

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

Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk/RFO

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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 10th June 2025**.

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 10th June 2025 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 / consideration - copies attached):

- i. Training Dates for May and June 2025.
- ii. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: Post-legislative scrutiny.

- iii. Consultation re: Proposals to improve the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales.
- iv. Innovative Practice Conference – 2nd July 2025.
- v. National Awards Conference Report 2025 – please see page 33 – Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council commended for 'Best Initiative addressing the Cost of Living Crisis.
- b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information – copy attached):
Invitation to an exhibition 'Art After Hours @ Goldworks'.
- c) Gwent VAWSADV (for information – copy attached):
Email and poster re: Lunch and Learn event on 24th June 2025.
- d) Orbits IT (for information & consideration – copy attached):
Proposal re: project quote for the end of Windows 10 support and transfer to Windows 11.

4. Nativity Set owned by Town Council:

Members are invited to consider the future use of the Nativity Set owned by the Town Council i.e. possible donation to a local church such as St Peter's Church, Blaina.

5. 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 June 2025.

6. Purchase of Welsh Flags for display throughout Nantyglo & Blaina:

Members are politely requested to ratify the purchase of 15 Welsh Flags (5' x 3') for display throughout Nantyglo & Blaina. Contractor Mr Russell Dunham informed that it would be more cost effective if the flags were purchased in time for them to be put up at the same time the VE Day flags were taken down. The cost of the flags are £56.86.

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) *None received to date.*

8. Salem Chapel:

Members are invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- May 2025 (copy attached).

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TRAINING DATES - MAY - JUNE 2025 / DYDDIADUA HYFFORDDIANT - MAI - MEHEFIN 2025

From Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Thu 22/05/2025 10:41

To Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Cc Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

6 attachments (556 KB)

Overview Modules 2024.pdf; Overview Modules 2024 CYM.pdf; Bursary letter up to Feb 2025-26 £100 Cym.docx; Bursary letter up to Feb 2025-26 100.docx; Free Places Form 2025-2026 Cym.docx; Free Places Form 2025-2026.docx;

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below details of Remote training sessions that are taking place in May - June 2025 please bring this to the attention of your council.

The cost of the training is £42 for members or £65 per person for non-members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place.

There is a bursary available to eligible councils.

Session times are listed against the module date – Please note all training sessions are in English unless otherwise stated.

Date	Day	Module	Time
21/05/2025	Wednesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
12/06/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
23/06/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm

28/05/2025	Wednesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
10/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
24/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm

27/05/2025	Tuesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
09/06/2025	Monday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
25/06/2025	Wednesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm

04/06/2025	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
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10/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
24/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm

11/06/2025	Wednesday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
23/06/2025	Monday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm

05/06/2025	Thursday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
17/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm

28/05/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
05/06/2025	Thursday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
09/06/2025	Monday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm

25/06/2025	Wednesday	Health & Safety - Module 7	6.30-8.00pm
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24/06/2025	Tuesday	Introduction to Community Engagement - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm
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02/06/2025	Monday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
10/06/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
26/06/2025	Thursday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm

03/06/2025	Tuesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm

26/05/2025	Monday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm
25/06/2025	Wednesday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm

21/05/2025	Wednesday	Community Engagment Part II - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm
30/06/2025	Monday	Community Engagment Part II - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm

04/06/2025	Wednesday	Equality and Diversity - Module 14	6.30-8.00pm
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19/06/2025	Thursday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
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12/06/2025	Thursday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm
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29/05/2025	Thursday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
19/06/2025	Thursday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm

28/05/2025	Wednesday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm
16/06/2025	Monday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm

25/06/2025	Wednesday	Devolution of Services / Community Asset Transfer - Module 19	6.30-8.00pm
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04/06/2025	Wednesday	Well-being of Future Generations/Sustainability - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm
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17/06/2025	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm

11/06/2025	Wednesday	Community Asset Transfer - Module 23	6.30-8.00pm
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05/06/2025	Thursday	Finance and Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
30/06/2025	Monday	Finance and Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm

11/06/2025	Wednesday	Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25	6.30-8.00pm
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18/06/2025	Wednesday	Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26	6.30-8.00pm
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04/06/2025	Wednesday	Nature Project Management - Module 27	6.30-8.00pm
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Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: Post-legislative scrutiny

From Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Thu 22-May-25 10:49 AM

To Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Dear Chair and Clerk

Welsh Government is currently undertaking post-legislative scrutiny of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. 2025 mark ten years since the Well-being of Future Generations (Vanessa) Act 2015 gained Royal Assent. Following a decade of the existence of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, the Equality and Social Justice Committee considers it timely to undertake post-legislative scrutiny of the impact and effectiveness of the legislation.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are to consider:

how far the intended objective of the Act is being achieved;
any action which should be taken to improve the effectiveness of the Act and its implementation, including any specific drafting issues;
whether the review and reporting requirements under the Act are being met;
the effectiveness of guidance made under the Act;
how far the Act has been legally binding and enforceable; and
how far the Act has represented, and will continue to represent, value for money.

Responses are invited by 11 June 2025.

A link to further information can be found at:

<https://business.senedd.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=45792>

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response and submitting evidence. In order to inform the response I am seeking members views on the content of the inquiry by the end of the day, **Tuesday 3 June 2025**. My email is cjones@onevoicewales.wales

In addition, your Council is welcome to respond directly to the inquiry and you may have already received an invitation to do so.

I look forward to hearing from you

Thanks very much

Yours sincerely

Catrin

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Outlook

Gwella'r broses o weinyddu a gorfodi'r Dreth Gyngor yng Nghymru/Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales

From Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>**Date** Fri 16-May-25 2:06 PM**To** Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>**Cc** Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>**Annwyl Gadeirydd a Chlerc**

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru ar hyn o bryd yn ymgynghori ar gynigion i wella gweinyddiaeth a gorfodi'r Dreth Gyngor yng Nghymru. Mae'r cynigion yn cynnwys:

- newid y gyfraith i greu proses orfodi decach, dryloyw a mwy effeithiol ar gyfer Treth y Cyngor sydd heb ei thalu
- darparu canllawiau i helpu cynghorau i gasglu dyledion Treth y Cyngor yn decach ac yn gynaliadwy

Mae yna gwestiynau ymgynghori ac mae ymatebion yn cael eu gwahodd erbyn 23 Gorffennaf 2025.

Mae copïau o ddogfennau'r ymgynghoriad a'r ffurflen ymateb i'w cael yn:

https://www.llyw.cymru/gwellar-broses-o-weinyddu-gorfodir-dreth-gyngor-yng-nghymru?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=&gl=1*rgcoci*_ga*MTE0MTM5NDI4MS4xNzI5NjgwNjgw*_ga_L1471V4N02*czE3NDcyOTg3NDkkbzlkZzEkdDE3NDcyOTkzMMDMkajAkbDAkaDA.

Bydd Un Llais Cymru yn paratoi ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad hwn. Byddwn yn ddiolchgar i dderbyn eich ymateb neu ymateb ddrafft erbyn diwedd y dydd, dydd Mercher 9 Gorffennaf 2025. Fy ebost yw cjones@onevoicewales.wales.

Yn ogystal mae croeso i'ch Cyngor ymateb yn uniongyrchol i'r ymgynghoriad.

Edrychaf ymlaen i glywed gennych.

Diolch yn fawr iawn

Yn gywir

Catrin

Dear Chair and Clerk

Welsh Government is currently consulting on proposals to improve the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales. Proposals include:

- changing the law to create a fairer, transparent and more effective enforcement process for unpaid Council Tax
- providing guidance to help councils collect Council Tax debt more fairly and sustainably

There are consultation questions and responses are invited by 23 July 2025.

A copy of the consultation documents and the response form can be found at:

https://www.gov.wales/improving-administration-and-enforcement-council-tax-wales?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=#response-and-block

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation. I would appreciate your response or draft response by the end of the day, Wednesday 9 July 2025. My email is cjones@onevoicewales.wales.

In addition, your Council is welcome to respond directly to the consultation.

I look forward to hearing from you

Thanks very much

Yours sincerely

Catrin

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Innovative Practice Conference – Wednesday 2 July 2025

From Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Mon 12-May-25 12:29 PM

To Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

2 attachments (188 KB)

Agenda Innovative Practice Conference 2 July 2025 Draft.pdf; Booking Form attendees 2 July 25.doc;

Dear Chair/Clerk,

Innovative Practice Conference – Wednesday 2 July 2025

I am writing to advise you that the Conference will take place at Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells on Wednesday 2 July 2025, and I am pleased to enclose the latest draft of the Conference programme for your attention.

The theme of this year's conference will be 'Planning Ahead for a Challenging Future.' We are hopeful that Jayne Bryant MS the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government will be opening the Conference and in addition we have a wide range of presenters from other organisations including from our sector which will provide delegates with a highly informative opportunity designed to help develop planning at the local level in support of our communities.

I am hopeful that there will be a record attendance level at this year's Conference and I would encourage all Councils to consider booking a place(s) at the earliest opportunity.

I am attaching a booking form for your use and I look forward to welcoming your Council to this years' Conference.

Yours faithfully,
Lyn Cadwallader
Chief Executive

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Booking Form Innovative Practice Conference Wednesday 2 July 2025

Name of Council:	
Name of attendee:	
Email:	
In which language do you want your papers?	English / Welsh / Bilingual
Any dietary/other requirements?	

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Delegate tariffs	No. of Delegates	Price per delegate	Cost £
OVW member councils		£67	
Non-member councils		£105	

Name:	Position:
Telephone:	Email:

BACS: sort code 30-94-85 Account number 16689360 or by cheque payable to One Voice Wales

Please note this booking form constitutes a legally binding contract. In the unlikely event of the conference being cancelled, One Voice Wales will automatically make a full refund but disclaim any further liability.

Cancellations not notified two weeks prior to the conference date will still be charged at the full rate.

Please return your completed form to:

tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales or One Voice Wales, 24c College Street, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire, SA18 3AF

One Voice Wales – Innovative Practice Conference

‘PLANNING AHEAD FOR A CHALLENGING FUTURE’

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

10:15am – 3:45pm

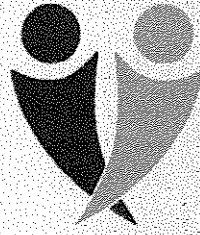
Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

10:15	Welcome	Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair One Voice Wales
10:20	Setting the Scene for Today's Conference	Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive One Voice Wales
10:30	What are the priorities for the community and town council sector in the period up to the 2027 elections?	Jayne Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government
11:00	Addressing issues relating to democratic health in the local council sector	Speaker to be confirmed
11:40 - 12:00	Short Break	
12:00	The National Lottery Community Fund – Opportunities for community and town councils to seek grant funding	Speaker to be confirmed
12:40 - 1:30	Lunch Break	
1:30	Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Benefits for Local Councils	Paul Funnell, Powys County Council
2:00	Community Asset Transfers – An exploration of the issues to be addressed by local councils	Speaker to be confirmed
2:30 - 2:40	Short Comfort Break	
2:40	Break Out Groups: Community Boundary Reviews – {Planning Ahead) Cost of Living Crisis and its impact on local people throughout Wales Local Places for Nature – Implementing your Section 6 duty plans Asbestos in Public Buildings – What we need to know	Paul Egan One Voice Wales & Emma Smith Society of Local Council Clerks Emma Goode and the Cost-of-Living Team To be confirmed Clare Phillips, Head of Public Sector Collaboration, Ystadau Cymru
3:25	Plenary Session – To receive short feedback reports from Leaders of Break Out Groups	One Voice Wales to co-ordinate
3:45	Conclusion of Conference	Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair One Voice Wales

Conference Sponsored by:



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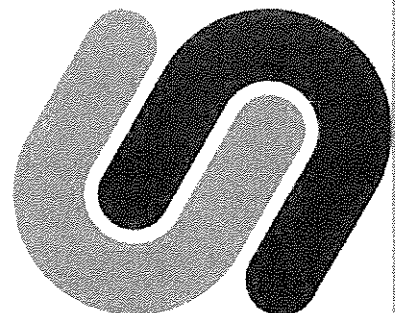
27 MAY 2025

TOWN COUNCIL

National Awards Conference Report 2025

Main Conference Sponsors:

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1. INTRODUCTION

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2. NATIONAL AWARDS

Best Governance Initiative; Joint Winners: Pontypool Community Council and Blaenavon Town Council; Category Sponsor Advert: CCLA 7-9

Best Democratic Health Initiative; Winner: No outright Winner; Category Sponsor Advert: Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru 10-11

Best use of Digital Resources; Winner: Rhossili Community Council; Category Sponsor: Data Cymru 12-13

Best Sustainability Initiative; Joint Winners: Mumbles Community Council and Carmarthen Town Council; Category Sponsor Advert: Blachere Illuminations UK 14-16

Best Environmental Project; Winners: Mumbles Community Council; Category Sponsor Advert: Cotton & Sons Cleaning Supplies Ltd 17-19

Best Heritage & Culture Initiative; Winners: Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council; Category Sponsor Advert: at-creative 20-21

Best Tourism Initiative; Winner: Guilsfield Community Council; Category Sponsor: Visit Wales 23-24

Best Community Engagement Initiative; Winner: Blaenavon Town Council; Category Sponsors: Co-production Network for Wales & WCVA 25-26

Best Youth Engagement Initiative; Joint Winners: Pontypool Community Council and Mold Town Council; Category Sponsor: Children's Commissioner for Wales 27-28

Best Older Persons Initiative; Winner: Mumbles Community Council; Category Sponsor: Age Cymru 29-30

Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project; Winner: Buan Community Council; Category Sponsor: Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) 31-32

Best Initiative addressing the Cost of Living Crisis;

Winner: Mumbles Community Council; Category Sponsor: Wales Centre for Public Policy & Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) 33-34

Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council Service of the Year 2025;

Joint Winners: Mumbles Community Council and Guilsfield Community Council; Category Sponsor Advert: Unity Trust Bank PLC 35-37

3. PRESS RELEASE

National Awards Conference 2025 shows best of Welsh Councils! 38-41

4. SPONSORS, EXHIBITORS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Introduction



**Lyn Cadwallader,
Chief Executive**

“Welcome to the One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2025, to our delegates, suppliers, exhibitors and sponsors, including Clerks and Councillors who are attending for the first time. I hope you find our conference informative, thought-provoking and stimulating, and that you will take a lot of valuable information and learning back to your communities.

It is great to see so many of you engaging with this year’s National Awards and a new record number of applications were received, making it a difficult task for the independent assessment panel. We have a list of Council delegates who have given up their time to showcase their projects at today’s Council Presentation workshops, which always prove very successful and enjoyable for the delegates. The conference outlines the positive outcomes achieved by One Voice Wales and Community & Town Councils during 2024-25. We will discuss the challenges and opportunities for the sector, as well as update you on some of the new thematic programmes of work we will be undertaking in the coming year; we hope our newly-launched website will become a central digital repository for our member Councils.

There has been a healthy level of membership numbers during the last twelve months, with now over 92% of all councils in membership of One Voice Wales. This is the highest membership level since our formation in 2004. Plans are already in place to drive increases in membership in 2025-26. We continue 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 2025-26. We continue to drive new organisational developments including improved communications channels and a revised and improved governance structure for One Voice Wales.”

Conference Agenda




One Voice Wales National Awards Conference Wednesday 30 April 2025
Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd LD2 3SY



Agenda

- 09:30 – 10:30** **Registration / Networking / Exhibitions**
- 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**
Use of Digital Resources (A, B, C)
Sustainability Initiatives (Councils A, B, C)
Environmental Projects (Councils A, B, C)
Governance Initiatives (Councils A, B, C)
- 12:20 – 13:30** **Lunch and Exhibition**
- 13:30 – 14:30** **Innovative Practice Sessions Part 2**
Devolution of Services or Assets / Cost of Living Initiatives (Council A, B, C)
Tourism / Heritage & Culture Initiatives (Council A, B, C)
Youth Engagement / Older Persons initiatives (Council A, B, C)
Community Engagement / Democratic Health Initiatives (Councils A, B, C)
- 14:30 – 14:50** **Event Sponsor's Address:** Unity Trust Bank
- 14:50 – 15:50** **Awards Ceremony**
1. Best Governance Initiative
2. Best Democratic Health Initiative
3. Best Use of Digital Resources
4. Best Sustainability Initiative
5. Best Environmental Project
6. Best Heritage and Culture Initiative
7. Best Tourism Initiative
8. Best Community Engagement Initiative
9. Best Youth Engagement Initiative
10. Best Older Persons Initiative
11. Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project
12. Best Initiative addressing the Cost-of-Living Crisis
Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council Service of the Year award –
sponsored by Unity Trust Bank
- 15:50 – 16:00** **Chair's Closing Comments**
- 16:00** **End of Conference**

Conference sponsored by: 

Award Categories

1.Best Governance Initiative

2.Best Democratic Health Initiative

3.Best use of Digital Resources

4.Best Sustainability Initiative

5.Best Environmental Project

6.Best Heritage and Culture Initiative

7.Best Tourism Initiative

8.Best Community Engagement Initiative

9.Best Youth Engagement Initiative

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**The Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council
Service of the Year 2025**

Award Category	Best Governance Initiative
Joint Winners	Pontypool Community Council and Blaenavon Town Council
Highly Commended	Cwmaman Town Council Criccieth Town Council
Commended	Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council Abergavenny Town Council St. Bride's Major Community Council
Winning Submissions	<p>Pontypool Community Council: Link to PDF on website: https://pontypoolcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/PCC-Annual-Report-2024.pdf; link to Issuu: https://issuu.com/pontypoolcommunitycouncil/docs/pcc-annual-report-2024</p> <p>Blaenavon Town Council: In May 2024, Blaenavon Town Council published their annual report for the period 2023/24 in compliance with their duty under s52 Local Government (Wales) Act 2021. As the first tier of local government, the Council were committed to demonstrate that they are a firm advocate for its residents ensuring their views are heard across all levels of government. Visit: https://blaenavontowncouncil.co.uk/</p>
Award Sponsors	CCLA Investment Management

Joint Winners: Pontypool Community Council

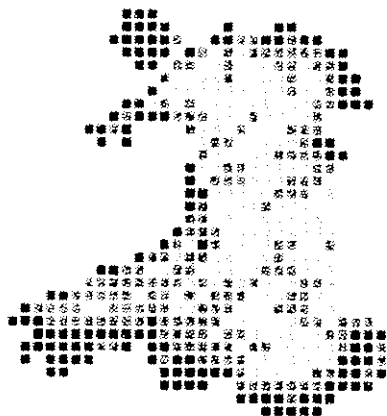
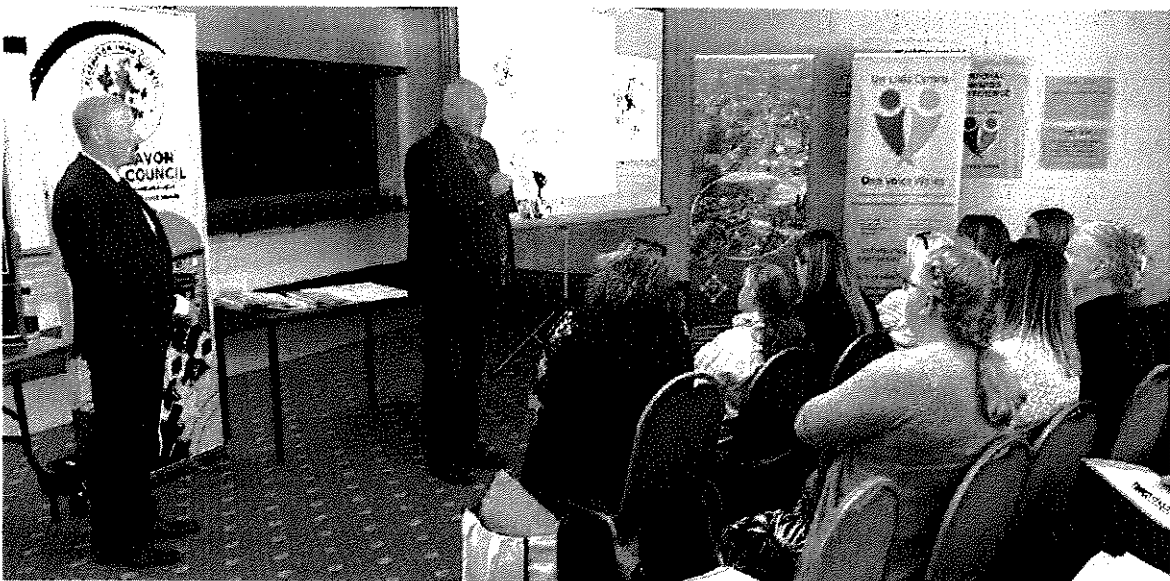
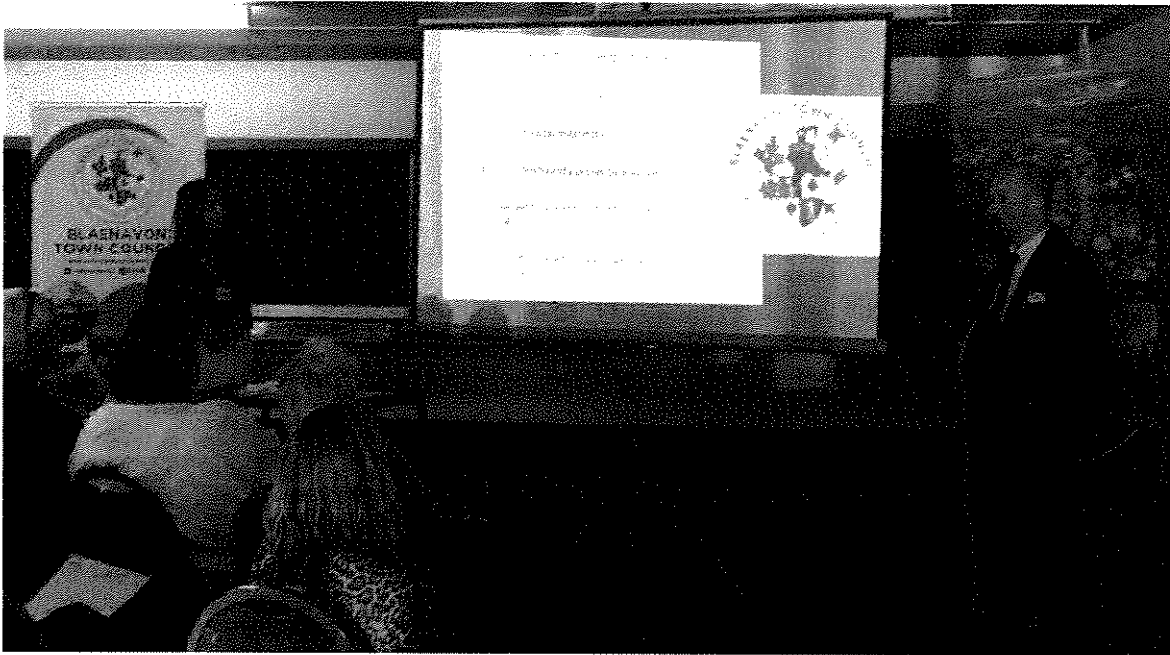


Joint Winners: Blaenavon Town Council



Award Category	Best Democratic Health Initiative
Winner	No outright winner
Highly Commended	Blaenavon Town Council
Commended	n/a
Winning Submission	n/a
Award Sponsors	Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

Highly Commended: Blaenavon Town Council



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Award Category	Best use of Digital Resources
Winner	Rhossili Community Council
Highly Commended	Abergavenny Town Council Cwmbran Community Council
Commended	Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council
Winning Submission	<p>We believe Rhossili Community Council (RCC) deserves the Best Use of Digital Resources Award for how we've embraced digital resources; visit our website (rhossilicc.org.uk) and our community Hwb (www.rhossilihwb.wales) to see why! In 2022, with new leadership (chair, clerk, and councillors), supported by local volunteers, we secured Welsh Government funding to overhaul the RCC website and develop a complementary community website. The RCC website update aimed to make all aspects of council business more accessible whilst also providing a useful resource – from navigating the Planning process to reporting potholes! The livelier interface presents our 'core business' information along with a more light-hearted video summary of council activity.</p> <p>The Hwb was developed by the community, for the community using innovative, interactive approaches to engage all stakeholders. It is core in promoting local initiatives such as our foodbank and beach cleans, providing a vibrant, dynamic digital noticeboard "for all things Rhossili."</p>
Award Sponsors	Data Cymru

Winners: Rhossili Community Council



Award Category	Best Sustainability Initiative
Joint Winners	Mumbles Community Council and Carmarthen Town Council
Highly Commended	Carmarthen Town Council Cyngor Cymuned Llanengan
Commended	Abergavenny Town Council
Winning Submissions	<p>Mumbles CC: is committed to sustainability through its Sustainable Procurement Policy, approved on 11th February 2025. This policy ensures procurement decisions align with carbon reduction, responsible sourcing, and local economic development. Working alongside The Big Climate Leap through Swansea Environment Centre, the initiative embeds sustainability in council operations, ensuring long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits. MCC has committed to reducing its carbon footprint by 25% by 2028, supporting the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and Environment (Wales) Act 2016.</p> <p>Carmarthen TC: in 2024, the Children's Climate Conference returned, bigger and better than ever. In collaboration with the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and the National Botanic Garden of Wales, and with the support of Menter Gorllewin Sir Gâr and Carmarthen Together, the event was hosted at the Halliwell Conference Centre. This venue provided spacious rooms, breakout areas for group activities and outdoor spaces, all of which contributed to an outstanding experience for the nine participating primary and secondary schools.</p>
Award Sponsors	Blachere Illuminations UK

Joint Winners: Mumbles Community Council

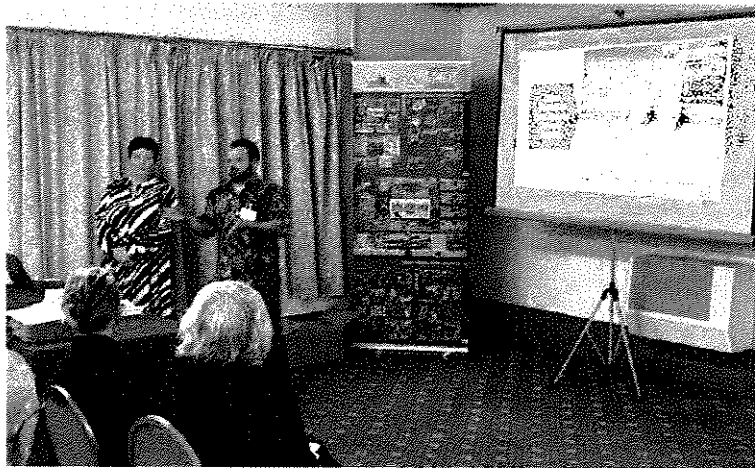


Joint Winners: Carmarthen Town Council



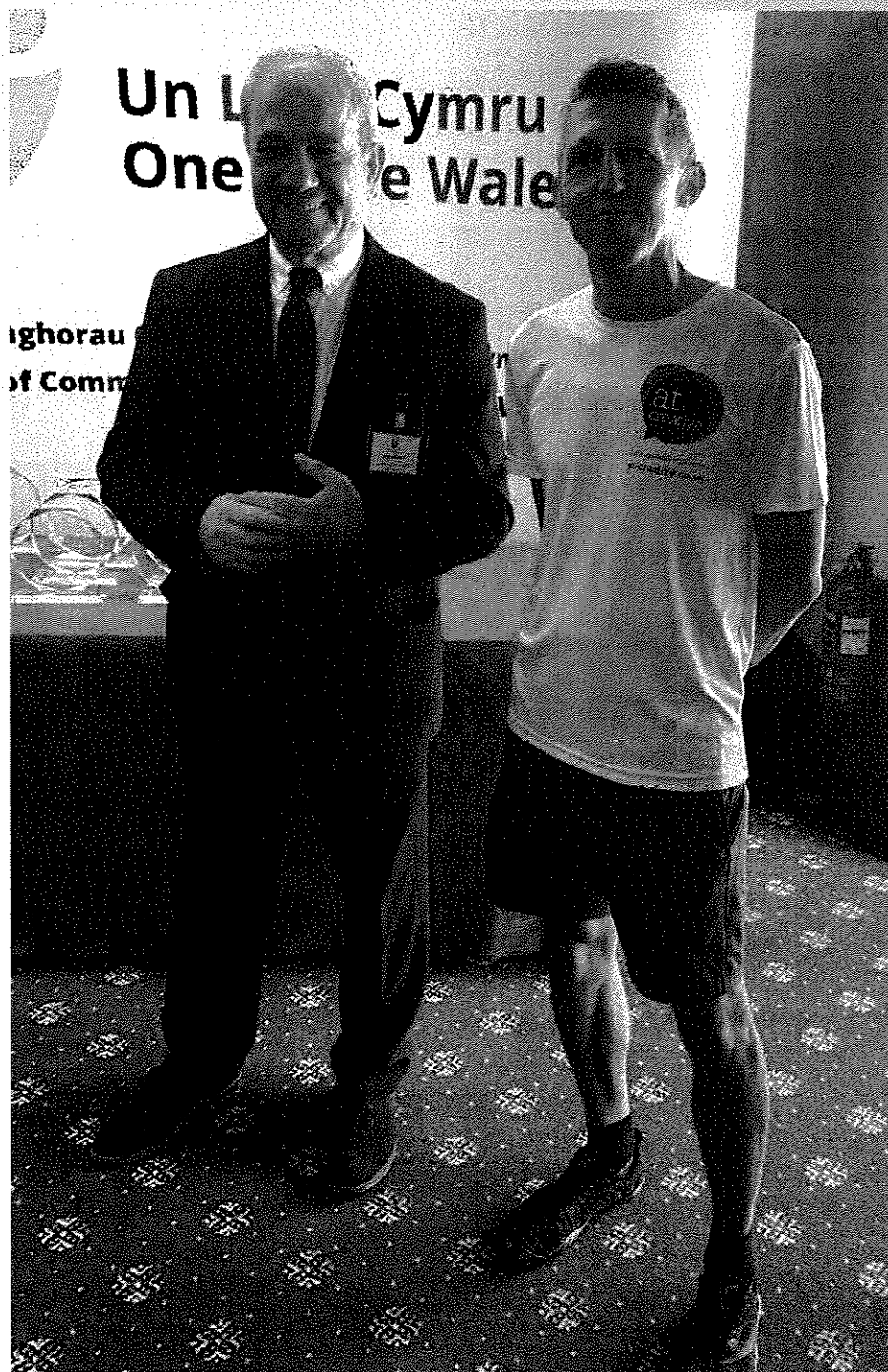
Award Category	Best Environmental Project
Winner	Mumbles Community Council
Highly Commended	Criccieth Town Council
Commended	Carmarthen Town Council Pyle Community Council Kerry Community Council Mold Town Council Rhossili Community Council
Winning Submission	<p>The Four Seasons Sensory Garden – A Sustainable and Inclusive Green Space: the Sensory Garden was developed to create an accessible, engaging, and environmentally beneficial space for the local community. Led by the council, the project was made possible through National Lottery grant funding and undertaken in partnership with Llanfair House in Mumbles, a rehabilitation centre. This collaboration not only supported the garden's creation but also provided valuable engagement opportunities for individuals at Llanfair House, fostering a sense of community and environmental stewardship. Designed to provide year-round sensory stimulation through a diverse selection of plants, textures, colours, and scents, the garden ensures inclusivity for all visitors, particularly those with sensory processing needs. A standout feature is the Rain Garden, a nature-based solution that enhances the sensory experience while contributing significantly to local environmental resilience. Community engagement and publicity play a central role in this project. As a community council, we are committed to actively promoting and raising awareness of this initiative, particularly in recognition of our key funding partners.</p>
Award Sponsors	Cotton & Sons Cleaning Supplies Ltd

Winners: Mumbles Community Council



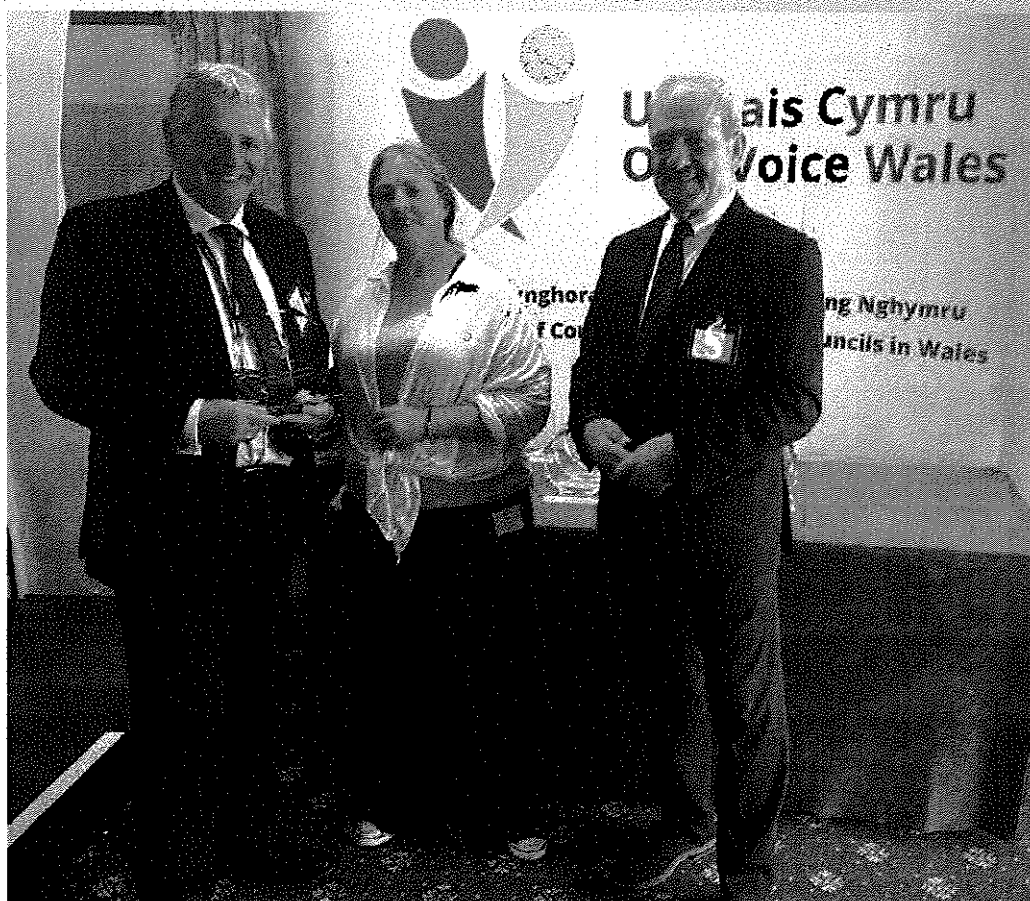
Award Category	Best Heritage and Culture Initiative
Winner	Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council
Highly Commended	Mold Town Council
Commended	Abergavenny Town Council Buan Community Council Pontypridd Town Council
Winning Submission	<p>Our Council has owned the Bedwas Workmen's Hall for over 40 years, the building has just had its 100th Birthday and to coincide with the celebrations we were able to start major restoration work on the building. The building is run by a volunteer management committee on behalf of the Council, and the Council employs a caretaker to look after the day to day running of the building and open for members of the public. The hall was opened in 1924 for the Miners and their families of Bedwas Colliery, the Miners paid their penny a week towards the costs of the building. The hall was built on two levels and is a magnificent building, which is listed. The Community Council purchased the building off Rhymney Valley District Council in 1979.</p> <p>The hall is a very busy local amenity, the upstairs is now used for many different events with bands, the arts, local school productions, award ceremonies and private parties. We installed a modern Cinema projector in 2024. Downstairs all rooms are hired out throughout the day and evening with an eclectic mix of classes from Slimming world to pottery. The hall is not subsidised by the Council. Time and weather had taken its toll on this grand building with water ingress through flat roofs being a major issue over the past decade, and another big issue was the access to the upstairs area for our elderly and/or disabled residents as there was no lift.</p> <p>In 2022 we formed a Lottery Application committee, and called the project Bedwas Workmen's Wind tight, Water tight and Accessible.</p>
Sponsors	AT Creative Ltd (at-creative)

**Winners: Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Community Council
(were not present to receive the award)**



Award Category	Best Tourism Initiative
Winner	Guilsfield Community Council
Highly Commended	Abergavenny Town Council
Commended	Cyngor Cymuned Llanengan
Winning Submission	<p>Guilsfield's Winter Fayre, held on 30th November 2024, represents a highly successful tourism initiative that actively supports the local tourism economy while promoting the unique cultural heritage of the village. Guilsfield is a rural village with much to offer, but until recently, it lacked an organised tourism strategy. The Winter Fayre was introduced as a way to highlight the village's rich history, attract visitors, and support local businesses through tourism-focused activities. The Council identified the need to provide an accessible, engaging event that would showcase the village to a wider audience, increase footfall, and contribute to the local economy.</p> <p>The event took place across multiple key locations in the village, including the Community Centre, Old School, Kings Head, and Guilsfield Parish Church of Saint Aelhaiarn. These venues were selected not only for their accessibility but also because they reflect the village's heritage, making the Fayre a true representation of Guilsfield's identity. The Church's clock tower tours were a key feature, offering visitors a unique glimpse into the village's history, further enhancing the tourism appeal of the event.</p> <p>The Winter Fayre has proven to be an effective way of boosting the local tourism economy, and there has already been discussion among residents and businesses about making the event an annual fixture. The success of the Fayre has also led to the exploration of additional tourism initiatives, such as guided walking tours and collaborations with local accommodation providers to offer special packages for visitors.</p>
Award Sponsors	Visit Wales

Winners: Guilsfield Community Council



Award Category	Best Community Engagement Initiative
Winner	Blaenavon Town Council
Highly Commended	Aberporth Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Llanengan Crickhowell Town Council
Commended	Rhossli Community Council Guilsfield Community Council Cwmaman Town Council Buan Community Council Llanfalfrechan Town Council Maesteg Town Council
Winning Submission	<p>Blaenavon Town Council is committed to strengthening community ties and ensuring local voices shape the town's future. The Council organised two key engagement events in 2024: the Community Wellbeing Day in May and the Blaenavon Civic Event in October. These initiatives represent a proactive approach to community engagement, demonstrating a commitment to genuine partnership with residents. We sought to foster genuine dialogue between residents, community groups, and public sector partners. The aim was to create a platform for collaborative and constructive conversations, empowering residents to actively participate in shaping their community.</p> <p>The events served multiple purposes: gathering valuable insights directly from the community, celebrating the contributions of local individuals and organisations addressing pressing community needs (including the cost-of-living crisis), promoting available local services and support networks, and raising awareness of the Council's role, especially significant during its 50th anniversary. This approach allowed engagement with a broad community spectrum.</p>
Award Sponsors	Co-production Network for Wales and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

Winners: Blaenavon Town Council



Award Category	Best Youth Engagement Initiative
Joint Winners	Pontypool Community Council and Mold Town Council
Highly Commended	Gullsfield Community Council
Commended	Carmarthen Town Council Llanelli Town Council
Winning Submission	<p>Pontypool Community Council: the Council has allocated a budget of £90,000 for youth provision in the 2024/25 financial year and for planned this into our budget for future years. This funding, in partnership with Torfaen Play Service and Torfaen Youth Service, aims to provide accessible and engaging youth clubs across the Pontypool area. These clubs held throughout the Pontypool district, cater to young people aged 8 to 18, offering a range of activities designed to support personal development, well-being, and social engagement. There are significant benefits of this investment, demonstrating how youth provision positively impacts young people, their families, and the wider community. By providing safe spaces, skill-building opportunities, and social support, this initiative helps create a stronger, healthier, and more cohesive community. The funding covers staffing, resources, activity costs, and venue hire, ensuring that services remain accessible and free at the point of use.</p> <p>Mold Town Council Youth Council Initiative - the Council has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to youth engagement by establishing and reinvigorating the Mold Town Youth Council. This initiative ensures that young voices within the community are heard and represented. Recognising the importance of engaging with young people at different stages of their education, Mold Town Council has introduced two Youth Councils. The Youth Councils meet quarterly with representatives from Mold Town Council. Mold Town Council have worked hard to engage with schools over the last 12 months, encouraging participation and ensuring that young people feel empowered to influence change and decisions within their community. This initiative is a shining example of how local councils can engage and inspire the next generation to become proactive members of their community, making Mold a safer and more cohesive place for all.</p>
Award Sponsors	Children's Commissioner for Wales

Joint Winners: Pontypool Community Council



Joint Winners: Mold Town Council



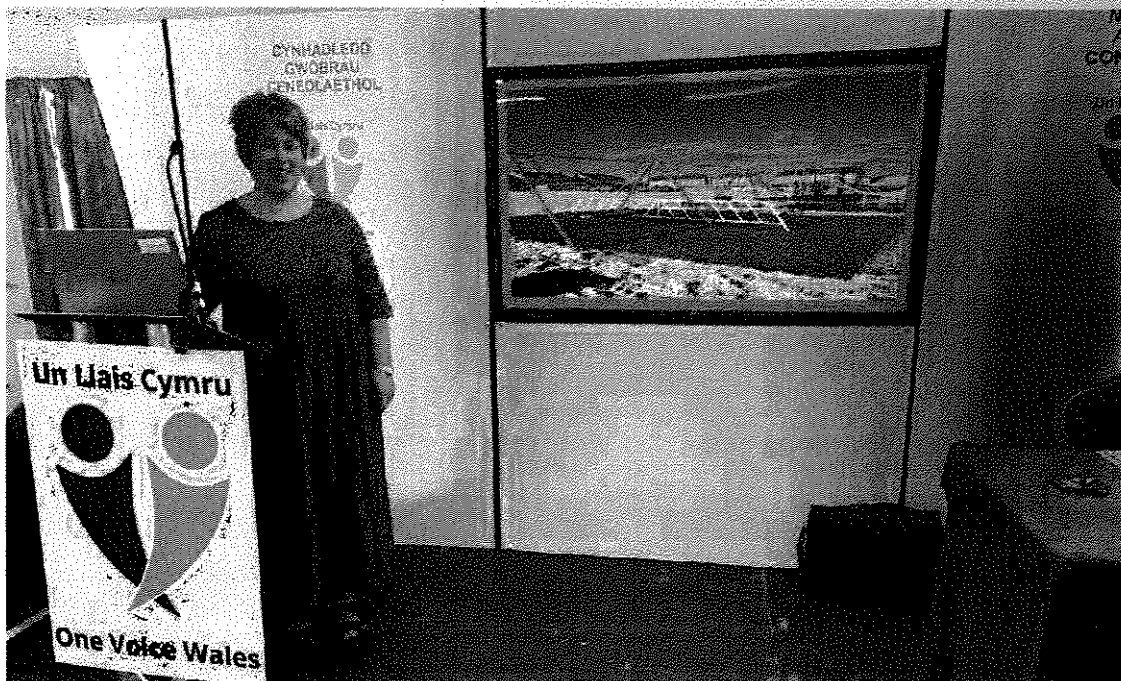
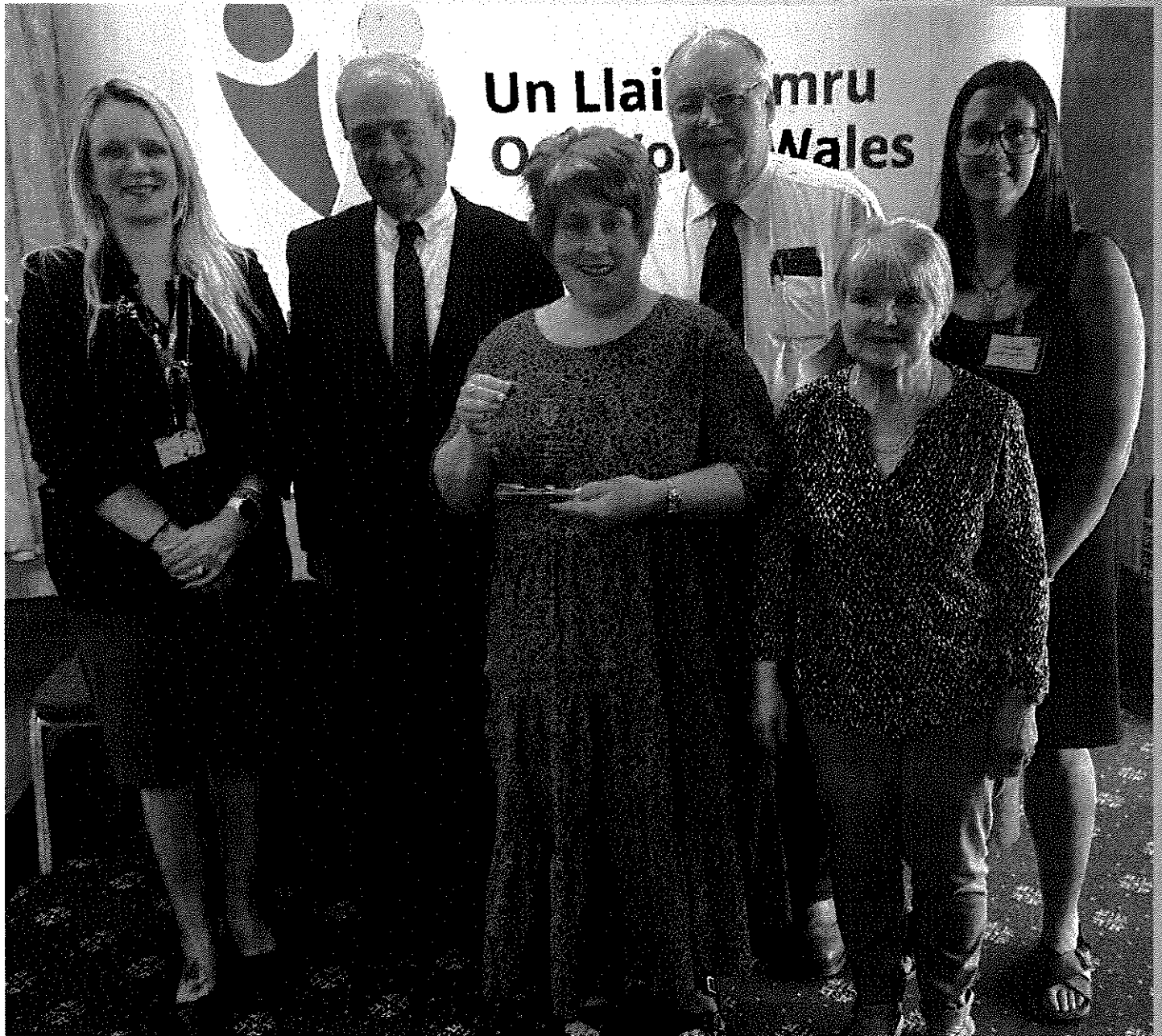
Award Category	Best Older Persons Initiative
Winner	Mumbles Community Council
Highly Commended	Llandough Community Council Blaenavon Town Council
Commended	Pontyclun Community Council Cwmaman Town Council Llandrindod Wells Town Council
Winning Submission	<p>Coffee with Friends was launched to address social isolation and improve community engagement among older residents after Covid. Recognising the challenges many seniors face in staying connected, the Council created a welcoming, inclusive space where older persons can meet regularly, enjoy conversation, and build relationships. The initiative was designed to be simple yet impactful providing a relaxed setting where participants could gather over coffee, share experiences, and engage in meaningful discussions. Council staff and volunteers facilitate sessions, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all attendees. However it does have be said that our volunteers are simply amazing week in and week out they turn up to ensure the sessions run smoothly. The project has since grown into a vital social lifeline, offering companionship, support, and a sense of belonging. Coffee with Friends has become more than just a social gathering—it is a vital initiative that fosters friendships, combats loneliness, and enhances the well-being of older persons. We are proud of the positive change this program has brought to our community.</p>
Award Sponsors	Age Cymru

Winners: Mumbles Community Council



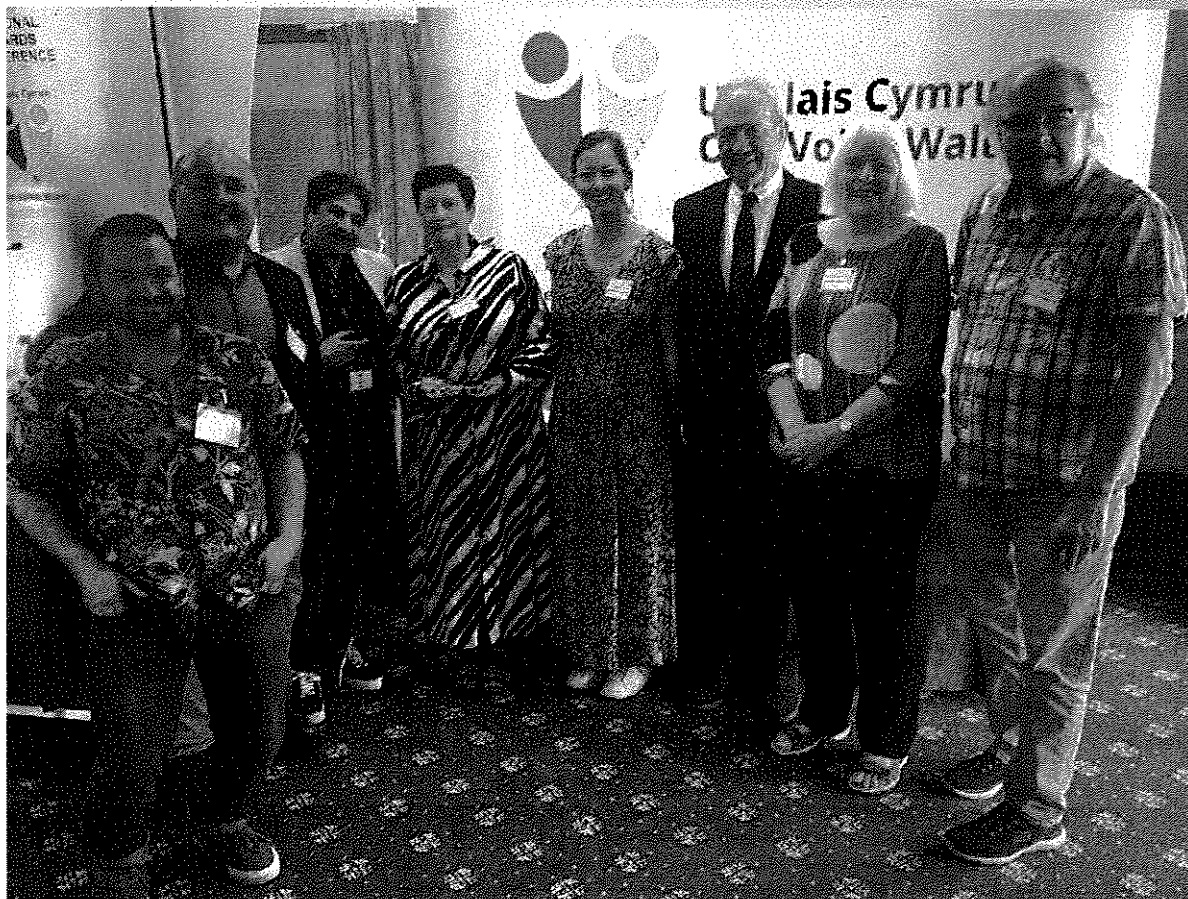
Award Category	Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project
Winner	Buan Community Council
Highly Commended	n/a
Commended	<p>Abergavenny Town Council</p> <p>Pyle Town Council (Environmental Project)</p>
Winning Submission	<p>Buan is a small community on the Llŷn Peninsula, including the villages of Rhydyclafdy and the areas of Boduan and Cheidio. There are 3 wards in the area, 10 councillors, with 5 from the board on Bachellaeth Ward which is in the Rhydyclafdy area. Rhydyclafdy is a small village near the traditional Llŷn Peninsula in Gwynedd County. It lies 2.8 miles to the West of Pwllheli. The village is part of the population of Buan with Boduan, and together there is a population of 469. During September 2023, a letter was received from Eleri Williams who lives in the village, regarding the development of the old school field into a playground for the children of the area. The members of the Community Council were invited to join them on the Playground, and it was up to our Deputy to decide the Council and its group. Community officials, Gwynedd Council visited the site, noting in general that the site is a suitable and safe site. Gwynedd Council owned this field, but Buan Community Council paid the tenancy on it annually. There were discussions between the County Councillor, Estates Department, and Gwynedd Council in order to obtain clear guidance. This project was funded by the UK Government through the UK Common Prosperity Fund and Mantell Gwynedd who administered the Gwynedd Voluntary Sector Fund Grant; there was a contribution from the Sustainable Development Fund and AONB (Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and the Welsh Government funded the benches, the tables on the planting beds for the Playground. Buan Community Council also contributed financially to the Project.</p>
Award Sponsors	Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

Winner: Buan Community Council



Award Category	Best Initiative addressing the Cost of Living Crisis
Winner	Mumbles Community Council
Highly Commended	Gwernyfed Community Council Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council Cwmaman Town Council Cwmbran Community Council Haverfordwest Town Council Mold Town Council Welshpool Town Council
Commended	Llanfairfechan Town Council Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council Aberporth Community Council
Winning Submission	<p>1. With the support of grant funding from Swansea City Council, we developed an innovative, community-focused initiative to enhance social, physical, and emotional well-being through free play-based activities. Recognising the post-Covid challenges of social isolation, financial strain, and limited access to enriching experiences, we transformed community spaces into hubs for inclusive, outdoor play sessions. These events create opportunities for children to engage, socialise, and learn, while reinforcing a sense of community spirit in safe, welcoming local spaces.</p> <p>2. Mumbles Crop Collective (MCC) is a community-led initiative designed to combat the rising cost of living by empowering residents to grow their own food. With economic uncertainty and increasing food prices affecting households, MCC provides accessible, sustainable solutions to food security challenges. The initiative offers hands-on learning opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, ensuring that growing food is both achievable and sustainable.</p> <p>3. Support Café is a welcoming community hub designed to provide residents with free advice and support over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. Launched at The Ostreme Centre, the café offers a relaxed environment where individuals can access essential services and information.</p> <p>By combining play-based solutions, food support, and key funding partnerships, this initiative exemplifies a collaborative approach to tackling the Cost-of-Living crisis, delivering lasting benefits for families and the wider community.</p>
Award Sponsors	Wales Centre for Public Policy & Welsh Local Government Association

Winner: Mumbles Community Council



Award Category

**The Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council Service
of the Year 2025**

Joint Winners

**Mumbles Community Council
and
Guilsfield Community Council**

**Highly
Commended**

N/A

Commended

N/A

**Winning
Submission**

n/a

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Joint Winners: Mumbles Community Council



Joint Winners: Guilsfield Community Council



Press Release

One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2025 shows best of Welsh Councils!

Community and Town Councils across Wales, met up recently for their 2025 awards ceremony at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd, sponsored by Unity Trust Bank. The annual ceremony, hosted by One Voice Wales - the national representative body for Community and Town Councils - celebrated and showcased the work of local Councils across many strategic and operational categories. A rigorous assessment process was evidence of the integrity of the awards.

In opening the event, Councillor Mike Theodoulou, Chair of One Voice Wales, paid tribute to the achievement of so many Councils who delivered grassroots services at the heart of their communities. He also spoke of changing times and the importance of establishing a true understanding of the role and purpose of Community and Town Councils.

Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, thanked Councils for engaging with the event and praised their commitment to sharing their innovations. Lyn described the challenges facing Councils across Wales, which included helping communities recover from COVID-19 and respond to the Cost-of-Living crisis. Supporting biodiversity, managing community asset transfer, and delivering vibrant, sustainable place-based services were further significant challenges. Councils could also play a key role in driving local economies.

Community and Town Councils were subject to more scrutiny than ever. Issues arising from external audits had brought increased focus on their work, alongside a recent Senedd Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector and a review of the democratic health of community and town councils. Community Boundary Reviews also painted an uncertain future for many Councils.

Lyn reminded delegates of how One Voice Wales supported Councils in meeting these challenges. The Awards provided a unique opportunity to show how Councils had performed against independent, third-party assessment. Lyn described record membership levels, increased funding from Welsh Government and a Memorandum of Understanding with the WLGA to help manage an important partnership. Important governance changes were also being put in place within One Voice Wales.

Lyn looked forward to attending the forthcoming WLGA Annual Conference, which would be an opportunity to showcase the work of One Voice Wales and the achievements of many Community and Town Councils. Other partnership work was also continuing.

A comprehensive programme of training was in place to help local Councils navigate a rapidly changing world, as Lyn encouraged Councils to take advantage of the development opportunities provided by One Voice Wales. He also commended the Finance and Governance Toolkit as an important resource to help Councils manage their affairs.

The conference launched the new One Voice Wales website. The new site was a repository for Community and Town Councils to access important information, developed in collaboration with colleagues at CORE Internet Solutions. Many delegates took the opportunity of a digital "site visit" facilitated by One Voice Wales staff. A refreshed and rebranded logo had been developed alongside the new site.

Lyn took questions across such as the governance arrangements of One Voice Wales, Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, anti-racism policies and how to ensure representation on Councils from young people. Inspired by the Chief Executive's words, delegates soon knuckled down to a series of thematic Workshop Practice Sessions, which identified and disseminated Best Practice in areas such as environmental projects, digital solutions, youth engagement and tourism.

A workshop about community engagement and democratic health was typical of the lively sharing of information sharing that took place on this busy day. Delegates listened with interest as the Mayor of Blaenavon Town Council, Councillor Nathan Matthews and Sophie Johnson, Community Well-being Development Officer, skilfully described how community engagement helped inform Council strategy in this historic Gwent town.

All eyes were on the awards though, and the afternoon session lifted the lid on the winners. Record entry levels had set a tough task for the judges, but the trophies were eventually allocated. Here is the full roll of honour:

1. Best Governance Initiative

**Pontypool Community Council and Blaenavon Town
Council
(Joint Winners)**

2. Best Democratic Health Initiative

No outright winner

3. Best Use of Digital Resources

Rhossili Community Council

4. Best Sustainability Initiative

**Carmarthen Town Council and Mumbles Community
Council
(Joint Winners)**

5. Best Environmental Project

Mumbles Community Council

6. Best Heritage and Culture Initiative

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

7. Best Tourism Initiative

Guilsfield Community Council

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Mumbles Community Council

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Buan Community Council

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Mumbles Community Council

13. The Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council Service of the
Year, sponsored by Unity Trust Bank:

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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 final challenge. Councils needed to return to their communities and “shout” about their achievements, he declared! These were challenging times for local democracy and Community and Town Councils were ideally placed to engage and galvanise communities.

Delegates left the arena, thrilled at what they had heard and excited about the future.

The 2025 Awards Conference was sponsored by Unity Trust Bank PLC.

A special thank you to Clover Rodrigues of the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) for once again organising the independent assessment panel for this year's Awards.

Thank you to the following organisations for giving their time and effort to assess a record number of applications:

Age Cymru - Victoria Lloyd



CADW - Polly Groom

Children's Commissioner for Wales - Lewis Lloyd

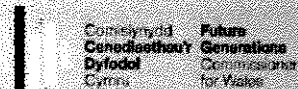


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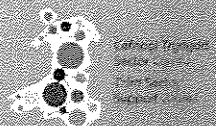
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Clover Rodrigues & Richard Lewis



One Voice Wales would like to express its appreciation to everyone who contributed to the hugely successful Annual National Awards Conference 2025.

Thank you to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show Society for their continued co-operation in organising the Hafod a Hendre venue.

Many thanks to Shirley and her team at 'Fingers and Forks' for the wonderful catering, and to 'Technegol' who set up the audio and technical services for the event.

Thank you to Nerys Hurford for the simultaneous translation throughout the day during the event.

**Visit our brand new website for further stories, case studies and photographs of the 2025 Conference:
<https://www.onevoicewales.wales>**

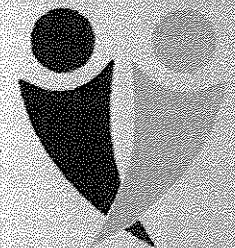
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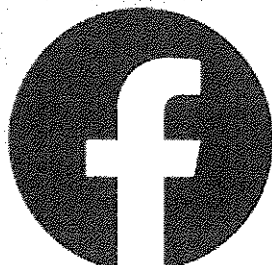
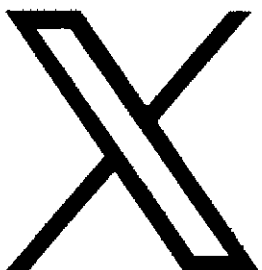
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Item no 3b

You're invited to "Art After Hours @ Goldworks"

From Georgia Winter <Georgia.Winter@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

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To n-btowncouncil@hotmail.co.uk <n-btowncouncil@hotmail.co.uk>



Good afternoon,

On the 24th June 2025, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at Goldworks, NP23 6GR, join us for an inspiring evening, as we unveil a vibrant new exhibition showcasing the work of a diverse range of talented artists, all under one roof!

This special event celebrates creativity in all its forms, set against the dynamic backdrop of our collaborative workspace. Whether you're an artist, creative professional, or simply an art enthusiast, this is a chance to connect, converse, and be inspired.

Our aim is to bring the creative community together and provide them with great professional connections for the future.

If you would like to attend, please book your place now, using the following link: [Event details for Art After Hours @ Goldworks: An Exhibition & Creative Networking Night - Blaenau Gwent Business Hub](#)

Kind regards,

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Gwent VAWDASV Lunch & Learn

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For this lunch and learn we have Ann Williams manager of the Live Fear Helpline discussing all the support the helpline can offer for professionals as well as victims of VAWDASV.

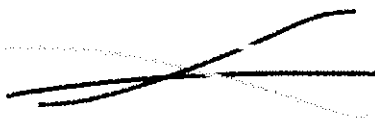


Tuesday 24th June 12.30pm - 1.30pm



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Good Morning,

The Gwent regional VAWDASV Team (Violence Against Women Abuse and Sexual Violence) is hosting a FREE Lunch and Learn session with Ann Williams, Manager of the Live Fear Helpline.

Live Fear Free is the free helpline for anyone experiencing VAWDASV or for anyone who is worried about someone. It is funded by the Welsh Government and is available 24/7 via phone, text and email.

The Lunch and Learn session will focus on raising awareness of the extensive support available for both professionals and victims of VAWDASV.

Please could you share this with your teams, staff and colleagues who may be interested in attending this lunch and learn.

The link to the booking page is also listed below:

<https://buytickets.at/gwentvawdasv/1697487>

There are also other dates booked in for later in the year if you are unable to attend this one!

Best wishes

Rhian Cook







**Swyddog Cyfathrebu ac Ymgysylltu |
Communication & Engagement Officer**

Swyddfa Comisynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau Gwent
| Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for
Gwent

Pencadlys yr Heddlu | Police Headquarters |
Llantarnam Parkway | Llantarnam | NP44 3FW

 [gwent.pcc.police.uk](https://www.gwent.pcc.police.uk)

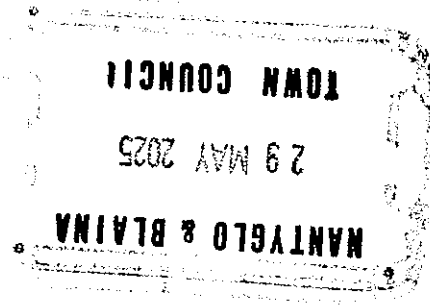
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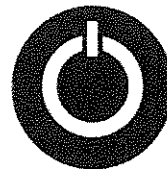
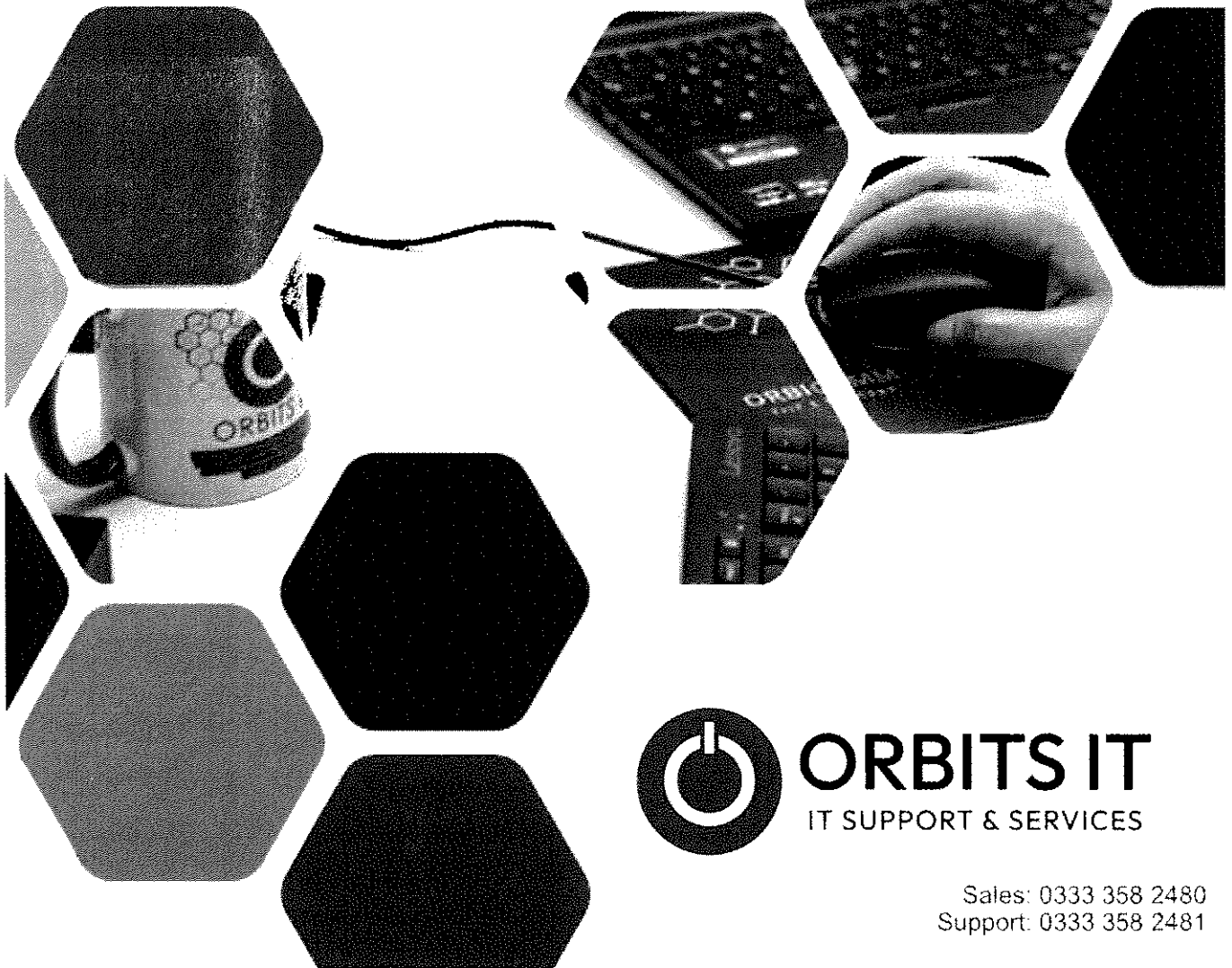
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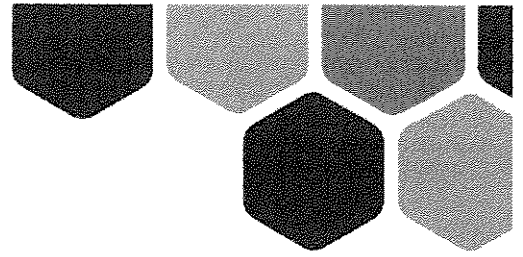
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ORB-3521
27/05/2025



ORBITS IT
IT SUPPORT & SERVICES

Sales: 0333 358 2480
Support: 0333 358 2481



Project Quote

Windows 10 support ends on **October 14, 2025**. No more updates. No more security patches. No more peace of mind. We're here to make sure you're ready for Windows 11—seamlessly, securely, and stress-free.

What Are Your Options?

Upgrade it – If your device is compatible, we'll upgrade it for you.

Replace it – If it's too old, we'll help you pick a new device, set it up, migrate your data, and recycle the old one responsibly.

Next Steps

1. **Check** - Audits and discussions have outlined the devices that need attention.
2. **Upgrade & Replace** – We're recommending we upgrade what we can and swap out what we cant.
3. **Test & Support** – We'll make sure everything works smoothly, and we're here if you need us.
4. **Recycle** – We'll dispose and recycle any machines we replace during this project for free.

 All Mandatory

Description	Price	Qty.	Amount
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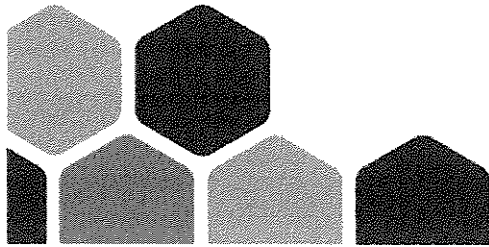
Windows 10 Upgrade to Windows 11	£45.00	2	£90.00
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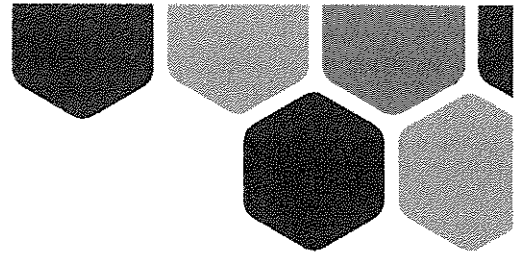
In place upgrade from Windows 10 > 11 for the following assets:	Each		
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- NBTC-11860
- NBTC-11861

Above Machines are currently Windows 10, which can be upgraded to Windows 11.

Upfront	£90.00
VAT @ 20%	£18.00
Total	£108.00





Yes, let's do it!

If you are happy with the quote, please sign below.

For the attention of

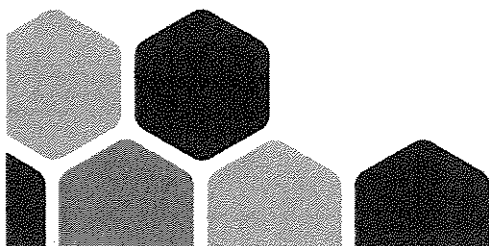
Orbits IT | Quotes

Original Business IT Solutions LTD (ORBITS IT)

Reference: ORB-3521

I have read and understood Orbits IT's proposal and would like to accept.

(Clerk)



Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel

Item no. 8

Inspection of Salem Chapel – May 2025:

MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK	7 th	13 th	22 nd	30 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 & Intruder Alarm	/	/	/	/	Inspected 29/04/2025
Emergency Lighting	/	/	/	/	Inspected 29/04/2025
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 & 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:					Churches Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 06/12/2022. Churches Fire & Security Systems (Intruder & fire alarms) 29/04/2025.

Signed: *T Hughes*

Town Clerk **Date:** 10/06/25
Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee