

**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL****29th MARCH 2016****TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****1. Letter of Thanks****a) Urdd Gobaith Cymru- Rhanbarth Conwy**

"Just a short but sincere note to thank Conwy Town Council for their kind and very generous donation of £250 towards the Urdd movement here in Conwy. We are extremely grateful for this donation which is greatly appreciated and will go towards supporting activities such as sports & eisteddfod arranged for the county's children & youth. The Bro Conwy area has a yearly target of £1200 which is then transferred to a County target of £6867. Many thanks once again for your generosity and support towards the Urdd in Conwy" I D Thomas

**b) British Red Cross**

"I am writing to thank you for your very kind donation of £50 made to the British Red Cross in North Wales. The money will go towards supporting the services we provide in the local community. On behalf of the British Red Cross, please convey my sincerest thanks to the members of Conwy Town Council for their invaluable support" G McCrea, Community Fundraiser North Wales

**c) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru**

"On Behalf of Monmouthshire National Eisteddfod 2016 I would like to thank Conwy Town Council for the kind donation of £100 towards the festival" E Stokes, Finance Officer

**d) Action on Hearing Loss Cymru**

"Thank you for Conwy Town Council's support for Action on Hearing Loss Cymru. Your support is crucial to ensuring that we gain awareness of the charity to support our vital work with people that are deaf and hard of hearing. I would like to say thank you for the very kind donation of £50 which we gratefully received. Thank you for your support" C Evans

**e) Shelter Cymru**

"On behalf of Shelter Cymru I would like to thank you for your donation of £50. In the past year we have been able to help over 16,000 people & prevent homelessness in nearly 93% of the cases where it was faced. Many families face troubled times ahead and with your support we can continue to sustain our free, independent & confidential front line service across Wales whilst continuing to campaign for changes that will improve the housing circumstances for all" S Griffiths, fundraising Administrator

**f) Conwy Beekeepers Limited**

"With greatful thanks" P McFadden

**g) Hafan Cymru**

"On behalf of Hafan Cymru I would like to thank you for your generous donation of £300. Your donation will greatly contribute to the delivery of the Freedom Programme for the vulnerable women that we support in Conwy. It means a great deal to the individuals & families that we support, as they will now get the opportunity to learn how to avoid abusive relationships in the future in order to build a safer life for themselves & their children. Thank you once again for your very kind donation & we hope you will consider us for any future support or donations" S Twose

**h) Marie Curie**

"Thank you for your kind donation of £50 to Marie Curie. Marie Curie delivers expert hands on care, emotional support, research & guidance, helping people living with a terminal illness. There are many ways to continue supporting Marie Curie, if you are interested in volunteering, joining a local fundraising group or organising a fundraising event, please visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk) or contact your local fundraisers on 01745 352910" V Hardy, Community fundraiser

**i) CHAPS**

"Thank you very much for the cheque for £500, we are delighted that the Town Council decided to award us this grant. As a mark of appreciation we have written a letter to the Weekly News. We hope that the Editor prints it to demonstrate the good work of the Town Council. Please can you convey our appreciation to the members of the Council" M Hill, Treasurer

**j) Benefits Advice Shop**

"We would like to thank Conwy Town Council for the generous donation of £500 to the Benefit Advice Shop. We are all extremely grateful for the support you show our

organisation” N Scott, Senior Supervisor

**k) St Michael’s Church, Conwy**

“Would you please thank the Town Council for giving us the grant. It is most appreciated & we hope that you will see many improvements by the end of the year” M Griffiths

**l) Conway One Design Centenary Project**

“We would like to thank the Town Council for the continued support that you have provided to our project in the shape of grant funding of £1000 in 2016, it is very much appreciated. We anticipate this year that we will have up to nine Conway One Design Yachts on the water for the first time in two decades which will provide a fantastic sight in the Conwy Estuary” N Appleton

**m) Tenovus Cancer Care**

“We have received your donation of £685 & wanted to say a huge thank you for this amazing amount. Thanks to wonderful organisations like yours our local Sing with Us Llandudno Choir can meet each week, & support local cancer patients & their loved ones during a difficult time. Our Sing with Us choirs are fun, uplifting & open to anyone affected by cancer. We meet every Tuesday 6.30pm- 8pm, Rhos on Sea Methodist Church, Rhos Road, Rhos on Sea” D Rowley

**2. Conwy County Borough Council**

**a) Forward Work Programme**

The April 2016 Forward Programme can be found at

<http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=574&LLL=0>

**3. Nwren**

At NWREN we are looking for partnership opportunities, currently we are particularly interested to join the Big Lottery stage 1 applications for Create your Space as delivery partner in Conwy area, we will bring the expertise & experience in areas of Equality & diversity & project management. Please see a brief introduction to NWREN below. Web Link to the bid: <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/createyourspace> North Wales Regional Equality Network (NWREN), a registered charity with 16 years’ experience in delivering services to residents protected by 9 strands of The Equality Act 2010 (Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, Marriage & civil partnership, Pregnancy & maternity, Race, Religion & belief, Sex, Sexual orientation) within the deprived convergence areas of North Wales through high quality support activities in research, policy/lobbying & training for community cohesion. NWREN is based in Penmaenmawr, Conwy, reaching to the residents of Conwy, Denbighshire, Anglesey, Flintshire & Gwynedd LA’s through extensive use of our drop-in centres. Our Key Strengths include • Local grassroots organisation. • Extensive reach into the local communities including hardest to reach beneficiary groups. • 6 Drop-in centres in Rhyl, Llandudno, Holyhead, Bangor, Wrexham and Porthmadog. • Experienced board with wealth of knowledge on Equality Act 2010. • Working relationships & contacts with Local Authorities & JCPs. • Strong strategic partnerships with WEN, WCVA, WEG, Conwy LA, Coleg Menai, Coleg Llandrillo, • Working experience with BAME/refugees (Black and Ethnic Minorities), LGBT Groups (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual Transgender) especially aged 16 to 24 age groups. • Professional Advice and Guidance in learning and work opportunities. • Experienced and ethnically diverse staff speaking 10 different languages including Welsh, Polish, Slovakian, Urdu etc. • We currently deliver the projects for Big Lottery, WCVA and LAs that include: People and Places (Hate Crime), Identity for Young LGBT groups, MEEA – Minority Ethnic Elders Advocacy Project & Community Voice (CV) • Research on community engagement & participation for the communities/individuals marginalised in the areas of health & well-being, environment, safety, training & employment opportunities etc. • Working towards PQASSO. What NWREN is looking for? We are looking forward to work together with the local & regional organisations either as strategic or delivery partnerships in developing the opportunities for the marginalised communities/individual residents in the local area. Please contact: Ravi Ganti, Project Manager - [raviganti05@gmail.com](mailto:raviganti05@gmail.com) / Fatima Grzesiak, Development Officer – [Fatima@nwren.org](mailto:Fatima@nwren.org) or 01492/622233

**4. Courses/Workshops/Training/Conferences**

**a) Home Life - Play Conference**

22/4/16 OR 23/4/16- Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

‘A conference aimed at practitioners working with children and families’ We are pleased to invite you to a North Wales conference aimed at improving the home lives of children & their

families through an increased understanding & experience of play. The conference will focus on ways in which we might create the conditions for more playful parenting & identify ways of better supporting parents to improve opportunities for playing. Please find the invitation & further details attached. This is a free conference & lunch will be provided, however places are initially limited to 15 per county & will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book your FREE place visit [www.playwales.org/events](http://www.playwales.org/events) this is a ONE day conference, this conference will run on Friday or Saturday to enable practitioners & parents to attend at the weekend if it is more convenient, attendance is only necessary on one day.

**b) Introduction to data protection and confidentiality**

18 May, Rhyl. Does your organisation demonstrate good practice when it comes to data protection & confidentiality? And are you operating in compliance with the law? Protect your organisation from large fines for data breaches & from potential reputational damage by making sure you are aware of the Data Protection Act & your responsibilities. This course is for anyone who handles personal information, & for those that are responsible for their organisation's data protection compliance. To view full course information, including prices & places available, please click course title or contact our Helpdesk 0800 2888 329 or [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)

**c) WCVA training**

Shared power in public services. 10-11 May, 16 June, Llandudno. Delivered by Participation Cymru, this is a three day course accredited by Agored Cymru. The course is aimed at those who work within public services who want to further develop & increase their skills & knowledge in public engagement, particularly at the level of Shared Power (which includes co-production).

**5. Events**

**a) Charity Golf Event- Armed Forces Conwy Community Covenant**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016- Conwy Golf Club, Teeing off 9am. Tickets £45 includes game & evening meal. To book email: [golf@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:golf@conwy.gov.uk)

**b) Windsurfing & Sailing for Women & Girls**

Windsurfing 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> April, Sailing 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> April. Colwyn Bay Water sports. 1pm-4pm. Ages 16+. For more information to book a place contact [marian.lloyd.roberts@outdoorpartnership.co.uk](mailto:marian.lloyd.roberts@outdoorpartnership.co.uk)

**c) Show me Wales**

You are invited to either exhibit and/or attend the most exciting and targeted tourism and leisure opportunity in the North West. On Sunday 19 June the open to the public 'Show me Wales' event, sitting alongside the 'Best of British Showcase' and then on Monday 20th June for the Go North Wales conference.

Show me Wales will be a celebratory festival and influential platform of all that is best in Wales sponsored by Visit Wales, North Wales Tourism, All Wales Boat Show and Ready Foods, part of the Meadow Vale Foods Group. For more information <http://sbarc.net/ifb2016-flipbook-en/> or <https://www.ifb2016.com/>

**d) Walk for Life 2016**

Supporting families across Wales affected by kidney disease & renal failure. The Walk for Life takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Money raised from the walk is used to make a difference to children & adults across all parts of Wales. We would be extremely grateful for your support this year & ask your Council, Staff, Family & Friends to organise a Walk for Life in your local area. Please contact a member of the team at the Kidney Wales Foundation office on 02920 343940 or email [lowri@kidneywales.cymru](mailto:lowri@kidneywales.cymru)

**6. Newsletters**

**a) Art UK**

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

**b) Natural Resources Bulletin - Issue 5**

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

**c) Historic Towns Forum Events Update**

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

**d) Business Wales newsletter**

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