

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****16<sup>th</sup> March 2020****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of thanks****North West Cancer Research – On behalf of Elinor Chapman**

"I am writing to you from North West Cancer Research to thank you for your recent donation of £50.00 from your Boxing Day Dip Event. Please pass on our thanks to Elinor and everybody involved, we really appreciate your support". N Moule-Higgins, Donor and Database, North West Cancer Research.

**Victim Support**

"Thank you very much for the Council's donation of £50 towards the work of Victim Support. Your support will go towards ensuring that we will continue to offer the services to victims of crime that they desperately need. Please regard this letter as safe receipt of the donation. Thank you for taking the time to consider our urgent appeal" T Edwards.

**Urdd Gobaith Cymru**

"Just a brief but sincere note to thank you for your contribution of £50 towards the Urdd Gobaith Cymru National Eisteddfod Sir Ddinbych 2020. I can assure you that your contribution will be appreciated, and it will help to create a successful festival" Sian Eirian, Director of the Eisteddfod and Arts.

**Benefit Advice Shop**

"I would like to thank Conwy Town Council for their generous grant of £1000 to the Benefit Advice Shop" Sian Edwards, Administrator.

**Theatr Bara Caws Cyf**

"Theatr Bara Caws would like to thank Cyngor Tref Conwy for their kind donation of £50.00 as a grant for Theatr Bara Caws activities for the year 2019/20. We are extremely grateful to the Council for their support. We really do appreciate it" Linda Brown, Bara Caws.

**Deganwy Prom Day**

"Please thank the Councillors for the generous grant they have awarded to Deganwy Prom Day. We are very grateful for their support and we will be able to continue to provide a fun day for all those who visit the Prom on the day. I do hope that the Councillors will be also come to the Prom to see us and know that the grant has been put to excellent use" V Macdonald.

**2. Events**

a) 'Houses in North Wales 1400-1600: some new discoveries' Dr Martin Cherry (Former Research Director at English Heritage) Betws y Coed Memorial Hall 7.30 pm, Thursday 26 March. A Public Lecture, all welcome Refreshments available £2 entry. This talk will trace the early development of houses in North Wales, based on tree-ring dating of over 160 houses, 130 from before 1600. These results force us to re-think our understanding of social and architectural history and consider the possible impact of Glyndwr's wars of independence; the influence of Tudor reforms; and the reasons behind the early appearance in Wales of what might fairly be termed the 'modern house'. About Martin - Martin Cherry is a specialist in the history of vernacular architecture, particularly of North Wales. In addition to his distinguished career with English Heritage, he has served on many national heritage bodies, including the Ancient Monuments Society and the Vernacular Architecture Group, and has published extensively in this field. SPECIAL NOTICE! It is possible that due to the health situation this event may be cancelled. Please check our website <http://www.conwy-valley-civic-society.org/index.html> (preferably), or if necessary, telephone 01492 650451, ON OR AFTER Tuesday 24 March.

b) One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event – 20 May 2020

One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are arranging the eighth Joint Event to be held on 20 May 2020 in Village Hotel, St Davids Park, Ewloe and your Clerk may have already seen information about the event in The Clerk magazine or on the SLCC website. The agenda for the event and arrangements for bookings will need to be made by accessing the following web-link– [www.slcc.co.uk/ovw](http://www.slcc.co.uk/ovw) The Event is not one to be missed and is aimed at Councillors and Clerks who through their attendance will enable them to: - • Find out more about the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill • Better understand how to

manage financial risk and keep up to date and hear what the experts at Wales Audit Office have to say • Learn about the future opportunities of the use of the proposed general power of competence by qualifying councils • Have information in relation to the latest plans for the training of Clerks and Councillors • Discover how SLCC's and OVW services will be developing in the future. I along with the Chair of One Voice Wales and representatives from SLCC will be joined by some excellent speakers namely Kevin Griffiths from the Welsh Government, Deryck Evans (Wales Audit Office) and Elisabeth Skinner MBE FSLCC (SLCC Academic Lead). The overall focus will be about Seizing Opportunities to Develop & Enhance Service Delivery. The cost of the event is £80 per person plus VAT which should ensure that Councils whether large or small can afford to take part and I am really hopeful that the event is fully supported by Councils in Wales and especially those in the Mid and North Wales area. Previous Joint Events were a resounding success and with your support I am hopeful that this will be replicated this year. In conclusion, I would strongly encourage your Council to take up this opportunity and subscribe to the Event and I look forward to seeing a full house in Ewloe on 20 May 2020.

### **3. Keep Britain Tidy – Dog Fouling Campaign Launched.**

We've launched our latest solution to tackle Dog Fouling!

'DO IT FOR YOUR DOG' This weekend 11 million viewers watched the 2020 Crufts Best in Show wire-haired Dachshund 'Maisie' do what dogs do and take a toilet break on her victory lap of the NEC arena.

Her owner Kim McCalmon came well prepared and immediately scooped up the mess with a bag. If only all dog owners would follow in Kim's footsteps and act so responsibly! But sadly, we know all too well that this isn't the case. Our latest research into Dog Fouling found that 15% of dog owners admit to letting their dog poop in a public place without picking up, leading to 76% of adults stepping in dog poop in their lifetime.

Therefore, we've launched our latest campaign to tackle this noxious problem. The campaign features dogs as the messenger, appealing directly to dog lovers and leveraging the levers of both pride and shame to remind owners to pick-up their poop because it's what their dog would want them to do.

The campaign has been designed to work across social media using highly engaging video content, and posters for placement at Dog Fouling hotspots in your local area. There are 4 videos available to choose from, featuring 'Sarah the Spaniel' and 'Ben the Boxer'. The videos can also be voiced with a regional accent to really connect with your residents. Get in touch with our Network team today to find out more about how the campaign can help tackle Dog Fouling in CONWY and make sure more dog owners know to Bag it & Bin it for their dogs! Please send any enquiries to: [network.enquiries@keepbritaintidy.org](mailto:network.enquiries@keepbritaintidy.org)

### **4. Road Closure**

a) Morfa Drive, junction with Gerddi'r Morfa to entrance of School car park, Conwy.  
21/03/2020, 08:00 – 17:00 – Carriageway work.

b) Penmaen Crescent, junction of Penmaen Road to no.2, Conwy  
19/03/2020 to 21/03/2020 – Carriageway work.

c) Mona Road, junction with Penmaen Road to no.38, Conwy  
16/03/2020 to 18/03/2020 Carriageway Work

### **5. Newsletters**

a) Play Wales – Newsletter is available here:

<https://mailchi.mp/playwales/aplayfriendlyschool-ysgolchwaraegyfeillgar?e=ab6fcd0a9f>

b) Play Wales e-bulletin March 2020 is available here:

<https://mailchi.mp/playwales/ebulletin-march-efwletin-mawrth?e=ab6fcd0a9f>

c) Tree Charter Newsletter

<https://newsletters.woodlandtrust.org.uk/2D76-1JRK-548OB4OZ07/cr.aspx>