

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**7th AUGUST 2017****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****Conwy Town Orchestra**

"Please would you thank the Council for allowing the Town Orchestra to have a further 12 months in the Mayor's Parlour for our rehearsals. We are incredibly grateful as not having to pay for a room means that we can continue to grow and provide a place for amateur musicians make music together. Thank you again. Vicky"

2. Conwy County Borough Council**Education & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

The meeting on 19/9/17 has been postponed & will now be held on 27/9/17 at 5pm

3. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**a) Information & 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 & 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; an opportunity to discuss & plan for the future.

These sessions are suitable for public, third & private sector organisations. The sessions are aimed at: Senior Management Teams; Directors; Managers; Service Leaders; Senior HR Officers; Training Officers. The sessions will be tailored specifically for individual organisations & will be delivered by IAITH: the Welsh centre for language planning. You can register your interest in receiving an Information Session for Employers about 'Work Welsh by visiting dysgucymraeg.cymru. To book email cymraeggwaith@dysgucymraeg.cymru or call 0300 323 4324

b) One Voice Wales' Conference and AGM Saturday 30th September

One Voice Wales' Conference and AGM will be held on Saturday 30th September this year at the Royal Welsh Showground (LD2 3SY). With important changes facing our sector we will hear from the Minister Mark Drakeford on his vision for Community and Town Councils, Huw Vaughan Thomas who will be talking about the work of Wales Audit Office with respect to Community and Town Councils and Lyn Cadwallader who will be talking about a vision for the future role of Community and Town Councils.

Price is £120 if you would like to attend please contact the Town Clerk for booking information.

c) Planning 4 Communities

New forward plan for Community and Town Council planning training is here. We are running 10 training sessions, currently available are: How to be more effective when responding to planning applications, Thursday 28th September in Wrexham; An introduction to planning, Tuesday 17th October in Bridgend; An introduction to planning, Tuesday 17th October in Mold; Pre-application consultation: maximising your community influence, Tuesday 21st November in Abergavenny; Creating a Place Plan with your community, Tuesday 28th November in Colwyn Bay for more information please visit <http://www.planningaidwales.org.uk/community-and-town-councils/training-2/>

d) AA Autism Support 2nd Annual Autism Conference

The North Wales 2nd Annual Autism Conference will be taking place this year on Friday 29th September 8:30am-5:00pm. It will be held at the Catrin Finch Centre, Glyndwr University, Wrexham, LL11 2AW. There will be a key note presentation from Dr Luke Beardon, senior lecturer at The Autism Centre Sheffield Hallam University. Dr Beardon has worked in the field of autism for over 20 years in various capacities ranging from practitioner, researcher, trainer, educator and author. He has been recognised with many awards for his work and dedication to autism education. He will be joined by special guests Derek Paravicini & Professor Adam

Ockelford, Derek is a blind, autistic musical prodigy whose amazing gift of playing the piano has thrilled audiences at venues around the world, from Ronnie Scott's to Las Vegas and the Barbican to Buckingham Palace. With his mentor music psychologist Professor Adam Ockelford, they share their musical journey together with wonderful chat and entertainment. For further information and to Book Tickets please visit: <http://store.glyndwr.ac.uk/product-catalogue/conference-events/conferences/north-wales-2nd-annual-autism-conference>

e) One Voice Wales – Understanding the law

We are running an **Understanding the Law** Training. The training will take place at Abergele Town Council, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele. LL22 7BT on Tuesday 5th September 2017. The training will be conducted through the medium of **English**. A brief description of the session is as follows: Module 4 – Understanding The Law: Statutory duties and powers; Ultra Vires; The Powers of Delegation; Welsh Language Act; The duty to promote Equal Opportunities; Data Protection and FOI Act; Sources of advice.

During the presentation we will cover a range of legislation and legal duties that affect community and town councils. We will cover statutory duties and powers, the principle of 'ultra vires', the powers of delegation, the Welsh Language Act, the duty to promote equal opportunities and the main statutes and regulations in this area data protection and Freedom of Information act and finally, sources of advice. The cost of the training is £60 per person. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place. Start time is 6:30pm until 9:00pm.

If you or your councillors are interested in attending the training, please email:

wendi.patience@onevoicewales.org.uk URGENTLY with the name, email address and telephone number of each person wishing to attend.

f) WCVA Learning

We provide training for those in the third & public sector on a range of topics, including Governance, Leadership & Management, Public Engagement, Co-production, Communications & Funding. Our training programme is focused on the needs of the third sector & will help you & your organisation run more effectively & also develop your own skills, knowledge & confidence – whether you are an employee or a volunteer. Our courses are fun, participative & take place in a relaxed learning environment, they can provide you & your organisation with the skills needed to provide an excellent service. Coming up soon:

19/9/17 – National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales – webinar delivered in Welsh

3/10/17 – National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales – webinar delivered in English

18/10/17 – Note-taking at participative events – Rhyl (delivered in Welsh)

For more information call 0800 288 8329 or email training@wcva.org.uk

4. Events

a) Macmillan – Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

This year Coffee Morning takes place on 29/9/17 & we're asking you to gather your friends, workmates, community or even your school for some yummy treats. If you're not free on 29th don't worry you can hold yours on any date in September.

It's a chance to get together. Coffee Morning is a great way to catch up with your favourite people & those you don't see often enough. So pick a date, order your free kit & invite your bakers, taster & coffee makers for a good gossip over something delicious.

Bake a difference. You can make your Coffee Morning as easy or fancy as you like. Whether you bake an intricate sponge, a carrot cake full of character or just pop to the shop, every slice & cuppa you enjoy will help us to reach more people affected by cancer.

Visit <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>

b) Action on Hearing Loss – Zip World Zipline

On Saturday 14th October Zip World are holding a full day on the fastest zipline in the world for Action on Hearing Loss. It is £30 to register (usually £70) they are suggesting you raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship. To register or for more information go to

www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/zipline or contact 01492 532066.

5. Funding

Big Lottery Fund

Heading to the National Eisteddfod on Anglesey? Come meet us on the Maes to get the latest information on National Lottery grants available through the Big Lottery Fund, discuss an idea for

a project & ask any questions you have. We'll be there on 9/8/17 – 10:30am to 1pm on Menter Môn's stand & 1:30pm to 4pm on Medrwn Môn's stand. To avoid disappointment, book a slot with us. If you can't make the Eisteddfod or have any questions please contact wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk or call 0300 123 0735

6. Flood Re | Local Hero's Campaign

Flood Re are launching a nationwide campaign, called [Local Heroes](#), to further mobilise and engage with affected communities on the ground in flood affected areas.

Flood Re are running a campaign for the 10-year anniversary of the 2007 floods to recognise and reward those who played a key role in the flooding and bring an awareness to the issue of flooding itself. We're looking for Local Heroes who stood out in a time of need – the overall winner will win £10,000 to inject back into the community.

Flood Re wish to attend to hear from people in the area about flooding – we have leaflets & posters which we can send to you should you wish to share information about this campaign with your members. If you're on social – attached are visuals which can also be used.

Do let us know if you'd like us to send you some leaflets, how many & the address to send them too. For more information please visit <https://www.floodre.co.uk/localheroes/>

7. Newsletters/Publications

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

The July 2017 edition of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales newsletter is now available for you to browse. Find a copy on the table.

8. Welsh Government Consultations

Environment & Countryside

- Code of practice for the welfare of horses

Closing Date 20/10/17

Housing & Regeneration

- Draft 'Information for tenants of social landlords' document

Closing Date 13/9/17

- Fees charged to tenants in the private rented sector

Closing Date 27/9/17

Local Government

- Delivering a tax cut for small businesses: A new small business rates relief scheme for Wales

Closing Date 13/10/17

Transport

- Motor racing regulations

Closing Date 29/8/17

Consultation on proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetic and personal care products in the UK

The Welsh Government, DEFRA, the Scottish Government and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland have published the summary of responses to the consultation on proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products in the UK. The consultation asked for comments on proposals for the UK's implementation of a ban on the manufacture and sale of cosmetics and personal care products containing microbeads which may harm the marine environment. The consultation also sought to gather evidence on the extent of the environmental impacts of further sources of potential marine plastic pollution, to inform future UK actions to protect the marine environment.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the joint UK consultation. The proposals have been refined following the consultation exercise and the responses will continue to help us develop future UK actions to protect the marine environment. You can find the summary of responses, which sets out the revised proposals, at:

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/proposals-ban-use-plastic-microbeads-cosmetics-and-personal-care-products>