

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**

a) Introduction to PQASSO and the PQASSO Quality Mark - Free workshops

Do you want to strengthen governance, better identify risk, deliver better services for users, improve operating practices & better demonstrate outcomes in your third sector organisation? Then join us at one of our free two-hour workshops to find out more about the PQASSO quality standard. Who should attend? Anyone interested in developing & supporting strong third sector organisations including trustees, staff, volunteers, funders, commissioners & contract managers. Go to NCVO's website to book your place at one of the workshops: 28/06/18 – Colwyn Bay. To find out more contact Heledd Kirkbride, PQASSO Wales Officer – [heledd.kirkbride@ncvo.org.uk](mailto:heledd.kirkbride@ncvo.org.uk) | 07376 602320

b) FREE multi-agency event on Adult Protection & Support Orders. Social Care Wales are offering a one-off opportunity to explore the role of partner organisations in the enactment of Adult Protection & Support Orders, as introduced under the Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. The event is appropriate to all agencies & services supporting adults at risk within the region of the North Wales Regional Safeguarding Board. Here is the link for bookings. <http://www.northwalessafeguardingboard.wales/events/>

c) WCVA Learning

Webinar: Contracts, Liabilities & GDPR

19/3/18, 2pm-3pm

d) One Voice Wales training

Module 7 - Health & Safety training in Plas Pentwyn, Castle Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham. LL11 3NU on 13/3/18 6.30-9.00pm

**2. Events**

a) One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony

29/03/18 - Hafod a Hendre Building, Royal Welsh Showground, LD2 3SY One Voice Wales is holding its first Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference 2018 following on from the successful launch of our National Awards Scheme in 2017. The day will provide an opportunity for Community & Town Councils, other public service & third sector organisation members and staff to learn about the excellent work being undertaken by Community & Town Councils across Wales – certainly something to whet everyone's appetite! Our guest speakers will be Cllr Debbie Wilcox – Leader of the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) & Came & Company Insurance who are the main event sponsors. Following the afternoon workshops a prize giving ceremony will be held with winners announced in the categories as set out in the workshops above. A range of exhibitors will be there on the day providing details of services relevant to community & town councils, unitary authorities & 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 [admin@onevoicewales.org.uk](mailto:admin@onevoicewales.org.uk)

b) Older Persons' Fair

Learn more about your local public services with your MP, David Jones • Money advice • Crime prevention • Housing advice • Health & care information • Local activities • Constituents who are 60 or over & their families, friends and carers all welcome • Free event Refreshments will be served, Sponsored by the Rt Hon David Jones MP For further information please contact, Laura Muller on 020 7219 8070 or [laura.muller@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.muller@parliament.uk)

**3. Road Closures**

High Street, Conwy - Junction Castle Street to Junction Bangor Road.  
from 16/04/18 to 25/05/18 7pm to 6am – Carriageway works

#### **4. Plans for yellow lines on RSPB Conwy access road**

We have been having increasing problems with inconsiderate parking between the roundabout & the entrance gate to the nature reserve. Such parking can prevent delivery vehicles or coaches of schoolchildren arriving at or leaving the reserve – & a large vehicle reversing back up the hill onto the roundabout is a serious safety risk for both it & other road-users. Obviously, emergency vehicles need access throughout the day too. Following discussions with The Crown Estate, North Wales Trunk Roads Agency & ERF at Conwy County Borough Council, we are proposing to implement parking restrictions on the access road, marking the road with double yellow lines & putting a two-hour limit on parking in the bays at the bottom of the sliproad. Parking in the bays & in the nature reserve car park will remain free, & there remains no time limit for parking in the car park. All three agencies have told us that the management of the sliproad is not their responsibility, so this is the only course of action that is open to us. I hope that Conwy Town Councillors will support our plan, but please do not hesitate to contact me for more information or to raise any concerns that you have. Julian Hughes, Reserve Manager, Conwy Nature Reserve Llandudno Junction, Conwy LL31 9XZ

#### **5. Call out for projects for locating renewable furniture in you rural Community**

We are calling out for projects locating renewable furniture in your rural community! Conwy Cynhalio is looking for outdoor venues that are: • Popular in term of use by local people & tourists • Remote and far from power sources. We will fund up to 80% of any costs. Closing Date: 20/03/18. If you would like further information on how to apply, contact us on: Phone: 01492 576 672 Email: ConwyLocalActionGroup@conwy.gov.

#### **6. Consultation on the draft Autism (Wales) Bill**

I am pleased to share a consultation on the text of the draft Autism (Wales) Bill. I look forward to receiving any comments you wish to make by 17 April 2018.

<http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=293> Paul Davies

Assembly Member for Preseli Pembrokeshire. Following a ballot conducted by the Presiding Officer, the National Assembly for Wales agreed that I can introduce proposals for a new law in Wales, to make provision for meeting the needs of children & adults with autism spectrum disorder, & protecting & promoting their rights. Last year I undertook an extensive public consultation engagement exercise to assist me in developing my proposals. I also outlined that I intended to undertake further consultation once a draft Bill had been prepared. This work has now been completed & I am pleased to attach a copy of the draft Bill for your information. I am grateful to all those who responded to the initial consultation & I am pleased that the majority of responses are supportive of the principles of this legislation. In drafting the Bill I have given careful consideration to the points raised within these responses. One concern that arose in my first consultation was that by legislating to meet the needs of children & adults with autism spectrum disorder, I might inadvertently reduce the Welsh Government's focus on addressing the needs of children & adults with neurodevelopmental conditions other than autism spectrum disorder. To minimise this risk, the draft Bill defines 'autism spectrum disorder' in the following way: Autism spectrum disorder as defined by the World Health Organization International Classification of Diseases from time to time; & also any other neurodevelopmental disorder prescribed by the Welsh Ministers. This means that if Welsh Ministers believe the provisions of this Bill should be applied to people with other neurodevelopmental disorders, they would have the power to do so. Depending on the outcome of this additional consultation, the Bill may be subject to further drafting & technical changes before I formally introduce it to the National Assembly. Upon formal introduction I will also publish an Explanatory Memorandum & Regulatory Impact Assessment to support the detailed scrutiny process which is required before a final decision is made on whether it should become law. I would, therefore, be very grateful if you could find the time to contribute to this consultation and let me have your or your organisation's views on the draft Bill & what it is seeking to achieve. The draft Bill has also been published on the Assembly's website to allow as many people as possible to send in their comments. I would welcome comments on all aspects of the draft Bill. However, there are a number of specific matters

which I would particularly welcome views on. For full details about how the information you provide will be used please see the National Assembly for Wales' Member Bill privacy policy.

**7. REMINDER: North Wales Social Value Project, closing date 16/3/18**

Mantell Gwynedd, the County Voluntary Council in Gwynedd, has been working closely with organisations since 2015 to measure & manage their social value. In 2017, we were successful in receiving Big Lottery funding through the Third Sector Skills fund. In partnership with Medrwn Môn, Community & Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC), Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC), Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC) & Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW), we will ensure that your local CVC will be able to advise & support you in measuring your social value moving forwards. As part of this funding, there is an exciting opportunity for 30 organisations (5 from each county in North Wales) to measure and manage their social value. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with your local CVC & Social Value Cymru to measure your impact in order to demonstrate the changes you are creating in people's lives. As well as this, we will work closely with the Management Committee to ensure that the social value identified by your clients & beneficiaries is useful to how decisions are made. Applications are open from 15/1/18. The closing date for application is 5pm on 16/3/18. Successful applicants will be informed by letter within the week beginning 30/5/18. If you are successful, a letter of offer will be sent and should be signed and dated within 2 weeks.

**8. Celebrate democracy with EqualiTeas & UK Parliament Week**

In 2018, we're marking key anniversaries in the journey towards equal voting rights for women & men with an exciting programme of UK-wide activities. Join us celebrating these milestones by involving your organisation & empowering people to be active & informed citizens. Share, debate & celebrate with EqualiTeas: 18/06/18 to 2/7/18. Parties & picnics will be taking place in communities all over the country. More information available from the office.

**9. Newsletters**

a) Cynllun Eryri Newsletter

The February newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall

b) Clerks & Councils Direct

The March issue is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall