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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina to commence following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting **on Tuesday 14th May 2024**.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting remotely, please contact the Town Clerk at the above e-mail or phone by 3pm on 14th May 2024 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely



Town Clerk

A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.

AGENDA

Declaration of Interest

Members are invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members are reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided.

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Members are invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept.

2. **Questions from the Public:**

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters itemised on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total).

3. **Correspondence:**

Members are invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) One Voice Wales – (for information- copy attached)

National Awards Conference 2024 report.

- b) Mr Richard Hancocks, The Royal British Legion (Blaina Branch) – (for consideration & information – (copy attached):

Members are invited to consider the request from Richard Hancocks of the Blaina Branch of the Royal British Legion in respect of an event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day Landings in Normandy.

4. Town Council Insurance:

Members are invited to consider the quotations received in respect of the Town Council insurance which requires renewal on 1st June 2024:

- Aviva via broker James Hallam Ltd (current provider & broker) - £5,258.54
- Zurich – unable to provide quotation
- Ansvar – no quotation provided

Members are additionally informed that many insurance companies will not provide insurance or a quotation in respect of an unoccupied listed building, hence it is much more efficient to obtain a quotation and correct level of cover via a broker who can contact a number of specialist insurance companies for a quotation.

5. Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

Members are informed that a Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC will take place at **10.00am on Wednesday 29th May 2024 via MS Teams**. No agenda or other information has been received to date. Members are informed that the Council Chamber will NOT be available that day due to the Town Clerk being on annual leave and it being a non-working day for the Assistant Officer.

6. S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

As previously resolved, Members are invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of May 2024.

7. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- a) Llys y Capel Social Club (copy attached)

8. Salem Chapel:

Members are invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- April 2024 (copy attached).

9. Members Updates:

Members are invited to provide any updates or information.

10. Confidential Information:

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Tracy

From: Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>
Sent: 19 April 2024 14:12
To: Tracy Gilmartin
Subject: Awards Conference 2024 Report / Adroddiad Cynhadledd Gwobrau 2024
Attachments: National Awards Conference 2024 Report.zip

Due to the size of the attached report the English and Welsh documents are being sent separately

Dear colleagues,

Attached is a Zipped Folder containing the One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2024 Report. We sincerely hope you share a copy of the report with your colleagues, associated networks and within your wider communities as much as possible. The reports will also be available to read or download from the One Voice Wales website.

A very successful event was held this year and we would like to thank all the councils who submitted applications and gave presentations on the day, and again we congratulate the winners, highly commended and commended councils in each category. The prestigious event gives national recognition and publicity to council-led initiatives, as well as promote the excellent important work you undertake within your communities. We will be promoting these councils across our social media platforms, and we would encourage the successful councils to become 'best practice case studies' for other councils to follow.

Our annual Awards Conference is an important event for the Community and Town Council sector in Wales, and it is hoped that the event will continue to grow in its popularity with even more councils submitting nominations for the various categories next year. The 2025 Awards Conference is likely to be held around the end of April/early May.

We hope you enjoy reading the attached Report. If you have any questions or would like us to put you in touch with particular councils listed within the report, please get in touch with any one of the One Voice Wales Team.

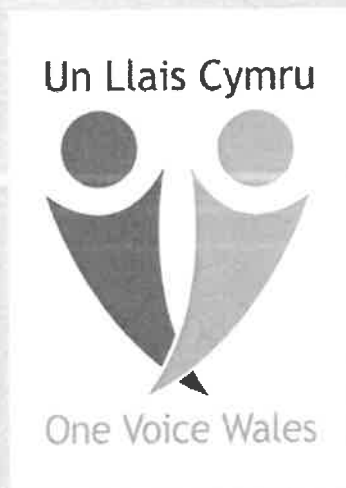
If you have any direct questions regarding the attached report, please contact Emyr John, Communications Officer, in the first instance: ejohn@onevoicewales.wales

Regards/Cofion

Annwyl gydweithwyr,

Yn atodedig mae Adroddiadau Cynhadledd Gwobrau Cenedlaethol Un Llais Cymru 2024. Mawr obeithiwn y byddwch yn rhannu copi o'r adroddiad gyda'ch cydweithwyr, i'ch rhwydweithiau cysylltiedig ac o fewn eich cymunedau ehangach gymaint â phosibl. Bydd yr adroddiadau hefyd ar gael i'w darllen neu eu lawr-lwytho o wefan Un Llais Cymru.

Cynhaliwyd digwyddiad llwyddiannus iawn eleni a hoffem ddiolch i'r holl gynghorau a gyflwynodd geisiadau ac a roddodd gyflwyniadau ar y diwrnod, ac unwaith eto rydym yn llongyfarch yr enillwyr, y cynghorau a gafodd ganmoliaeth ym mhob categori. Mae'r digwyddiad mawreddog yn rhoi cydnabyddiaeth a chyhoeddusrwydd cenedlaethol i fentrau a arweinir gan gynghorau lleol, yn ogystal â hyrwyddo'r gwaith pwysig rhagorol yr ydych yn ei wneud yn eich cymunedau. Byddwn yn hyrwyddo'r cynghorau hyn ar draws ein llwyfannau cyfryngau cymdeithasol, a byddem yn



National Awards Conference 2024 Report

Main Conference Sponsors:



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Introduction



**Lyn Cadwallader,
Chief Executive**

“Welcome to the One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2024, to our guests, supplier organisations and delegates including new Clerks and Councillors attending for the first time. I hope you find today’s conference informative, thought-provoking and stimulating – and that you will take your learning and help to deliver better and new practices in your own communities.

It is great to see so many of you engaging with this year’s National Awards and a record number of nominated projects were received. We have a list of presenters who have given up their valuable time to contribute to today’s Innovative Practice Sessions, which always proves very successful and enjoyable for delegates. This conference outlines the positive outcomes achieved by One Voice Wales and Community & Town Councils during 2023–24. We will discuss the future challenges and opportunities for the sector as well as update you on some of the new areas of work we will be undertaking in the coming year.

There has been a healthy level of membership numbers during the last twelve months. Over 91.5% of all councils are in membership of One Voice Wales, or 670 out of the 732 Councils in Wales. This is the highest membership level since the formation of One Voice Wales. Plans are already in place to drive increases in membership in 2024–25. One Voice Wales continues to argue that local councils should be the bedrock to bringing about a renaissance of our communities in Wales. Additionally, we will be engaging in closer working relations with Welsh Government, Audit Wales, WLGA, NRW, National Parks, Police & Crime Commissioners, NALC, SLCC, Planning Aid Wales, WCVA and others to make this a reality in 2024–25. We continue to drive new organisational developments including improved communications channels and a revised and improved governance structure for One Voice Wales.”

Utility Aid - Main Conference Sponsor



"It is a pleasure to sponsor the One Voice Wales Annual Awards. We must take up the chance to celebrate and recognise the achievements of community and town councils across Wales.

As the Partnership Manager at Utility Aid, I have the privilege to work with organisations like One Voice Wales and NALC, who provide a strong voice in representing council's interests and supporting their vital work. In my role, I operate with the same mindset. For those who haven't heard of Utility Aid before we are an energy consultant and brokerage supporting the third and fourth sectors with their Net Zero ambitions and energy procurement needs.

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Our customers are a privilege.

One we will never take advantage of.

Good luck to all the finalists and thank you for the difference you make to your community each day".

Emily Berry, Partnership Manager, Utility Aid

Conference Agenda

One Voice Wales National Awards Conference
Wednesday 27th March 2024
Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground

Agenda

09:30–10:30 Registration and Exhibition

10:30–10:35 One Voice Wales Chair's Address

10:35–11.15 Keynote Address: Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales: 'Future Developments at One Voice Wales and the Community and Town Council Sector'.

11:15–12:20 Innovative Practice Sessions Part 1:

Annual Reporting (Councils A, B, C)

Environmental Projects (Councils A, B, C)

Sustainability Projects (Councils A, B, C)

Community Engagement / Democratic Health Initiatives (Councils A, B, C)

12:20–1:30 Lunch and Exhibition

1:30–2.30 Innovative Practice Sessions Part 2:

Tourism Projects & Heritage Projects (Council A, B, C)

Youth Engagement projects (Council A, B, C)

Devolution of Services or Assets / Community Initiatives including Cost of Living

Actions (Council A, B, C)

Use of Digital Resources (Councils A, B, C)

2:30–2:50 Event Sponsor's Address – Utility Aid

2:50–3:50 Awards Ceremony

3:50–4:00 Chair's Closing Comments

4:00 End of Conference

Award Categories

Best Annual Report

Best Environmental Project

Best use of Digital Resources

Best Community Engagement Initiative

Best Tourism Initiative

Best Sustainability Initiative

Best Youth Engagement

Best Heritage Initiative

Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project

**Best Community Initiative including Cost
of Living Actions**

Best Democratic Health Initiative

**The Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council
Service of the Year**

The next section details the Award Category, a photograph of the winning council and an advert from the Award Sponsor.

Award Category	Best Annual Report
Winner	Pontypool Community Council
Highly Commended	Chepstow Town Council Criccieth Town Council
Commended	Abergavenny Town Council Penarth Town Council New Radnor Community Council Presteigne and Norton Town Council
Winning Submission	<p>Our Annual Report received a revamp for 2022-2023 with a modern design, bright images and a focus on making data accessible to the public. Tying in the fresh branding of the Pontypool Community Council logo with key information and stories relevant to its community, the whole staff team worked collaboratively, bringing together information from their departments. By using innovative online software, we were able to take the original word document and create a smart and professional design in-house". Via our website, the annual report is available to view on Issuu, a free online platform that creates a 'flip-book style layout so the public can read the report online as if it were a physical magazine, making for a more enjoyable experience without printing paper copies unnecessarily.</p> <p>Visit: https://pontypoolcc.gov.uk/</p>
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Lisa McMail, Clerk of Pontypool Community Council said "It's a privilege to be part of the One Voice Wales Awards. As a Community Council we strive to support our community, to create lasting change and innovative projects that lift up our area and build new connections. Coming together with community and town councils across Wales through the One Voice Wales network is a way of building new connections on a wider scale; it is a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people, recognise achievements and learn from each other, and sharing new and innovative ways to support our individual communities".

Award Category	Best Environmental Project
Winner	Criccieth Town Council
Highly Commended	Pontypridd Town Council Blaenavon Town Council Coity Higher Community Council Mumbles Community Council
Commended	Abergavenny Town Council Aberporth Community Council Bedlinog & Trelewis Community Council Presteigne & Norton Town Council St Fagans Community Council
Winning Submission	<p>Criccieth Town Council is proactive in responding to the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. We recognise that the need to aid nature's recovery is urgent; we work with the community and partners on services and activities that impact on biodiversity including 'Criccieth in Bloom' and 'Friends of the Nature Garden'; we have a range of people take part, from children to the elderly, helping them experience and value nature, leading to action to protect and enhance nature and biodiversity through sustainable and environmentally friendly projects.</p>
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Award Category	Best use of Digital Resources
Winner	Abergavenny Town Council
Highly Commended	Llandeilo Fawr Town Council
Commended	Pennard Community Council Pontypool Community Council
Winning Submission	Innovative use of digital resources, showcasing a commitment to transparency, accessibility and community engagement. In 2023, we undertook a significant website relaunch, transforming it into a dynamic platform that not only informs but actively involves our residents.
Sponsors	Vision ICT

"We are incredibly proud of our team's achievements at the One Voice Wales awards," commented Mayor Cllr Anne Wilde, Abergavenny Town Council.

"These accolades reflect our ongoing commitment to innovation, sustainability, and community engagement. We are honoured to be recognised for our efforts and look forward to continuing to serve our community with dedication and excellence."



Award Category	Best Community Engagement Initiative
Joint Winners	Blaenavon Town Council and Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn Town Council
Highly Commended	Blaenavon Town Council Carmarthen Town Council Mumbles Community Council
Commended	Bangor City Council Barry Town Council Bay of Colwyn Town Council Darren Valley Community Council Llandeilo Fawr Town Council Llandough Community Council Neath Town Council Prestatyn Town Council Trefeglwys Community Council
Winning Submissions	<p><u>Blaenavon</u>: instigated a genuine community conversation around health and well-being and collaborated with local organisations to identify engagement opportunities aligned to several key objectives including locations for engagement, identify Individual/group needs, incorporate an innovative place-based approach, costs to residents, and develop stronger links across the community.</p> <p><u>Newtown</u>: Established a Town Partnership to build connections for better community engagement between the council and the community; extensive community consultation setting out a wide range of community needs/aspirations; explore the feasibility of a town partnership between the business, public and voluntary sectors in the town.</p>
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Award Category	Best Tourism Initiative
Winner	Criccieth Town Council
Highly Commended	Blaenavon Town Council
Commended	N/A
Winning Submission	<p>We produced a community and culture led tourism strategy, improving both the tourist offer and their experience of Criccieth and the quality of life of residents. The Council led on a number of imaginative projects with residents involving hundreds of volunteers in support of our Community Plan developed with the community. Projects include Town Map, Public Art Works, Croeso Dolig & Christmas 'Trees', Gardening and the John Ystumlllyn Rose, National Eisteddfod 2023 and Post Box Toppers.</p>
Sponsors	Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)

Cllr Delyth Lloyd, Chair of Criccieth Town Council:
"It's an honour to receive these awards which provide clear and independent recognition of the breadth of activity that the Town Council has achieved in partnership with Criccieth community. The awards are also a testament to our many innovative collaborations and success in achieving funding. We will build on these successes to ensure Criccieth continues to be a better place to live in and visit."



Award Category	Best Sustainability Initiative
Winner	Presteigne and Norton Town Council
Highly Commended	Carmarthen Town Council
Commended	Abergavenny Town Council Llangattock Community Council
Winning Submission	<p>We commenced work to become a Dark Sky community in 2018, working closely with the community, Powys County Council and Dark Source. Dark Sky status was achieved in January 2024 and announced by the International Dark Sky Association. The objective has been to reduce light pollution and improve the lighting in the Town by installing appropriate streetlights. This project will reduce the environmental impact caused by streetlights, increase the beneficial effect on wildlife, especially night flying insects, birds and bats and finally enable the residents, amateur and professional astronomers to see the glory of the night sky clearly.</p>
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Award Category	Best Youth Engagement
Winner	Llanelly Community Council
Highly Commended	Llanboidy Community Council
Commended	Blaenavon Town Council Carmarthen Town Council Neath Town Council
Winning Submission	Engaged with the local primary school in developing a Community-Led Plan to complete projects to improve the play opportunities for our young people via a whole-school consultation and with specific age groups in purchasing items for the playing fields. The Council has regular contact with the Senedd (the pupil representative group) and allows class exhibitions for parents in the community hall, and pupils are encouraged to use the library. The project allows pupils to understand the process of local government and what can be achieved, and allows the Council to play an active part in the lives of our young people.
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"We are delighted to receive this prestigious annual award for Best Youth Engagement from One Voice Wales. The Council has made great efforts in the last few years to get young people locally to voice their views on what facilities they would like in the area, and we are delighted that we have been able to provide popular and well-used play options for all ages." said Cllr Grahame Nelmes, Chair of Llanelly Community Council.



Award Category	Best Heritage Initiative
Winner	Blaenavon Town Council
Highly Commended	Criccieth Town Council Mumbles Community Council Tregaron Town Council
Commended	Pontypool Community Council Blaenavon Town Council
Winning Submission	<p>In collaboration with renowned south Wales photographer Walter Waygood, in 2023 we championed an initiative to honour and celebrate the intangible cultural heritage, spirit and resilience of the Blaenavon community, through an exhibition and book. The town, like many others in south Wales, was grappling with finding a renewed purpose following the decline of its industrial base. However, the townspeople, their institutions and cultural identity, forged in industry, showed resilience and determination amid socio-economic change. Seeking to express his appreciation for the town that helped launch his career, Walter approached us for support in completing his 'Family of Blaenafon' exhibition and the accompanying book.</p>
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Award Category	Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project
Winner	St Clears Town Council
Highly Commended	N/A
Commended	Llanfair, Clydogau & Cellan Community Council Kerry Community Council Blackwood Town Council Ponthir Community Council
Winning Submission	<p>Five years ago, discussions began between Carmarthenshire County Council and St. Clears Town Council to see if an asset transfer project was viable. We consulted and collaborated widely with internal and external partners eager to learn from others whether taking over 'Y Gât' building was a viable and sustainable proposal. Several community consultations were held to gather data, residents' views and provide a detailed analysis of how the building could be utilised by the community.</p>
Sponsors	Ystadau Cymru

"St. Clears Town Council is proud to receive this award, as recognition of all the hard work that has taken place in order to take over the running of Y Gât and to develop it as a successful community hub for the future."

**Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins,
Clerk St. Clears Town Council.**



Award Category	Best Community Initiative including Cost of Living actions
Winner	Cwmbran Community Council
Highly Commended	Blaenavon Town Council Llanelli Town Council Welshpool Town Council
Commended	Barry Town Council Blaenavon Town Council Blaenavon Town Council Cwmbran Community Council Mumbles Community Council Pennard Community Council Prestatyn Town Council
Winning Submission	Following a review of our Cost of Living support to the community, Cwmbran Community Council decided to move to a more reactive approach to Cost of Living support. E-mails were sent to community groups that were providing direct support for residents, including those who provided food banks, fuel voucher schemes and warm hubs. Six organisations responded initially and were provided with financial grants to support activity such as food parcels, fuel vouchers, warm food and drinks at warm hub sessions, and in providing warm packs including fleece throws, flasks and hot water bottles. In addition, extra warm packs were made available on request.
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"As a new Clerk, I was pleased to see Cwmbran's work being rewarded at the One Voice Wales National Awards, the opportunity to celebrate success, and to see the great work across the Town and Community Sector in Wales.

One Voice Wales is helping to showcase the excellent and creative work of Councils and in evidencing the value of the first tier of Welsh civic governance", said Gareth Davies, Cwmbran Community Council



Award Category	Best Democratic Health Initiative
Winner	Llanelli Town Council
Highly Commended	Blaenavon Town Council
Commended	N/A
Winning Submission	<p>Annually, Llanelli Town Council carries out a Citizenship and Democracy project called 'Meet the Mayor'. The project involves inviting all Town Council area primary schools (8) to visit the Council Chamber to 'Meet the Mayor' and have a session based on the school curriculum, democracy, voting history, citizenship, the importance of partnership working within the community along with the young person's place in the democratic process. The project is carried out in partnership with Llanelli Community Partnership Volunteers who support the School sessions.</p>
Sponsors	Welsh Government

“Llanelli Town Council was delighted to accept the award for Best Democratic Health Initiative at the One Voice Wales National Awards Conference.

The ‘Meet the Mayor’ project is in its 5th year and has welcomed over 1300 young people from 10 year olds to 21 year olds into the Town Council Chamber” said Llanelli Town Mayor, Councillor Nicholas Pearce.



Award Category	The Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council Service of the Year
Winner	Criccieth Town Council
Highly Commended	N/A
Commended	N/A
Winning Submission	Criccieth Town Council
Sponsors	Utility Aid



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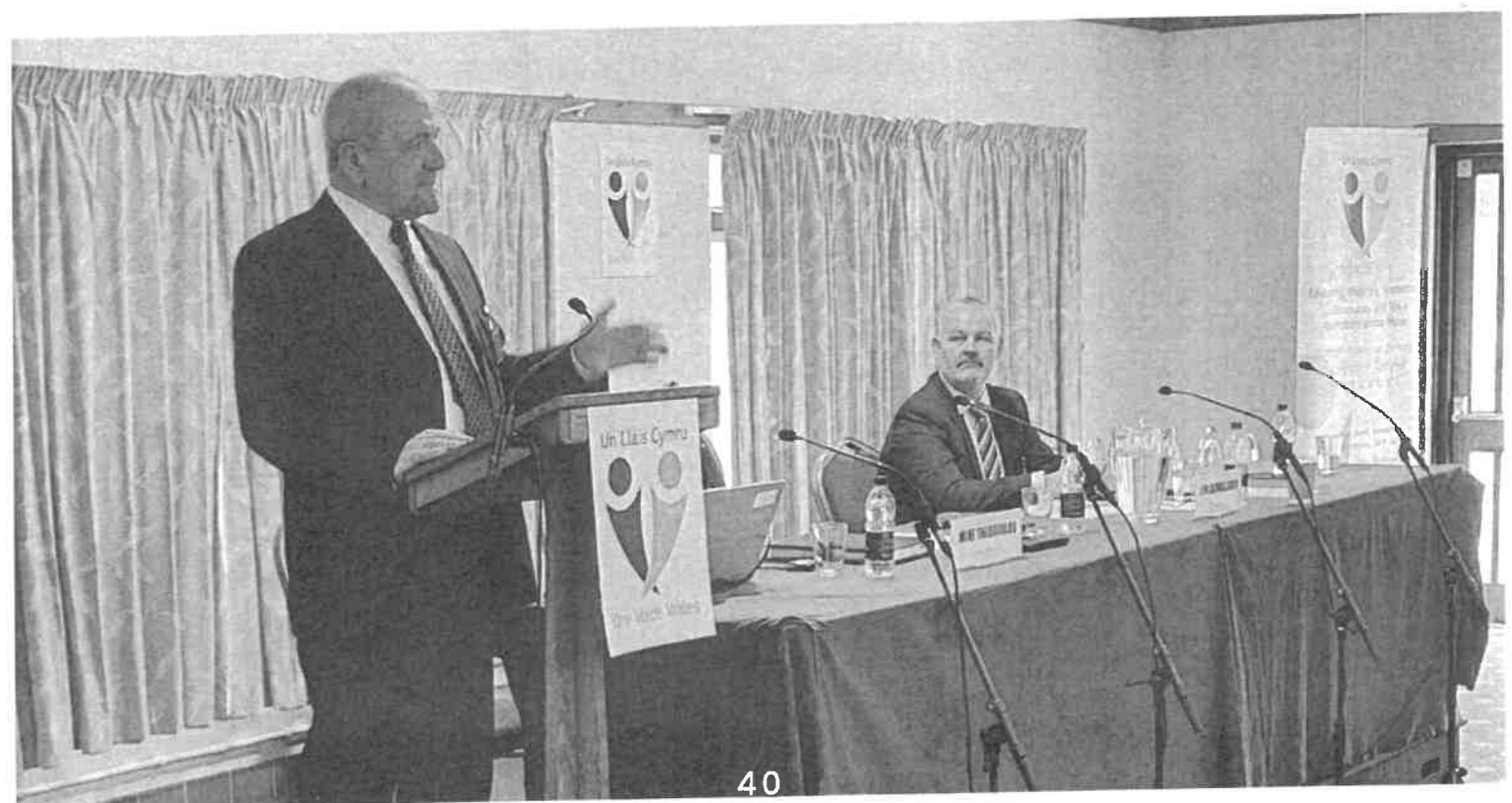
Community and Town Councils across Wales, met up recently for their 2024 awards ceremony at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells, sponsored by Utility Aid.

The annual awards ceremony, hosted by One Voice Wales - the principal representative body for Community and Town Councils - celebrated and showcased the work of local councils across various strategic and operational categories.

In opening the event, Councillor Mike Theodoulou, Chair of One Voice Wales, paid tribute to the achievement of so many Councils who deliver grassroots services at the heart of their communities. He also spoke about the cultural change affecting the Community and Town Council sector arising from such challenges as climate change, the cost-of-living crisis, and post-covid pressures.

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These were also times of achievement and change for One Voice Wales itself, Lyn advised the crowded arena. Record membership levels, growing partnership arrangements and a tangible commitment to deliver sustainable and digital solutions.

A comprehensive programme of training opportunities would help local councils navigate a rapidly changing world, as Lyn urged Councillors to take advantage of the training and development opportunities provided by One Voice Wales.

Dedicated staff were in place to help One Voice Wales advise the sector and assist with policy development and governance. The organisation was building the capacity to support the ambitions of its 670 member councils. Biodiversity and sustainability were at the top of the agenda. A new website would be developed. The democratic health of the nation would be championed. New ways of digital communication would take the organisation – and the Community and Town Council sector – forward. Exciting times lay ahead, declared Lyn.

Lyn took questions across a range of areas – the importance of training, concerns about bullying & harassment, disability, equality and even a discussion around the One Voice Wales logo! But the day was not just about backslapping and self-assessment. There was work to be done. Delegates participated in a series of Innovative Practice Sessions, facilitated by One Voice Wales staff, which identified and disseminated Best Practice in areas such as environmental projects, community engagement, youth engagement and cost-of-living actions.

A workshop about tourism and heritage was typical of the information sharing that took place on this busy day. Delegates listened with interest as colleagues from Blaenavon, Criccieth and Tregaron described an exciting and colourful set of tourism and heritage initiatives. The session was a microcosm of Community and Town Council life, highlighting the terrific work of local councils across urban, coastal, and rural communities, from heartlands of the Welsh language to the industrial valleys of South Wales. Each Council would leave a legacy for future generations. The workshop demonstrated and epitomised how the whole of Wales benefits from the work of Community and Town Councils.

Local Councils set new standards across Wales!

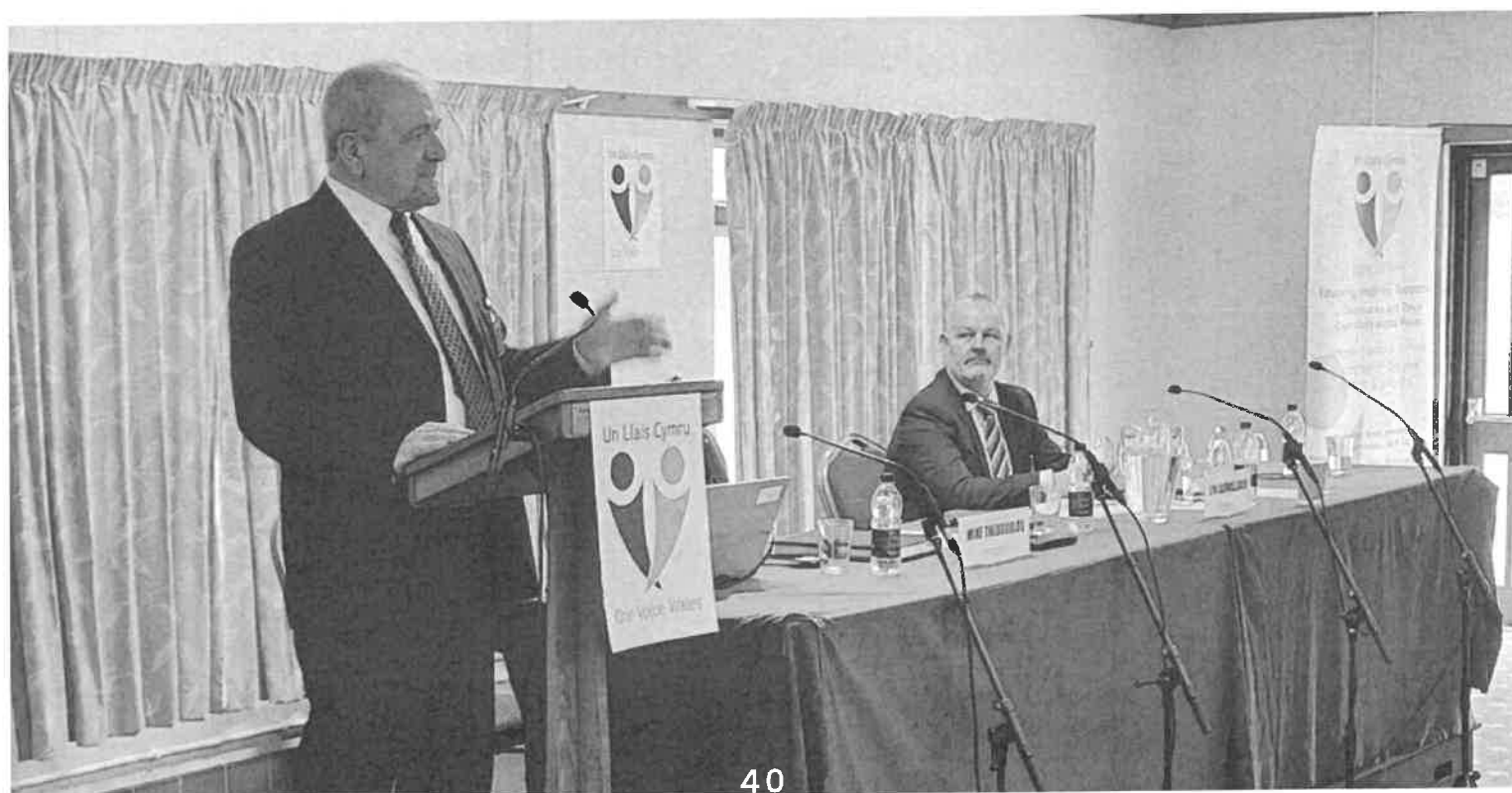
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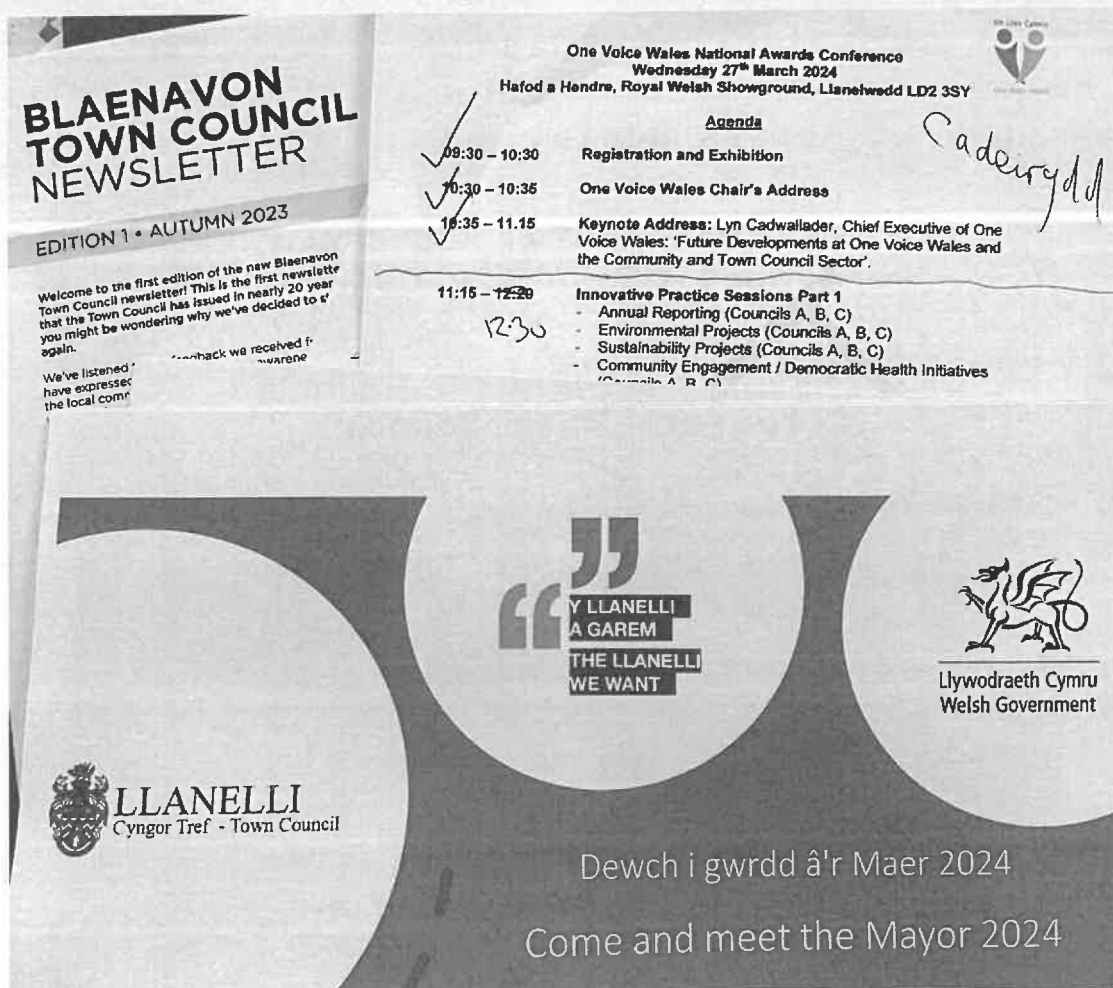
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This had been a celebration of local council life. A celebration of the people and communities of Wales.

Councillor Theodoulou drew proceedings to a close, describing a wonderful day. But he issued a challenge. Society expectations were ever-growing, public scrutiny was at an all-time high. He encouraged delegates to go back to their communities and share their experiences. "Talk to the people" he urged. The voice of Community and Town Councils must be strong, for there is much work to be done.

What a day.

David Collins

Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer/
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"I would like to express my thanks to Rebecca Evans MS, the former Minister for Finance and Local Government, for her support during her period of office. One Voice Wales received significant grant funding during this time which has enabled us to grow our offering and support to our membership and non-members alike. I wish her well for the future!

We welcome back Julie James MS as the new Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning, and look forward to an equally fruitful relationship with Julie and wish her well in her new role."

Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive

I am delighted at the success of the 2024 One Voice Wales Awards.

The Awards demonstrate the very high standards in place in Community and Town Councils across the whole of Wales. Award winners came from the industrial heartlands of South Wales, the rolling landscape of Mid Wales and the rugged North Wales coast. The whole of Wales can be proud of the many dedicated Councillors and staff in so many local councils who deliver such innovative and important services.

I was especially pleased to see so many entries this year and to meet many of the winners in person at the Awards Ceremony itself. I urge more Councils to submit entries next year to help show their communities the vital work carried out on their behalf.

These are changing times within the Welsh public sector. Devolution to Wales and within Wales will set new challenges for us all.

The Awards show our partners across Wales that Community and Town Councils play an important role in service delivery and the democratic health of the nation. I commend the work of Community and Town Councils in delivering these important goals.

Here's to a bigger and better event in 2025!

Councillor Mike Theodoulou, Chair of One Voice Wales.

"One Voice Wales and WLGA have a rich history of working together within and across our diverse communities, working together on community development, regeneration, management of assets and delivery of services.

Neither sector is standing still and we are constantly reviewing our ways of working, developing our skills and looking to innovation to maintain sustainable services.

So, we are delighted to be part of the Independent Assessment Panel for the One Voice Wales National Awards 2024 and to be a sponsor."

**Clover Rodrigues, Corporate Policy Officer,
Welsh Local Government Association**

**"The conference was well organised and attended by councillors and clerks from community and town councils across Wales. The knowledge gained and connections made were invaluable, as were the insights into One Voice Wales' vision for the future of the sector. My takeaway message from the event was that it comes down to 'good people doing good things for their communities', and how varied and powerful that looks in reality.
Thanks for a great event."**

**Cllr Jo Byworth-Morgan,
Llandough Community Council**



Item no. 3b

Email: richardhancocks@hotmail.co.uk, blaina.secretary@rbl.community

Monday, 06 May 2024

Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

RE: D Day 80th Anniversary Memorial Event.

Blaina Branch of the Royal British Legion are holding a memorial service at Blaina Cemetery on Thursday 6th June 2024 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings in Normandy. This service will recognise a local veteran Mr Hayden Brookes who took part in the events 80 years ago. We would like to ask if the Town Council would join us in hosting this event and help with the organisation. The event will take place in the form of a short service at the graveside taken by Rev Roy Watson followed by a reception after held at Blaina Bowls club. We would be grateful if the council would consider making a donation towards the cost of the event. The cost of the Buffet for 60 people at £8.00per head is £480.00.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Hancocks
Secretary, Royal British Legion Blaina Branch

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- 7 MAY 2024
TOWN COUNCIL

Item no. 4



Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

INSURANCE RENEWAL REVIEW 01/06/2024

Summary Report

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You should be aware that if it can be shown you have made a deliberate or reckless failure to make a fair presentation, then the insurer may avoid the policy altogether. Alternatively, the insurer may be entitled to impose additional terms or limits from inception and/or if the insurer would have charged a higher premium then any claim is reduced pro rata.

*Any personal information that you provide to us will be used in accordance with our **Privacy Policy** and for purposes of providing our services; I can let you have a copy of our Privacy Policy on request*

If you are uncertain or have any doubt whether information is a material circumstance, as your broker we are here to help.



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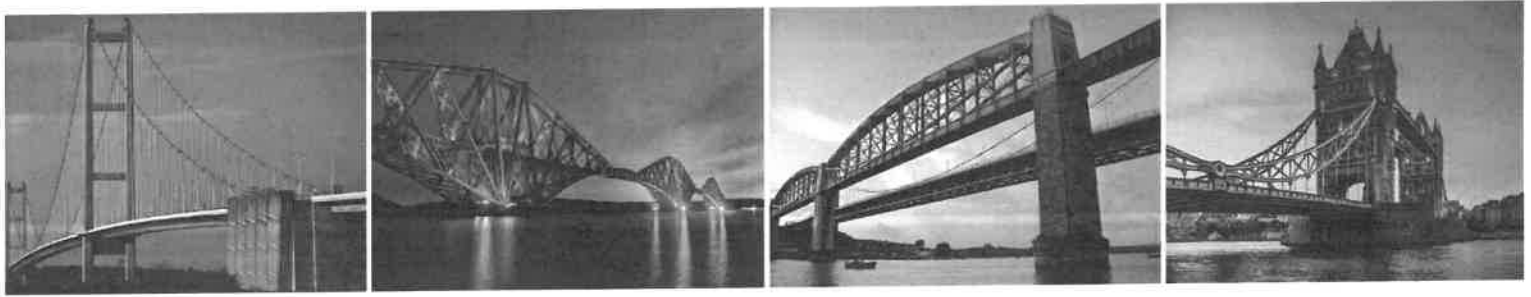
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We are delighted to present the findings of our renewal negotiations in respect of your insurance programme with our recommendations. Details of their required premiums and terms are itemised later in this report.

We hope that the details contained in this Renewal Report are clear and concise. If you require clarification on any point, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your renewal instructions are awaited, I confirm that we would be delighted to continue acting as your insurance brokers for the forthcoming period.

Stephen Packer

Stephen Packer Cert CII
Senior Client Executive
07720 544808



Broker at **LLOYD'S**

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Business Description	Town Council & Property Owners
Employer PAYE Number	948/N12737N

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Insurers have assessed and accepted the risks at the quoted premium on the basis of information given. Any variations of those details, if not advised to them, could result in an uninsured loss.

YOUR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Your insurance Demands and Needs are as stated within the quotation schedule or other documentation attached and are based upon the instructions and information you have provided to us as follows:

- Completion of a Pre-Renewal Questionnaire
- Various meetings and correspondence during the policy period.

Please let us know immediately if your Demands and Needs differ from those indicated.

Our understanding of your business has been encapsulated into a formal business description which is incorporated into the Companies and Activities section, as detailed above.

Our report summarises the basis of cover we are recommending because it provides options to satisfy your demands and needs as outlined above. We believe that the terms presented provide a scope of cover and premium that:

- is appropriate to satisfy your insurance requirements and
- is consistent with placements we have arranged for other clients with similar requirements having taken into account the specific nature of your own risk profile.

Where relevant we draw your attention to any specific exclusions, conditions and warranties that apply. Any failure or inability to comply with these could invalidate your cover and should be brought to our attention immediately.

Once we have received your instructions to proceed with renewal, we will finalise arrangements with insurers and then send you a formal confirmation that cover is in force. We will within 30 days of commencement of your contracts of insurance issue to you an Insurance Programme Summary showing details of your covers, including exclusions and limitations. Policy documents, which are issued by insurers, will be sent to you as promptly as possible.

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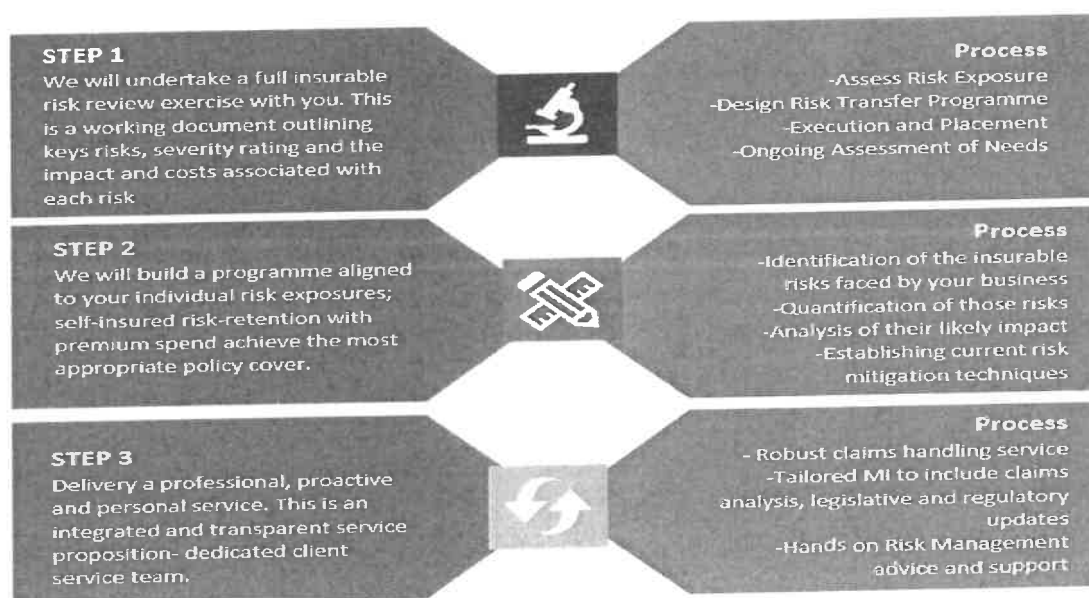
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OUR VALUES

- ❖ We are a powerful Independent Lloyds' Broker – our independence gives us access to and close relationships with the leading insurance companies including Lloyds', which we leverage to the benefits of our clients. Our commitment to independence earns us a reputation that values long-term relationships.
 - ❖ Committed to our clients – we do what is right. We get to know our clients, their business and understand their risks and exposures. We design and deliver solutions that match our clients' needs and wishes. We agree our commitment to service delivery from the outset.
 - ❖ Our people are the key to our success – as a Chartered Broker, we invest highly in our people. Our Client Executives are members of the Chartered Insurance Institute and commit to their personal development and are supported by an equally experienced and committed client service team.
 - ❖ Risk Managers are part of our business – our Risk Managers work in unity together with our clients and Client Executives. Our Risk Managers review applicable policy conditions/warranties and ensure that these are understood and complied with.
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We have been awarded the prestigious Chartered Insurance Brokers designations by the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII).

This is the industry's gold standard for firms of insurance brokers. It confirms that we have satisfied rigorous qualification criteria by retaining highly qualified staff who subscribe to the membership conditions of the CII. It also involves a commitment to continuing professional development and adherence to an industry standard Code of Ethics. You can view the Code at www.cii.co.uk/code.

When you use a Chartered firm, you are dealing with proven professionals. The CII is empowered by the Privy Council to award Chartered Status and the award is only made in deserving cases. Chartered titles are steeped in history and they remain the benchmark of professional excellence and integrity. Only the UK's premier insurance broking firms qualify for Chartered status.

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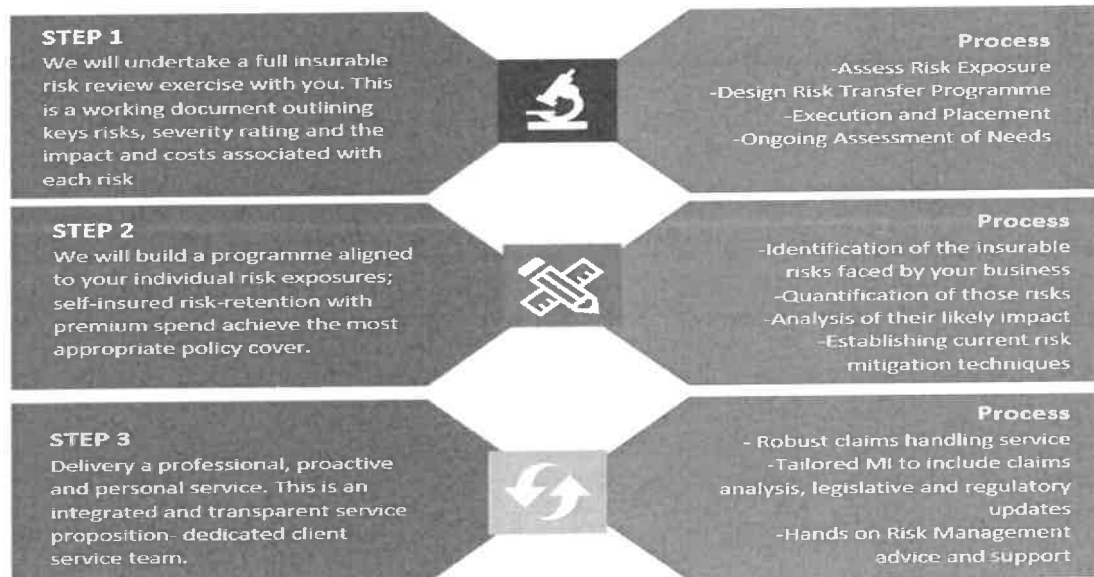
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THE INSURANCE LANDSCAPE

When considering your arrangements, we feel it is important to understand the current landscape of the insurance market.

As you may already appreciate, insurance works by spreading risk across many individuals or businesses, the fundamental assumption being that only a few will suffer insured loss such as a fire, at any given time. Insurance can also cover natural catastrophes such as storms in which many policyholders are making claims at once, but these events are limited both in geography and duration, allowing the same pooling of risk.

Historically, the insurance market has always been subject to cyclical changes that broadly follow global financial cycles and global catastrophe events. Whilst the market has previously been in a 'soft' cycle for many years, the current 'hard' cycle is compounded by insurers facing the likelihood of prolonged financial turmoil and at the same time, dealing with the costs of ever more frequent extreme weather events.

In practical terms we are starting to see climate issues and other global events force insurers to look at the breadth of cover that they offer and begin to be more specific about the risks that they are prepared to insure and the premium terms that they can offer.

Impact of Inflation on Insurance

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has significantly disrupted global supply chains, impacting the production of semi-conductors, cars, as well as the price of food and building materials. This, combined with the China-US trade war, the pandemic, labour shortages, energy shortages and climate related events is accelerating the rate of inflation. There are several insurance considerations resulting from these wider issues;

- Supply chain disruption could impact a business's ability to trade normally and result in longer reconstruction or recovery times, leading to prolonged revenue loss.
- This, combined with a shortage of skilled labour, drives up repair and reinstatement costs and, if left unchecked, could mean that actual costs exceed the insured values, leading to potential under insurance and significant shortfalls in claim payments.
- The industrywide repair backlog means customers may have to wait longer before the damage to vehicles is repaired.
- The surge in gas and oil prices has put increasing pressure on energy intensive industries, leading some manufacturers of raw materials to scale back production, further inflating the cost of end goods.
- Businesses may struggle to source some items and so be forced to pay inflated prices for them. This could potentially lead to prolonged business interruption, fluctuations in stock values and again the potential for insured values to become insufficient, again resulting in under insurance and shortfalls in claim payments.

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Nevertheless, there are clear signs that we won't be reverting to the soft market conditions we saw a few years ago and insurers will continue to focus on rewarding businesses with good cyber risk management practices.

The way forward

Businesses should consider how they react to these challenges and ensure that their insurance arrangements and sums insured continue to keep in step with any changes in a very challenging market. The required approach will of course vary from business to business and could involve:

- A renewed focus on the management and reduction of business risk and supply chain risk
- A more frequent reassessment of insurance values
- Extending business interruption values and indemnity periods
- Transferring risk through contracts or outsourcing
- Self-insuring certain risks
- Long-term insurance agreements at fixed rates, where available.

As a leading independent insurance broker, we are committed to working in partnership with our clients and insurers to design practical solutions which address current and emerging challenges.

We have access to all leading rated insurers and direct access to Lloyd's of London. As such, we are well placed to seek out the best options for our clients, in terms of insurer, cover and premium.

Our capabilities also include on-site and off-site Risk Management and Loss Prevention advice, from our highly qualified risk managers. They can help identify and mitigate risks to the business and so reduce the potential for losses that can interrupt the business and add to the costs of insurance cover.

We are committed to guiding you and your business through these challenging times.

THE INSURANCE ACT 2015 | DUTY OF FAIR PRESENTATION

Since 12th August 2016 The Act has created a 'duty of fair presentation' which applies when arranging your insurance.

The background to the legislation is to achieve fair outcomes for all parties providing all parties act in an honourable and reasonable way.

This means you and we have an obligation to:

- Disclose material circumstances that you know or ought to know about the risk. This includes senior management knowledge, the knowledge of the insurance buyer, and also information held in the business that could be established following a reasonable search.
- Disclose sufficient information in a reasonably clear and accessible manner to put a prudent insurer on notice that it needs to make further enquiries to reveal such material circumstances.
- Not make a misrepresentation

There is a continuing duty for you to disclose all material circumstances when arranging your insurance and to disclose any changes in material circumstances when renewing and/or during the lifetime of the policy. This includes any changes that may occur between receiving our quotation and placement or renewal of policies.

So, what is a material circumstance? This is information an insurer would regard as likely to influence the acceptance and assessment of your risk proposal. If you are in doubt as to whether to disclose certain information, our advice is to do so - tell us anything you think may be relevant.

Please note if it can be shown that you have made a deliberate or reckless failure to disclose issues of relevance insurers may avoid the policy.

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BROKER REMUNERATION

In arranging these insurances, we receive remuneration from insurers by way of commission which is included within the quoted renewal premiums. You are entitled, at any time, to request information regarding the amount of remuneration we have received as a result of placing your insurance business.

The core services which would be delivered by Your service team are provided in detail later in this report but will include the following:

- Information gathering
- Programme design
- Development of broking strategy
- Preparation of market presentations
- Broking and placement of covers
- Invoicing
- Production of insurance registers
- Production of policies, certificates, letters of indemnity etc.
- Ongoing day to day administration
- Site visits where required
- Claims review meetings where required
- Provision of claims data and analysis
- Assistance with insurer surveys and risk management queries.

PROPOSED STRATEGY

Policy Type	Notes
Commercial Combined	Negotiate renewal terms with existing insurers, Aviva Insurance Limited, as our preferred/recommended insurer to the Town and Parish Council Sector.
Aviva GPA/Sickness/Business Travel	Negotiate renewal terms with existing insurers, Aviva Insurance Limited, as our preferred/recommended insurer to the Town and Parish Council Sector.

BROKER REMUNERATION

In arranging these insurances, we receive remuneration from insurers by way of commission which is included within the quoted renewal premiums. You are entitled, at any time, to request information regarding the amount of remuneration we have received as a result of placing your insurance business.

The core services which would be delivered by Your service team are provided in detail later in this report but will include the following:

- Information gathering
- Programme design
- Development of broking strategy
- Preparation of market presentations
- Broking and placement of covers
- Invoicing
- Production of insurance registers
- Production of policies, certificates, letters of indemnity etc.
- Ongoing day to day administration
- Site visits where required
- Claims review meetings where required
- Provision of claims data and analysis
- Assistance with insurer surveys and risk management queries.

RENEWAL PREMIUM SUMMARY

The table below represents our recommendations in relation to your requested covers.

Policy Type	Insurer	Effective Date	Quoted / Renewal	Premium (GBP)	IPT (GBP)	Admin Fee (GBP)	Total (GBP)
Commercial Combined	Aviva Insurance Limited	01/06/24	Renewal	4,254.07	510.48	35.00	4,799.55
Aviva GPA/Sickness/Business Travel	Aviva Insurance Limited	01/06/24	Renewal	378.56	45.43	35.00	458.99
Total				4,632.63	555.91	70.00	5,258.54

Please find details of the recommended cover overleaf.

Renewal Comparison

For your reference, we have summarised below the cost of your renewal for last year. All amounts in the below table include tax and fees where applicable.

	Cover at Start of Last Year (GBP)	Renewal Quote (GBP)
Commercial Combined	4,355.17	4,799.55
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Total (GBP)	4,792.86	5,258.54

COMMERCIAL COMBINED RENEWAL QUOTATION

We are pleased to offer you the following renewal terms.

Your needs and requirements for insurance cover have been assessed as undernoted:

A Combined policy designed to provide cover for the general insurance needs of a business. Cover may include a combination of material damage to property i.e. buildings, contents and stock, plus business interruption, money, goods in transit, personal accident, professional indemnity, legal expenses, products liability and legal liabilities to the public and employees

Insurance designed to provide cover in respect of the main insurable risks faced by the business including

- Loss or damage to the business assets
- Liabilities to others as a result of the business activities
- The effects of loss or claims to the business

With terms which reflect the business's ability to absorb or transfer these risks.

Insurance with Insurers who are financially stable or strong.

Based on the information provided in:

- the 'Fact Find' document completed by you
- Our meetings with you.

Insurance with Insurers who provide a claims service recommended by us.

Recommended Quote

As a result of our market activity, we recommend the following quote which we have obtained for you:

Policy	Commercial Combined
Insurer	Aviva Insurance Limited
Premium (Including IPT) (GBP)	4,799.55
Cover Period	01/06/2024 to 31/05/2025

Our recommendation follows the negotiation of renewal terms with your existing insurer, Aviva Insurance Limited, as our preferred/recommended insurer to the Town and Parish Council Sector.

Our renewal negotiations have included the following amendments to cover following this year's pre-renewal review:

1. Employers Liability Section – Clerical wages for 2024/25 increased to £65,000
2. Employers Liability Section – No. of Councillors increased from 8 to 9
3. Public/Products Liability Section – Estimated Income including Precept for 2024/25 increased to £108,000
4. Fidelity Guarantee/Commercial Crime – Limit of Indemnity increased to £231,000

All other sums insured/estimates remain unaltered with index linking applied where applicable.

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The following index linking indices have been applied for June 2024:

Buildings	2.8%
Contents	1.0%

We are pleased to confirm that the Fidelity/Crime Cover Excess has been reduced from £15,000 to £10,000 from this year's renewal date.

All other Policy terms and conditions remain unaltered from last year.

Please note that your insurers have made renewal subject to survey in respect of the Salem Chapel as it is unoccupied. However, they have noted that it is possibly going to be sold, so they will discuss full details with the surveyor when the policy is renewed and make a final decision then as to whether definitely required – confirmation to follow but for your awareness at this point.

We are providing a Personal Recommendation in relation to the suitability of this product to meet your needs.

Insurer Selection

Following a review of your requirements and based upon our knowledge of insurance markets we have not sought alternatives and have only considered your current insurer.

We believe that the terms presented provide a scope of cover and premium that is appropriate to satisfy your insurance requirements having taken into account the specific nature of your own risk profile.

Financial Security

The credit rating for the recommended insurer from Standard & Poor's is:

Insurance Provider	Standard and Poor's Rating
Aviva Insurance Ltd	A+

Attached please find a summary of the main terms of the recommended quote.

COMMERCIAL COMBINED COVER SUMMARY

POLICYHOLDER	Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
INSURER	Aviva Insurance Limited
POLICY NUMBER	100760548CCI
PERIOD OF INSURANCE	01/06/2024 to 31/05/2025

Scope of Cover

Material Damage

Business Interruption

Money & Assault

Employers Liability

Public Liability

Products Liability

Fidelity Guarantee

Legal Expenses

Official Indemnity

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Item no. 7

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

Council Offices, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina. NP13 3BN

TEL: 01495 292817 e-mail: clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk

Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk/RFO Mrs N Horner - Assistant Officer

Community Grant Application Form 2024/25

Please contact the Town Clerk if you require any information or assistance in completing the application form.

Section 1: Contact Information

TOWN COUNCIL

Applicant Name/Group Name:

LLYS-Y-CAFE Social Club

Contact Name:

THE OFFICIALS FAD T.V. HOFFMAN

Contact Address:

LLYS-Y-CAFE
BLAINA
ABERTULLERY
NP13-3HA

Contact Email Address:

~~nantygloandblainatc.co.uk~~

Daytime Telephone Number:

~~01495 292817~~

Your position in the group:

OFFICIAL

Section 2: Tell us about your group

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

Children/Education

☐

Arts & Culture

☐

Health & Wellbeing

☒

Elderly

☒

Environment

☒

Active Lifestyles

☐

Other

☒

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CHICAGO, ILL. 60607

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

GARDEN
BEES + BUTTERFLIES
CRAFT ACTIVITIES
CLUB MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

In what year was the group founded?

1998

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

☐

No

☒

If yes, please provide the registered number:

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

☒

Please provide details of your organisations bank / building society account (if your application is successful, the grant will be paid directly to this account):

Name of bank/building society account:

LLYS-Y-CAPEL SOCIAL FUND

Name of bank or building society the account is held with:

BARCLAYS PLC

Sort code:

Account number:



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

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

Yes

☐

No

☒

If so, where from and how much?

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

GARDEN & CRAFT REQUISITES FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES &
WELL BEING

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

GARDEN VISIBILITY & health & wellbeing of RESIDENTS &
TOWNSFOLK

Section 4: Independent Reference Details

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

Deborah Jones.

Job title/occupation of referee:

Scheme Coordinator.

Referee contact address:

10 Lly y Capel
Blaina
Aberbillery NP13 3HA.

Email address:

deb.jones@taicalon.org.

Daytime phone number:

[REDACTED]

Relationship to the group
(if any):

Scheme Coordinator.

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)

LLYS-Y-CAPEL Social Fund

Signature:

[Signature], T.V. Hoffmann. — D. Hayward D. Hayward

Date:

19th April 2024



Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel

Hem no. 8

Inspection of Salem Chapel – April 2024

MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th	Report of any defects And action taken
Main Hall of Chapel	/	/	/	/	Dry rot detected & floor part lifted. Investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Organ supports re-enforced Sept 2016.
Fire Alarm	/	/	/	/	Inspected 13/01/2024
Emergency Lighting	/	/	/	/	Inspected 23/01/2024
Stairways to Balcony	/	/	/	/	Stair lift not working, evidence of damp on walls. Plaster fallen from underneath of stairs due to damp.
Balcony	/	/	/	/	Damage to display possibly from insects/woodworm. Greater evidence of damp on walls.
Toilets	/	/	/	/	Removed due to dry rot
High Street Entrance	/	/	/	/	Black mould on walls & ceilings
Office	/	/	/	/	Broken window secured
General Condition	/	/	/	/	General deterioration evident
Fire Extinguishers	/	/	/	/	Inspected & replaced as necessary 06/12/22
Observations/ Other Comments	/	/	/	/	J Dyer opinion is fungal rot. Valuation survey carried out by J Dyer 3/11/21. Exhibition items delivered to Westgate Hotel, Newport & awaiting to go to Blaen y Cwm Primary.
ANNEX BUILDING					
Ground Floor	/	/	/	/	Mould/rot on floor, appears very unsafe
Kitchen	/	/	/	/	Mould/rot on floor. Floor rotten through and unsafe. Kitchen units coming away from wall due to severe damp in floor of kitchen. R Dunham inspected.
First Aid Box	/	/	/	/	
Seating Area	/	/	/	/	Considerably amount of new damp on interior walls to left side of premises entering from the back entrance. Extensive rotting of wooden floor.
Stairway to upper room	/	/	/	/	
Upper Room	/	/	/	/	
Rear Entrance	/	/	/	/	Paint flaking off walls
Side Door	/	/	/	/	
Observations/ Other Comments					General deterioration evident. Alarms sounded & checked 5 th & 7 th Feb - OK
Statutory annual Inspections:					Dragon Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 06/12/2022. Dragon Fire & Security Systems (Intruder & fire alarms) 23/01/2024.

Signed: *T Hughes*

Town Clerk **Date:** 14/05/24
Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

