road to the Mews, Oakwood Lane, Henryrd
06/01/16 to 08/01/16 – Gas work

6. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Denbigh Heritage Lectures 2016

Denbigh Town Council is pleased to announce that a 6th series of eight Heritage Lectures will commence on 28/1/16 & thereafter on each Thursday, the last being on the 17/3/16.

28.1.16 Denbigh Fire Brigade, 150 years of service to the community.

4.2.16 What do parish registers tell us about eighteenth-century Denbigh?

11.2.16 Football in Denbigh - from kick around to league.

18.2.16 Archaeological Excavations in the Area. What has happened over the last few years?

25.2.16 Paper, thread and some board and the making of a book.

3.3.16 A local family emigrates in 1850.

10.3.16 Shopping in Denbigh.

17.3.16 Quiztory.

The lectures will be held at Denbigh Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm & will be free of charge.

b) WCVA training

Planning and writing successful funding bids- Delivered in Welsh

This course is for people with bid writing experience & is designed to develop your knowledge & skills, helping you to produce compelling funding bids. With most funders now receiving thousands of requests for support each year it's vital that your bid stands out from the crowd. We'll cover the current funding climate in Wales, new tools & techniques to give your bids a winning 'edge', & understanding & meeting the expectations of funders. 3/2/16 Rhyl.

Developing a membership or 'friends of' scheme

10/2/16, Denbighshire. How can you set up a membership or 'friends of' scheme? This course helps learners get the practical knowledge they need to engage with & develop successful relationships with members. You'll learn about the membership marketing life cycle; how to improve membership retention rates; what your legal requirements are & much more besides.

Writing an evaluation specification

28/1/16, Rhyl. Find out about different types of evaluation and how they can be used to improve your work and its impact.

Training skills

23,24 February & 23 March 2016, Rhyl. Delivered through the medium of Welsh. Actually taking a training course can be intimidating - that's where this course can help. Learners will come away with the skills and knowledge to plan and deliver training sessions.

Getting impact measures into your business processes

11/2/16, Rhyl. Delivered through the medium of English. This course will enable participants to see how the impact of their project or organisation can be demonstrated & help decision making now & in the future.

7. Newsletters

a) RFCA for Wales Newsletter

The December 2015 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) One Voice Wales Bulletin

Natural Resources Bulletin - Issue 2 - December 2015 is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

8. Welsh Government Consultations

Environment & Countryside

- Consultation on holding identifiers & associated livestock movements 19/1/16
- Six Day Standstill – Consultation on the Introduction of Quarantine Units

Closing Date

12/2/16

Health & Social Care

- Proposals to amend the Non-Executive Director eligibility criteria on the Public Health Wales NHS Trust Board 11/1/16
- Consultation on the Draft Public Health Outcomes Framework for Wales 28/1/16
- 'More than just words....' Follow-on Strategic Framework for Welsh Language Services in Health, Social Services and Social Care 28/2/16
- Antimicrobial resistance delivery plan 29/2/16

People & Communities

- Information and guidance on domestic abuse and sexual violence: Safeguarding older people (60+) in Wales 29/2/16

Planning

- Approved Document R - Physical infrastructure for high-speed electronic communications networks 12/1/16

Transport

- Road and Street Works Strategy for Wales 28/2/16