

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
30th MAY 2017
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Letters of Thanks

a) Kidney Wales

Thank you for making a difference. We thank you for the donation in support of our Walk for Life 2017. We appreciate the total contribution of £30. Your donation will help us continue to support families & change the lives of those living with kidney disease in Wales. Over the last 50 years, we have worked towards helping kidney patients throughout Wales by funding research, providing equipment for dialysis units, setting up support groups & supporting individuals struggling with the cost of treatment. As recent as December 2015, we saw the new law on organ donation come into effect after an 8 year long campaign led by us, which has already seen an increase in organ donation. Here at Kidney Wales, we're looking ahead to the next 50 years & how we can better the lives of those living with the life long condition. Plans are well underway for our future projects which includes our ambitious plan to open a Wellness Centre for patients & their families. If you would like any additional information about Kidney Wales & the work that we do please don't hesitate to contact us on 02920 343940. We value your support & we are committed to world class renal care in Wales. May I, on behalf of Trustees & Patrons, take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent support & contribution. Diolch o gallon. Nic Clarke. Director of Fundraising & Operations. Kidney Wales Foundation"

2. Conwy County Borough Council

Planning Committee

The meeting of the Planning Committee Site Visits scheduled for 30/5/17 at 9am has been cancelled
 The meeting of the Planning committee scheduled for 31/5/17 at 2pm has been cancelled, the next meeting will take place on 14/6/17 at 2pm

3. Road Closures

York Place, Conwy

31/7/17 to 1/8/17, Junction of High Street to the junction of Chapel Street for gas work

4. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) One Voice Wales' Larger Councils and Innovative Practice Awards Conference - 5 July 2017 - Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground

One Voice Wales is holding its 5th Larger Councils Conference which will also incorporate our Innovative Practice Awards Ceremony. There will be an excellent range of speakers, information on work programmes of relevance to our sector & workshops on innovative practice being carried out by Councils across Wales – certainly something to whet everyone's appetite! Guest speakers will be Jen Heal, Design Commission for Wales who will be discussing Good Practice in Community/Place Planning & also Richard Baker from Welsh Government who will be discussing Devolution of Services and Asset Transfers. During the morning our Innovative practice sessions will cover: Bio Diversity Approaches; Management of a Day Care Centre; Achieving a green flag award for a Town Council Cemetery; Designing your Annual Report
 In the afternoon the 1st Annual Awards Ceremony will be held where there will be an opportunity to learn from other councils & how they have benefitted their communities. There will also be the following range of subjects addressed via the workshop sessions:

- Review of the 2015/16 audits and Changes to the Audit Regime for Community and Town Councils
- Sharing Innovative Practice
- Making the most of your Council website and effective use of social media

A range of exhibitors will be there on the day providing details of services relevant to Councils. Simultaneous translation from Welsh into English will be provided & there is ample free parking. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk.

b) Learning Disability Wales Annual Conference

This year our annual conference will be focusing on the subject of health for children, young people & adults who have a learning disability. Staying healthy & happy is important to all of us & through feedback from our members we have heard that many people would like more information about this subject. This theme can cover many different areas & we are very keen to explore as many of these areas as we can during the 2 day conference. It could include Access to health services; Lifestyle – exercise, diet, smoking, drugs and alcohol; Mental health – depression, anxiety, stress etc; Aging – dementia, end of life care etc; Dental care; Eye care and hearing loss/impairment; Well-being. Examples of content could include: Health inequalities and how these can be improved; Accessible services – good practice examples; The role of the support provider and what they need to look out for; What support is available for people who have a learning disability to help them to help themselves more. We would love to hear your ideas about what you would like to see at the conference and how you, your group or organisation feel you can contribute. You can share your work in many ways including: Giving a presentation; Sharing your stories; Running a workshop; Showing a film you have made; Performing a drama piece or singing a song. The conference will be taking place on 25 & 26 October 2017 in Newport, South Wales. For more information contact Harriett Johnson, Events & Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Learning Disability Wales by calling 029 2068 1161

c) Making Information Easy to Read & Understand Level 1

12/6/17, Bangor

You can make a real difference to people by giving them information in a form they can understand and relate to. Our training course will help you make information easier to read & understand for people with a learning disability. You will then be able to produce leaflets, letters, minutes from meetings, agendas, reports & posters. During the course you will get the chance to try out ideas with the new skills and knowledge you learn on the day. There will also be a level 2 course in Cardiff on 11/9/17 for a recap on the principles of Making Information Easy to Read & Understand Level 1 & to look at how delegates can develop & improve their skills to work with longer and more complex document. For more information call 02920681174

d) Training Sessions for Fundraisers

- Community Fundraising Volunteering: Developing & Empowering Your Volunteers

20/6/17, ASDA Meeting Room, Llandudno

The session will provide fundraisers with a key overview of Community Fundraising Volunteering. From recruitment, to the volunteer journey with a key focus on empowering & developing the volunteer to become not just a fundraiser but an advocate within the local community. Utilising examples from within national corporate partnerships to legacy donations thanks to local volunteers in Wales. The session will be one of presentation but also open discussion about volunteering cross sector. Attendees are welcome to come with any questions as there will be time to troubleshoot any issues

- Bilingualism at Work

Welsh Language Commissioner, 10/10/17, 10am to 12 noon, Llandudno Junction

For more information on the above, please contact the Town Clerk

5. Funding

a) Grants Available for Play

CVSC is administering a small grants scheme funded through Welsh Government. The grants are for the sole purpose of improving play opportunities. Suggestions for use of the grant: Expenses for a community run playday; Resources for a local park; Resources for a third sector group providing play opportunities; Play Sessions run by a community or voluntary group. Applications must show how the proposed spend will increase or improve play opportunities in line with the Playwork Principles (which can be found at <http://www.playwales.org.uk/eng/playworkprinciples>) Each application will be taken on merit. Only constituted community & voluntary groups in Conwy county may apply. Applications can be made for revenue or capital costs. Each community group can apply for up to £1,000. There is a very tight deadline for this funding so please return your forms by email or post by 25th May at the latest, forms would be welcomed at the earliest possible opportunity. If you would like further guidance or discuss the grant please do not hesitate to contact Millie on 01492523857 or email millieboswell@cvsc.org.uk

b) Big Give Christmas Challenge

Applications for funding open on 5/6/17. The Big Give have confirmed that they have match funding for charities improving the welfare of people in Wales to apply. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk

6. Events

a) Blooming Great Tea Party – Marie Curie

Get together with friends, family or colleagues & throw a Blooming Great Tea Party on 23rd to 25th June. We're counting on your cuppa - like baking the perfect cake, hosting a Blooming Great Tea Party is all about the right ingredients – nice cuppas and naughty cakes, old friends & new faces, bad jokes & good conversation. It's all about having a blooming great time while raising money for a blooming great cause. You can get your free fundraising pack at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 0800 716146 with bunting, invitations, posters, quiz questions and recipes to download. Marie Curie provides free hands on nursing care to patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in their own homes as well as vital emotional support for their families & carers. In North Wales last year, 46 Marie Curie nurses provided care to 1,169 terminally ill people in their homes, usually overnight. £20 pays for a Marie Curie Nurse to look after someone with a terminal illness for an hour in the comfort of their own homes; £180 will pay for a full nine-hour shift.

b) Llangollen 2017

3rd to 9th July

Join us as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary milestone with a star-studded line up of evening concerts. Performers include renowned bass-baritone, Sir Bryn Terfel, iconic American Jazz, Soul & Gospel singer, Gregory Porter, vocla harmony group, The Overtones & the phenomenal Manic Street Preachers as well as a whole host of global dance & musical talent

3/7/17 70th Anniversary Opening Concert

4/7/17 Tosca with Sir Bryn Terfel

5/7/17 Calling All Nations

6/7/17 International Celebration

7/7/17 An evening with Gregory Porter

8/7/17 Choir of the World with The Overtones

9/7/17 Llanfest – Manic Street Preachers

Tickets now on sale, call 01978 862001 www.llangollen.net

c) North Wales Police – Police Headquarters, Colwyn Bay – Open Day

11am to 4pm. Free admission

See the helicopter land (weather permitting). See the Dog Section display. Have your fingerprints taken, sit in a real police car, become a crime scene investigator. Meet the specialist police departments. Parking available, first come first served. Disabled parking & wheelchair access. Only guide dogs permitted. Food available.

d) Buddies Yn Betws Festival 2017

16/7/17, Noon to 10pm, Y Stablau, Betws Y Coed, LL24 8AY. Free entry

7. Community Health Council

Between January & march 2017 the 7 Community Health Councils (CHCs) in Wales asked people across the country to share their ideas on improving NHS services for people with dementia & their carers. They asked one simple question:

“What can the NHS do better to improve the lives of people living with dementia?”

They heard from over 500 people whose lives have been touched by dementia in all its forms. People shared a wide range of ideas for improving services. Some could be taken forward by the NHS alone, while others would need to see agencies working better & more closely together. The CHCs used the ideas gathered to inform the response to the recent Welsh Government consultation on a dementia strategy for Wales. Today, to coincide with Dementia Awareness Week they have published a report setting out in more detail what people told us. Mutale Merrill OBE, Chair of the Board of CHCs said:

“These ideas & suggestions come directly from the true experts, from people who live with dementia every day & know what’s needed & what works well. We hope that all bodies involved in the development & delivery of services for people living with dementia will use this report to consider where

& how they might improve.” The report includes ideas & suggestions from the public to make assessment easier & more accessible; calls for better access to information following diagnosis; suggests a one stop shop for advice & guidance and identifies a need for 24 hour crisis support. It highlights too, the need to get the basic right; dignity, better communication between agencies & with families, greater support & recognition for the role played by carers & simple changes to the environment across NHS services. A copy of the report can be viewed

at <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/899/Dementia%20Care%20%28One%20Simple%20Thing%29%20BCHCW%20final%20.pdf>

8. Snowdonia Dark Sky Reserve

Back in 2015, The Snowdonia National park was designated an International Dark Sky Reserve by the International Dark Sky Association, one of only 11 other in the world. This prestigious designation is only awarded to select destinations that have proven that the quality of their night air is outstanding & that real efforts are being made to minimise light pollution. Light pollution in the UK has increased significantly in recent years. Between 1993 & 2000, light pollution increased by 24% in the UK & over 90% of the UK population now live under a highly polluted sky. As light pollution increases, the opportunities to enjoy the night sky & its stars are declining. Excessive or inappropriate lighting can have multiple adverse impacts on both humans & the natural environment. Since the designation of Reserve, the SNPA, along with a variety of external partners & organisations have been working together to develop the designation by:

- forming a Dark Sky Partnership, made up of various interested parties who meet annually to inform each other of developments & to discuss ways of driving the designation forward
- working with local councils & Highways Agency to improve street lighting efficiency
- working in partnership with the 3 NP in Wales to develop promotional material & advertise
- measuring Dark Sky quality at various locations across the Park with help from Snowdonia Society Volunteers & SNPA staff
- awareness raising through various evening talks to community groups & launching the Seeing Stars Photography competition

More information can be found on the SNPA website or get in touch with Bethan Wynne Jones on 01766 772255 or email: Bethan.Jones2@eryri.llyw.cymru

9. Conwy Supported Lodgings & Nightstop

Supported Lodgings: Conwy supported lodgings have been commissioned by CCBC to provide support for young people aged 16 to 21 from the county of Conwy, who through no fault of their own, find themselves homeless & in need of support & accommodation. If you have a spare room & can provide a room for a homeless young person. Plus have an interest in teaching the young person to cook, clean, budget & provide emotional support to prepare them for independence; then we would really love to hear from you.

Nightstop: The scheme accredited by Depaul UK, covers the region of Conwy & commenced in November 2016. Nightstop provides a safety net to vulnerable young people aged 16 to 21 at a difficult time in their lives, usually after a family breakdown & are forced to leave home. Last year, the network of Nightstops in the UK helped over 5,000 vulnerable young people & kept them from sleeping rough or staying in unsuitable accommodation, which put them at possible risk of abuse. The use of spare rooms makes a huge positive difference to young people in crisis. The Nightstop scheme sees volunteer hosts provide a room, evening meal & a sympathetic ear to a young homeless person for 1 night or up to 3 weeks. Once engaged, Nightstop staff can then work with the young person & in partnership with other local agencies helping them address the issues that caused them to become homeless.

All householders are provided with a financial incentive to cover all costs of the young person & receive full training & ongoing support. For further details or an informal chat about our service please call: 01492 576986 or 01352 700838

10. Welsh Government Consultations

Housing & Regeneration

- Regulatory reform of registered social landlords
- Draft supporting people programme guidance & outcomes framework

Closing Date

3/7/17
4/8/17