

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**24th APRIL 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letters of Thanks**Conwy Classical Music Festival

"Please pass on to the Members of Conwy Town Council my very sincere thanks for the extremely generous sponsorship of the Music Festival once again this year. It makes a tremendous difference & means that such flagship occasions as the orchestral concert with members of the Halle & Liverpool Philharmonic are able to place. Diolch. Chris (Roberts)"

2. Conwy County Borough Councila) Planning Committee

The meeting scheduled for 14/6/17 at 2pm has been changed to accommodate a Planning Hearing. It will now be held on 14/6/17 at 4pm in the Council Chamber, Bodlondeb, Conwy

b) April Forward Work Programme

The Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=591&RP=550>

3. Village of the Year 2017 – Channel 4 TV Programmes

"Village of the Year" is a brand new series presented by Penelope Keith. This summer, she & her team of judges will be visiting villages across the UK to determine a winner, with a £10k prize up for grabs. We know that Conwy has some wonderful villages & we would love them to apply! We would love to hear from villages that have a history & heritage: activities & events; picturesque with a great sense of community. All villages can apply by visiting our website www.villageoftheyear.co.uk & follow the simple online application or email us at voty@reeftv.com. The closing date for applications is midnight on 14/5/17. Please free to pass on my email & to spread the "Village" word & if you could post on social media for us, FB @villageoftheyear twitter@villages2017 that would be great! If there are any villages that you think we should outreach too, then please let me know.

4. Road Closurea) Conwy Pirate Weekend

Lower Gate Street, Conwy Bridge to Bodlondeb Arch - 7am 26/5/17 to 7pm 29/5/17

b) Grand Fondo Cycle Event

Lower Gate Street, from Lower High Street to Conwy Bridge – 3pm 22/4/17 to 8pm 23/4/17

5. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferencesa) New Councillor Induction Training – One Voice Wales

18/5/17	Mold
24/5/17	Abergele
30/5/17	Coedpoeth, Wrexham
31/5/17	Bala
1/6/17	Caernarfon (Cymraeg)
13/6/17	Llangefni
22/6/17	Llangefni

6:30pm to 9pm, £60

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk

b) Substance Awareness Sessions

This training is for professionals from Conwy & Denbighshire who work with children & young people that would like to increase their knowledge of substance issues. All sessions are provided free of charge & held in Rhyl from 12:30pm to 4pm

2/5/17	Basic substance awareness
22/5/17	Legal highs
13/6/17	Cannabis awareness

3/7/17 Legal highs
18/7/17 Cannabis awareness
14/8/17 Basic substance awareness

Contact cyfle@barnardos.org.uk

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c) Getting Social Media to Work for You

9/5/17, 10am to 4pm, Glasdir, Plas yn Dre, Llanrwst, LL26 0DF. £60

Social media, including Facebook, Twitter & Instagram continues to be the fastest growing & most powerful way of marketing your business or charity & engaging with people. However, harnessing that power can be quite a challenge. This workshop explains exactly how you can use social media to give your organisation a boost. What does this course cover?

- create a workable strategy & fit it in with your current marketing goals
- create the right messages & target them to where your customers & potential customers are likely to be
- ensure you understand what your insights mean & to utilise them to optimise your Facebook posts both organically & through Facebook advertising
- understand how Edgeranking works & be able to quickly identify which posts are effective & which posts are damaging your Facebook page
- discover the best way for your potential customers/service users or donors to follow you
- create Tweets that will encourage engagement
- create lists to cut out all that Twitter "noise"
- the best way to use Hashtags #
- replying to Tweets, Retweeting & Favouriting Tweets
- a chance to look at local giving with local officer Emma Jones & how this could work for your organisation

Who should attend this course? This course is aimed at those who already have Facebook & Twitter accounts for their organisation but are struggling to understand how to make it work for them. If you want to use social media to engage more, raise awareness of your organisation or fundraise then this is the course for you! This course is hosted by CVSC & delivered by social media guru Teresa Carnall, owner of TBC marketing. For more information or to book: sabinadunkling@cvsc.org.uk 01492 534091

d) Place Plans – Rolling Out the Concept

25/5/17, 12 noon to 4pm, £17.50, Newtown

Welsh Government is encouraging local planning to work with communities to create Place Plans. This Planning Aid Wales network event will:

- explain emerging guidance for Place Plans
- develop understanding of recent innovations in delivering Place Plans using case studies, tools & techniques from a number of speakers
- provide different perspectives on the Place Plan concept from the community, developer & local planning authority
- provide information & practical advice to those planning, engaging in or considering the preparation of a Place Plan
- develop ideas for the future work to develop the Place Plan

To book, please contact the Town Clerk

6. Events

a) CHAPS

The next production is an evening of entertainment including a One Act play, a light comedy called "Erica & Me" by Alan Robinson

19/5/17 & 20/5/17, 7:30pm, Memorial Hall, Llandudno Junction

26/5/17, 7:30pm, Trinity Centre, Llandudno

- b) Pensychnant Conservation Centre & Nature Reserve – Wildlife Art Exhibition
11am to 5pm, Wednesday to Sunday, 1/4/17 to 30/9/17 plus Bank Holidays, woodland nature reserve, tea & cakes. Top of Sychnant Pass, Conwy, 01492 592595, Julian. pensychnant@btinternet.com, www.pensychnant.co.uk
- c) Wildlife Photography Day – A Beginner’s Full Day Course in Wildlife & Nature Photography
Castle Vision Photographic, 6/5/17, 10am to 4pm, Glasdir, Plas yn Dre, Llanrwst, £45
This 1 day event is run by professional photographer, Laurence Clark & wildlife conservationist, Amy Green. It takes place at Glasdir where Laurence has had a permanent exhibition of wildlife photography for a number of years. Castle Vision Photographic will have experts on hand to answer your questions about the local wildlife & advise you on how to get more involved with nature in your area. Amy has worked for several years in wildlife conservation with AONB & North Wales Wildlife Trust. The photographic topics including a solid technical understanding of a digital camera, the functioning parts & the different types, wildlife tips & techniques, many examples of quality wildlife images with explanations of how they were achieved. During the day you will have opportunities to practise what you have learned with plenty of advice. You will get to practise your photographic technique on various creatures & plants we find along the river Conwy & your tutor Laurence will be on hand the whole day to advise you on using your camera to achieve the best results. You do not need an expensive DSLR but we do recommend a good hybrid style camera as a minimum. You will appreciate the differences in cameras & lenses during the course & also get to understand camera trap devices.
- d) Disability Resource Centre – Open Day
We are holding an Open Day & would be delighted if you could join us on 12/5/17 from 11am, The Disability Resource Centre, Glan Clwyd Hospital.
Demonstrations by several companies including: Special Tomato with specialised children’s equipment, Kymco with the latest mobility scooters. We also have adapted vehicles on display. Along with special performances from the singing group – The Tyddyners. Please contact 01745 341967 or email info@thedrc.co if you want to attend the event
- e) Creative Workshops for Children
22/4/17, Royal Cambrian Academy. 4 to 7 years – 11:30am to 1pm; 8+ years – 2pm to 3:30pm, £5 per child
An exciting opportunity to explore different ways of seeing. Create & decorate a camera obscura. See & try a wide selection of antique cameras, prisms & lenses with Richard Cynan-Jones. Please book to avoid disappointment 01492 593413 education@rcaconwy.org
- f) Ockenden Team & Watchdog Join Forces to Review & Consider Older People’s Mental Health Care
The independent team, led by Donna Ockenden looking at the care of older people with mental health problems in North Wales, has now confirmed further dates & location for listening & engagement events across the whole region. These events will give people the opportunity to share their views & experiences as part of the on-going review by Donna & her team. Donna, her team & the North Wales Community Health Council – the independent health watchdog, will be hosting a series of events across all 6 counties of North Wales, inviting NHS staff, patients, their carers & their families to talk about the care & services provided to older people with mental health problems.
8/5/17, 2:30pm to 5pm – Management Centre, Bangor Business School
9/5/17, 10:30am to 1:30pm – Neuadd Pendre Social Centre, Tywyn
10/5/17, 9am to 11am – Plas Heli, Hafan, Pwllheli
5/6/17. 2pm to 5pm – Business Centre, Isle of Anglesey Council Offices, Bryn Cefni Business Park, Llangefni
6/6/17, 10am to 1pm & 2:30pm to 5pm – Rhyl Community Fire Station, Rhyl Coast Road
7/6/17, 9am to 12 noon – Holywell Leisure Centre, Fron Park Road, Holywell
3/7/17, 2:30pm to 5:30pm – DVSC Offices, Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin
4/7/17, 2pm to 6pm – Wrexham Football Club, Racecourse Ground, Mold Road
5/7/17, 9am to 12 noon – Beaches Hotel, Beach Road East, Prestatyn
You are encouraged to advise North Wales Community Health Council should you wish to attend any of the events – 01248 679284 or email yourvoice@waleschc.org.uk

7. Newsletters & Publications

- a) RFCAs for Wales

The April newsletter is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) The Voice Community & Town Councils in Wales

The March newsletter is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

8. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Environment & Countryside

- Proposed reduction in the membership of the Brecon Beacons National Park
Authority

29/6/17

- Review of the Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2010

12/7/17

Health & Social Services

- Genomics for precision medicine strategy

24/5/17