

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****1st FEBRUARY 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****Cerdded Conwy Walks**

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Conwy Town Council for its continued support for Cerdded Conwy Walks. As you know, we are a group of volunteer walk leaders. Our walk leaders receive no expenses as individuals, but donations such as this help to pay for group expenses such as training & insurance. Our programme for 2016 starts this coming weekend with a few walks to help "blow away" the Christmas & New Year "cobwebs". We are planning Spring walks over 3 weekends in April, over 10 days for Conwy Walking Week in July & over a couple of weekends in the Autumn. We will all be very busy! With best wishes. Yours sincerely, JP Collins, Honorary Treasurer, Cerdded Conwy Walks"

**2. High Sheriff of Clwyd Community Awards 2016**

You are cordially invited to nominate your "community heroes" for a High Sheriff of Clwyd Community Award 2016. There are two types of award: Individual & Organisation. The High Sheriff of Clwyd will present two awards for individuals from each of the principal areas (Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) that form the preserved county of Clwyd & one award for a voluntary/community organisation or group (with charitable aims) operating within each of those areas. Please submit your nomination by the appropriate County Voluntary Council no later than the 31/01/16. You can also submit a nomination online – it's the quickest way to nominate & will only take 5 minutes of your time:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jrikZymvUmg8BZpDim3i957n\\_KDtwQbu8ddc3VPihQ8/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jrikZymvUmg8BZpDim3i957n_KDtwQbu8ddc3VPihQ8/viewform)

**3. The Public Catalogue Foundation**

Your collection of oil, acrylic & tempera paintings was catalogued by the Public Catalogue Foundation (PCF) & published on the BBC Your Paintings website. We're excited to tell you that in February 2016 we will replace Your Paintings with an enhanced website, Art UK. Please keep this news confidential as a public announcement will not be made until 24th February. As you have been part of the Your Paintings project, we will automatically move images of your works & the accompanying data onto Art UK. You will be contacted again in the near future with details of how you can improve the way your collection is shown on this new website. Please read the PDF for more information about this transition.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/3c31dd6f44fbb7505b1daafce/files/Art\\_UK\\_Brochure.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/3c31dd6f44fbb7505b1daafce/files/Art_UK_Brochure.pdf)

If we require an updated logo or photo for your collection venue(s), you will receive another email from us shortly. If you think we should contact another person about your collection, or if you have any questions about Art UK, please email

[copyright@thepcf.org.uk](mailto:copyright@thepcf.org.uk).

**4. Resource Efficient Wales – Advice & Information on Energy, Waste & Water**

Resource Efficient Wales is a single point of contact to help people & organisations to save on energy & water & to reduce & reUse waste.

Householders: help for householders to make their homes more energy & water efficient, keeping their bills under control & help with recycling & renewable energy generation

Community Groups: help for community groups to make funding go even further with lower bills & income generated through renewable energy projects

Public Sector Organisations: supporting public sector organisations to reduce their costs & consider renewable energy projects

Whoever you are & whatever your questions on energy, waste or water, please call the Resource Efficient Wales helpline on 0300 123 2020 or visit

<http://resourceefficient.gov.wales>

## 5. Funding

On 2/2/16 experts will be on hand to help people find out more about the different types of funding available to support community projects in North Wales. "Find a Funder Day" will be held at Gronant Institute between 2pm & 8pm. The drop-in session, organised by the Gwynt y Môr Community Fund & FLVC, will be open to all with no bookings required. Some of the biggest community funders in the area will be present, including Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC), the Big Lottery Fund, Flintshire Community Chest, the Police & Community Trust, WREN & Community & Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC) who manage the Gwynt y Môr Fund.

## 6. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

### a) Wales fuel poverty conference 11/2/16

Supported by Wales & West Utilities, NEA Cymru will be holding the only conference in Wales dedicated to discussing & examining the challenges & solutions for helping the 1 in 3 fuel poor households in Wales. If you want to see an end to fuel poverty in Wales & want to influence those who can deliver the policies for change, then this conference is for you. By attending the conference, you will have the opportunity to:

- Debate & influence the fuel poverty policy agenda in Wales
- Learn more about the work of key organisations in Wales
- Learn about the latest fuel poverty initiatives & programmes at the workshops
- Network with different organisations & develop new partnerships
- Highlight best practice & plant seeds for future collaboration, Lunch, networking opportunity provided

From 1 January 2016 Member £83.33 + VAT (£100) Non-member £110.50 + VAT (£130)  
Full programme details and to book your place go to: <http://www.nea.org.uk/nea-cymru/annual-conference-2016/>

### b) WCVA training and events digest

i) All Wales basic safeguarding awareness training

1 March, Rhyl. Are you & your staff aware of your responsibilities in relation to safeguarding adults, children & young people? This course provides a safeguarding induction, which includes understanding how individuals are protected from harm, abuse & neglect, & how to recognise different types of abuse. The course will explain a number of key principles in the safeguarding of individuals & provide staff with basic foundation knowledge about responding to abuse & neglect.

ii) Planning & writing successful funding bids (Delivered in Welsh) 3/2/16, Rhyl  
With most funders now receiving thousands of requests for support each year it's vital that your bid stands out from the crowd.

### c) Community Foundation in Wales funding surgery

CVSC are pleased to announce that a day of pre-booked appointments has been organised in collaboration with Community Foundation in Wales. Ffion Roberts, Grants Officer at CFIW, will be offering one-to-one advice sessions between 9.30 & 3.30 at the CVSC Offices, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TG on 29/1/16. If you are a small grassroots group or a larger not for profit organisation & would like to discuss the eligibility & potential of a project proposal, please contact us at CVSC to book a 30 minute appointment on 01492 534091 or email [mail@cvsc.org.uk](mailto:mail@cvsc.org.uk). Booking is essential! Limited availability, book early to avoid disappointment, more information is available at: [www.cfiw.org.uk](http://www.cfiw.org.uk)

### d) Business Wales - Start Up Workshops

Conwy Business Centre run free Business Start up workshops on behalf of the Welsh Government to encourage & help people who may want to start their own business. The Conwy Business Centre is in Llandudno Junction, next to Cineworld. The Start Up Service is fully funded by the Welsh Assembly Government & has been instrumental in assisting clients set up their businesses, some of which have become very successful & resulted in increasing employment in the area. To book a place please contact 01745 585025 or email [hilary.neil-williams@businesswales.org.uk](mailto:hilary.neil-williams@businesswales.org.uk)

Held at Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9XX. Tel 01492 574555  
February:

Taking the Plunge 22/2/16, 10am - 12.45pm. Sizing up the market 22/2/16 1.15 – 4pm.

Winning & keeping customers 23/2/16 10am - 12.45pm. Pricing for profit 23/2/16 1.15 –

4pm. Managing your finances 29/2/16 10am - 12.45pm. Managing your business effectively 29/2/16 1.15 – 4pm

March:

Taking the Plunge 21/3/16 10am – 12.45pm. Sizing up the market 21/3/16 1.15 – 4pm  
Winning & keeping customers 22/3/16 10am – 12.45pm. Pricing for profit 22/3/16 1.15 – 4pm.  
Managing your finances 23/3/16 10am – 12.45pm. Managing your business effectively 23/3/16 1.15 – 4pm

**e) One voice Wales training**

The cost of the training is £35 for members or £45 per person for non members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place. There is a bursary available to eligible councils – please ask for details. Start time is 6:30pm until 9:00pm. 16/02/2016, Noddfa, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr. LL34 6YF. Module 5 The Council Meeting  
18/02/2016 Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Llangefni. LL77 7TW Module 12 Community Planning (W)  
23/02/2016 The Institute, Pavillion Hill, Caernarfon. LL55 1AT Module 5 The Council Meeting (W)

**7. Newsletters**

**Natural Resources Bulletin**

The 3rd issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

**8. Welsh Government Consultations**

Closing Date

**Education & Skills**

- Proposal for the registration of youth workers with the Education Workforce Council 31/3/16
- Proposal for the registration of work based learning practitioners with the Education Workforce Council 31/3/16

**Environment & Countryside**

- Bathing Water Review in Wales 2016 26/02/16
- Promoting the conservation of White-fronted Geese in Wales 7/03/16
- Code of practice for species control provisions in Wales 5/04/16
- Changes to water abstraction licensing exemptions in England and Wales (New Authorisations) 8/04/16

**Health & Social Care**

- Enforcing legislation in Wales for EU Regulation 609/2013 (Foods for specific groups) 25/02/16
- New UK guidelines for alcohol consumption 1/04/16
- Consultation on Together for Mental Health – Delivery Plan 2016 – 2019 4/04/16
- Domiciliary care workforce 5/04/16

**Housing & Regeneration**

- Mandatory Quality Standards for new, rehabilitated and existing homes 12/04/16

**Statistics**

- Office for National Statistics (ONS) public consultation on changes to statistical products, 2015 8/02/16

**Transport**

- Blue Badge Scheme in Wales: Changes to eligibility to include people with temporary impairments, assessment and enforcement 2016 16/02/16
- Setting the Direction for Wales and Borders Rail 18/03/16