

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**2nd MARCH 2020****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of thanks**

a) Cancer Research UK - For the donation made on behalf of Mr D Hare.

"Thank you very much for your kind donation of £10 from the Conwy Town Council Christmas Eve Event. Please could you pass on our deepest thanks to Dudley who kindly volunteered and nominated as his chosen charity. We promise to make it count" T Stammer, Head of Volunteer Fundraising.

b) Classical Music Festival

"Please pass on my sincere thanks for the continued support of the music festival. It is much appreciated and means that the festival can continue to offer performances of the highest quality, sincerely C Roberts".

2. Road Closures

a) Chapel Street, junction with Berry Street to junction with York Place, Conwy
05/05/2020 to 07/05/2020 7pm – 6am – BT Work.

b) Overnight Road resurfacing: A547 Castle Square Roundabout, Conwy
Tuesday 3 March 2020 - Tuesday 10 March 2020 7pm to 3am (weather permitting).

c) Henryd road, junction with Maes y Llan to the Old Rectory, Conwy
10/03/2020 to 11/03/2020 – Street Lighting Work.

3. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

One Voice Wales Training

Module 5 – The Council Meeting training in Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, CH7 1AB on Tuesday 24th March 2020.

4. Events**Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony 26th March 2020**

One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday 26 March 2020 - Hafod a Hendre Building, Royal Welsh Showground, LD2 3SY

One Voice Wales is holding its fourth Innovative Practice and National Awards Conference 2020. The day will provide an opportunity for Community and Town Councils, other public service and third sector organisation members and staff to learn about the excellent work being undertaken by Community and Town Councils across Wales – certainly something to whet everyone's appetite! A range of exhibitors will be there on the day providing details of services relevant to community and town councils, unitary authorities and the third sector. Simultaneous translation from Welsh into English will be provided and there is ample free parking. Please complete the conference registration form and return by post or email For further information, please contact either Tracy Gilmartin-Ward or Wendi Patience on 01269 595400 or email tgilmartinward@onevoicewales.wales

5. Teenage Cancer Trust

I am writing to tell you about Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru, the vital work we do with teenagers who have cancer in Wales and how you could help us do it even better by supporting us. It's hard enough being a teenager, let alone having to cope with cancer. Without us, young people can receive treatment in isolation from people their age without specialist nurses or support workers. Supporting Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru to be there for young people with cancer in Wales is simple. There are lots of ways that you can get involved to make a meaningful and life changing difference, having fun at the same time. Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru exists to ensure that no young person faces cancer alone. We do it by providing world-class age appropriate care and support. We're there at every stage, from diagnosis, during treatment and after treatment. However, currently across the whole of Wales for every young person we reach, there is another we can't. We know this isn't good enough! Having your support will change this! Working together we can make a difference to a young person's life wherever they are in Wales. By choosing to support us you'll enable us to take our specialist outreach nurses into our local communities to reach every young person no matter where they live. We're local, relevant and super fun to work with. This is an

incredibly exciting time to partner with us and we want YOU to be part of it. Will you join us and help transform the lives of young people with cancer in Wales? We would be delighted to come and meet with you for a coffee and a chat or send some more information if you would like to hear more about us. We very much look forward to hearing from you. Warmest wishes, Yvette & Deb, Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru.

6. Important Message Green Growth funding opportunities for Community and Town Councils

Delivering 'Local Places for Nature' in Communities across Wales Packages: Environmental Charity, Keep Wales Tidy will offer both development and starter packages to create, restore and enhance local places for nature, that can be sustained in future years. All packages MUST be delivered and installed in 2020-21. For all projects, procurement will promote local sourcing, ensure peat-free compost, avoid the use of plastics, use locally sourced seeds and avoid non-native species, where possible. Projects will avoid damaging existing habitats and 'habitat swapping', and tree planting must be considered carefully. Starter Packages (for town and community councils) There will initially be 735 starter packages available to community councils to deliver environmental growth on their doorsteps. 3 different garden packages (245 of each) are being designed to create local places for nature within every community council area in Wales. Each package will include plants, tools and materials to create a new community nature resource, guidance on how to install the garden and a small amount of Keep Wales Tidy officer time to provide advice and support when installing the new garden. A detailed list of all package contents will be available when the scheme is launched. Every community council will be able to request 1 package (with no competition) up until the end of May. After that, the packages will be opened up to the wider community and other parts of Wales, so if you have not applied, there is a big risk your package will be allocated elsewhere, and you will lose the opportunity. We strongly advise all community councils to take up the offer of a free package as soon as the application process is open in early March. Applications will be made via the Keep Wales Tidy website using a simple online form. There will be 3 packages available to choose from, which will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Keep Wales Tidy has 245 of each package to allocate, so councils will be asked to rank their order of preference of each garden when applying. Please note you may not get allocated your first choice of package.

1) Butterfly Garden; tranquillity and reflection area to improve wellbeing

Creation of a small, colourful haven that will attract butterflies/bees, provide food for pollinators and provide a place for reflection and calm, where people can sit and enjoy watching the pollinators at work. The package will include bright, aromatic, nectar-rich plants eg lavender, honeysuckle, tools, compost, border/trellis, planting plan with dimensions (including provision for open area for grasses and wildflowers) and a guidance document on how to manage the site in the long-term. We will provide recipients with information on butterfly identification and encourage them to take part in butterfly surveys.

2) Fruit Garden; providing access to community fruit with new growing spaces

Creation of a garden that will provide fruit for the local community to grow, harvest and enjoy. The package is likely to include fruit trees (eg apple, pear and plum), soft fruit bushes (eg blackcurrant, redcurrant), cane fruit (eg raspberries), rhubarb and strawberries. It will also include native wildflower seeds so that pollinator-friendly flowers can be grown as well as hand tools, compost, tree guards, netting and guidance on pruning, feeding, mulching and pest control.

3) Wildlife Garden; creating new habitats for nature

This garden will create, restore or enhance habitat for local wildlife. The package is likely to include bug and bee hotels, a small pond, bird feeders and boxes, native wildflower seeds, climbing plants (eg clematis, roses) and trellis, compost and hand tools. The package will include guidance on management and advice to local communities on why it's important to let grass grow (we must learn to relax about weeds!) and other ways they can garden for wildlife. It will also signpost recipients to wildlife surveys and encourage them to take part.

Development Packages (open to all)

3 types of packages have been designed. One of each will initially be available per local authority area and applications will be invited from community groups and organisations in early March. Applications will be made via a Keep Wales Tidy electronic application form and be submitted to a regional grants panel for assessment and decision. They will be assessed against programme criteria, which will include ward deprivation level, community engagement, delivery of multiple benefits and landowner permission. Grant panel meeting dates and application deadlines will be announced at end of February.

1. Community Food growing areas with biodiversity zones:

Keep Wales Tidy will run a supported scheme, targeted in deprived areas of Wales, where a number of community food growing projects (allotments or smaller food growing patches) will be created or restored. Communities may not have any prior experience of food growing, so they will need support to plan and construct growing areas as well as assistance in planting, looking after and harvesting their new crops.

The package will include training, advice, practical help, supervision and support to install the new areas will be provided as well as tools, materials and equipment to run it in the long-term. The local community (including schools) will be involved in growing, caring for, and distributing the produce of the new growing areas. This will have important food poverty and healthy eating benefits and encourage local people to take ownership in sourcing food and being involved in sustainable food production. We will ensure that sites include biodiversity zones (e.g. wildflower patches) to attract pollinators and help ensure that crops succeed, and new habitats are created.

The package is likely to include the purchase of seeds, fruiting shrubs, plants and trees, turf, raised beds, green house, compost, compost bins, water butt, bench, hand tools, tool store, fencing, path materials etc. Keep Wales Tidy staff support to identify and select most suitable sites, planning and arranging project workplan, organisation of community action days, ground preparation, bed construction. Community training sessions on food growing and site management will be provided by Social Farms and Gardens.

2. Creating Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) for Nature

This package will help communities in areas that experience local flooding. We will deliver workshops (co-designed with Welsh Water) to explain the issue and design possible solutions, then run practical activities to install low-cost, low-tech mitigation measures. The community will be involved in identifying problem areas and installing measures such as water collection devices, raised beds, tree planting and new garden areas. This package will be aimed at communities in urban areas who want to transform paved/hard surfaces, including schools with no access to green space who will benefit from transforming hard yard surfaces into green zones. Whilst not only reducing run-off, this package will create better habitats for pollinators, more green space in urban areas and provide improved access to green space. It is a great way to show nature-based solutions in practice and how we can better manage our natural resources to improve natural drainage, reduce surface water runoff and so help prevent local flooding, which will also have additional benefits for biodiversity and water quality.

3. Creation of new Nature spaces (wild gardens)

This package will create, restore or enhance spaces for nature, transforming undervalued spaces into a blaze of colour, creating a natural 'buzz' and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities. It will provide areas for communities to socialise, sit, reflect and enjoy wildlife and nature and promote community cohesion. The spaces will support pollinators, increase the understanding of the importance of bees and wildflowers as well as raise the profile of areas for multiple benefits such as the management of water run-off, flood amelioration, habitat improvement, whilst providing a stunning visual connection with nature.

Projects will include the creation, enhancement and restoration of green corridors, habitats for pollinators, wildflower areas and meadows, creation of more B-lines. The construction of the nature spaces will provide volunteering opportunities and help improve physical activity of participants. Once created, the spaces will promote mental well-being by linking people with nature. The package is likely to cover the purchase of seeds, trees, plants, raised beds, trellis, habitat boxes, seating, hand tools, fencing, interpretation panels, surveying equipment and books to increase understanding and be able to monitor species. Keep Wales Tidy staff will support communities to identify and select the most suitable sites, arrange project workplan, organise and supervise community action days, prepare the ground help with bed construction etc.

7. Help for communities to create spaces for nature

Local Places for Nature

We're excited to launch our Local Places for Nature scheme – a brand-new initiative, funded by Welsh Government, that aims to create, restore and enhance hundreds of habitats across the country.

Applications are now open to community groups and organisations looking to help reverse nature's decline.

To make it as easy as possible for people to get involved, we've designed a choice of 'packages' tailored to different groups and organisations. Each pre-paid package includes native plants, tools and other materials. We'll handle the orders and deliveries, and our project officers will even provide support on the ground to help you create your new nature space.

Our packages fall into three categories:

- Starter packages for town and community councils (1 each) - Choose from; a) Butterfly Garden, b) Fruit Garden or c) Wildlife Garden. Read the guidance and FAQs
- Starter packages for community-based organisations (3 per county); Choose from; a) Butterfly Garden, b) Fruit Garden or c) Wildlife Garden. Read the guidance and FAQs
- Development packages for community-based organisations (3 per county) – Choose from a) Food growing area b) Sustainable urban Drainage System or c) Wildlife Garden. Download the guidance here [There is a simple application process, and we expect lots of applicants, so please get your application in asap! The deadline for first application round is 12pm on Friday 6 March.](#)

8. External volunteer roles for Croeso i Bawb board

Could you share this opportunity with your contacts please! Please see the link below regarding 2 volunteer places on our Croeso i Bawb board. I'd be grateful if you would share with your contacts.
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/become-a-board-member-for-everyone-welcome-in-wales>
https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cy_gb/features/dewch-yn-aelod-o-fwrdd-croeso-i-bawb-yng-nghymru

9. Please find details for defibrillators and PADS Below

These are local devices. You will need to click on the link then choose a specific site, as they all have different access and open times and sometimes codes to gain entry are needed but all you need to know is listed here.

https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/localservices/default.aspx?s=DefibrillatorLocations&utm_source=Training+Customers+2018&utm_campaign=c8d6f4ca12-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_18_11_09_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6961326571-c8d6f4ca12-393766347](https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/localservices/default.aspx?s=DefibrillatorLocations&utm_source=Training+Customers+2018&utm_campaign=c8d6f4ca12-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_18_11_09_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6961326571-c8d6f4ca12-393766347). Police stations with Defibs/PADS are listed here.

Every second counts when someone goes into cardiac arrest. A number of our officers have been trained in the use of the defibrillators and by having them located at some of our police stations and fitted into some of our fleet will allow them to provide enhanced medical aid if required when they are first on the scene of serious incidents. Last year we announced that life-saving defibrillators had been fitted in all HGC Uned Plismona'r Ffyrdd / NWP Roads Policing Unit cars and GoSafe vans across the region. Armed Alliance Officers already carry defibrillators in all of their vehicles and they are also installed in other police vehicles in the Gwynedd South area due to their rural locations. External defibrillators are located outside the following: • Abergele Police Station • Bala Police Station • Bethesda Police Station • Blaenau Ffestiniog Police Station • Chirk Police Station • Deeside Police Station • Denbigh Police Station • Flint Police Station • Holywell Police Station • Llanberis Police Station • Llandegai Roads Policing Base • Llangollen Police Station • Llanrwst Police Station • Llety'r Dryw, Colwyn Bay • Overton Police Station • Porthmadog Police Station • Rhos Police Station • Rhuddlan Police Station • SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre), Colwyn Bay • Unit 31, St Asaph Business Park.

10. Newsletters

Play Wales events 2020 - <https://mailchi.mp/playwales/playwalesevents2020-digwyddiadauchwaraecymru2020?e=ab6fcd0a9f>

11. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Transport</u>	
- Active Travel guidance	08/05/2020
- Builth Wells parking study	05/05/2020
<u>Planning and Building</u>	
- Air quality and soundscape: review of TAN 11	04/05/2020
<u>Welsh Language</u>	
- National policy on Welsh language transmission and use in families	05/05/2020
<u>Housing & Regeneration</u>	
- Estate charges on housing developments	30/04/2020
<u>Public Sector</u>	
- Charitable rates relief for schools and hospitals in Wales	24/04/2020
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Local authority education databases	22/04/2020