

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**1st OCTOBER 2018****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Events**

a) Carneddau public consultation drop ins

A partnership of organisations is developing a project to help people discover, record, care for and celebrate the Carneddau with the help of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project area includes the high mountains as well as the settlement fringes and valley sides around them. 6/10/18 12-7pm Penmaenmawr museum. 13/10/18 9.30am – 1pm, Bethesda Marchnad Ogwen stall, Neuadd Ogwen. 18/10/18 4 – 7.30pm Bethesda Community Library.

b) Safeguarding Event - "I just want to get it right"

Celebrating Safeguarding and Trustees Week– a joint event hosted by CVSC, CCBC Social Services Workforce Development, Charity Commission and WCVA Llandudno Junction Community Club Victoria Drive, Deganwy, LL31 9PG16 November 2018, 9.30am – 12.30pm Join us, to find out how we are all working together for a safer Conwy, and how we can ensure you and your organisation have the tools and resources to ensure Effective Safeguarding. Further information coming shortly. Remember - Safeguarding is everybody's business!

2. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

CVSC Training "Financial Controls" Have you taken on the role of a Treasurer, or are you interested in doing so? Are you responsible for a group's finances? If so, come along to this friendly and informal workshop. CVSC are offering a FREE Financial Controls workshop at Llanrwst Library – 16th October 2018 9.30am-12.30. This workshop will help with: •Preparing and managing budgets •Reporting on financial situations •Dealing with financial transactions •Dealing with annual accounts •Setting financial controls. For more information or to reserve your place, contact CVSC on 01492 534091 or mail@cvsc.org.uk

3. Funding

a) A new round of Volunteering Wales Grants launched on 12 September, with opportunities for project funding of up to £20,000 for activity from 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020. Volunteering Wales Grants is a scheme funded by the Welsh Government to promote and improve volunteering in Wales. The scheme is administered by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) and is designed to deliver the government's commitment to identifying opportunities for more people to volunteer.

Prosperity for All Grants will be allocated to projects that can demonstrate that they are able to make a contribution to delivering the Welsh Government's strategy, Prosperity for All, which describes a long-term aim to build a Wales that is prosperous and secure, healthy and active, ambitious and learning, and united and connected. The strategy identifies five priority areas which have the potential to make the greatest contribution to long-term prosperity and well-being. These are early years, better mental health, housing, skills and employability and social care. They are areas where it has been shown that earlier intervention and more seamless services can make a real difference to people's lives. The Volunteering Wales Grants for 2019/20 will support volunteering projects that contribute towards achieving outcomes in one or more of the priority areas.

Volunteering by young people is encouraged and supported through this grant scheme and a percentage of the funding available has been ring fenced to support projects that exclusively recruit young volunteers aged 14 – 25. How can I find out more information? Information sessions will be taking place around Wales during October and November 2018 to promote the Volunteering Wales Grants. Book your place here shortly. Local County Voluntary Councils can also help you with general advice and support in developing your volunteering project. The deadline for applications is 5 December 2018. Please contact WCVA's Volunteering Team for further guidance: volwalesgrants@wcva.org.uk or call the team on 0300 111 0124.

b) Enabling Natural Resources and Well-Being in Wales 2019-2023 - Call for Grant Proposals
Enabling Natural Resources and Well-Being in Wales 2019-2023 – Call for Grant Proposals. The Welsh Government is setting in place revised grant arrangements to support implementation of the Natural Resources Policy, making clearer links between Wales' natural resources and well-being. The scheme will be administered and managed by the Environment and Communities Division on behalf of wider policy interests and will focus on supporting cross-sector collaborative projects that will achieve a

broad range of environmental, economic, social and cultural benefits. Supporting the delivery of Prosperity for All: the national strategy and the Natural Resources Policy, the scheme has 3 themes of action under which grant applications can be made: •Developing, regenerating and broadening access to sustainable green infrastructure• Improving the quality of the urban and rural built environment •Developing resilient ecological networks and nature-based solutions. The grant is open to a wide range of organisations working in a collaborative way to deliver activity under the themes of action and will provide both revenue and capital funding to support delivery. Interested organisations are encouraged to explore potential collaborations and project ideas via our ENRaW Grant group on Yammer. Please spread the word about the new grant and let your contacts know that to join the discussion on Yammer they will need to email our mailbox: EnvironmentGrants@gov.wales via their business email and we can send them an invite to the online group. Further information about the scheme, including the guidance and application form can be obtained from our website: Enabling Natural Resources and Well-Being in Wales 2019-2023. The deadline for applications is 03 December 2018 with view to grant funding being made available from commencing early in the 2019-20 financial year.

4. Sandbag Policy

Now that autumn/winter is upon us, I would like to remind you that Conwy County Borough Council Cabinet adopted a Sandbag Policy on the 11th July 2017. Details of which can be found below within this letter. The policy provides clear guidance on what the Conwy County Borough Council will and will not do in relation to the provision of sandbags during storm events. Details of which are as follows: What we will do, What we will not do. Deploy sandbags to divert the flow of the flood water originating from Local Authority assets such as highway gullies, culverts and ditches in addition to watercourse, culverts and ditches lying within local authority owned land. Deploy sandbags to private properties in advance of a flood event. Subject to availability; deploy sandbags at locations where there is an imminent risk to life or property. The decision to deploy sandbags shall be taken at the discretion of responding officers. Where possible, elderly and vulnerable residents shall be given priority. Deploy sandbags to commercial properties at any time before, during or after a flood event, unless deemed necessary under exceptional circumstances to protect adjacent residential and/or essential infrastructure from flood damage. Collect sandbags from authority owned land and public open spaces and dispose of them in an appropriate manner. Allow residents to collect sandbags from CCBC depots. Collect sandbags from private land, residential properties (other than when deployed by CCBC to elderly or vulnerable residents), or commercial premises. Collect sandbags which have not been deployed by CCBC. Whilst the use of sandbags is acknowledged in helping to divert and direct flows such as along a highway it is also noted that they have severe limitations in application when faced with prolonged periods of high flow or static water. Additionally, sandbags are ineffective in protecting property from groundwater flooding or indeed where sewers cause flooding within properties. Sandbags, at best, only have a 40% chance of successfully keeping water out of a property. With this in mind, homeowners and businesses are encouraged to implement their own flood resilient measures by purchasing specifically designed flood protection products. During times of inclement weather, ERF will make reasonable efforts to assist residents at imminent risk of flooding, but, this is subject to resources available at the time of an event. No guarantee can be offered to residents that we can assist with all flood events. If residents are concerned that they may be at risk of flooding, it is strongly recommended that they consider implementing their own flood resilience measures in advance of a flood event. The overall message given by the policy is that commercial and residential property owners are advised to implement their own measures to protect their properties from flooding. If you have any queries or require any further information relating to this new policy, please do not hesitate to contact us at ERF@conwy.gov.uk

5. Conwy Honey Fair 2018, Post Event report

The 2018 Honey Fair, our 29th year as organizers, was very successful, with nearly 30 honey stalls & about 35 other stalls: crafts, home produce & Farmers' Market stalls, including several new ones. No problems were reported to us. Many people said it was the best Honey Fair they can remember. Conwy was packed with visitors all day. Feedback from stallholders, visitors & town traders was very positive. Expenses 1. Public Liability Insurance from Integro Events Insurance £224 2. One bilingual "Road closed on 13th September" sign from JT & M Signs £36 3. Printing posters, flyers etc £60 4. Postage for posters £60 Total = £400. Receipts- Grant from Conwy Town Council £400, paid to Conwy

Beekeepers Limited, and received with thanks. Collection from stallholders and visitors £845, in aid of the charity Bees for Development. www.beesfordevelopment.org. Road closure, 9am to 4pm Conwy County Borough Council provided: Road Closure Order for High Street, Crown Lane and Llewelyn Street. Road closed signs and barriers, delivered on time and collected promptly. Publicity. The High Street barrier was manned by a rota of six marshals, members of Conwy Beekeepers, working in pairs. Message from Castle Hotel. Hi Peter, Many thanks again for your help with our guests and our access. Yes, a very good day, and as usual we look forward to working with you again next year. Kind Regards. Joe Lavin. North Wales Police provided valuable support. 2019 dates Seed Fair, Tuesday 26th March. Honey Fair, Friday 13th September. We will encourage visitors to stay in Conwy for a long weekend. Many thanks for your continued support. Peter McFadden

6. Progress report on the employability plan: March to September 2018

Eluned Morgan, The Minister for Welsh Language & Lifelong Learning has announced the publication of the first progress report on the delivery of the Employability Plan, which was published in March this year. The report showcases key achievements so far, highlights ongoing work & sets out developments planned for the future.

<https://beta.gov.wales/progress-report-employability-plan-march-september-2018>

7. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG) UPDATE

The Council's Adopted Local Development Plan contains policies and proposals which provide a basis for decision-making on planning applications and for framing conditions on consented applications. Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) sets out more detailed guidance on the way in which policies of the LDP will be applied in particular circumstances or areas. SPG does not form a part of the Council's LDP, but it is consistent with its provisions and is cross-referenced to appropriate policies and / or proposals of the LDP. Only LDP policies and proposals have special status (primacy) in decision-making on planning applications. However, once adopted, SPG may be taken into account as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. At its meeting on 18 July 2018 the Council's Cabinet adopted the following SPG · LDP37 – Ty Mawr Development Brief Gwasanaeth Datblygiad Cymunedol / Community Development Service Pennaeth Gwasanaeth / Head of Service - Marianne Jackson Cynllunio Strategol a Chymunedau / Strategic Planning and Communities Rheolwr Cynllunio Strategol a Chymunedau/ Strategic Planning and Communities Manager – James Harland MSc, BA (Hons), MRTPI Adeilad y Llyfrgell, Mostyn Street, LLANDUDNO, LL30 2RP Library Building, Mostyn Street, LLANDUDNO, LL30 2RPPrif Switsfwrdd / Main Switchboard: 01492 57400 www.conwy.gov.uk www.conwy.gov.uk/cdill/cca The above SPG documents are available at the following link: www.conwy.gov.uk/ldp/spg

8. Topographical and Beach Profile Surveys

write to advise you that we are intending to carry our topographical and beach profile surveys along your section of coastline during the month of July. The surveys will be carried out by Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) employees using GNSS GPS surveying equipment and may involve the use of an all-terrain vehicle.

The data collected will be used to analyse coastal processes and beach material movements to enable decisions to be made in relation to beach management activities along our coastline, in order to maintain appropriate beach levels which will help protect coastal communities from flooding and coastal erosion.

Beach surveys are generally conducted twice a year at the lowest possible spring and autumn tides. Please note that there may be other occasions where it will be necessary to carry out beach surveys outside of these periods e.g. following a storm event.

The beach surveys will be carried out in accordance with the Action Plans that are embedded within the 'North West England and North Wales' and 'West of Wales' Shoreline Management Plans which have been formally adopted by CCBC. Shoreline Management Plans are documents that outline the strategy for how the coastline will be managed and are developed in conjunction with neighbouring Local Authorities, Natural Resources Wales and other stakeholders. If you have any queries or require any further information about our beach monitoring proposals, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Edward Nash on the above number.

9. Age Cymru Community Calculator Survey

The Community Calculator is a short survey of older people's views on how age friendly their local community is. The things that make somewhere a good place to live and work can change as we get older. Many of us remain active into older age, while some of us experience isolation, loneliness, money worries or poor health. Poor neighbourhood design and / or a lack of services can lead to older people being cut off within communities. It is vital that the needs of older people are considered to ensure we are all have the opportunity to achieve the best health, wellbeing and quality of life that we are able. We launched the survey in August at the National Eisteddfod in Cardiff and it is open until the end of October. We have had a good response, but we could do with some more returns from North Wales to ensure a statistically viable sample. The survey is available via the links below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/agefriendlycommunitycalculator>

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cyfrifiannellcymuned>

10. Newsletters

Tree Charter Newsletter

The recent edition is available on the Chamber Table in the Guildhall.