

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
9th DECEMBER 2019
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. CCBC

Meetings

- a) With the agreement of the Chair, the special meeting organised for 16/12/19 has been cancelled, due to the delay in the announcement of the Local Government Settlement.
- b) With the agreement of the Chair, the meeting of Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee scheduled for Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at 2.00 pm has been cancelled as there were no scheduled reports

2. The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019 was published today, 27 November 2019. The publication comprises reports and guidance, interactive maps and area profiles, and data. As we will be releasing a range of products over the coming months, we have also published a timetable of what we will make available and when. We will be holding webinars (web-based information sessions) on WIMD 2019 on the dates below. If you would like to register, please contact: kasevents@gov.wales English language webinars • 10.30am Monday 2 December • 10.30am Wednesday 4 December Welsh language webinar • 2pm Tuesday 10 December For any queries, please contact stats.inclusion@gov.wales or 0300 025 4088. What is WIMD? WIMD is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in Wales. It identifies areas with the highest concentrations of several different types of deprivation. The main purpose of the Index is to provide the evidence needed about the most deprived areas of Wales to inform a variety of decisions, such as funding or targeting of programmes and services for local areas. WIMD ranks all small areas in Wales from 1 (most deprived) to 1,909 (least deprived).

3. Bus Pass Renewal Programme

Transport for Wales are currently managing the reissue of free bus passes across Wales. Here's an update on the renewal programme we're managing on behalf of all 22 local councils in Wales. There are currently around 750,000 bus passes in Wales and the current green coloured cards will all expire on 31 December 2019 and not be accepted on buses. Since September we've been raising awareness of the changes, and already we've received 450,000 applications. With the deadline now fast approaching we're keen to promote the changes as much as possible to ensure we reach as many people as possible and provide time for people to reapply and receive their new-style cards before the end of the year. Cardholders can either reapply online at www.tfw.wales/travelcards or by paper, which they can download via our website or pick up a copy from their local council. They can also request a copy in the post by calling our helpline 0300 303 4240. The new cards offer the same travel benefits for 60s and over and eligible disabled persons. I have attached the screens visuals which are currently being used on buses across Wales. Would it be possible to display these throughout your outlets to help reach the target audiences and their friends and family members? There's also 'How to videos' available https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8q_bwWi4Wo (English) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBjwmBvTXh8> (Welsh) – if these could also be shared, that would be amazing. Here's a link to the other campaign materials : English - <https://tfw.wales/bus-campaign-support> Welsh - <https://tfw.wales/cy/cymorth-ymgyrch-bws> We can send you hard copies of any of the materials, such as leaflets and posters or hard copies of the application forms, please let me know and I can arrange straight away. Any support on social media would also be appreciated.

4. Climate Emergency Declaration

ERF response to Mr Pitt.

Thank you for your letter dated 29th August 2019, regarding Conwy County Borough Council's Climate emergency declaration and subsequent actions. The Green programme Board met on 25th September 2019 to discuss the Council's action plan to become net zero carbon by 2030. The contents of your letter were discussed as part of this. The Board were presented with an outline roadmap of the next steps the Council must take to ensure it has a plan in place to become net zero within 10 years. These

steps include the following: Defining the scope of greenhouse gas emissions; Establishing the Councils baseline greenhouse gas emissions from the defined scope; identifying and implementing the interventions to deliver the Council's net zero target.

The board were in full support of this approach. A Councillor-led quality assurance group is now in the process of being established to support this carbon zero programme. The full governance structure of the programme will be determined once the above steps are in place. The Board discussed your suggestion for Council to join the UK 100 network. It was agreed that this would be looked into by Council Officers to gain a full understanding of the implication of joining such a network. The suggestions in your letter to further reduce the climate impact of the Council's service delivery will be considered at every stage of the Council's journey to achieve net zero. Some of them have already been incorporated into existing carbon reduction projects. I'd like to thank you for taking the time to contact the Council and for your support to the Council regarding its net zero carbon journey. A J Jones, Business Improvement Manager.

5. Tai Teg – Affordable Housing Register

Tai Teg is an online affordable housing register that offers local people an affordable home at less than market value – to rent or buy. It is supported by County Councils in North Wales, Snowdonia National Park Authority and local Housing Associations. The register aims to collect information on the need for affordable properties in Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbigh, Flint, Wrexham, and Powys. The information is used to comment on Planning applications as well as to support the Councils and Societies in planning for future developments. Individuals wishing to register must meet the criteria as stated on the www.taiteg.org.uk website, and must be in full or part time employment. There are a number of different schemes available (see information sheet attached), with the intention of providing individuals with opportunities to buy or rent Affordable homes within the area in which they have a connection. So if you or anyone you know finds it difficult to find affordable properties locally, you may want to join the hundreds of people who have registered on the Tai Teg website. For more information on how to register to be considered for home ownership or rental scheme and to view the available property, visit www.taiteg.org.uk. By contacting Snowdonia National Park Authority's Policy Department (polisi.cynllunio@eryri.llyw.cymru), it is possible to arrange for Authority and Tai Teg Officers to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss the Register and Schemes further, if required.

6. Health Watchdog asks people to talk about Vascular Services

The independent health services watchdog for North Wales – the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) - has now confirmed further dates for listening and engagement events across the region. These events will give people the opportunity to share their views and experiences of some major changes made in March of this year to the provision of Vascular Services. The NWCHC will be hosting a series of events across all six counties of North Wales, inviting NHS staff, patients, their carers and their families to talk about Vascular Services. The first event held last week in Pwllheli, was well attended and people were pleased that the NWCHC had provided them with an opportunity to air their views. Further events will be taking place on the following dates and venues, 6th December 2019 from 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Quaker Meeting House, Dean Street, Bangor LL57 1UR. 14th January 2020 from 11.00am – 1.00pm at Neuadd Pendre Tywyn, 4 Brook Street, Tywyn, Gwynedd LL36 9DP. 24th January 2020 from 10.30am – 12.30pm at Aberconwy MIND, 3 Trinity Square, Llandudno, Conwy LL30 2PY. 28th January 2020 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, 77 Penrhyn Avenue, Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL28 4LR. 12th February 2020 from 10.00am – 12noon at Town Hall, Bulkeley Square, Llangfeni, Ynys Mon LL77 7LR. 28th February 2020 from 10.00am – 12noon at Amlwch War Memorial Hall, 18 Market Street, Amlwch, Ynys Mon LL68 9ET Further events will soon be arranged in other counties and information will be published in due course. Mr Geoff Ryall-Harvey, Chief Officer for NWCHC said 'Since the changes have been made to some of the Vascular Services, we have been monitoring the patient experience of the service. Over recent months however, we have been aware of an increased level of concerns in respect of the impact of the service change.' 'We have raised these concerns with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and are pleased to learn that the BCUHB intends to carry out a thorough review of the performance of the service and the impact of the changes made to the service to date.'

Mr Ryall-Harvey went on to say ‘We are holding these events in order to allow people to talk to us about specific issues concerning their experiences of Vascular Services across North Wales. The events will be structured around a number of aspects such as compliments, concerns and complaints, care planning, care provision and communication.’ ‘We understand that in some instances, people might wish to share experiences in a confidential way and we will ensure that there is a safe space for such discussions to take place.’ Should you wish to attend any of the events or for further information please contact the North Wales Community Health Council on tel: 01248 679284 (nb there is an answerphone system in operation – please leave a message and a member of our team will be in touch) or e-mail yourvoice@waleschc.org.uk You can register attendance via our SurveyMe app by using the following link: <https://svy.at/5xr1r>

7. Police and Crime Commissioner Have Your Say

The Police and Crime Commissioner would like to hear your views on policing, his priorities and the 2020/21 Precept (the part of the Council Tax that pays for Policing). To share your views please click here to complete our online survey. If you are part of an organisation or group please share this email with your contacts. If you would like a paper copy of the survey or require any other format which includes Easy Read please contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via telephone, post or email. All contact information is listed below. Telephone number : 01492 805485 Email: opcc@nthwales.pnn.police.uk Address: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Police Head Quarters, Glan Y Don, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW.

8. Welsh Government Consultations

	Closing Date
<u>Health & Social Services</u>	
- Amendment to addition of vitamins, minerals and other substances regulations	23/12/2019
- Foods for special medical purposes and infant formula	06/12/2019
- Guidance on reducing restrictive practices in childcare, education, health and social care settings	06/01/2020
<u>People & Communities</u>	
- Equality Act 2010: Commencing the socio-economic duty	17/01/2020
<u>Planning</u>	
- Permitted development rights for allotment holders	28/02/2020
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Draft school and community-based counselling operating toolkit	18/12/2019
- Changes to disabled students’ allowances	17/02/2020
<u>Open Consultation</u>	
- Next Generation Access Broadband 2019	12/12/2019
<u>Finance & Law</u>	
- The future of Welsh law: classification, consolidation and codification	16/01/2020