

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**25th MARCH 2019****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Events**

Rhuddlan Mayor's Fish and Chips & Picture Quiz Evening

Rhuddlan Community Centre Friday 26th April 7pm, Tickets £10 rsvp 22nd April. Pudding, Coffee & Tea included bring your own alcoholic/ soft drink. Tickets available from Town Clerk

clerk@rhuddlantowncouncil.gov.uk Rejuva Beauty Salon, Blooming Gorgeous florists & Sadie Fashion. Cheques made payable to Rhuddlan Charity Account. Proceeds to Rhyl Raptors Wheelchair Sports Club.

2. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Lego® based therapy one day cpd for Teachers, Ta's and Support Staff

8 April 2019 9am to 3pm lego® education innovation studio, 41 Bodfor Street, Rhyl, LL18 1AT

LEGO®-based therapy is suitable for use in a wide variety of educational, community and home education settings. The one-day LEGO® based therapy training is for staff who wish to set up a group in a school, community or home education setting. Participation on the one-day LEGO®-based therapy training is sufficient to enable you to set up and implement LEGO®-Based. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour the LEGO® Education Innovation Studio to see how the therapy programme can be developed for older pupils/ children using LEGO® WeDo 1, WeDo 2, EV3 robotics and coding resources. The use of LEGO® and iPads to produce animated video's will also be discussed. To book your place: Cost: £145 plus VAT

b) Free e-learning for Welsh charities

I'm writing from the FSI – we're a charity that provides free and heavily-subsidised training to other charities, generally focusing on fundraising and financial sustainability. I think I may have been in touch before about our training courses in Cardiff and Wrexham. I just wanted to let you know that we've received a grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation in order to support charities in Wales, and as part of that we've decided to offer 25 free places on our e-learning course to Welsh charities. The course usually costs up to £95, which can be prohibitive for our smallest members, so we're excited to be able to offer it for free! I've pasted some text and links to the registration form below, would you be able to share it with any of your networks? Thank you! E-Learning Bursaries, Thanks to support from the Garfield Weston Foundation, the FSI are offering 25 bursary places for small charities based in Wales to access our 'Developing Your Fundraising Strategy' e-learning course entirely free of charge. This e-learning course will give you the tools and understanding to build a sustainable fundraising strategy for your organisation. It will provide a structured road map and activities to link together your organisational objectives with your fundraising targets and methods, and to develop an action plan to put the strategy into practice. Read more about the course here (<https://www.thefsi.org/e-learning/fundraising-strategy-4/>) and complete this short application form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjNM706paVJyKg_0zwVVcXlJATFrSOWd87KL6DVM2LZr2Dmw/viewform) before Friday 15th March to apply for free access.

3. Garden Waste Collection Charges

We are asking residents to tell us what they think about charging for collecting garden waste.

Local Authorities are allowed to charge for collecting household garden waste and many councils already do this, including Gwynedd, Denbighshire and Flintshire.

The garden waste recycling collection service currently costs £620,000 a year and we would expect this cost to rise next time the service is tendered. This is no longer affordable, we are considering either stopping the service or charging to cover some or all of the costs.

Residents will still be able to take garden waste to the Household Recycling Centres for free. Home composters are also available at a discounted rate on our website.

Consultation: www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Recycling-and-Waste/Garden-Waste-Collection-Consultation.aspx Closing date: Friday 5 April 2019

4. Press release from the National Eisteddfod

ADVICE ON HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE EISTEDDFOD'S VISIT. With the tourism and hospitality sectors among the most important in the Conwy County area, representatives from both sectors are invited to a free presentation to find out how they can benefit from the National Eisteddfod's visit later this year. The festival is held in the Llanrwst area in August, and organisers are offering advice to companies and organisations on how to appeal to the 150,000 visitors flocking to the region, leaving an economic legacy of £6-£8 million during the eight day period. The presentation is held in Caer Rhun Hall, Conwy on Wednesday 27 March at 10:00, with a chance to quiz the organisers on how to attract Eisteddfod visitors to other parts of the county and to enjoy some of the many attractions on offer across the Conwy County area. The Eisteddfod's Head of Community Delivery, Alwyn Roberts, said, "The Eisteddfod is Wales' leading festival and it's vitally important we work closely with the tourism and hospitality sectors when visiting different areas in Wales. There is a real opportunity for the sector to benefit from the festival and the aim of this presentation in Conwy is to share ideas and advice on how to prepare for the visitors. "Our research has shown that our visitors, the caravanners in particular, enjoy exploring the local area during the week as well as visiting the Maes. So it's important that the local tourism sector is ready to benefit from this and can work with us to ensure that their produce and services will appeal to Eisteddfod visitors. "Using the Welsh language is an important part of appealing to our visitors. They enjoy visiting different parts of Wales every year, seeing how the language is used across the country. From offering a complete service in Welsh to greeting customers and encouraging staff and volunteers to learn Welsh, you will appeal to our visitors when they arrive in August. The session will offer ideas, advice and help on how to use the language to promote your business and service. "With less than six months to go before the Eisteddfod, it's time to work together to ensure the businesses of Conwy County are ready for us. And there's a warm welcome for anyone interested to join us at the presentation before the end of the month. We want to see as many local businesses as possible benefiting from our visit, so come along to make sure you're aware of all the opportunities on offer." The presentation is organised by the Eisteddfod with Business Wales. For more information and to register for the free event, go to <http://eisteddfod.wales/community/events/2019/hospitality-event>. The Conwy County National Eisteddfod is held on the outskirts of Llanrwst from 3-10 August. Tickets on sale from 1 April. For more information go to www.eisteddfod.wales.

5. Funding

a) Calor launches £70,000 rural funding scheme

The Calor Rural Community Fund has returned for 2019, bigger and better than before! Home energy provider, Calor, is offering deserving community projects the chance to win a total of 21 grants, with prize pots ranging from £1,000 to £5,000. Rural communities off the mains gas grid can now submit their projects for funding, with previous winners including playground and village hall refurbishments, instruments for music banks and equipment for sports clubs. Now, Calor is encouraging anyone who thinks their project may be eligible to come forward and submit an application for consideration to this year's fund. Start spreading the news. We want to get the news out about the fund to as many communities, projects and people as possible, and that's where we need your help! By mentioning the fund in your local parish council newsletter or by placing information on your noticeboard, you could start the ball rolling for great change in your community. We would be more than happy to produce a short piece of copy or supply any additional information for you to use in your communications. Alternatively, please find the Calor Rural Community Fund leaflet below, available to download, print and display, or circulate electronically. Download the leaflet. Finally, we'd like to say thank you for taking the time to read this email and for taking any future actions for the fund. We really do appreciate your help in promoting the scheme to rural communities across the UK. For any questions or future information, please contact Natalie Isherwood or Lauryn Mellor on 01785 255146 or email natalie.isherwood@edsonevers.com or lauryn.mellor@edsonevers.com. This year's Calor Rural Community Fund is now open for applications and will close on 29th April 2019. To find out how you can take part, please visit our Calor Rural Community Fund website.

6. Newsletters

a) CVSC News

The March edition of CVSC's funding news bulletin is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Play Wales e-bulletin

The March edition is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

c) Tree Charter

The March newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

This edition has information regarding applying for a free tree pack to plant in the community, take a look at:

https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/?utm_campaign=2322196_B04_12627_Charter_enews_March19_190306&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&dm_i=2D76,1DRTG,8OB4OZ,4JUEG,1