

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**27th NOVEMBER 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Conwy County Borough Council**

a) Forward Work Programme

The latest Forward Work Programme has been

published <http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=602&LLL=0>

b) Meetings

A special meeting of the Finance & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been arranged on 15/1/18 at 10am at Bodlondeb, Conwy. It has been necessary to organise a special meeting, as the Forward Work Programme for the Financial & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee has become congested & reports require consideration before the end of January 2018.

2. Road Closures

Pen Y Bryn Road, Bryn Pydew, Llandudno Junction

05/12/2017 8am - 5pm - BT Work

3. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Conwy District Citizens Advice Bureau AGM

This year's Cyngor Ar Bopeth Cylch Conwy District Citizens Advice Annual General Meeting will be held at 1pm on 7/12/17 at - Abergele Golf Club, Tan-Y-Gopa Road, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8DS

Members & interested persons are all invited to attend. Members please note - if you are unable to attend the AGM, you have the right to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. We should be grateful if you would complete the attached form & confirm your attendance at the Annual General Meeting by email to projects@conwy.cabnet.org.uk or by post to Eryl Wen, Eryl Place, Llandudno LL30 2TX.

b) Effective Governance training

27/11/17 1.15pm to 4pm. CVSC Office, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TG. Limited places book now – 01492 534091 mail@cvsc.org.uk

c) Play & Public Health Conference

16/1/18 in Conwy Business Centre. We are pleased to invite you to a North Wales conference focussing on children's play as a public health issue & delivered in partnership between the Play Officers North Wales Network, Public Health Wales, Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board & Play Wales. The conference will explore ways in which adults can support children to contribute to their own physical & emotional health through increasing & safeguarding opportunities for playing. This is a free conference & lunch will be provided. To book your FREE place visit <http://www.playwales.org.uk/eng/events/408>

d) One Voice Wales training

6.30pm – 9pm 12/12/17 Plas Pentwyn, Castle Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham, LL11 3NU. Module 21 - Local Government Finance -ADVANCED. 19/12/17 Sports Pavilion, Corwen, New Councillor Induction

e) WCVA training - All Wales basic safeguarding awareness training

28/11/17, Rhyl .A basic safeguarding awareness programme for those working with children, young people & adults

4. Events

a) Bay of Colwyn Volunteer of the year awards

The Bay of Colwyn Town Council is now inviting nominations for its Volunteer of the Year Awards for 2017/18. Town Clerk, Tina Earley, explains: "This will be the 7th year of our Volunteer Awards, which were introduced to recognise the valued contribution of our many local volunteers & voluntary groups, who show selflessness, devotion & service to the local community & are an inspiration to others. The Town Council is keen to celebrate the efforts of our unsung local heroes & is now encouraging local residents to submit nominations for this year's awards. A new category has been introduced this year to make allowance for nominations that may not previously have been accepted." There are now seven categories for nomination: Young Person (under 25 years), or group

of young people Adult (25-64) Adult (65 & over) Green Volunteer or group Trustee Other Groups (two or more individuals, whether informal or formally constituted) Special Award (for those that may not meet the criteria for the other six categories). The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31st January 2018. Nomination forms and guidelines are available either by post or to collect from the Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7TE, on-line at www.colwyn-tc.gov.uk or by e-mail request to: info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk

b) North Wales Cruising Club Christmas Fair
11am 9/12/17, Lower Gate Street Conwy.

c) CHAPS Pantomime

Old King Cole, 1/12/17 at the Memorial Hall, Llandudno Junction at 7.30pm

5. Welsh Government - Written Statement: 21st Century Schools & Education Programme

On September 26, I published my new Action Plan for Education in Wales. This plan sets out our national mission, which will see implementation of a brand new curriculum, with a focus on leadership, professional learning, & a self improving system. My ultimate goal is that educational standards are raised for all, that we reduce the attainment gap & that we deliver an education system that is a source of national pride & public confidence. To support this aspiration, we must overcome barriers & support learning through provision of fit for purpose schools & colleges of the right size, in the right location, with the right facilities to deliver our new curriculum. Our 21st Century Schools & Education Programme is the means to achieve this ambition, & represents the largest investment in our schools & colleges since the 1960s. The Programme has been developed in partnership between the Welsh Local Government Association, Colleges Wales & Diocesan Directors. The first wave of funding provided through the Programme will see investment of more than £1.4 billion over the five year period ending 2019. This will support the rebuild & refurbishment of over 150 schools & colleges across Wales. However, more needs to be done, which is why I am delighted to announce a second wave of investment for the Programme, which will begin in April 2019. As with the first tranche of investment, the second tranche, Band B, will be jointly funded between the Welsh Government, Local Authorities & others. The bulk of the Programme will be funded from capital budgets. However, in contrast to the first wave of the Programme, this next wave will seek to include additional investment with a capital value of around £500m funded through the Mutual Investment Model. Local Authorities & Further Education Institutions have proposed £2.3bn of projects, which meet the investment objectives of Band B of the Programme. The Welsh Government is committed to supporting all of these projects, subject to approval of business cases. We will work closely with our partners to agree the pace of delivery for their projects, & put in place investment plans that are affordable & meet our shared ambition to create sustainable learning environments that meet the needs of our communities.

6. The Future of Work in Wales

The greater use of artificial intelligence & robotics is set to dramatically alter the kinds of jobs available in Wales within the next 20 years according to a new report by the Wales Centre for Public Policy. The Future of Work in Wales report suggests that new technology may improve productivity & release workers from repetitive or hazardous tasks but could also see large numbers of existing jobs disappear & change employment practices in ways that disadvantage unskilled workers. The report argues that support should be offered to Welsh workers to help them develop skills that are difficult to automate, such as creativity & critical thinking, which will be in demand in the digital economy of the future. Professor Steve Martin, Director of the Wales Centre for Public Policy, said: "Our report finds that artificial intelligence could transform the world of work in Wales. "A lot has been written about global trends, but we need to build a better understanding of how advances in technology will affect the Welsh economy so we can prepare for a future where some jobs may be very different to today. "Workers here need to be equipped with the skills to adapt to these changes, & this has important implications for what schools teach, for careers advice, lifelong learning, in-work training & retraining." The report was launched on 1/11/17 at an event sponsored by the First Minister of Wales, The Right Honourable Carwyn Jones AM. Expert speakers included: Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) & author of 'Good Work: The Taylor Review of Modern Working Practices' commissioned by the Prime Minister, who talked about the RSA's programme on Future

Work; & Stijn Broecke, Senior Economist in Employment, Labour & Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD), who talked about the OECD's programme of research into the future of work. Download full report here https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/f06571_4282ca3827a749b1a187a7bce3db7adf.pdf

7. Welsh Government Consultations

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| <u>Transport</u> | |
| - A470 Caersws Bridge- Pedestrian safety improvements | 31/01/18 |
| <u>Education & Skills</u> | |
| - The Education (Amendments Relating to Teacher Assessment Information) (Wales) Regulations 2018 | 30/01/18 |
| <u>Environment & Countryside</u> | |
| - Implementation of sustainable drainage systems on new developments- Draft regulations and national standards | 15/02/18 |
| - Code of practice for the welfare of laying hens and code of practice for the welfare of meat and breeding chickens | 12/02/18 |
| - Draft grey squirrel management action plan for Wales | 21/02/18 |