

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Monday 27th October 2014
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Conwy County Borough Council

- a) The Forward Work Programme is available at
<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=546&LLL=0>
- b) A Special Meeting of Council has been arranged for 17/11/14 at 2pm to further consider a voluntary merger. Denbighshire County Council have also arranged a Special Council to take place on 17/11/14 at 2pm to consider the same item.

2. The development of an energy efficiency strategy for Wales

You are invited to contribute to a call for evidence on energy efficiency as the first stage in the development of a new strategy for Wales. Start of consultation: 16/10/2014. End of consultation: 08/01/2015
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/energy-efficiency-strategy-for-wales/?lang=en>. Energy efficiency benefits households, businesses & the public sector, by saving them money, by reducing energy security risks, & by supporting more sustainable business practices & lifestyles. It is the most cost-effective way to support the move to a low carbon energy system. Improving energy efficiency in Wales is a major challenge, but the opportunity for Wales is immense. We propose to develop a new strategy that considers not just the Welsh Government's role in driving this agenda but also the role of other organisations, businesses & householders. As a first step we are calling for evidence. We are seeking views on barriers to energy efficiency, on further developing the supply chain to deliver improvements & on education, supporting innovation, smarter financial mechanisms & the right strategic direction for the sector. Today, the Minister for Natural Resources said: "We have achieved much on energy efficiency for businesses, the public sector & households. This includes Arbed, which helps improve energy efficiency in people's homes in deprived communities across Wales & Nest, our fuel poverty programme. However I'm ambitious to do more. I want to provide a sense of direction & a stable framework that is attractive to investors & consumers. I want businesses, public sector & third sector organisations & householders to give their views as we develop our strategy." If you have any queries, please email me. Thanks Lucy. Lucy.thomas@cymru.gsi.gov.uk / lucy.thomas@wales.gsi.gov.uk

3. Health Watchdog: Watching the Care of Vulnerable Patients – response to news of external inquiry at Mental Health Unit, Ysbyty Glan Clwyd

The independent health watchdog for North Wales has responded to news of a police investigation concerning patient care at a North Wales hospital. At today's meeting of the North Wales Community Health Council (CHC), Chief Officer, Mr Geoff Ryall-Harvey advised that the CHC had been made aware of the allegations surrounding the quality & safety of patient care on the Tawel Fan ward, at the mental health Ablett Unit, Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Mr Ryall-Harvey said: 'This news is very regrettable & our thoughts turn to those patients who are affected, as well as their families. We welcome that the Health Board has been open about the fact that there are serious on-going concerns & understand that urgent work needs to be carried out to address these issues. The health board has clearly demonstrated to us that it is taking the necessary steps to attempt to restore the perceived lack of confidence by some in health services in North Wales.' Mr Ryall-Harvey went on to say; 'The CHC's Complaints & Advocacy Service is ready to assist patients & families who may wish to

take their concerns through the formal NHS Complaints Procedure'. CHC Chair, Mr Gordon Donaldson said 'The CHC has a robust Action Plan to deal with the issues raised earlier in the year following the joint report from the Auditor General for Wales & Healthcare Inspectorate Wales on management & governance arrangements at the Health Board. Today's statement tells us that the Health Board is going through the necessary process to address issues in an urgent way. The CHC will closely monitor what impact these changes to health services will have on patients, their families & carers.' Mr Donaldson went on to say 'The CHC is getting excellent co-operation from the Health Board in relation to our CareWatch programme & we are seeing a robust response by the Health Board to our concerns – with poorly performing wards being put on "special measures"'. 'North Wales CHC has an extremely active unannounced visiting and inspection programme to health care settings across the region & we put safeguarding vulnerable patients at the very heart of our work programme. We are on target to complete 550 inspections this year & have a target of 800 for next year. However, we are not complacent about safeguarding vulnerable patients & this does not represent the totality of our response. We will be looking at making an agreement with the Health Board to become an integrated part of their whistleblowing policy, increased publicity of our Complaints Advocacy & Inspection roles, increased engagement with Carers' Groups & further close attention to all potentially "at risk" patient care facilities'. For further information about the work of the CHC or to let the CHC know your views, please contact the CHC on ☎ 01248 679 284 or admin@bcchc.org.uk or visit our website on www.bcchc.org.uk

4. Third Sector Apprenticeships

The Regional Learning Partnership South West & Central Wales alongside its partner CVCs is collecting evidence of demand for third sector apprenticeships in Wales. Apprenticeships form an important route into employment for many young people, but also those that may not have been engaged in the labour market for some time and provide a combined work & educational approach to support learners to become valued employees. Apprenticeships are widely used across the private and public sectors, however, specific apprenticeships to support the third sector in Wales have been very limited. This is not the case in England where there are a number of frameworks available which include volunteer management & fundraising. To measure the potential demand & to support a case for making these frameworks available in Wales, a short survey has been developed. This evidence will be used to support the development of the frameworks to meet the Welsh Government's apprenticeship standards. These apprenticeships will be delivered to a Level 3 qualification standard, which is equivalent to an A-Level standard. To complete the form please click on the following link:- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RLPThirdsectorapprenticeships>
Welsh Version:-<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RLPPrentisiaethautrydyddsector>

5. Opportunity for Free Place at Schools Conference

School Life, 17/11/14 9.30 to 15.30, Conwy Business Centre, LL31 9XX.

We are pleased to invite you to a multi-agency event aimed at exploring ways in which we might better cultivate the conditions for children's play within schools across North Wales. Speakers include researchers from Glyndwr University presenting their findings from studying the effects of rich playtimes on behaviour & concentration, as well as a range of other professionals with experience & expertise in providing for play in schools. The Welsh Government's play sufficiency duty places a statutory duty on all local authorities to assess & secure sufficient play opportunities for children; in doing this the Welsh Government recommends that schools are supported to provide high quality play spaces & sufficient time for children to play during the school day & to give full consideration to opening this provision during out of teaching hours. We recognise that there are challenges to schools

associated with some of these requirements & the focus of the event will be on sharing what has worked in other areas & how to tackle some of these barriers. Play enhances children's physical & emotional wellbeing, however, increasing demands on children's free time mean that for some the school day offers one of the few opportunities for play. It is important therefore that we endeavour to provide the best quality spaces & opportunities for play as possible. Play also offers a range of potential benefits to the school & community such as pupil motivation, improvements in behaviour, improved perceptions of community safety & closer links between the school & community. School buildings, their contents & grounds also have the potential to satisfy many social & recreational needs of the community. We have to be realistic about what opportunities can be provided outside of teaching hours, however, there are already many good examples of schools across the region developing & extending opportunities for play in this way. Your attendance at this event would be much appreciated because you have been identified as someone who may have an interest in developments associated with play in schools & may be willing to discuss possible solutions & negotiate potential barriers associated with this work. Please can you email Millie Boswell millieboswell@cvsc.org.uk confirming whether or not you will be able to attend and access/dietary requirements by 7th November. Kind regards, The Play Officers North Wales Group

6. Horizon Nuclear Power

You are invited to attend a breakfast briefing about Horizon's current consultation on proposals for Wylfa Newydd on Anglesey. The event will take place at 9am on 3/11/14 at Tŷ Menai, Parc Menai Business Park, LL57 4FH. We want as many people as possible to have the opportunity to be involved in our consultation as the views we collect will help shape our project. Please come along & find out more about the consultation & how you & your members can get involved. Spaces are limited so please register your interest at <https://horizonnuclearpower.eventbrite.co.uk> by 30/10/14. If you have any enquiries about the event or the Wylfa Newydd Project in general, you can get in touch via the Wylfa Newydd freephone hotline on 0800 954 9516 or email wylfaenquires@horizonnuclearpower.com. For more information about the consultation, please visit: www.horizonnuclearpower.com/consultation. We look forward to seeing you there. Yours sincerely, Kieran Somers, Head of Planning, Horizon Nuclear Power Horizon Nuclear Power

7. Road Closure

a) From Junction Station Road to Cystennin Church, Cystennin Road, Llangwstennin
4/11/2014 to 6/11/14 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Work

b) Funding

a) The Burbo Bank Extension Community Benefit Fund – Update

On 26 September, the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change granted development consent for the Burbo Bank Extension Offshore Wind Farm in Liverpool Bay. The Development Consent Order covers all offshore work including the turbines, offshore substation & cabling & is an important step in clearing the way for DONG Energy to make a final investment decision. As a result of this news, we have decided to extend the Burbo Bank Community Benefit Fund consultation survey deadline for a further month to allow more people to submit their initial views on how the Fund should be set up. Hundreds of local people have already taken part. Make sure you have your say by completing the simple online survey before 31st October 2014 which can be found by clicking on the following link <http://grantscape.org.uk/bbecbf/>The attached Flyer provides further information on the Community Benefit Fund & the consultation exercise GrantScape is undertaking on behalf of DONG Energy. Please feel free to

forward this email to other interested parties. If you have any difficulty in completing the survey online then we will be happy to complete the form for you. Please call Matt, Tina or Andrew at GrantScape on 01908 247634 or email us at burbobankextensioncbf@grantscape.org.uk. The GrantScape Team 01908 247634

c) Courses/Workshops/Conferences

a) The Business of Sport - free course open to unemployed people 16+

'The Business of Sport' gateway course available for free, the course is open to unemployed people 16+. Gain qualifications including- BTEC in football industries, Emergency First Aid, Health & Safety at work. Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 14th October at Conwy Borough Football club for 8 weeks. For further information contact Vi-ability on: Vi-Ability, Social Enterprise M: 07713 168019 T: 01492 583555 W: www.vi-ability.org

d) Events

a) Theatre Dan y Coed - outdoor theatre production

The Performances take place in a remote location & you are required to be transported there as a part of the show (transport is included in the ticket price). There are set times for the lifts up, & you therefore need to book in advance to reserve a time slot / seat on the bus, in order to secure your place/s. Times & Dates for the forthcoming production are: 30/10/14 6.30, 7, 7.30, & 8pm. 31/1-/14 7, 7.30, 8, & 8.30pm. 1/11/14 5, 5.30, 6, 6.30 & 7pm. Advance Booking for the show will be opened on 8/10/14 at Midday. You can book your tickets online via <http://fear.brownpapertickets.com/> Or if you're local then you can call into the Golygfa Gwydyr Building on Plough Street, in Llanrwst (LL26 0AG) & get your tickets there or Tel: 07807 372 685 for more information. Each Performance last approximately an hour & a half, to an hour & three quarters, following a roughshod up & down path, so good footwear, warm clothing & waterproofs are required. The site is not suitable for wheelchair users or those with limited mobility. The organisers reserve the right to refuse access to anyone they feel is not adequately prepared for the nights show. How to get there: The pick up point & car park are at the Gwydyr Uchaf buildings, near Llanrwst, in the Upper Conwy Valley. Postcode LL26 0PN. There will be snacks & refreshments available at the event. We hope you enjoy the show.

b) Whats On October & November: Halloween, Fire Walking, Winter Market & Beauty & Fragrance Night

HALLOWEEN EVENTS: 31st October Halloween Family Fun:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/1530152790556420/>

[http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising events/halloweenfamilyfun-/](http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising-events/halloweenfamilyfun-/) Fright Night Disco & Zombie Run:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/1401055993450221/>

[http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising events/halloweenfrightnight/](http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising-events/halloweenfrightnight/)

FIREWALKING: 8th November. As I'm sure you all know we are holding a fire walking fundraiser in the grounds. Many of you have expressed an interest in taking part. If you are keen & haven't registered already, please do so before 1st November so I have numbers to pass to the organisers & so I can ensure people have filled in the registration form (if you want to register email me for a form). I myself have signed up I'm the world's biggest week so if I can do it anyone can! Give it ago!!!

The fire walk itself is at 3:30pm, but you will need to attend an hours training session before hand.

For more information & to access a copy of the registration form visit <http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising-events/firewalkchallenge/> If you are on facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/1634699750087774/> Winter Market: 8th November. I'm sure lots of people will want to come & watch the fire walk so we have put on a Winter Market the same day. There will be stalls with all sorts of goodies, crafts, local produce & textiles, as well as art activities for the kids and a fire juggler at 2 points in the day. Admission to the market is free. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/328146867359023/> <http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising-events/winter-market-and-family-fun-llandudno/> Beauty & Fragrance Night: 11th November. Following the success of the event in Llandudno in May, Debenhams Bangor are hosting a second event for us with lots of more freebies and goodie bags. For more information visit <http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise/other-fundraising-events/beautygala/> To book a place contact me using the details below. Tickets are £3 per person & well worth the trip at that price for the freebies alone. Refreshments are also provided. Hope you are able to come along to some if not all of the events. All the best Viccie, Victoria Beech, Regional Fundraising Officer Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstan's)A: Queens Road, Llandudno LL30 1UT T: 01492 864574, M: 07860526488, E: victoria.beech@blindveterans.org.uk, W: www.blindveterans.org.uk

e) Newsletters

Business Wales

The 2nd October 2014 newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

f) Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Early Years Outcomes Framework	15/1/15
- Proposals for the disciplinary functions of the Education Workforce Council & a new Code of Professional Conduct & practice for registrants	1/12/14
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- The development of an energy efficiency strategy for Wales	8/1/15
- Consultation on introducing a points system for fishing vessel masters convicted of serious offences	21/11/14
- Possession of wild bird eggs: establishing the grounds for an offence	9/12/14
<u>Planning</u>	
- Consultation on Design in the Planning Process	16/1/15
- Frontloading the development management system	16/1/15
- Planning committees, delegation & joint planning boards	16/1/15
- Proposed amendments to legislation on the power to override easements & other rights	16/1/15
- Review of Planning Application Fees	16/1/15