

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. CCBC**

21/05/2020, 10:00, Council

Following recent advice around COVID 19 and with the aim of reducing/slowing down the spread of the virus we have been asked to review the necessity for meetings (especially large meetings with over 10 people attending). The emphasis is on holding business critical meetings only. As a result it has been decided by the Chair that this meeting will be postponed. An alternative date will be agreed in due course.

**2. Letter of thanks**

"I am writing to thank everyone at Conwy Town Council for their positive work in projecting rainbow colours onto Conwy Castle as a sign of support for our NHS. The NHS is one of the most sacred of British institutions, and any demonstration of support will undoubtedly be appreciated by its dedicated workers all across the United Kingdom. For the Council and CADW to team up in this way is symbolic of initiatives across the country, where people are coming together during these unprecedented times. I hope that there will be initiatives like this to brighten up peoples lives, considering many may feel low and uncertain at the moment, and that the expression using the steadfast and historic background of Conwy Castle, will be a sign of hopefulness of our health service's own strength to see this pandemic through. I would appreciate if my thanks could be passed on to the Mayor and all the Councillors for their work on supporting this and do accept my best wishes to each of you for your continued health and safety over coming weeks and months"

Janet Finch-Saunders AM/AC

**3. Road Closures**

Conwy County Borough Council hereby gives Notice to all traffic that as from Wednesday 13 May 2020 until Thursday 14 May 2020 inclusive of both dates between the hours of 08:00 – 18:00 on each of those days no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed in the length of highway known as Penmaen Road, Conwy which extends from adjacent to Y Morfa stadium to car park entrance of Conwy Borough fc. This closure is necessary to allow Marjen Ltd to undertake Maintenance Work. Pedestrian and emergency access will be maintained at all times.

**4. Foodbanks within Conwy**

Foodbanks within conwy as at 29/04/2020.

Conwy Valley temporary foodbank for families living in postcodes areas LL26 and LL27 and extended on the 20/04/2020 to rural Conwy Valley – Trefriw, Dolgarrog, Tyn y Groes, Tal y Bont, Rowen, Pandy Tudur, Dolwyddelan, Betws y Coed, Capel Curig, Penmachno, Ysbyty Ifan, Capel Garmon, Pentrefoelas, Gwytherin, Llangernyw, Eglwysbach and Llanrwst. Telephone number Rosie Evans email address [rosiee@golygfagwydyr.org](mailto:rosiee@golygfagwydyr.org). no food parcels available, limited number of emergency rationing packs bacs payment or voucher system to use in following local shops – Co-Op, Spar, Metcalf, OE Jones Butchers, Scilicors Health food shop available for the purchase of groceries, meat products and utility card top ups referral form required when complete email to address below (if not bacs payment Rosie Evans will contact client to arrange pick up of vouchers) [rosiee@golygfagwydyr.org](mailto:rosiee@golygfagwydyr.org) Conwy foodbank – reopened 03/04/2020 contact telephone number 01492 471793 email address [conwyfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:conwyfoodbank@gmail.com) referral required pick up points for applicants will be – 21 Ffordd Las, Llandudno LL30 1ER. Holborn House, Glyn y Marl Road, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9NS. The Dawn Centre, 35 – 37 Princes Drive, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8PD, may consider home delivery in exceptional case. Donation points now are - the Coop store Colwyn Ave. Rhos on Sea open until 10 pm. The Coop store, Llandudno Road Llandrillo yn Rhos open until 11pm. The Coop store Glan y Mor Road, Penrhyn Bay open until 10 pm. The Dawn Centre, Princess Drive, Colwyn Bay – week days during normal office hours. 21 Ffordd Las, Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 1ER - I would advise telephone calls made before visit to ensure open 01492 471793. Penmaenmawr Foodbank – Penmaenmawr, Dwygyfylchi or Capeulo residents only. Id/proof of address required, drop in service, St Pauls Church, Bangor Road,

## **5. HMQ Garden Parties**

You may already be aware that, following Government advice on events during the COVID-19 pandemic, The Queen's Garden Parties in London have been cancelled this year. We know how disappointing this will be for the many nominees due to attend this summer. It has therefore been announced that those individuals nominated to be invited to Garden Parties in 2020 will instead be invited to Garden Parties in 2021. We would be grateful if you would promulgate this news to your nominees where practicable. We will write to you again later in the year with an update on the procedure for 2021, until which the Garden Party Office will be closed. Thank you for your assistance.

## **6. One Voice Wales National Awards 2020**

One Voice Wales National Awards 2020 – Announcement of Winning, Highly Commended and Commended Community and Town Councils. As you are aware One Voice Wales had to cancel the National Awards Conference 2020 which was due to be held on 26th March at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the Councils who submitted applications to the One Voice Wales National Awards scheme – through your support we can help to drive up the standards within the sector and help other Councils on their improvement and development journeys. After much consideration and because of the current pandemic it was considered that we would not be able to find another date in the foreseeable future to arrange another conference event. Consequently, we wanted to let all those Councils who took part in the annual awards programme the results and also to share the details of the great work being done across Wales by local councils with the wider community and town council sector and sector stakeholder organisations. Details of the results of the One Voice Wales National Awards 2020 can be found here.

<http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/OVWeb/Default.aspx> On behalf of the Chair, Vice Chairs, and staff of One Voice Wales we would like to congratulate all the Councils who received awards this year – you are shining examples of how local councils across Wales are doing their very best to meet the needs of their communities...keep up the great work! We look forward to receiving even more entries to the One Voice Wales National Awards scheme in 2021...details of next year's scheme will be shared in October 2020.

## **7. Welsh Government: Land Release Fund 2020/21**

Some of you may be aware that the Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd has launched the Welsh Government Land Release Fund (LRF). The Ministers Statement can be found here:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-land-release-fund>. The scheme will complement the ambitions of other Welsh Government interventions across Wales and is open to the Public Sector and Public Sector Partners with the aim of unlocking land where development has stalled for public good, particularly to meet the demands for social and affordable housing. The scheme, in its initial form, will concentrate of enabling the delivery of small scale, energy efficient, low carbon developments. The Welsh Government is particularly interested in applications seeking to unlock schemes that will utilise modern methods of construction, innovative technologies and deliver solutions at pace. It is intended that it will be a rolling programme of small scale regeneration initiatives however, budget has only been secured for 2020/21. All projects, or parts of, seeking LRF, will have to be completed in 2020/21. Early applications are encouraged. Although there is an emphasis on housing development, the programme may consider wider benefits to communities i.e. efficiency savings, better access to services and local amenities in the overall framework of land use reform. Proposals can be 100% funded by the grant of up to £1m, however applicants should support proposals with their own funds, other funding streams, in kind contributions. It is important that applicants realise that they should bring something tangible to the table not just stalled land. Please be mindful that this scheme has its foundations in doing the right thing for the people of Wales. LRF should not be used to make good historical, poor land purchase decisions. For more information regarding the Land Release Fund please contact Tir.Land@gov.wales

## **8. Council Services Current Situation 11/05/20**

The stay-at-home regulations will remain in force in Wales until the next review period in three weeks' time.

As such, these email updates will now only be sent when there are important announcements and/or changes to Council services. Visit our website at <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/coronavirus> to find out about:

- Council Services
- Community Support
- Key Worker Childcare
- Business Support
- Free School Meals
- Food delivery.

If you have any queries about the virus visit the Public Health Wales website at <https://phw.nhs.wales/> for the latest advice. We are working closely with Public Health Wales, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the emergency services to ensure that appropriate and proportionate arrangements are in place to respond to this rapidly developing situation. We will continue to follow the guidance we receive from UK Government, Welsh Government and Public Health Wales.

**9. Newsletters**

Play Wales newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/playwales/previewarticlespring-cipolwgarterthyglgwanwyn?e=ab6fcd0a9f>

**10. Welsh Government Consultations**

Education & Skills

- Legislative proposals for religion, values and ethics 28/07/2020

International

- Framework for regional investment in Wales 05/06/2020

Planning & Building

- Changes to listed building consent applications 08/06/2020

Welsh Language

- Welsh Language Standards for healthcare regulators and the Professional Standards Authority 15/06/2020

Marine and Fisheries

- Whelk management measures 2020 07/06/2020

Farmyard & Countryside

- Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs 25/05/2020