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One Voice Wales Gwent Valley Area Committee - 30th July 2019

From: Shan Bowden <sbowden@onevoicewales.wales>
Sent: Tue, 25 Jun, 2019 at 10:45
To: Shan Bowden

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Dear Councillor/Clerk

The One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Area Committee will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 30th July 2019 in the newly refurbished building at the rear of Cwmbran Community Council offices The Council House, Ventnor Rd, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

The guest speaker will be Nick Thomas – Symonds, MP who will talk about his work on Industrial Heritage.

As part of the agenda for the AGM members will be asked to elect a Chair & Vice Chair if you would like to nominate someone for either role or yourself please see attached nomination form.

I would be grateful if any nominations could be returned to me by Friday 19th July 2019.

For information the current Chair is Cllr Stephen Brooks, Cwmbran Community Council and the Vice Chair is Councillor Glyn Smith, Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council

I would be grateful if the Clerk could ensure the Council's representative/s on the Area Committee have received a copy of this email as we may not have their email addresses in the OVW database.

The agenda for the meetings will be circulated closer to the date.

Regards

Shan

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**Nomination Form for Chair / Vice Chair
Gwent Valleys Area Committee 30th July 2019**

Name of your Nomination for CHAIR: Please make sure you have the consent of the person who is being nominated	
Your Name: Signature:	Council:
Seconder Name: Signature:	Council:
Name of your Nomination for VICE CHAIR: Please make sure you have the consent of the person who is being nominated	
Your Name: Signature:	Council:
Seconder Name: Signature:	Council:
BRIEF STATEMENT	

**To be returned to the One Voice Wales office no later than
Friday 19th July 2019**

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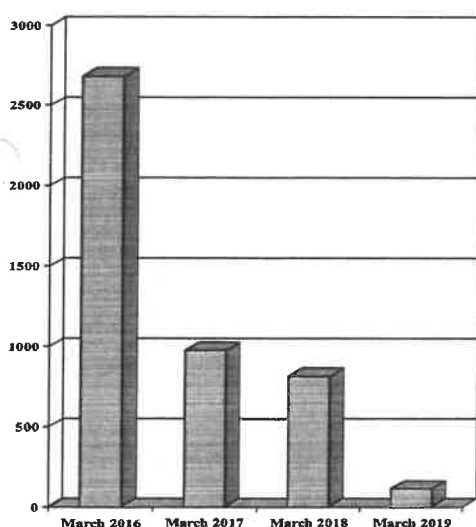
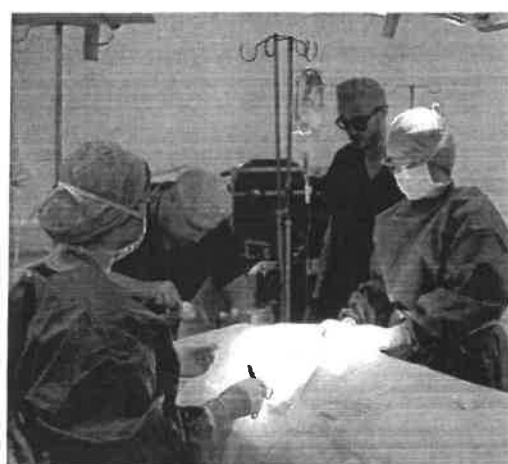
Your Local Health News

Waiting time performance is the best it's been in years!

The Health Board has been working hard to reduce waiting times for patients in Gwent and the results are beginning to show.

Welsh Government performance targets state that patients who need planned treatment or surgery should be given the medical care they need within 26 weeks of being referred – and the Health Board recently reported its best figures since March 2013.

In March 2019, 92% of people waiting for planned treatment or surgery received their care within the target waiting time – and the number of people waiting more than 36 weeks continues to significantly reduce year-on-year.



The Health Board's performance in providing patients with diagnostic tests, such as scans and blood analysis, within the national eight-week target was also met. By the end of March 2019 there were no patients who had been waiting longer than the target time, which represents our best performance since April 2010.

Chief Executive Judith Paget thanked Health Board staff for working hard to bring waiting times down for patients. She said: "Our staff deserve great praise for their efforts to reduce waiting times and we will continue to work hard to deliver the very best care to our patients."

"Waiting to receive medical care or diagnostic tests can be extremely frustrating and worrying, so I'm delighted to see that waiting times in these areas are at the lowest they've been for years and that our patients are receiving timely and high quality care."

More Information on #ClinicalFutures is coming your way!

This month the Health Board will launch the second phase of our communications and engagement campaign to tell local people about the service changes we are making.

Clinical Futures is our programme of work to change the way our NHS services are delivered to make them fit for the future – the culmination of 15 years of planning!

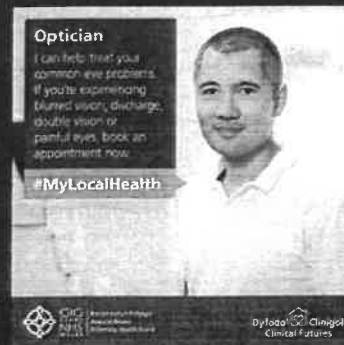
Over the past six months, we have been reminding people about Clinical Futures – and you will soon see messages that further explain the agreed clinical models of care that will be implemented when The Grange University Hospital opens.

This information will specify the services that will be available in each of our hospitals and offer guidance on how patients will access our services in the future.

Please keep an eye on the Health Board's website and social media channels to keep up to date with the latest news and information.



My Local Health Campaign



Over the recent months the Health Board has been developing and promoting a primary care campaign 'My Local Health' in order to raise awareness of alternative primary care services and promote alternative options to visiting your GP in the Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen and South Powys areas.

The campaign has been very successful and has introduced the roles of Care Navigators to the wider public through two explainer videos. These videos encourage the public to seek help and advice regarding their conditions with the appropriate primary care facility to ensure the most effective resolve.

The campaign uses the hashtags **#ChooseWell** and **#MyLocalHealth** and promotes the Clinical Futures ethos of patients receiving the right care, in the right place, at the right time. **Visit our website to find out more**

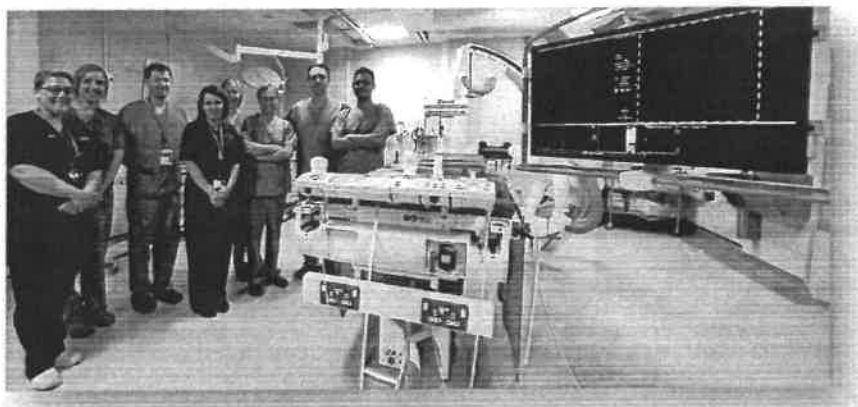
New prostate treatment

The Health Board has become the first in Wales to offer a pioneering new prostate treatment that dramatically cuts recovery time and reduces the risk of long-term complications.

Prostate Artery Embolisation (PAE) combines the expertise of Urology and Intervention Radiology and has previously only been available to patients suffering from Benign Prostatic Enlargement (BPE) in England.

Not all patients are suitable for PAE – but for those that are it provides an additional treatment option for the Urology team using the very latest techniques, with a renewed focus on preventing long-term negative effects and complications.

One of the key benefits is a diminished recovery time for patients - reducing one-two days in hospital to a day case appointment, supporting the Health Board's Clinical Futures strategy by changing the way services are delivered, providing care closer to home and reducing hospital stays.



Collection of Clinical Waste from Patient Homes

We have made changes to improve the service we provide for the collection of clinical waste from patient homes. Calls and collections are now handled by the Health Courier Service (HCS), who are part of NHS Wales, on behalf of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.



Patients and carers now need to telephone 0300 123 9208 to arrange waste collection (Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 4.00pm excluding bank holidays). You can now also email your requests [here](mailto:abhb.enquiries@wales.nhs.uk).

You are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

on Wednesday 17th July 2019

at 6pm at Health Board Headquarters in Caerleon.

If you have any questions or would like to contact us please email abhb.enquiries@wales.nhs.uk



Aneurin Bevan University Health Board



@AneurinBevanUHB

Building Musical Bridges Event

From: rabbas4280@aol.com

Sent: Wed, 26 Jun, 2019 at 15:25

To: rabbas4280@aol.com



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SHOW IMAGES | ALWAYS SHOW IMAGES FROM THIS SENDER**Dear All,**

**We are less than 4 weeks from 'Building Musical Bridges'
event on July the 20th from (3.00 – 5.30) p.m. at Blaina
Community Centre.**

**Doors will be open from 2.30, and we are starting promptly at
3.00, there are limited car parking spaces at the centre,
however there are plenty of spaces
in the car park outside Blaina Medical Practice (NP13 3AT)
which is a short walking distance from Blaina Community
Centre.**

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Best wishes,**Rafi & Christine ABBAS**

Rose **Rose** **For & on behalf of the Bahá'ís of
Blaina/Nantyglo** **Rose** **Rose**

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

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Mrs T Hughes, AAT C.H. Ed. - Town Clerk/RFO

Community Grant Application Form



Section 1: Contact Information

Applicant Name/Group Name:

1st BRYNMAWR GUIDES

Contact Name:

MRS S. J. GREY.

Contact Address:

RIVENDELL
CEFN RHOS
TREDGAR
NP22 3PA

Contact Email Address:

rev. richard.grey@outlook.com.

Daytime Telephone Number:

07798713917.

Your position in the group:

GUIDER IN CHARGE

Section 2: Tell us about your group

What category does your project fall into (please tick all relevant boxes):

Children/Education

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Health & Wellbeing

☒

Environment

☒

Other

☐

Arts & Culture

☒

Elderly

☐

Active Lifestyles

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Please provide a brief description of the activities you/your group undertake:

We provide a variety of activities that encapsulate life skills talks by many professional bodies incl NHS. Dementia Care, Children. Social Services, Cookery and during the Summer months organise walks to the local park an annual holiday to a P.G.H facility plus Games and Quiz Nights and annual support to Remembrance Sunday March

In what year was the group founded?

2008

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

☒

No

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If yes, please provide the registered number:

366016

If your application relates to sport

Is the team a member of /or affiliated to a recognised sporting body?

Yes

☐

No

☐

If yes, which one?

If your application relates to a children's group

Have all the relevant DBS checks been completed?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Section 3: Tell us about the community activity you wish to support

Are you applying for, or receiving funding from another source?

Yes

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No

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If so, where from and how much?

Please explain what the community grant support will be used for?

Purchase of craft items, cookery ingredients,
a poppy wreath

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

We have on average 8 guides from the
Nantyglo and Blaina area as there is no
guide company within the area and this
deprives young girls of what is a wholesome
and a platform to pursue DofE Bronze Silver Gold!

Section 4: Independent Reference Details

Please give the name of someone who can provide an independent reference on behalf of you/your group:

Councillor Mr L Elias

Job title/occupation of referee:

RETIRED

Referee contact address:

THE EABLES
THORN HILL CLOSE
BRYNMAWR NP23 4SA

Email address:

Daytime phone number:

01495 310968

Relationship to the group
(if any):

NONE

Section 5: To be completed for all applications

Please tick here to confirm that you have read and accepted the grant selection criteria:



Signed on behalf of (if you are applying on behalf of a group)

1st BRYNMAWR GUIDES

Signature:



Date:

21/06/19

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One Voice Wales

**Model Local Resolution Protocol
for Community and Town Councils**

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Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils

Background

The Public Service Ombudsman has agreed to the principle of referring some complaints against Members back to Community and Town Councils for a local resolution. However to date there has not been a common process for Community and Town Councils to follow in dealing with such matters. To assist the sector, One Voice Wales has drawn up the following as a model protocol which any Community and Town Council can use in dealing with such complaints.

This model protocol is meant as a starting point for Community and Town councils. Individual councils may wish to add or amend this model to suit their particular needs. Councils wishing to use this process should first of all be clear about its purpose and intention, formally adopt it in its current or in a revised form and ensure that all Councillors are provided with a copy for their attention. The Council should then determine the framework through which it is operated which may require the establishment of a Committee or Panel or an extension of the terms of reference of an existing Panel or Committee such as a Complaints Panel or Committee. In the case of establishment of a new Panel it is important that terms of reference are prepared and approved by the Council. In either case it will be important for Councils to document in the terms of reference as to what will happen if there is a lack of co-operation shown by the member concerned or a breakdown occurring during the operation of the process. For example, in such cases the default position might be that the matter is referred to the Public Ombudsman for Wales.

The Local Resolution Process

Issues which should be considered under this process

Low level complaints about Members, including:

- Minor complaints from Members about Members
- Minor complaints from Officers about Members
- Members alleged to have not shown respect and consideration for others – either verbally or in writing

Issues which should not be considered under this process

Complaints which must be directed to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, including:

- Complaints instigated by a member of the public
- Serious complaints – breaches of the Code of Conduct/failure to disclose interests/bullying/abuse of position or trust/repeated breaches
- Complaints made by the Clerk/Proper Officer
- Vexatious, malicious or frivolous complaints
- Members' complaints about officers which should be dealt with using the Council's internal complaints process
- Repetitive low level complaints

The Process

The complaint

The complaint would need to be sent to the Clerk/Proper Officer of the Council to undertake a first sift to ensure that the complaint is at a low level and should not be dealt with by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman. If appropriate, therefore, the Clerk/Proper Officer should firstly seek an early resolution of any such dispute by liaising informally with the individual members concerned prior to the resolution process described below. It is vitally important that the 'accused' member is given full details of the complaint against them so that in the interests of natural justice they are in a position to prepare their response to the accusation.

Resolution Process

The involvement of the Chair/Vice Chair of the Council in the following process is not to adjudicate on the complaint, but to attempt to get the members/officers involved to come to an agreement as to how the issue(s) could be resolved on an amicable basis.

The Clerk/Proper Officer will act as a facilitator for the resolution process below.

If the complaint is between Members other than the Chair of the Council, the Clerk/Proper Officer and the Chair will meet individually with the complainant and Member subject of the complaint to seek an agreed resolution.

If the complaint is between Members, one of whom is the Chair of Council, but not the Vice Chair, the Clerk/Proper Officer and the Vice Chair will meet with the complainant and Member subject of the complaint to seek an agreed resolution.

If the complaint has been made by an officer/employee, but not the Clerk/Proper Officer, against a Member other than the Chair of Council, the Clerk/Proper Officer and the Chair of Council will meet with the officer and the Member subject of the complaint to seek an agreed resolution.

If the complaint has been made by an officer/employee, but not the Clerk/Proper Officer, against the Chair of Council, the Clerk/Proper Officer and the Vice Chair of Council will meet with the officer and the Chair to seek an agreed resolution.

If the complaint has been made by the Clerk/Proper Officer, then it is likely to be best practice that this complaint is forwarded by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Possible results of the process

If an agreement is reached by Members and/or officers during this Stage then no further action is required.

If agreement cannot be reached the aggrieved Member/officer would always have the opportunity of referring the matter to the Ombudsman.

Examples of agreements might include issue of a letter of apology, a written undertaking or commitment not to breach the Code of Conduct in the future, a commitment to undertake training or an agreement that on the basis of the evidence that no further action should be taken and the matter be closed.

Time for the process

It is the intention that all of the processes can be completed as quickly as possible to resolve the issue. However exact timing will depend on the availability of individuals to attend the meetings.

Important Points to Note in preparing a process for use by the Council

The Clerk/Proper officer, Chair and Vice Chairs of Councils should consider receiving appropriate training in facilitation and mediation to be in a position to maximise the benefit of this process. Councils wishing to pursue this route should contact One Voice Wales for guidance.

Councils might want to include some guidance where complaints which are most appropriately dealt with under this process are referred back to the Council by PSOW. The PSOW could actively do this if the Council has an approved process.

It is suggested that any meetings held with a view to discussing the issues of complaints and/or resolving matters are at the very least minuted, if not recorded. This is to ensure that agreements are captured. This will also be useful in the event that matters break down or escalate and need to be referred to the PSOW. It may also be useful as evidence in the event of further similar breaches of the conduct and future conduct.

Councils need to be clear on their powers in respect of code of conduct matters. The Ombudsman has seen examples of councils who have deemed it appropriate to fully investigate a code complaint, decide that there has been a breach and some have even thought it appropriate to consider the issue of a sanction. Investigations of possible breaches of the Code are matters for the Ombudsman. The Local Government Act 2000 gives him the authority to carry out such investigations. The Council has no legal authority to undertake such investigations or to make findings of a breach of the Code of Conduct, which are decisions that can only be reached by a Standards Committee or the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel

Inspection of Salem Chapel – June 2019

WEEK	MAIN CHAPEL /	5 th	10 th	18 th	26 th	Report of any defects And action taken
	Main Hall of Chapel	/	/	/	/	Dry rot detected on stage & part lifted. Further investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Pipe organ supports re- enforced Sept 2016.
	Fire Alarm	/	/	/	/	Inspected 13/08/2018
	Emergency Lighting	/	/	/	/	
	Stairways to Balcony	/	/	/	/	Stair lift not working
	Balcony	/	/	/	/	
	Toilets	/	/	/	/	Removed due to dry rot
	High Street Entrance	/	/	/	/	
	Office	/	/	/	/	
	General Condition	/	/	/	/	
	Fire Extinguishers	/	/	/	/	Inspected 30.08.18
	Observations/ Other Comments	/	/	/	/	Corner part of render (above back door entrance) damaged. (R Dunham inspected). Faulty emergency lighting as per inspection by Dragon FS
	ANNEX BUILDING					
	Ground Floor	/	/	/	/	
	Kitchen	/	/	/	/	Newly formed mould/rot on floor – R Dunham informed. Floor rotten through – incident re: Cllr R Pagett fell through rotten floor (recorded in accident book). Kitchen units coming away from wall due to severe damp in floor of kitchen. R Dunham inspected & to advise further.
	First Aid Box	/	/	/	/	
	Seating Area	/	/	/	/	
	Stairway to upper room	/	/	/	/	
	Upper Room	/	/	/	/	
	Rear Entrance	/	/	/	/	
	Side Door	/	/	/	/	
	Observations/ Other Comments					Some faulty emergency lights as per inspection by Dragon FS
	Statutory annual Inspections:					Dragon Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 30/08/2018 Dragon Fire & Security Systems (intruder & fire alarms) 13/08/2018

Signed: T Hughes

Town Clerk

Date: 08/07/2019

Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

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Tracy Hughes
The Town Clerk
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5 July 2019

Dear Tracy

Notice of Vacancy – Blaina Ward
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

I have not received a request for an election for the vacancy in the Blaina Ward of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council notice published 28 May 2019, and therefore the vacancy can filled by co-option in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 2006

Yours sincerely

For Michelle Morris
The Managing Director and
Returning Officer

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The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh and English and we will communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to any delay.

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5 July 2019

Dear Tracy

Notice of Vacancy – Blaina Ward
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

I have not received a request for an election for the vacancy in the Blaina Ward of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council notice published 13 June 2019, and therefore the vacancy can filled by co-option in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 2006

Yours sincerely

For Michelle Morris
The Managing Director and
Returning Officer

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Grant for Creative Minds Club.

From: peter simms <bengol90@yahoo.com>

Sent: Mon, 8 Jul, 2019 at 11:44

To: clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk

Hi Hannah,

Just a quick e-mail to confirm receipt of the council's cheque for £50, and to ask that you extend our grateful thanks to them for same. The money will be put to good use and a note made from where it came when appropriate. Once again many thanks for your help.

Peter Simms (Creative Minds)

