

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letters of Thanks**

Acknowledgements/letters of thanks have been received from the following for Conwy Town Council funding granted in July 2020:

- i) Bro Celynnin  
Received with thanks.
- ii) Clwb Yr Efail
- iii) All Saints' Church Deganwy:  
The people of All Saints' are very grateful for your grant.
- iv) Aberconwy Mission Area  
Very grateful thanks for helping.
- v) Ty Gobaith  
On behalf of all the team at Ty Gobaith, I am writing to thank you for your very generous donation of £2000 towards a cuddle bed for the hospice. Words cannot express how important your support is to us in these challenging times.  
Our ability to fundraise has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. To know that you are able to help us when there are so many other concerns and worries has really touched our hearts. Local children living with life-threatening illness need the support of Ty Gobaith more than ever and you have made it possible for us to continue with our vital work. The cuddle bed will make an enormous difference to end of life care at the hospice.  
Thank you so much for remembering our children and families. We shall never forget your kindness.
- vi) SSAFA Gwynedd Branch  
I'm writing to thank Conwy Town Council very much for the generous grant award of £750. SSAFA Gwynedd are extremely grateful as this year our fundraising efforts have been negligible. This award will enable our caseworkers to continue their work this year.

**2. CCBC**

Newly Published Conwy County Borough Council Forward Work Programme August 2020

The following plan has just been published: August 2020

You can view this plan from the link: [Published plan details](#)

**3. Courses/Training/Workshops/Conferences**

[Managing Mental Health in the Workplace Online Conference | Broadcast Live | Thursday 26th November](#)  
Westminster Insight's Bi-Annual Managing Mental Health in the Workplace Conference will explore how employers have supported employees through COVID-19. Join peers from a range of sectors and gain actionable strategies to improve staff engagement, morale, boost productivity and navigate the new normal.

Overcoming challenges posed both during and post COVID-19, you will hear from employers on promoting positive wellbeing through the pandemic. You will also learn how to integrate mental health in your organisation's culture, maximise budgets by developing effective early interventions and de-stigmatise mental health so it becomes part of everyday conversation.

Conference details:

Thursday 26th November 2020, 09:15 - 15.45, Broadcast Live

View the agenda --> <<https://community-insight.com/event/3463/JGFCZO-a99588>>

Book your place --> <<https://community-insight.com/booking/3463/JGFCZO-a99588>>

[Complaints Handling in the Public Sector Forum | Broadcast Live | Wednesday 30th September](#)

Westminster Insight's Complaint Handling in the Public Sector forum will feature contributions from trailblazing public sector organisations on how to utilise complaints to inform organisational strategies and transform services.

We will explore how to improve internal processes, reduce escalated complaint volumes at all stages and meet statutory guidelines. You will learn how to manage unreasonable complaint behaviour, collaborate effectively with advocates and handle complaints through alternative channels.

Forum details:

Wednesday 30th Sept 2020, 09:00 – 13:30 BST, Streamed Live

View the agenda --> <<https://community-insight.com/event/3483/LBOLZO-a99588>>

Book your place --> <<https://community-insight.com/booking/3483/LBOLZO-a99588>>

#### Mental Health First Aider Training – 100% Online

Employers are fearful for the future of their organisation and staff may be feeling more anxious than ever before.

Businesses are beginning to take note and are introducing new measures to boost their staff's mental health and morale. With the additional stress that the current coronavirus pandemic is having on remote workforces, all organisations (big and small) need to be considering their employees' mental health. Our Mental Health First Aider training is developed by industry professionals and goes into detail on a wide range of mental health conditions and how to address mental health problems in the workplace. The training is designed to help managers spot the signs of ill mental-health and provide them with guidance on how to best support their teams in this challenging time - enabling them to establish and sustain a mentally healthy and productive workforce.

Click on the link for further details of the Mental Health First Aider Certificate and Advanced Mental Health First Aider Certificate.

<http://email.forumbusinessmedia.co.uk/q/17GtCYWOQ8BdhvG3sKR7fd/wv>

#### Employee Mental Health and COVID-19 – 2 Part Webinar Series

Part 1: 2nd September 2020 at 1-2pm - Returning to normality and understanding the long terms effects on mental health.

Part 2: 9th September 2020 at 1-2pm - Proactive measures to support employee wellbeing – in office and remotely.

Click on the following link for further details:

<http://email.forumbusinessmedia.co.uk/q/17GtCYWOXllpKVf3be1JW/wv>

#### Play Wales

The latest two Playwork Essentials videos explore Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The new videos, which are presented by Assistant Director, Marianne Mannello, include information about:

- Children's right to play
- Advocating for children's right to play.

Click on the following link for more information:

<https://mailchi.mp/playwales/newplayworkessentialsvidoes-fideoselfennauhanfodolgwaiithchwaraenewydd?e=ab6fcd0a9f>

#### Mindfulness in Practice – 100% Online

For many, the constant worry and fear around the uncertainty of Covid-19 is an emotional and physical toll. Our online environment offers a stimulating and enriching platform for learning. It is designed to provide effective mindfulness techniques, helping improve resilience and reduce stress.

Eight in-depth modules, over 12 months.

Click on the following link for more information:

<http://email.forumbusinessmedia.co.uk/q/17GtCYWOY1atHlhvDykW3y/wv>

## **4. Events**

**WALES BLODEUO GYDA'R/RHS – CYMRU**

The Town Council has received a letter and certificate in respect of Wales in Bloom 2020:

Main Campaign Entrants - Wales in Bloom 2020

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

The first two weeks in July would have been our Judging of all our Main Campaign entries and I just wanted to write to you and say that we are all thinking of you. This year we have all 'missed out' and although disappointing it is completely understandable.

Words cannot express what everyone has been through in the last six months, but I do hope that some really positive things will come out of this tumultuous time. I know that I have been amazed by the increased public interest in gardening, connecting to nature and green spaces, the sense of community spirit and mass interest in volunteering across Wales.

We have tried to keep in touch as much as possible via e-mails which have showcased many of your groups' resilience, resourcefulness and ingenuity throughout the lockdown and as restrictions have been eased. The community spirit nourished over many years through networks like Wales in Bloom has helped communities survive and thrive over the last few months and totally supports our message 'Helping Communities Grow' to encourage voluntary support with others to improve your local environment.

I am delighted to enclose your 'Certificate of Recognition 2020' to ensure that our appreciation for your dedication, commitment and support for 'Wales in Bloom' 2020 does not go without any acknowledgement and appreciation.

I look forward, as all the Wales in Bloom team do, to meeting you individually and collectively in 2021. We will be looking at staging a Launch Event early next year and arrangements are already in hand for our 2021 Award Ceremony to be held in Beaumaris later in the year.

If we can be of any help in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Once again, congratulations on all that you have achieved throughout 2020.

My kindest regards. Peter

Chairman – Wales in Bloom

## 5. Newsletters

Planning for Communities – Planning Aid Wales Newsletter, August 2020. Follow link below to view the newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/d1972e33ae66/planning4communities-4865554?e=eabf1edb86>

## 6. North Wales and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils

Response to Welsh Government Consultation on Plastics in Wales

Good afternoon, I hope everyone is well.

I enclose a copy (also on web site) of the revised consultation response suggestion for the Association. This has been revised taking into account members comments and suggestions to date.

Any further suggestions would be most welcome. Kind regards. Robert

*The response is available on request from The Guildhall*

Affordable Housing Consultation

Good afternoon on this very sunny and pleasant day.

We have received a Welsh Government Consultation on the design of affordable homes.

The consultation document can be found at <https://gov.wales/mandatory-quality-standards-new-homes> and the Association's proposed response is attached.

Both can be found on the Association's web site.

Comments on the proposed response by the Association to the consultation should reach the Secretary by 14th October please. Kind regards. Robert

*The proposed response is available on request from The Guildhall*

## 7. Welsh Government Consultations

**Closing date**

Building & Planning

Fire and rescue authorities becoming statutory consultees in the development management process

23/10/20

Communities & Regeneration

Amendments to Firefighter Pension Schemes in Wales

02/10/20

Education & Skills

Draft Tertiary Education and Research Bill

04/12/20

Amendments to school governance procedures

23/09/20

<u>Environment &amp; Countryside &amp; Climate Change</u>	
Reducing single-use plastic in Wales	22/10/20
<u>Farming &amp; Countryside</u>	
Sustainable farming and our land: simplifying agricultural support	23/10/20
<u>Housing &amp; Regeneration</u>	
Mandatory quality standards for new homes	01/11/20
<u>Marine &amp; Fisheries</u>	
Marine Strategy Part 2: UK proposed marine monitoring programmes	17/11/20
<u>Public Sector</u>	
Enabling changes to Welsh tax legislation	15/10/20
Local Land Charges Fees	03/11/20
<u>Transport</u>	
A483: junctions 3 – 6 improvements	22/11/20