

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks**

## a) Ysgol Aberconwy

"Thank you for the cheque. We are extremely grateful to the Town Council for their support of our efforts to maintain "Bod Silin" as a resource that will benefit young people locally, enhance their education & provide them with a meaningful & potentially life changing experience of our local environment. The sum of £2000 will go a long way to purchase a multi-fuel stove for the property. Diolch yn fawr iawn. Mr Ian Gerrard"

## b) Conwy Valley Group of WI's

"Firstly on behalf of the group I would like to thank the Councillors for contributing funding towards this year's "Not in My Name" campaign. The Conwy Valley Group of WI's invites the Councillors to join us at the Candlelight Vigil on 30/11/17 6pm to 7pm at St John's Church, Llandudno. Denise Fisher, Treasurer".

**2. Conwy County Borough Council**a) Meetings

A special meeting of the Social Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been arranged on 21/11/2017 at 2pm in Bodlondeb.

In order to accommodate an engagement for the Chair of Council, the date of the meeting of Council has changed from 25/1/18 to 26/1/18 at 10am at Bodlondeb, Conwy.

b) Forward Work Programme

The latest Forward Work Programme has been published

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=600&LLL=0>

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

## a) Enterprise Outreach programmes - The Prince's Trust – Cymru

These are our upcoming dates for the Enterprise programmes we're delivering in Rhyl & Wrexham between September & November.

13-Sept      20-Sept 27-Sept      3 – 6 October      Wrexham- St John's Ambulance Training Centre

10-Oct      17-Oct 24-Oct 31-Oct      7 – 10 November      Rhyl – G2G Communities

15-Nov      22-Nov 29-Nov      5 – 8 December      Wrexham- St John's Ambulance Training Centre

As well as taking part in the 4 day workshop & benefiting from 1:1 mentoring & financial support, every young person can now gain a recognised Level 1 & Level 2 Explore Enterprise qualification as they plan their business. The qualifications include units on Personal Progression, Marketing, Market Research & Understanding Money. We can also reimburse public transport costs for travel to the four day workshop. The young person can also apply for a start-up loan of up to £5000 & 2 years of mentoring support once it has launched. In July we launched Prince's Trust Online which is an online platform where young people, who are unable to access our face-to-face support, can complete the course online. The young person has access to a mentor to guide them through the programme as well as a loads of useful videos, top tips & guidance on how to set up & run a business. I am from rural North Wales myself, & understand how difficult it can be to access services, so I feel really excited that The Prince's Trust now has the ability to reach out to more young people. As always I am more than happy to discuss the programme with anyone so please feel free to call me using the details on my signature if you want to have a chat about Enterprise or our other programmes. You or a young person can also apply directly via our 'Get in Touch' page, phoning our free phone number 0800 842 842 or texting 'CALL ME' to 07983 385 418.

## b) Iaith training - Information &amp; Advice Sessions for Employers about 'Work Welsh'

The Information Sessions for Employers include: An introduction to the current policy context; Information regarding the need to plan bilingual workplaces; Information about the advantages of developing institutional bilingualism for the learner, customers, other staff members and for the organisation; Advice on how to analyse learning needs with regard to the Welsh language in your

organisation; Advice on the training available from the National Centre for Learning Welsh; Advice on supporting learners in the workplace, and An opportunity to discuss and plan for the future. You can register your interest in receiving an Information Session for Employers about 'Work Welsh by visiting [cymraeggwaith@dysgucymraeg.cymru](mailto:cymraeggwaith@dysgucymraeg.cymru) Phone: 0300 323 4324

c) WCVA Safeguarding Briefing session

11/10/17, Llandudno Junction Community Club, Victoria Drive, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9PG  
1pm – 4.30pm Join us at this information session organised specifically to support voluntary & community groups understand the role they have to play in safeguarding. The session will cover information about:- • WCVA's new Safeguarding Service, •The Charity Commission in relation to Safeguarding Strategy and the new Charity Code of Governance • An update about the e Safeguarding Self-Assessment tool kit designed specifically for third sector organisations •Provide an opportunity for Questions & Answers about Safeguarding issues • Details of further sources of information & training available. Contact CVSC to book your place on 01492 534091 or [mail@cvsc.org.uk](mailto:mail@cvsc.org.uk) remembering to let us know of any specific requirements you may have. Cost £10 per place.

#### 4. Events

a) Cerdded Conwy Walks 2017

Autumn Walks October 6,7,8 & 13,14,15. To view the full programme go to [http://www.cerddedconwywalks.org/uploads/4/5/0/3/45039049/autumn\\_walks\\_2017\\_final.pdf](http://www.cerddedconwywalks.org/uploads/4/5/0/3/45039049/autumn_walks_2017_final.pdf)

b) Respect the Mountains

Join the Outdoor Partnership & Keep Wales Tidy on 30/9/17 at Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig for a day of clean ups & outdoor activities as part of the UIAA Respect the Mountains campaign. The morning will consist of a clean up at a local venue, followed by lunch & then taster sessions in the afternoon; Canoeing, Stand up Paddle boarding & Outdoor Climbing will be available to try. The day is suitable for all & booking is essential. Ystafell Cromlech, Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig. 9am - 4pm

c) CVSC Volunteering Fair

Llandudno Town Hall, Llandudno, LL30 2UP 12/10/17 for more details contact CVSC 01492 534091 [www.cvsc.org.uk](http://www.cvsc.org.uk)

#### 5. Update on Microbead Ban

Last year Defra committed to banning the manufacture & sale of cosmetics & personal care products containing microbeads which may harm the marine environment. We would like to thank the many of you who responded to our UK-wide public consultation on the topic earlier this year. We have used your responses to draft legislation for England & we plan to bring this ban into force by the end of 2017, with the ban on sale beginning on 1/1/18 & the ban on manufacture beginning on 30/6/18. This has now been formally notified in the London Gazette (<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notices/London/notice>) & the draft legislation is available to view here until 11/10/17 <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/banning-the-use-of-microbeads-in-cosmetics-and-personal-care-products> The Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland will introduce separate legislation according to their own legislative processes & timetables to ensure that the ban will apply across the whole of the UK. Any person may make representations on the draft legislation for England in writing to the Secretary of State. Any such representations should be sent by 11/10/17 to: Marine Litter Policy Team, Defra, 8B Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR or by email to [marinelitter@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:marinelitter@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

#### 6. Countryside Alliance Awards 2017

Get involved & support your local rural businesses. The Countryside Alliance Awards, also known as the 'Rural Oscars', are THE rural business awards to win, & give a voice & platform to the best of our produce, enterprise, heritage & communities & we would like you to get involved to help generate nominations & support your local businesses. Nominated by the public, the Awards recognise and honour those who routinely go the extra mile for their community. Nominations are open from now until 13/11/17. Winners will be announced in Spring 2018 at the grand final at the House of Lords. The five categories are: Local Food/Drink - Have they put the community on the map via the quality & diversity of local produce being sold? Village Shop/ Post Office – Are they the cornerstone of the village & breathed life into the community & local economy? Butcher - Is traditional butchery at the

heart of the enterprise or have they brought a modern twist to this ancient skill? Rural Enterprise - Is this business a growing asset to its community & making a real contribution? Pub - Would winning this competition reward a really special enterprise & tell a positive story about rural life while championing local food & drink?

## **7. Supplementary Planning Guidance Update**

The Council's Adopted Local Development Plan contains policies & proposals which provide a basis for decision-making on planning applications & for framing conditions on consented applications. 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 part of the Council's LDP, but it is consistent with its provisions & is cross-referenced to appropriate policies & or proposals of the LDP. Only LDP policies & 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 15/8/17 the Council's Cabinet adopted the following SPG. Ldp13-Affordable Housing SPG, the SPG documents are available at the following link:  
[www.conwy.gov.uk/ldp/spg](http://www.conwy.gov.uk/ldp/spg)

## **8. Conwy Honey Fair 2017 Post Event Report**

The 2017 Honey Fair, our 28th year as organizers, was very successful with over 20 honey stalls, & about 45 other stalls, including several new ones. No problems were reported to us. Conwy was full of visitors all day. Feedback from stallholders, visitors & town traders was very positive. The event attracted widespread publicity for Conwy, including a two-page spread in the North Wales Weekly News, with old pictures of the Honey Fair from Conwy Archives. Expenses Total = £400. Receipts Grant from Conwy Town Council £400, paid to Conwy Beekeepers Limited, & received with thanks. Collection from stallholders & visitors £585, in aid of the charity Bees for Developments [www.beesfordevelopment.org](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org) We received encouraging feedback from Joe Lavin, The Castle Hotel:

Hi Peter, Yes, a great day and the barrier was manned perfectly! Good to see so many people despite the weather warnings!! Thank you for the date for next year, we will add to our calendar now. Kind regards, Joe Lavin. North Wales Police provided valuable support. 2018 dates Seed Fair, Monday 26th March. The Seed Fair is in the Conwy schools Easter holiday. Easter Sunday 1st April. Honey Fair, Thursday 13th September. Many thanks for your continued support. Peter McFadden

## **9. Conwy Bus Consultation**

SYSTRA has been commissioned by Conwy County Borough Council to conduct a bus consultation survey. Bus users are being asked for their views on current services in Conwy at a series of local public events (as detailed below) & through an online survey. Survey respondents may choose to be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a £100 shopping voucher. I would be very grateful if you would help to promote the survey in your area. The survey can be found at the following link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ConwyBusSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ConwyBusSurvey) The closing date is 27/10/17. For further information about the survey, or to request it in a different format, please contact [publictransport@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:publictransport@conwy.gov.uk) or 01492 575562.

## **10. Reading Friends project : reducing loneliness & social isolation through reading**

An exciting new UK project, Reading Friends, delivered in Wales by Literature Wales, in partnership with The Reading Agency & funded by The Big Lottery.  
<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/our-new-project-for-older-people.html>  
<<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/our-new-project-for-older-people.html>> Conwy Library service, in partnership with Age Connects will be leading the first Welsh test site of the project  
<http://www.literaturewales.org/lw-news/reading-friends-wales-test-site-announcement/>  
<<http://www.literaturewales.org/lw-news/reading-friends-wales-test-site-announcement/>> I will be managing the project in Conwy & am eager to ensure we reach those who would benefit most from taking part & would be grateful for your help & support in forwarding this email &/or my details to the most appropriate contact. Within my application for the funding, which will enable us to deliver this project, I specified the following target groups of Reading Friends who I wish to focus on for this

first test stage: home library users, people with high level dementia living within a care home setting , retired Welsh farmers living in remoter rural areas. This does not exclude other people being part of the project if you feel they may be experiencing social isolation or loneliness. To deliver the project we will be seeking to recruit & train volunteers & again I would be grateful if you could direct my email & details to those who may wish to get involved. The first phase of induction training is aimed to take place on 27/10/17 although I will confirm this nearer the time. If you would like further details about the project or would like to me to come & present the details to a group/meeting/organisation you are currently involved with then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Cheryl Hesketh, Library Service Manager : Reading & Inclusion, CCBC.

#### **11. Rural Business Investment Scheme – Food**

New Scheme opened today. The Rural Business Investment Scheme - FOOD (RBISF) is a capital investments scheme to support projects that offer clear & quantifiable benefits to the food & drink industry in Wales. The scheme is open to existing & start up micro & small food & drink processor's & manufacturers throughout Wales.

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/cap/ruraldevelopment/wales-rural-development-programme-2014-2020/rural-business-investment-scheme-food/?lang=en>

Glastir Advanced. A new Expression of Interest Window for Glastir Advanced 2019 opened on the 18/9/17 & will close at midnight on 20/10/17. Glastir Advanced offers financial support to farmers to improve the sustainable management of their land. Glastir pays for the delivery of specific environmental goods & services & Expressions of Interest will be scored on their ability to deliver the Welsh Government's objectives for these. Each farm will be allocated a score, based upon the range & scale of delivery that can be achieved over the farm. The score will be adjusted to take account of farm size. Once the scoring exercise has been completed, customers will be informed whether they have been successful or not. Further information about Glastir Advanced can be found on the Welsh Government

website. <http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/farming/schemes/glastir/glastir-advanced/?lang=en>