

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
29th JANUARY 2018

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Letter of Thanks

a) January Forward Work Programme

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=606&LLL=0>

b) Meetings

A special meeting of the Finance & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been arranged on 12/2/18 at 10am at Bodlondeb, Conwy.

The items for consideration will be the Draft Capital Programme 2018/2019 & the Draft Revenue Budget 2018/2019.

2. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Onevoice wales training - Module 1 - The Council training in Plas Pentwyn, Castle Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham. LL113NU on Tuesday 6th February 2018 6.30-9.00pm Don't miss out on Module 2 - The Councillor training in Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele. LL22 7BT on Tuesday 6th February 2018 6.30-9.00pm

3. Measure and Manage your Social Value

CVSC - Introduction to Social Value workshop.

Social Value Cymru is working in partnership with all 6 County Voluntary Councils in North Wales on a project to assist organisations to measure & manage their social value. There is an opportunity for 30 organisations in North Wales to work closely with us to measure their impact & to develop trustee confidence in using this data to make decisions. As part of this project, we are offering a workshop for third sector organisations to look at the what, why & how of social value. You don't need to be involved in the project to attend the workshop, but it is an opportunity to learn more about the opportunities & to speak to our officers.

This workshop will; Introduce what social value is and why it's important, Show how to take the first steps to measuring your social impact, Share free resources available and discuss opportunities for third sector organisations in Conwy & Denbighshire to demonstrate their impact. To book or for more information contact: mail@cvsc.org.uk or 01492 534091. Please remember to let us know of any specific requirements you may have.

4. Funding

A New Wave of Funding for Coastal Communities. The Welsh Government has announced that round five of the Coastal Communities Fund is now open for applications. As with previous rounds, the Big Lottery Fund will be administering the programme & all the details, including application forms, will be available on their website. The fund enables communities, businesses & organisations around the Welsh Coastline to apply for grants of between £50,000 & £300,000 for projects intended to promote sustainable economic growth. Since the start of the Coastal Communities Fund in 2012, 56 projects across the Wales have received grants to the value of £12 million. This funding is forecast to deliver over 1,300 jobs & help attract over £8m million of additional funds to coastal areas. Applications will be accepted until Noon, 12th of March. To support applicants a number of information days will be held across the country in Aberaeron Yacht Club (6/2/18, 10am-1pm), Canolfan Ucheldre Centre Holyhead (13/2/18, 10am-1pm), and Llanelli Town Library (15/2/18, 9.30am-12.30pm).

5. Bee Friendly Scheme

In 2013, The Welsh Government launched an action plan to protect pollinators in Wales, called the Action Plan for Pollinators. A Task Force group of individuals & organisations was set up to implement the action plan. The Task Force's Bee Friendly scheme aims to help all our pollinators by creating a nation of Pollinator-Friendly communities & organisations, schools, public bodies, town & community councils, businesses, universities & colleges, places

of worship... & many other organisations all around Wales. We think that it is the first nationally coordinated scheme of its kind & has at its heart – making Wales a Pollinator-Friendly country. Pollinators include honey bees, bumble bees & solitary bees, some wasps, butterflies, moths & hoverflies, & some beetles and flies. Although the scheme is called Bee Friendly, we want people to take action to help all our pollinators, & not just bees. Declining bee & pollinator health populations have been increasingly highlighted as a cause for concern in the UK. Research indicates that honeybees showed a 23% decline in Wales between 1985 and 2005. Butterflies, hoverflies & many species of moth are also declining across Wales. Wild flower meadows and other semi-natural habitats that support pollinators have also decreased in area. Pollinators are an essential part of our environment. Honeybees are the main managed pollinator of crops & also provide a crop (honey) themselves. Wild pollinators, which include bumblebees & butterflies, are also important pollinators for crops like fruit & oil seed rape, for clovers, which help to improve pastures for livestock grazing & wild flowers. They contribute to the diversity of plant species, habitats & wildlife. This provides food, makes Wales a better place for people to enjoy & visit & contributes to our economy. The Bee Friendly scheme is open to schools, communities, towns, public bodies, businesses, universities & places of worship in Wales. The idea is that a participating group or Community Council could take action under each of four themes: All the information about how to achieve Bee Friendly accreditation is here - <http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/Wales-Action-Plan-for-Pollinators>

6. Peace 11.11 Exhibition Tour Information for Community Groups

Wales for Peace is a four-year Heritage Lottery Funded project devised by the Welsh Centre for International Affairs, exploring what Wales has done for peace in the 100 years since World War 1. We have sought to uncover the stories of bravery, faith, immeasurable kindness and commitment to a peaceful future in our communities. Our vision is to inspire a new generation of internationalists who believe in cooperation & understanding between nations, through learning from Wales' peace heritage... the individuals, communities & movements who have championed Wales' peacebuilding role in the world. In 2018, this touring community exhibition explores how the quest for peace has been pursued from then to now. Peace 11.11' will be a platform for local communities across Wales to share their Peace Heritage stories & will be at the following locations for between four and six weeks in 2018: March/April- Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre, Cerrigydrudion, CONWY. We are seeking individuals and community groups who would like to support the exhibition whilst it is in situ. This can be done in a variety of ways and may involve continued & regular support during the exhibition, or it could be a one-off session. Would your group enjoy uncovering some local history by researching the names on your local cenotaph, or other leads? This information is crucial to the local element of each exhibition & would form part of it. We will provide the support you need. As contributors, you may then wish to organise an official opening event & perhaps some films and talks about related issues that you think are important. Our project looks at very current issues such as the refugee crisis as well as relating so well to the sensitivities of power globally in 2018. We would like to be able to train local individuals to deliver our schools workshops & this could be suitable for students undertaking the Welsh BaccaLaureate, students following Education routes in higher education, or interested individuals of any age or background who identify with the project vision and who find the idea of leading a workshop session with groups of children and young people. Creative sessions often provide a very open way for children, families & individuals to further consider an exhibition & its message. These sessions are a great way to meet people and have some fun too. Are you an Arts group, or have you always wanted to know more anything creative? Let us know your thoughts & we'll endeavor to support you to make it part of the programme. Volunteering with WCIA gives you the opportunity to examine the skills you have developed should you wish too & you will receive official acknowledgement of your support. You can also log your hours with GwirVol. Please do get in touch, even if-especially if you're not sure how you or your group could be involved. Looking forward to hearing from you! Fiona Owens Exhibitions and Engagement Coordinator, Wales for Peace Project, Welsh Centre for International Affairs