

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**8th JULY 2019****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Events**

"Blood Bikes" Talk. Llandudno Junction Community Club – Wednesday 10th July – 7.30pm £2.
Blood Bikes Wales provides breast milk delivery service to special care baby units across wales and much more.

2. Courses/ Workshops/ Training/ Conferences

One Voice Wales' Innovative Practice Conference - 10 July 2019

One Voice Wales is holding its second Innovative Practice Conference at The Royal Welsh Showground on 10/7/19. There will be an excellent range of speakers, information on work programmes of relevance to our sector and workshops on innovative practice and Improvement Practice – certainly something to whet everyone's appetite! Guest speakers will be Claire Germain, Acting Deputy Director Welsh Government who will be discussing the implications of the Independent Review Panel Report on Community and Town Councils and also Caryn LeRoux, Welsh Government who will be discussing the implications of the Environmental Act 2016 on Local Councils. Our Innovative practice sessions will cover: • Development of Tourism in your Area • Improving the Local Environment • Engaging Effectively with your Community • Improving Sustainability in your Community. There will also be the following range of subjects addressed via the Improvement Practice workshops: • How to Achieve Fair Trade Status • Managing Playground Maintenance & Safety • Memorial Safety • Insurance Issues for Councils. A range of exhibitors will be there on the day providing details of services relevant to Councils. Simultaneous translation from Welsh into English will be provided and there is ample free parking. For further information contact either Tracy Gilmartin-Ward or Wendi Patience on 01269 595400 or email tgilmartinward@onevoicewales.wales

3. Funding

High Sheriff's Crimebeat Youth Fund

Crimebeat was started in North Wales by the High Sheriffs of Gwynedd (Anglesey, Caernarfonshire and Meirionnydd) and Clwyd (Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham) to support young people who want to make a difference in their communities. Crimebeat gives young people a unique opportunity to use their energy and imagination to develop specific initiatives to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The historic office of the High Sheriff is one of the most ancient in the country. For over 1,000 years Sheriffs have been appointed by the Monarch for each shire or county as the sovereign's representative for all matters relating to the judiciary. The office is independent, non-political and unpaid. We hope that Crimebeat will make a modern contribution so that you can make our local community a safer and better place in which to live. There are two High Sheriffs in North Wales, the High Sheriff of Gwynedd and the High Sheriff of Clwyd. For more info on the office of High Sheriff visit www.highsheriffs.com Do you have a good idea which would meet our objective and are you interested in getting involved? If so, send us your application and we will contact you to discuss how we can help.

4. Public Consultation: Snowdonia National Park - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance

SPG 8: Visitor Accommodation is issued in draft form for public consultation.

On the 6th February, the Authority adopted the revised Eryri Local Development Plan (ELDP) 2016-2031 which contains strategic and development policies as a basis for deciding planning applications. Supplementary Planning Guidance documents (SPGs) provide further detailed information, in support of the ELDP policies. SPGs should only expand and interpret planning policies and not in themselves, form new areas of policy. Comments made during this consultation should only address the content of the draft SPG, and is therefore not an opportunity to amend the relevant adopted LDP polices.

5. Non-Domestic Rates Relief for Public Lavatories

The Welsh Government recognises that the provision of lavatories for public use can affect the health, dignity and quality of people's lives. Such facilities are valued by local residents and by visitors to an area. We also recognise that local authority provision of public lavatories has declined in recent years.

Today, I am announcing the introduction of provisions to assist local authorities, and other providers, in keeping standalone public lavatories open without passing on the costs to local taxpayers.

The Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill was introduced in Parliament on 18 June 2019. We are pleased to have secured provisions for Wales in this Bill so that, from 1 April 2020, standalone public lavatories will have their rates bills reduced to zero. The provisions will apply to all standalone lavatories which are made available for public use, whether they are owned or operated by public, private or charitable bodies.

This will reduce the costs for local authorities and other providers, helping them to maintain public lavatories in their communities. This move illustrates our commitment to maintaining these important local services.

I will be promoting the approval of these provisions in the Assembly on 16 July.

6. Road Closures

a) Llanrwst Road, Conwy - From 30/40mph at "The Stables" towards The Groes Pub for convoy working to facilitate Pre-patching works.

09/07/2019 to 13/07/2019 - Carriageway Work

b) Penmaen Road to Parc y Cae'r Seion, Conwy.

24/07/2019 to 29/07/2019 – Special Event

7. Newsletters

CVSC Funding newsletter is available on the following link.

<https://mailchi.mp/563f83b1e194/o9efbnwkkw-2388373?e=236a4b4210>

8. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Environment & Countryside</u>	
- National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management	16/09/2019
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plans Regulations (Wales) 2019 and guidance	02/09/2019
<u>Planning</u>	
- Draft Development Plans Manual (Edition 3)	30/08/2019
<u>Housing & Regeneration</u>	
- Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Act 2019: default fees and prescribed information	19/07/2019