

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**24th JUNE 2019****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**

Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils Webinar

This is the second in the series of webinars on supporting town and community councils in Wales. We held a webinar back in February 2017 on Financial management and governance in community councils. The roles of town and community councils are increasing in their contributions to public services in Wales. With that comes the need to ensure their own internal processes support these needs. The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 require town and community councils to have adequate and effective arrangements in place for an internal audit of their accounting records and their systems of internal control. This webinar is a great opportunity for councils to come together either as individuals or in groups to seek clarity on the points the panel members will be raising. This webinar is aimed at Town and Community Councillors and Clerks to the Council. When 18:00 – 19:15 Tuesday 2 July 2019 Register: To register for the webinar please complete our online booking form [opens in new window]. We have a delegate privacy notice [opens in new window], telling you how we deal with your personal data as part of the registration process. Joining instructions are circulated 1-2 weeks before the event. Please ensure you provide your email address when booking a place to ensure that we can send information to you. For further information on the event, please email good.practice@audit.wales

2. Road Closures

- a) Ffordd Maelgwn, at the level crossing, Llandudno Junction
07/08/2019 to 09/08/2019 9.25am – 5:30am – Repair Work
- b) Mussel shop to the Smallest House, Lower Gate Street, Conwy
20/07/2019 to 21/07/2019 07:00 – 23:00 – RNLI special event.

3. Funding

CVSC Youth Led Grant applications are now open

Grants of up to £1000 available. If you live in Conwy, are aged 14 to 25, have some big ideas or exciting plans that will benefit young people and your community, or you work with a group of young people and have an idea for a voluntary project involving them but need some funding assistance then a Youth Led Grant Fund may be just what you need. Please contact below for details of the Youth Led Grants Fund. Closing date: 7th July 2019 For more information please contact our CVSC Grants Team Grants Team, CVSC, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 7TG or on 01492 534091 or grants@cvsc.org.uk

4. Post Office Consultation -Ronald Road, Llandudno Junction.

We're proposing this move as part of the ongoing modernization of our branch network. We are confident that introducing a local style branch alongside a successful retail store is the most effective way to safeguard sustainable Post Office services in the local community into the future. Your new Post Office branch. Customers would access Post Office services at a low-screened, open-plan, modern serving point that's part of the retail counter. Working with the postmaster, we'd adapt the current store layout, fixtures and fittings to accommodate the Post Office till if needed. The branch will offer a wide range of Post Office products and services over longer opening hours, so customers can access their Post Office when it's convenient. Customer satisfaction with local style branches stands at 96 per cent, and nearly 20 per cent of local branch customers visit outside traditional opening hours.

5. Renewing our Democracy – Update

Renewing our Democracy: Update on the Assembly Reform programme. As you are aware, the first phase of the Assembly reform programme is now well underway. The Senedd and Elections Bill is currently being discussed by the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee in the usual way. If passed by the Assembly, the Bill will lower the voting age to 16 and

change the Assembly's name to Senedd. The next stage in the Bill's journey through the Assembly is a Stage 1 Plenary debate on 10 July. During the debate, Assembly Members will discuss and vote on whether the Bill should proceed to the next stage of the legislative process. You can follow the progress of the Bill here. The proposed second phase of the reform programme is to make the Assembly a more effective, accessible and diverse legislature by increasing the number of Assembly Members and reforming the electoral system. These were recommendations of the Expert Panel chaired by Professor Laura McAllister. As the challenges facing the Assembly's capacity intensify, the Commission is confident that the case in favour of increasing the number of Members has been made. Nevertheless, the issue of reforming the electoral system continues to spark a wide range of views. The Assembly Commission has decided it is not possible to legislate on Phase 2 of electoral reform during this Assembly (i.e. before 2021). However, work to explore issues relating to the size of the Assembly and how Members should be elected will continue, assisting the public debate and political parties as they consider their views on these matters. For further information on the Assembly reform work please visit www.assembly.wales/assemblyreform

6. Wales Tree of the Year competition

Is there an amazing tree in your community that you would like to put on the map? Could it use some 'Tree-L-C' in terms of a £1,000 tree care grant? You may have seen in the media that the Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) is currently organising a Wales Tree of the Year competition. Nominations are currently open, until noon on 19 July, and there will be a public vote in the autumn. From the perspective of the Woodland Trust, it's a great way to celebrate all that trees offer to the wider community. From the perspective of a local community, it's a great way to raise the profile an important local landmark and fly the flag for the village to town. What's more, we are offering a 'Tree-L-C' grant of £1,000 to the winning tree, to be used arrange a health check from a qualified arboriculturalist, to provide interpretation or educational materials or simply just to hold a celebratory event in honour of the tree. Is there a tree in your community you would like to nominate? Anyone can do so at woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeoftheyear. On this page, you'll also see more information about the competition.

7. Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust Carers Survey

Find below a message from the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust: Over the course of the last year the Patient Experience & Community Involvement Team within the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust have been engaging with and collating feedback from carers (especially older carers) that has demonstrated the importance for us to better understand their needs. Carers have told us that they are reluctant to seek help for themselves due to carer responsibilities and their expectations when it is the person they care for needing help. We have developed a survey that is being carried out to capture more in-depth information to help develop our approach to improving experiences and outcomes for carers. The Carers Survey is now live and can be completed bilingually via the same link. Please feel free to share with colleagues and anyone else you feel is appropriate. [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WAST-CARERS/Thank you very much](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WAST-CARERS/Thank%20you%20very%20much)

8. Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group

One Voice Wales Representative on the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group. Cllr Michael Parry from Pwllheli Town Council received the most votes in the ballot to represent One Voice Wales on the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group. Michael can be contacted on consultparry@btinternet.com.

9. Caring in Welsh

Nominations are now open for a new award to recognise and celebrate care workers who've made a difference to people's lives by providing care and support in Welsh. The Caring in Welsh award is open to any paid care workers who work in social care or early years and childcare in Wales, and who provide excellent care through the medium of Welsh. Social Care Wales is inviting members of the public, employers and those working in care to nominate a care worker. Anyone interested in nominating a care worker will need to complete a nomination form, letting Social Care Wales know in no more than 250 words why the worker deserves to be recognised and the difference they have made to the life or lives of the person or people they support. The worker can be a fluent Welsh

speaker, know a little Welsh or be a learner, and they don't have to be of a certain standard, as long as they use the language when providing care and support. A shortlist of nominees will be agreed by a panel of judges and the public will then be invited to vote for the worker they think should win the award, which will be presented at the National Eisteddfod in Llanrwst on Tuesday 6 August 2019. Sue Evans, Chief Executive of Social Care Wales, said: "For people who prefer to speak Welsh or for whom Welsh is their first language, getting care and support from someone who can speak their language is an important part of dignified, high-quality care. "Even just a few words of Welsh can make a huge difference to those who are receiving care and support. "We're hoping this new award will not only shine a light on those workers who are providing excellent care through the medium of Welsh, but will also raise awareness of the need for more people who can speak the language to work in care." Anyone nominating a care worker will need to make sure the care worker is happy to be nominated before submitting their entry, as Social Care Wales will be using their story and images to help publicise the award, and promote the benefits and importance of providing care and support through the medium of Welsh. Those interested in nominating a care worker should download and complete the nomination form available on Social Care Wales's website at <https://socialcare.wales/news-stories/search-begins-for-care-workers-providing-excellent-care-through-the-medium-of-welsh>, then send it: • via email to events@socialcare.wales • by post to Caring in Welsh, Social Care Wales, South Gate House, Wood Street, Cardiff CF10 1EW. For more information, contact Social Care Wales via the routes above or on Twitter @socialcarewales or on Facebook at facebook.com/carecareerswales The closing date for nominations is 3 July 2019.

10. Newsletters

Older People's Commissioner's Newsletter

The latest edition is available here - http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/en/Publications/pub-story/19-06-13/Spring_2019_Newsletter.aspx