

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
23rd NOVEMBER 2015
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Conwy County Borough Council

a) Forward Work Programme

The November 2015 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=548&LLL=0>

2. Conwy merger Questionnaire for Conwy Residents

In June 2015, the Minister for Public Services announced Welsh Government's preference that the 22 County Councils should be merged to form just 8 or 9 councils. This will be a massive change for public services in Wales. There are two options for North Wales either 3 councils or 2 councils. For Conwy residents this means: Option 1- Conwy County Borough Council merges with Denbighshire County Council. Option 2- Conwy County Borough Council merges with Gwynedd County Council & Anglesey Council.

The Welsh Government has stated it has not made a final decision, & they will consult on a draft 'Mergers & Reform' Bill. This will include further formal consultation on proposals for Local Authority mergers, which we hope as many Conwy residents as possible take part & make their voices heard. Use the link for the form. <http://goo.gl/forms/jTyhfwjtjWv> - English consultation

3. Consultation on policing priorities

Police & Crime Commissioner North Wales

I am again asking the people of North Wales to tell me what is important to them with regard to policing. I review my Police & Crime Plan every year & part of that process is to ask you for your views about the policing service in North Wales. The Police & Crime Plan will set the objectives & strategic direction for North Wales Police for the following year. I meet with several individuals & organisations on a day to day basis & I do listen to their concerns & how we can improve the policing service. The most significant changes that I have implemented to date have been as a direct result of what people have told me. The dedicated rural crime team was created following the rural communities telling me that rural crime was not dealt with effectively in North Wales. This rural crime team is now well established in North Wales & has made an outstanding difference to tackling crime in rural communities. I would now like to hear your views to see if I can make a difference to you. Your views are invaluable to me to ensure that we have a policing service in this area that reflects the needs of the people of North Wales. You can submit your comments by completing an on-line survey; the deadline for submissions is 15 January 2016. A paper copy of the survey is available by contacting the OPCC and at front counters of main police stations. Alternatively you can attend one of our consultation meetings, see below. Please inform us by emailing OPCC@nthwales.pnn.police.uk if you'll be joining us at the meeting. Thank you.

Date- Venue- Town

03.12.15, 6pm. Trinity Methodist Church, Prestatyn DGHTH/DPCC Julian Sandham

08.12.15, 6pm. Ffordd Penrallt , Bangor, DGHTH/DPCC Julian Sandham

15.12.15, 6pm. Abergele Town Hall, Abergele, CHTh/PCC Winston Roddick CB, QC

05.01.16, 6pm. Eirianfa Dinbych, Denbigh DGHTH/DPCC Julian Sandham

4. Protect and improve the places where people walk in your local area

Want to protect & improve the places where people walk in your local area? The walking charity Ramblers Cymru are keen to work with Community & Town councils to help you understand & exercise your rights to help protect & improve paths in your area.

Community & Town councils are in a unique position to speak up for residents who use local paths. While the statutory duty to protect paths rests with the highway authority, Parliament has given important rights & powers to local councils concerning rights of way.

Ramblers Cymru has recently updated "Paths for people: a guide to public paths for members of town & community councils". The guide explains the powers of local councils relating to obstructions, ploughing & cropping, maintenance, closures & diversions & modifying the definitive map. It goes on to suggest 10 ways that councils can promote local paths. You can download the guide in English or Welsh at www.ramblers.org.uk/pathsforpeople Most Ramblers groups in Wales have a Group Footpath Officer who checks paths & usually works with their local council. If you would like to know who your contact is for the group or groups in your area call Melanie Hutt at Ramblers Cymru on 02920 646893 or email melanie.hutt@ramblers.org.uk . A number of town & community councils have also chosen to affiliate to the Ramblers – to find out more follow the link at www.ramblers.org.uk/pathsforpeople or get in touch with Melanie. This year the Ramblers' Big Pathwatch campaign is asking people to walk every path in England & Wales this year for the biggest ever picture of the state of our paths – another way to get involved. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Melanie if you have any questions.

5. Funding

BBC Children in Need Funding

BBC Children in Need now has a Small Grant Programme for applications of up to £10,000 for 1 year, & are keen to promote this funding to organisations in Wales. A Small Grant could be a way of kick-starting your work with disadvantaged children & young people aged 18 & under. Our next deadline is 1/12/15 with a turnaround of 8/9 weeks. We make fewer Small Grants than in other parts of the UK & we are keen to increase our numbers. Our Main Grant Programmes is still available for applications of over £10,000 for up to 3 years. To access applications to either of our grant schemes go to our Grants page on www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey or call Emma or James on 029 2032 2383 to discuss your idea. We fund not-for-profit organisations – you do not need to be a charity but organisations do have to be non-statutory. We look forward to hearing from you.

6. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences

a) WCVA Training-

i) Towards the future

26/11/15, Llandudno. Our conference 7 AGM is this year's essential event for Wales' third sector. Crammed full of practical information & expert advice, the day will equip you with everything you need to ensure that your organisation can adapt & grow & continue to do what it does best, but even better! Expert-led sessions will provide you with opportunities to learn new skills & discuss & share exciting ideas & innovative ways of working, with the aim of ensuring the sustainability of your organisation.

ii) Demonstrating impact

1/12/15, Rhyl. Find out how you can best show the impact of your work with our introductory course for beginners.

iii) Measuring soft outcomes

9/12/15, Rhyl. Learn to describe the effects your project or service has on the people you work with, and how to best demonstrate the difference you've made.

b) Towards the future – the 2015 WCVA Annual Conference and AGM

Venue Cymru, Llandudno, 26/11/15. Featuring contributions from Cynnal Cymru, the Welsh Language Commissioner, Time To Change Wales, Heritage Lottery Fund & many more. Last chance to book! At our 2015 Annual Conference, we'll be looking at the future for the third sector in Wales. We'll be linking with groups from around the sector to investigate innovations in public service delivery; how organisations can strengthen their governance; the role of digital technology; ethical fundraising & more. We'll also be hearing directly from Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities & Tackling Poverty. So come & join us in Llandudno on 26/11/15 & get ready for your future.

c) Promoting Carbon Monoxide Awareness - Free Training and materials

Think – CO, Promoting Carbon Monoxide Awareness, Free training and materials. 24/11/15, 10am- 1pm. Theatr Colwyn, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7RU

Does your organisation employ staff or engage volunteers to support people in their own home? Do you train them in the signs and symptoms of Carbon Monoxide? (CO) Front line staff or volunteers working in people's homes play a critical role in identifying problems for their clients at an early stage. That's why the Think CO - Promoting Carbon Monoxide Awareness project, funded by the Gas Safe Charity, is so important. It could make the difference between life and death. Workers who visit people in their homes can be the only

d) CVSC AGM & Volunteer Organisers' Network Meeting

December 4th, 2pm – 4-30pm (including festive refreshments)

Llandudno Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno, LL30 2UP. CVSC is pleased to invite you to join us for our Annual General Meeting. The afternoon will begin at 2pm with guest speakers & an opportunity to meet face to face with a number of funders, including BIG Lottery, North Wales Credit Union, WREN & our own Gwynt y Mor Fund. The AGM will start at 4pm. The Annual Report & Accounts will be available at the meeting. If you would like to attend please reply by 27/11/15 so that we make the necessary catering arrangements. To register your attendance please contact : 01492 534091 or e-mail: mail@cvsc.org.uk, giving the following details: Name, organisation, e-mail address, telephone number and any specific requirements you may have.

7. Events

a) St David's Hospice Celebration of Christmas

A warm invitation is extended to all to join with St David's & Ty Gobaith Hospices at their annual "Celebration of Christmas" Carol Concert. St John's Methodist Church, Llandudno 17/12/15 7.30pm. Following the service light refreshments will be available. If Councillors would like tickets please contact Christine Hamon, St David's Hospice, Abbey Road, Llandudno, LL30 2EN enquiries@stdavidshospice.org.uk 01492 879058

b) RCA- Jan Gardner Masterclass 'Colour the Land'

26/11/15, 11am- 4pm. This Masterclass will enable you to get inspired by natural forms & the landscape. This will be for those who would like to explore mixed media for the first time and for those with some experience. £45 per person, includes lunch & refreshments. You will need brushes, sketchbooks, water colour paper & any other materials you wish to experiment with. Contact the gallery 01492 593413 education@rcaconwy.org

c) Pensychnant Nature Conservation Centre

- Techniques of Marco-Photography by Ilija Vukomanovic 21/11/15 2-4.30pm £5
- Tales of the Sychnant by Dennis Roberts 27/11/15 7.30pm £3. Top of Sychnant Pass, Conwy, LL32 8BJ 01492 592595, Julian.pensychnant@btinternet.com

d) RCA Christmas Jazz Night

Festive evening of Cuban Jazz music. 28/11/15 7pm – 10pm Tickets £15 Includes food & soft drink or 2 glasses of wine

d) CHAPS- Panto at the OK Corral

Llanfairfechan Town Hall. 28/11, 29/11/15 at 2.30pm & 1/12, 2/12/15 at 7.30pm. Tickets from £6. Call St Davids Hospice, Conwy on 01492 584738 or contact members.

e) Sporting Dinner at Conwy Borough Football Club

We are holding a Sporting Dinner at Conwy Borough Football Club on 26/11/15. We will be having an after dinner talk by Football legend Kevin Ratcliffe, former Wales & Everton player. There will be a comedian, Denny Waters, & an Auction of Sporting Memorabilia. This is looking to an excellent evening & an opportunity to raise funds for the club. We wondered if members of the Town Council and their family friends would like a table? Tickets are £10 per person also include a Hot Pot Supper.

8. Newsletters

a) RFCA for Wales Newsletter - 2015

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

b) Historic Towns Forum – Newsletter 2015

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9. Welsh Government Consultations

	<u>Closing Date</u>
<u>Education & Skills</u>	
- Harmonising school term dates for 2017 to 2018	01/02/16
<u>People & Communities</u>	
- Refreshing the Financial Inclusion Strategy for Wales 2016	04/01/16
- Draft statutory guidance on "Ask and Act" under section 15 of the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 and section 60 of the Government of Wales Act 2006	27/01/16