

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks – Mrs. Jean Davies**

“Will you please convey my sincere thanks to the Town Council for the Honour they bestowed on me on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I particularly wish to thank the Councillors & guests who helped Miss Smith when she fell. The delay of the ambulance was entirely unacceptable & I have already registered my complaint (not that it will do any good). I understand how much the unfortunate incident delayed the clearing up & apologise for leaving early, but we had to leave for my son to catch a train. Altogether an unhappy end to a very happy & well organised evening. Yours sincerely, Jean Davies”

**2. Letters of Thanks - Grants****a) Llandudno Junction War Memorial Institute**

“The Committee has asked me to thank the Town Council for the generous grant of £2,200. We still have a lot of work to do in the Hall in order to make it really presentable, though more people are beginning to use it. Now that the windows are finished & the walls rendered it is much better but it still needs attention inside. We hope to arrange a ‘thank you’ party when it is finished. Yours sincerely, Mrs. J. Davies, Secretary.”

**b) N Gauge Society, North Wales Area Group**

“On behalf of the members of the North Wales Area Group I write to express our gratitude for the £500 received towards the mounting of our July model railway exhibition. Would you please thank the Town Council on our behalf for their support. We have 14 model railway layouts booked to occupy St. Mary's & St. John's halls on the day with 9 of those layouts coming from other parts of the UK. Obviously they will be staying locally. We also have 4 traders coming with model railway support materials &, with the publicity materials about to hit the media, it all promises to be a great day. Yours sincerely, John Lewis, Chairman”

**c) Conwy Beekeepers**

“Many thanks. Peter MacFadden”

**d) Conwy One Design Centenary Project**

“With thanks for your ongoing assistance. TIG Barrasford”

**e) 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 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...Kindest regards, Gail Griffiths, Head of Fundraising & Retail”

**f) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Sir Gâr**

“On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for this gesture & ask that this appreciation be passed on to the members...Yours sincerely, Elen Huws Elis, Organiser”

**g) Cyngor ar Bopeth Cylch Conwy District Citizens Advice Bureau**

“Please would you forward our grateful thanks to the Councillors, the funding is very much appreciated. I look forward to being invited to give a presentation during 2014/15 so as to inform you of the impact & outcomes the funding you have awarded is having on individuals within the Conwy Town Council communities. Yours sincerely, Gwyneth Millington, Chief Executive”

**h) Victim Support**

"...our thanks for the cheque for £50 in respect of our grant application. The continued support of Conwy Town Council in our work of supporting victims of crime is very much appreciated....Yours sincerely, William Bleasdale"

**i) Benefits Advice Shop**

"We would like to thank Conwy Town Council for the generous donation of £500, it is greatly appreciated by all at the Benefit Advice Shop. Thank you once again for your continued support of our organisation. Yours sincerely, Barry Speake, Manager"

**j) Marie Curie Cancer Care**

"Thank you for the generous donation of £100 to support our local Marie Curie Cancer Care Nursing Service. Kind regards, Laura Ellis-Williams, Community Fundraiser"

**k) Friends of Conwy Gymnastics**

"Please will you pass my thanks, as Chair of The Friends of Conwy Gymnastics to the Mayor & Conwy Town Council for their generous award of £1,000 to the gymnastics squad...Kind regards, Deborah Thompson"

**l) Shelter Cymru**

"On behalf of Shelter Cymru I would like to thank you for your donation of £150. In the past year we have been able to help over 17,000 people & prevent homelessness in nearly 90% of the cases where it was 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. Yours sincerely, Deborah Docherty, Fundraising Officer"

**m) Talking Books Wales**

"On behalf of the Committee of Talking Books Wales I should like to thank you very much for your donation of £30 towards our work. We are very grateful for all the money received. It will help us to continue to provide books on cds for the blind & partially sighted people throughout Wales. Gyda llawer o ddiolch, Yours sincerely, Linda Williams, Manager"

**n) North Wales Deaf Association**

"Thank you for your support"

**o) British Heart Foundation**

"I am writing to thank you most warmly for your kind donation of £50 in support of the BHF, the nation's heart charity. Your continued support is playing a vital role in our fight against heart disease.....Yours sincerely, Amanda Pullen, Head of Operations"

**p) Tenovus**

"I was delighted to receive your recent letter. Thank you so much for deciding to support the work of our charity Tenovus with a gift of £50 which is much appreciated. Your gift will go towards directly improving the lives of cancer patients & their families across Wales – whether this is by providing chemotherapy treatment on our Mobile Cancer Support Unit, funding a PhD student researching either the causes or consequences of cancer or simply by giving comfort & support via our team of counsellors. I will be pleased to keep you informed of the impact your gift is

having on the lives of cancer patients in Wales....Thank you once again for your support. Yours sincerely, Clare Gallie, Director of Income Generation”

**q) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Conwy Committee**

“Just a short but sincere note to thank Conwy Town Council for their kind & very generous donation of £250 towards the Urdd movement here in Conwy. This donation is greatly appreciated & will go towards supporting activities attanged for the county’s children & youth. The Bro Conwy area has a yearly target of £1,200 which is then transferred to a county target of £6,867. Many thanks once again for your generosity & support towards the Urdd in Conwy. Yours sincerely, Derfel Thomas, Conwy Urdd Chairman”

**r) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod**

“On behalf of the Chief Executive & Chairman of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your donation of £150 towards the costs of this wonderful festival. We really do appreciate your support to ensure that the Festival goes from strength to strength. With very best wishes, Christine Holden Dukes, Festival Support Co-ordinator”

**s) Dawns I Bawb**

“We would like to acknowledge the cheque of £100 & thank you for your support. You have asked in your letter if we could become more involved in schools in your community area. We are currently working with Ysgol Nant y Coed, Llandudno Junction on a project called “The World Dance Project” for 8 weeks. We have also presented a project specifically for boys in the secondary schools in the Conwy area. Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, Ysgol Creuddyn & Ysgol Bryn Elian. I would like to thank you for your support. Fiona Otting, Administrative Manager.”

**t) History of Deganwy Group**

“On behalf of the History of Deganwy Group, I write to thank the Members of Conwy Town Council for their very generous grant towards the Group’s activities. This will be considerable assistance to us in promoting our programme in the current year & to enhance the ongoing research work into the history of Deganwy in particular. You will also recall that the Town Council made a very generous donation towards the memorial plaque commissioned by the History Group for the 5 airmen who were killed in 1944 when their aeroplane came down in Marl Woods. ....the plaque has turned out to be something rather special & we now feel that our original intended location may be unsuitable. We are making further enquiries to have it sited in a more secure position & yet still accessible to be viewed by the public. I will keep you informed regarding this so that Members of the Town Council will be able to view it in due course. We are hoping to mark the location of the actual accident with way markers on the public footpath which crosses Cae Erw, the field where the aeroplane came down. Once again many thanks – diolch yn fawr. Yours sincerely, Ifor Williams, Secretary.”

**3. Community Land Advisory Service in Wales**

CLAS Cymru is a new initiative aiming to make more land available for community growing by supporting landowners & local community organisers. You can find out more about CLAS Cymru by downloading our bi-lingual information sheet, which provides key information & contact details at [www.communitylandadvice.org.uk/about-us-clas-cymru](http://www.communitylandadvice.org.uk/about-us-clas-cymru) CLAS Cymru is a new service & we are keen to promote its benefits. We would appreciate if you are able to signpost our work to the relevant people within your organisation & to your wider audience/network. In addition, we would like to explore opportunities to include items such as articles & case studies in any newsletters, magazines or blogs you produce. Similarly, if CLAS Cymru can help direct people to your

work then please let us have any relevant information. This may be regarding training, events or success stories. The CLAS website & a Welsh language version is in development. Linking website users with other organisations & information available elsewhere forms an important part of the website's function. CLAS Cymru works closely with the Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens (FCFCG) to promote, develop & increase community growing in Wales. There may be opportunity for your organisation to receive support directly from FCFCG including help with setting up workplace allotments or training on community growing topics. I would be grateful if you can let us know whether you are able to signpost to CLAS Cymru & what other opportunities there may be with your organisation. We have an information leaflet available about our work, please contact [wales@communitylandadvice.org.uk](mailto:wales@communitylandadvice.org.uk) if you would like copies

#### **4. Conwy County Borough Council – Forward Work Programme**

The April programme is available at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=537&RP=550>

#### **5. Road Closures**

**a) Outside The Rectory, Henryrd Road, Conwy**

4/4/14, 8am to 4:30pm. Welsh Water work

**b) Junction of Skerryvore Road to Junction of Ffrith Road, Pydew Road, Bryn Pydew**

3/4/14 to 4/4/14, 8:30am to 4:30pm, Welsh Water Work

**c) Lower Gate Street, Conwy – From Lower High Street to Conwy Bridge**

3pm 26/4/14 to 8pm 27/4/14 for the Grand Fondo Conwy Cycle Event

#### **6. Funding**

**a) Comic Relief Funding Surgery**

Comic Relief welcomes applications from charities & other eligible organisations in the UK dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable & disadvantaged people in the UK. Relevant bids are welcome from North Wales & an advice "surgery" is available on 9/4/14 at Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council Resources Centre. Applicants must demonstrate that they are working towards one or more of the 5 themes:

1. Better Futures: Improving the lives of vulnerable young people in the UK

2. Healthier Finances: Tackling financial poverty & enabling economic resilience in families & communities

3. Stronger Communities (Currently closed): Empowering people, organisations & networks to play an effective role in their communities & society, as well as nurturing talent & leadership

4. Safer Lives: Reducing violence, abuse & exploitation

5. Fairer Society: Helping people overcome inequality & have a say in decisions that affect their lives

Contact CVSC on 01492 534091 or e-mail [mail@cvsc.org.uk](mailto:mail@cvsc.org.uk) for an appointment if you are ready to make a bid & wish to discuss it with the Wales Comic Relief representative. Please ensure that you have read all the guidelines on the website & have a reasonable prospect as this surgery is for organisations which are almost certain of making an application. [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

**b) Planning for Success – Project Closure & Beyond**

10/4/14, Rhyl

Are you responsible for project planning once current funding has come to an end? WCVA is hosting a series of interactive workshops to help you close down your project & plan for the future. The sessions will offer you the chance to pick up tips & advice on what to do next & which options are available to continue your work. This

free session is only available to organisations that are managing a project currently funded through European Structural Funds &/or the Big Lottery Fund's 'People & Places' programme. For more information contact the WCVA on 0800 2888 329 or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)

**c) Coastal Communities Fund**

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) aims to support the economic development of UK coastal communities by awarding funding to deliver sustainable economic growth & create jobs. The Big Lottery Fund is delivering the CCF on behalf of Government. Grants of £50k & over are available. The following types of organisation can apply - Local authorities, public sector bodies, charities, voluntary & community organisations, social enterprises & private sector companies. For CCF round 3 we are looking for fully developed projects that can spend their CCF award by 31/12/16. It is important for potential applicants to be aware of this requirement. More information is available on our website where you can download a copy of our help notes & application form. We will run an application workshop webinar on 20/3/14 – please see our website for booking details. For further information contact us on 0845 4102030 or email [ccf@bigfund.org.uk](mailto:ccf@bigfund.org.uk)

**d) Your Voice, Our Vision**

The Big Lottery Fund would like to invite you to our consultation event to kick off the first stages in developing our new funding vision for the period 2015 - 2021. A great deal has changed since we published 'Big Thinking', but our mission remains the same: to bring real improvements' to communities & the lives of people most in need'. We would like to gain your views and ideas to inform who we are as a funder, what we should be doing as well as potential investment areas for Wales. The investment areas that we are considering include:

- Rural poverty
- Future proofing the third sector
- Support for disabled people or those with life limiting illnesses
- Financial resilience, literacy & inclusion
- Environment, with a focus on community based activities that build social capital.

The consultation will also offer ample opportunity to suggest & explore other potential themes. We are holding an event on the 9<sup>th</sup> April at Conwy Business Centre. Please note that spaces are limited & are on first come basis. To book email [Arwel.Jones@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:Arwel.Jones@biglotteryfund.org.uk) or phone 0300 123 0735

**7. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**

**a) Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Self Care Courses**

Chronic Disease Self Management Programme

To help people who live with a long term health condition

16/5/14 to 26/6/14, Fridays 10:30am - 1pm, Kinmel Bay Resource Centre

8/8/14 to 12/9/14, Fridays 11:30am - 2pm, Llandudno Junction Community & Sports Centre

3/11/14 to 8/12/14, Mondays 10:30am - 1pm, Glasdir Llanrwst

Looking After Me

To help people who have a caring role

13/5/14 to 17/6/14, Tuesdays, 10:30am to 1pm, Llandudno Junction Community & Sports Centre

Introduction to Self Management

One off 3 hour session for people who live with a long term health condition & carers

12/5/14, 10:30am - 1:30pm, Abergele Hospital

16/10/14, 10:30am - 1:30pm, Kinmel Bay Resource Centre

All of the above courses are to maintain & improve quality of life through self management. The courses are about learning important skills, including managing your symptoms, dealing with stress, depression & low self-image, managing pain, developing coping skills, learning ways to relax & eat healthily & planning for the future

#### Healthy Hearts

A British Heart Foundation designed course. Provides information for any individual who is at risk of cardiovascular disease, covering increasing physical activity, smoking cessation, safe alcohol consumption & healthy diet information. The structured education also includes the participants setting goals & change plans to apply the information to day-to-day life

15/9/14 to 24/10/14, Mondays 10:30am to 1pm, Llandudno Hospital

#### Connecting with People – Emotional Resilience Training

Aims to increase the ability to deal with difficult feelings, increase ability to cope with stressful life events, gives the information required so to know where to access further support if help is needed in the future

16/7/14, 10:30am to 1pm. Llandudno Hospital

All courses are free, other venues are available. To book call 01286 674236 or email [elois.davis@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:elois.davis@wales.nhs.uk)

## **8. Events**

### **a) Strengthening the Connections – Demonstration Events**

15/4/14, Glasdir, Llanrwst

This event exists to support the implementation of the Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Bill & to place emphasis on collaboration & integration between local government, NHS Wales & its partners. These free to attend “Demonstration Events” will provide you with examples of best practice in relation to collaboration & integration between local government & NHS in Wales & elsewhere. At the event you will:

- Hear from key practitioners about how to implement best practice in integration across Wales
- Engage in open & creative conversations, to develop common understanding of the issues
- Explore the circumstances which both enable & prevent progress

The key speaker is Professor David Oliver, Consultant Physician, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust; Visiting Fellow, the King’s Fund; President-elect, British Geriatrics Society; Former Dept. of Health National Clinical Director for Older Peoples Services  
To register a place contact [ceri.jenkins@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:ceri.jenkins@southwales.ac.uk)

### **b) Gran Fondo Conwy Cycle Event – Conwy Quay, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

The Gran Fondo Conwy is a new event for 2014 & aims to showcase Conwy & the surrounding areas of North Wales. The routes can be seen at [www.granfondoconwy.com](http://www.granfondoconwy.com). The event will bring 1000 participants to the town & a further 2000 spectators, families & children. Additionally, as well as the adult event, in partnership with Conwy Council Sports Development, we will also be organising a free family cycle ride using the cycle track along the Conwy estuary. This will inspire children & young people to get into cycling & physical activity. We are already engaging with many communities along the route who come out to help marshal & support the event. As well as the cycle event there will also be a festival atmosphere using the event space on the quay. There will be lots to see &

do including family entertainment, music & live event updates. I would also like to direct you to the following short video of a similar event we held in Holyhead which had an enormous positive impact on the area. This is to give you a flavour of what we are bringing to Conwy town. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqW2Xupz5zA> Additionally, there is also a short video showcasing all the events Always Aim High Events run in North Wales. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAAR-PiUTy0>

**c) North Wales Police Headquarters Open Day – 40 Years 1974 to 2014**

5/4/14, 11am to 4pm, Free admission

See the helicopter land (weather permitting); have your fingerprints taken; sit in a real police car; become a crime scene investigator; meet the specialist police departments; see our police memorabilia; face painting, bouncy castle & loads more;

Parking available, first come first served. Disabled parking & wheelchair access. Only guide dogs permitted. Food available

**9. Newsletters**

**a) BCU Self Care Office**

The February 2014 edition is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

**b) CVSC Funding News**

The March 2014 edition is on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

**c) Rhiannon Offshore Wind Farm Newsletter**

The number 6, March 2014 is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

**10. Welsh Government Consultations**

Children & Young People

Consultation on the Statutory Guidance on Securing Sufficient Play Opportunities  
Closing Date 30/5/14

Environment & Countryside

EIDCymru: an electronic movement reporting system for sheep & goats – the identification of sheep & the current slaughter derogation Closing Date 30/5/14

Housing & Regeneration

Consultation on eligibility regulations regarding allocation of housing & homelessness assistance  
Closing Date 9/5/14