

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
30th March 2015
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Conwy County Borough Council

a) Forward Work Programme

The April 2015 Forward Programme can be found at
<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=552&LLL=0>

2. Letters of thanks

a) Llandudno Junction War Memorial Institute

"Will you please thank the Town Councillors for their cheque. We are in the process of making the Hall into a welcoming & useful venue for the Llandudno Junction people" Mrs Jean M Davies

b) Hafan Cymru

"On behalf of Hafan Cymru I would like to thank you for your generous donation of £100. Your donation will help us purchase 20 freedom programme handbooks for the vulnerable women that we support in Conwy. It means a great deal to the individuals & families that we support, as they will now get the opportunity to learn how to avoid abusive relationships in the future in order to build a safer life for themselves & their children. Thank you once again for your very kind donation and we hope you will consider us for any future support or donations" Sioned Twose

c) Conwy Beekeepers Ltd

"Many Thanks"

d) Urdd Gobaith Cymru- Conwy

"Just a short note but sincere note to thank Conwy Town Council for their kind & very generous donation of £250 towards the Urdd movement here in Conwy. We are extremely grateful for this donation which is greatly appreciated & will go towards supporting activities such as sports & eisteddfod arranged for the County's children & youth" Bethan Jones

e) Y Pentan

"Thank you very much, very much appreciated"

f) Relate Cymru

"Thank you for your kind donation"

g) North Wales Deaf Association

"Thank you for your support"

h) Victim Support

"Can you please pass on to the Council our sincere thanks for the kind donation, that we have received for £150. The money will go towards supporting vulnerable victims of crime in the local area & ensuring that they are better able to try & put their experience behind them"

i) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales

"Every child with cerebral palsy should be able to achieve their best, whatever that may be. Because of you, we can give them the help they need to do this.

Thank you to Conwy Town Council for the very kind donation of £50. Your generosity means we can continue improving the quality of life of nearly 500 children throughout Wales who have cerebral palsy. Every day we see children who find it difficult to walk, talk or take part in every day activities because of the brain damage that occurred before, during or after they were born. Your gift means that our skilled therapists can provide specialist therapy to help a child's mobility, communication skills & reduce the pain they may be in. we can give families hope for the future too.

Thank you all again for your valuable support, please do continue to help us reach as many of the estimated 1,800 children in Wales who have cerebral palsy as possible"

j) N Gauge Society

“From very small beginnings the Exhibition has grown steadily until this year we are at capacity at St.Mary’s & St.John’s halls. The AGM of the National N Gauge Society is also being held that weekend in St.Michael’s hall in Rosemary Lane &, with a full programme of activities spread across the weekend, we are tempting many delegates to stay in the area to take a short holiday break at the same time. As you know we are hosting a Reception for the Management Committee of the N Gauge Society in the Guildhall on 19/6/15 &, again, we are confident that delegates will be drawn to Conwy for that.

The support from the Town Council has enabled the Group to build the Exhibition into an Exhibition which is recognised as one of the quality, yet friendly, Exhibitions on the circuit. On behalf of the Group I would ask that you pass the Council members the grateful thanks of everyone in the North Wales Group for their support. Yours sincerely, John Lewis, Chairman, North Wales Area Group”

k) DawnsiBawb

“We would like to acknowledge the cheque of £100 & thank you for your support. We are currently doing an educational project in Ysgol Nant y Coed. I would like to thank you for your support. Yours sincerely, Fiona Otting, Administrative Manager.”

j) Benefits Advice Shop

“We would like to thank Conwy Town Council for the generous donation of £500 to the Benefit Advice Shop. We are all extremely grateful for the continued support you show our organisation. Yours sincerely, Nick Scott, Senior Supervisor”

l) Stroke Association

“I am writing to thank you & everybody at Cyngor Tref Conwy Town Council for choosing to support the Stroke Association & for donating that fantastic amount of £500. A stroke is a brain attack which happens when the blood supply to the brain is cut off, caused by a clot or bleeding in the brain. In Wales there are over 11,000 people who have a stroke each year & it is a leading cause of severe adult disability. There are over 65, 100 people in Wales & 1.2m people in the UK living with the effects of stroke. The Stroke Association is a charity. We believe in life after stroke & together we can conquer stroke. We work directly with stroke survivors & their families & carers, with health & social care professionals & with scientists & researchers. We campaign to improve stroke care & support people to make the best recovery they can. We fund research to develop new treatments & ways of preventing stroke. Thank you, once again, for deciding to support The Stroke Association. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the year ahead &, if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your sincerely, Jolene Davies, Regional Fundraiser – Wales”

m) Shelter Cymru

“On behalf of Shelter Cymru I would like to thank you for your donation of £100. In the past year we have been able to help over 15,500 people & prevent homelessness in nearly 80% of the cases where it is faced. Currently our limited number of advisers struggle to meet an increasing demand for our services. Despite this increased demand 89% of clients were able to speak directly to someone who could help within a week & many of these within a day or two of their initial enquiry. Many families face troubled times ahead & with your support we can continue to sustain our free, independent & confidential front line service across Wales whilst continuing to campaign for changes that will improve the housing circumstances for all. Once again thank you for your donation. Deborah Docherty, Fundraising Officer”

n) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol – Montgomeryshire National Eisteddfod 2015

“On behalf of Montgomeryshire National Eisteddfod 2015 I would like to thank Conwy Town Council for the kind donation of £100 towards the festival. Elaine Stokes, Finance Officer”

o) Conwy Parish Church

“With grateful thanks. This is a huge help for us. Carolyn Sherlock”

p) St.Agnes Cemetery

“Thank you so much. This will help us to try our best with the upkeep of St.Agnes Cemetery. Carolyn Sherlock”

3. Keep it Clean- No Messing Dog Posters

The Keep it Clean- No Messing Dog fouling & littering posters are available in the Guildhall

4. Citizens' Advice Bureau

CAB Cylch Conwy District CAB are looking to recruit new Directors to their Trustee Board. We are seeking individuals who have an interest in wanting to gain experience of taking a strategic lead within a partnership of 15 fellow Directors. CAB Cylch Conwy District CAB started delivering services to our local communities in 1939 & were established as a Limited Company by Guarantee in September 2006. Due to retirement following our AGM in October, we now have 8 Trustee Directors, 14 paid staff employed through a diversity of funding streams, and 35 finding out more about the CAB service & what becoming a Volunteer Trustee Director of a not for profit voluntary organisation entails, are able to commit to attending 4 meetings a year and wish to share the experience & skills you have gained thus far through working within our local communities across the County Borough of Conwy, please contact me - Gwyneth Millington Chief Executive CAB Cylch Conwy District CAB and I will arrange for you to meet with the Chair of our Trustee Board & receive information on the role & responsibilities of being a Trustee Board Director of a Citizens Advice Bureau. We very much look forward to hearing from you or from someone you have referred this opportunity to. Thank you

5. New campaign to find the UK's lost playing fields

Have you heard about our #FieldFinders campaign, which we launched recently in partnership with The Carnegie UK Trust? We are looking for the UK's lost playing fields - and we hope that you will be able to help. Between 1927 & 1935 the Carnegie UK Trust gave grants totalling £200,000, the equivalent of around £10 million today – to create nearly 900 playing fields across the UK. These grants were given to local councils & community groups. A key condition of the grants was that the newly created playing fields were to be protected in perpetuity through Fields in Trust. However, the precise location of these playing fields was not always recorded. Now, the Carnegie UK Trust & Fields in Trust have launched a new campaign to find the missing playing fields & ensure that they remain protected for local communities to enjoy today & in the future. The Carnegie UK Trust was set up by Andrew Carnegie, Scottish industrialist & philanthropist. His far-reaching vision in donating money to establish playing fields for future generations to enjoy should not be lost. You may have one or more located in your local area so we're asking all local councils & community groups across the UK to help by searching your archives & garnering the support of local librarians & historians to help identify this lost heritage. Our #FieldFinders campaign page has an easy to complete online form where anyone who has any extra information about a potential Carnegie playing field in their area can share it with us. There are development grants of £5,000 each up for grabs for these identified protected fields so do tell us all about them. As you are aware, many playing fields offer the only green space in built up areas for communities to enjoy, play sports or hold community events. Ensuring they are around for future generations is an utmost priority. We hope that you can help us with the campaign. We ask you to:

1. Share the details of the #FieldFinders campaign with any of your colleagues, stakeholders or community networks who might wish to get involved.
2. Visit the #FieldFinders campaign page to submit any information you might have about a Carnegie field, or to correct the information we currently hold.
3. Visit the #FieldFinders campaign page & download the report of our 2014 pilot project, which identified the first 14 Carnegie playing field sites. Case study reports on each of these sites can also be downloaded. If you think you can support the #FieldFinders campaign or would like to get involved in any other way please get in touch – we'd be delighted to hear from you. Your support is vital to making this project a success. With best wishes, Alison McCann Development Manager, Fields in Trust, Email: projects1@fieldsintrust.org. Douglas White Head of Advocacy, Carnegie UK Trust

6. Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales – Member Vacancies

For more details on the vacancies please visit <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/xf-bb8827604b37/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/8/opp/622-Members-Local-Democracy-and-Boundary-Commission-for-Wales/en-GB>

7. FREE Photocopier to a good home!

Please find below information from Action for Children regarding a free photocopier. We currently have a Sharp ARM205 Photocopier which we are looking to dispose of by the end of the month. The photocopier is in full working order & is fitted with the relevant toner. We have been using Photostatic UK for maintenance purposes & for the supply of toner. We do not want any money for the photocopier but are looking for its removal by the end of this month. To express an interest & arrange collection, please contact the office on 01745 331222. For your convenience, I have attached a user manual which has been downloaded from the internet.

8. Gwynt y Môr £19m community fund

Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm announced a £570,000 donation to the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) in North Wales & the appointment of Community & Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC) to administer its £multi-million Community Fund. The substantial funding package for the RNLI will support a new rescue support vehicle to be based at St Asaph & pay for the training of all volunteer crews along the North Wales coast for the next five years. Gwynt y Môr is the world's second largest offshore wind farm, located more than eight miles off the North Wales coast. Information on how to apply for the Gwynt y Môr Community Fund, its area of benefit & the sorts of project that will be eligible for funding will be widely publicised in due course. Gwynt y Môr is a greater than £2billion shared investment between RWE Innogy, Stadtwerke München GmbH, & Siemens(1) &, once fully operational, will be capable of generating enough energy from home grown wind sources to power the equivalent of approximately 400,000 homes(2) - around a third of the total number of homes in all of Wales.(3) It comprises 160 Siemens 3.6 megawatt (MW) turbines, two offshore substations, 161 inter-array cables, four export cables, an 11km onshore underground cable route & a new 132kV/400kV onshore substation near St Asaph. For more information about Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm visit our website: www.rweinnogy.com/gwyntymor

9. The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme

I am writing to let you know about the National Plant Monitoring Scheme which was launched at the beginning of this month. The scheme is the first of its kind & asks for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them & record the plants they find there in several different plots. The scheme will enable us to explore how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment. It may be that there are people within your parish / community who would like to be involved in this government backed scheme which is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife. What support will volunteers get? • All volunteers registering for a square on www.npms.org.uk will receive a survey pack (survey guidance; species list; species guidebook) • All volunteers will be able to access telephone & email support provided by the volunteer coordinator • All volunteers will be able to access free training courses . Additional information • Squares have been randomly selected across the UK and it is possible to see if there is a square in your area by visiting the website above. • Volunteers are asked to record up to 30 plant species in any one square or linear plot as long as it fits into 1 of the 28 NPMS habitats • Volunteers carry out the survey of their plots 2 times per year • Volunteers may be individuals or small groups. How you can help us? We would be grateful if you could circulate the attached press release & flier within your local community or networks or forward on to the appropriate person to do so. If possible it would be wonderful if this could go in your parish/ community news or on your parish / community website. We do hope that people within your local area will be inspired to take part. With many thanks in advance for your support Katie Cameron

10. Funding

a) HLF Grants for Places of Worship Workshop

The Heritage Lottery Fund are hosting a Grants for Places of Worship workshop on the 28th April 2015 between 10.30am – 2pm at Christ Church, Bala. Places are limited & booking is essential. To book a place please email wales@hlf.org.uk or call 02920 343413 Buffet lunch will be provided.

b) People's Health Trust

We have recently opened "Active Communities" in HealthDiverse, a funding programme which may be of interest to groups & charities in your area. Active Communities is a funding programme for community groups & not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350k a year or an average of £350k over 2 years, seeking investment of between £5k & £50k for projects lasting up to 2 years. We are looking for small & local projects, genuinely designed & run by local people. By small, we mean just a small group of people on an estate, in a few streets or villages. We are also looking for great ideas from communities of interest. By this we mean a group of people who have things in common & wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood, or cover a wide area. We run a 2 stage application process over a 6 week period that begins with a short online form. There's step by step guidance, & support is available on 020 7697 4021. The programme closes for applications on 29/4/15 at 1pm. Please feel free to contact our team of Grant Support Officers www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk

11. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) Social Services & Well Being Act 2014

15/4/15, 2 complete sessions am & pm. Session 1- 9:15am- 12:45pm. Session 2- 1:15pm- 4:45pm. Conference Hall, Conwy Business Centre, Junction Way, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9XX

b) CIPFA Wales training- Governance challenges in Wales - where next?

The need for effective governance is never out of the news, & those charged with the responsibility for managing or monitoring its application will be more than familiar with the challenges associated with achieving a satisfactory outcome. 15/4/15, 9:30am- 1pm Venue Cymru, Irving Road, Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 1BB

c) One Voice Wales

Understanding the Law Training

The Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Llangefni LL77 7TW on 9/4/15 6.30pm- 9pm

The training will be conducted through the medium of Welsh.

Bangor Isycoed Village Hall, Overton Road, Wrexham LL13 0BY on 7/4/15 6:30pm to 9pm

The training will be conducted through the medium of English

Cost of both courses - £45 per person

d) Welsh in the Workplace

Come along to this very basic & friendly session, intended as encouragement for frontline staff & for them to find out how your organisation can make quick & easy progress towards recognising the importance of, & integrating the Welsh Language into your service. Delegates will learn the very basics of how to answer the phone, make daily greetings, provide personal details, enter into simple conversation

Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Scheme? Are you aware of Welsh Language legislation? Want to find out how you can increase your staff's ability to meet your obligations? Then do come along to this session delivered by James Berry of WEA Cymru, in conjunction with CVSC.

Friday 17th April 2015, 9.30 to 12.30, CVSC Offices, 8 Riviere's Avenue, Colwyn Bay LL29 7DP, £10 CVSC Members, £20 Wider Voluntary Sector, £40 Statutory and Private. Please call 01492 534091 or email mail@cvsc.org.uk to book your place, remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have.

e) VAT for Charities

14/5/15, Wrexham

Whether you're new to VAT or you'd like to expand your knowledge, our interactive seminars help you get to grips with your responsibilities. In the morning *VAT for charities: an introduction*, suitable for trustees or staff who are either new to the third sector or new to taking on VAT responsibilities, provides the building blocks you need to manage VAT effectively. In the afternoon *VAT for charities: advanced complexities and considerations* gives an opportunity for those with some knowledge to consider the more complex aspects of VAT, e.g. projects involving elements such as construction, collaboration or the transfer of services.

For more information please contact the Town Clerk

f) Planning for Success: Project Closure & Beyond

16/4/15, Rhyl

This interactive workshop helps you develop an exit plan for your project & plan for the future once funding has ended

For more information please contact the Town Clerk

g) Demonstrating Impact: An Introduction

28/4/15, Rhyl

Find out how you can best show the impact of your work

For more information please contact the Town Clerk

12. Events

a) Art entries from 15 - 30 year old living or working in Wales

Young artists between the ages 15 & 30 are invited to submit work for selection for an exhibition to be held at the Royal Cambrian Academy in Conwy from 16th May to 13th June. Art work submissions due in April. Please check the RCA's website for dates, entry rules & guidelines at www.rcaconwy.org call in to the Gallery to pick up the forms or ring us on 01492 593 413

b) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2015

We'd love to see you here in Llangollen 2015. Book your tickets now & have something very special to look forward to this summer. Simply contact our box office on 01978 862001 or visit <http://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/>

If you are interested in joining us for the whole week then contact our Box Office for details of the silver, Gold & Platinum Season Festival Passes that are available. Thank you for your continuous support and here's to another fabulous year at Llangollen. Eilir Owen Griffiths

c) Sensory Tunnel Experience

Guide Dogs Cymru would like to invite you to an event with a difference on 14/4/15. We are bringing our mobile sensory tunnel to 2 locations in Colwyn Bay, offering guests the chance to learn more about the difficulties faced daily by blind & partially sighted people as they negotiate the obstacles on our streets. You will also hear how Guide Dogs Cymru is helping people of all ages across North Wales. We'll be at Colwyn Bay Police Headquarters from 10am to noon & at the council offices from 2pm to 4pm. For more details, & to let us know you plan to attend, please ring 0845 372 7405 or email Cynru-mt@guidedogs.org.uk

13. Newsletters

a) Grow Wild 2015

The Spring 2015 issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Conwy People's Partnership bulletin

The latest issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) CVSC Funding News

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

14. Welsh Government Consultations

Closing Date

Education & Skills

Regulations as provided for by the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015 12/5/15

Environment & Countryside

Compulsory Microchipping of Dogs in Wales 10/5/15

Health & Social Care

Consultation on Service Framework for the Treatment of People with a Co-occurring Mental Health & Substance Misuse Problem 2015 23/4/15

Local Government

Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium on Second Homes in Wales 13/6/15

Exemptions to the Council Tax Premium on Long-Term Empty Homes in Wales 13/6/15

People & Communities

Changes to the registration of childcare provision in Wales 5/6/15

Statistics

Proposed changes to homelessness data collection 1/4/15