



News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 11 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. This edition is packed with our regular update from our *Cost of Living* team and *Local Places for Nature* programme, along with key news and opportunities to support your work in local communities.

NEWS

New Vice Chairman Cllr Gordon Hughes

Councillor Hughes has been associated with Community and Town Councils since 2017. He is currently Vice-chair of Corwen Town Council. His experience also includes representing Community and Town Councils on Denbighshire County Council's Standards Committee.

He is treasurer of Corwen Museum and volunteers with [Llais](#), an independent statutory body, set up by the Welsh Government to give the people of Wales a say in the planning and delivery of health and social care services. We are sure that Cllr Hughes will be valuable support to Our Chief Executive and to our Chairman



SLCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Rob Smith CEO of SLCC seen here with our own CEO Lyn Cadwallader at the SLCC Conference held in Hinkley Island this week

Great to see 2 clerks from Wales receiving National Awards

Tina Earley Clerk from Bay of Colwyn Town Council and Emma Smith the SLCC's Wales Policy Liaison Officer

Did you know - Councillors in France take it in turns to write the minutes !!



News from Welsh Government

Welsh Government

Consultation

FEATURED CONSULTATION

Data to monitor the additional learning needs (ALN) system

We want your views on proposed changes to data about the additional learning needs (ALN) system in Wales.

[Read more on this on gov.wales](#)

Climate Action News

Gweithredu ar Hinsodd Cymru
Climate Action Wales

£66m scheme protects hundreds of properties in Rhyl from flooding

The largest ever project within the Welsh Government's Coastal Risk Management Programme has officially been opened.

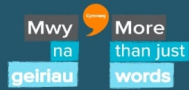
Major Newport flood scheme officially opened

A major scheme to reduce flood risk to more than **2,000 homes and businesses in the Lliswerry area of Newport** has been officially opened by Deputy First Minister, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, marking the start of Natural Resources Wales' (NRW) Be Flood Ready week.

Consultation

Climate Action news

More than just words Newsletter



Welcome to the Welsh Government's quarterly newsletter for Mwy na geiriau / More than just words – which is the Welsh Government's plan to strengthen Welsh language services in health and social care.

[View Document](#)

Welsh Government

Statistics & Research

RELEASED 22 SEPTEMBER TO 03 OCTOBER 2025

The **Digital and Data Blog** has been updated: StatsWales, our new Open Data Service has launched.

BUSINESS, ECONOMY AND INNOVATION

Domestic GB tourism statistics (overnight trips): annual report 2024

26 September 2025 Research

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020: April 2024 to March 2025

23 September 2025 Research

[View Document](#)

Perthyn Grants are back, and we are now accepting applications!

We are now open to applications from community groups **pan-Wales** for Perthyn grant funding to support with start-up fees during the early stages of developing social enterprises, co-operatives, community-led housing or community land trusts through the medium of Welsh.



Up to **£10,000** available per group (revenue funding)

Open: Friday 21st October 2025

Closes: Friday 21st November 2025 @12:00pm

Unregistered or newly registered community groups (registered within the last 12 months to the closing date 21/11/2024-21/11/2025)

Previously funded groups (through Perthyn) are **not** eligible to re-apply

Revenue funding to be spent & work to be completed by **31/03/2026**

Open to community groups **pan-Wales**

The main focus of this grant is the Welsh language, you will need to demonstrate the Welsh language is central to your initiative and future delivery.

(Additional points to applications that demonstrate second homes areas and challenges).

For any further information or enquiries please contact:

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Please share far and wide with your networks, clients, and your community. Application documentation is attached and can be found on the Perthyn webpage.

<https://cwmpas.coop/what-we-do/services/perthyn/>

LocalGov Daily newsletter

Register
here

Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme.

Communities that live within five miles of waste transfer stations or landfill sites could be eligible to apply for a grant for £5,000 to £49,999 to fund a biodiversity focussed project.

The fund is now open to applications.

If you think you might have a potential project that could be funded by this scheme, please get in touch with the Biodiversity Team here at One Voice Wales so we can advise.

[Read more](#)

Worth taking the time to view on the One Voice Wales Website:

Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils

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One Voice Wales has published model arrangements to help Councils run effectively and meet their statutory obligations. We also circulate statutory guidance and other guidance.

We keep these arrangements under regular review, helping Councils to maintain a sound governance framework.

Click on the the link to see the wealth of documents that are available

[For further information](#)

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Practice Development Notes:

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One Voice Wales has created Practice Development Notes - simple guides to help Councils understand key annual tasks and provide advice on other council activities.

[View Practice development Notes](#)

One Voice Wales Training Dates:

Councillors wishing to attend training modules please contact your clerk who will book you on to the relevant session.

[Click here to view dates](#)

Vacancies within Community and Town Council Sector:

Vacancies:

As part of annual membership, One Voice Wales offers member Community and Town Councils the opportunity to advertise sector-related vacancies, such as Clerks, Responsible Financial Officers, and other staff roles.

[Further Information on vacancies](#)

Save the Date

SLCC & OVW Joint Event 2025

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Managing a Changing Environment

Join us for an engaging virtual conference on Wednesday 12 November 2025, exclusively for clerks, local council employees and councillors in Wales, proudly hosted by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW).

With the timely theme 'Managing a Changing Environment', this event will explore how you can navigate evolving challenges in local governance.

Attendees will hear insights from Rob Smith, SLCC Chief Executive, and Lyn Cadwallader, OVW Chief Executive, as well as benefiting from practical training insights and expert-led sessions on employment, biodiversity and planning, including updates from Planning Aid Wales.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and strengthen your role in shaping resilient and sustainable communities.

Attention Event Attendees: Booking Made Easy!

Booking for this event is open to everyone, including non-members. If you're not already registered on our website, simply sign up. It's a quick and easy process!

Book here: [SLCC](#) | [SLCC & OVW Joint Event 2025](#)

Date

9:40am – 4:20pm, Wednesday 12 November 2025

Price

£65 + VAT for Members and Non Members

One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

Cost of Living Crisis Project News:**Cwmaman Community Pantry Project**

We're excited to introduce the Community Pantry, a wonderful initiative by Cwmaman Town Council dedicated to supporting the community, reducing food waste, and ensuring everyone has access to essential items.

[Watch Video](#)[Read case study](#)

Webinar Community Transport in Wales: Solutions for Your Residents Thursday 6 November[Register Here](#)

10am - 12pm Join us for an insightful webinar featuring a panel of councils who have successfully implemented or are actively developing community transport solutions to address a major challenge affecting residents across Wales. Learn practical strategies to improve mobility in your area, ask questions, and hear directly from councils with hands-on experience. Whether starting from scratch or enhancing existing services, this session will provide guidance and ideas to make a real difference for your residents

Local Places for Nature News:

Following our successful series of Section 6 webinars in April we are now offering your Council an opportunity to attend one of our Section 6 Report writing workshops. We will be running six workshops over 3 weeks, and these will be held online via Zoom.

During each online workshop Councils will have an opportunity to ask questions, share best practice and work with our Biodiversity Officers on their own Section 6 Reports

To book a place on one of the workshops please follow the link below and select one of the available dates.

[Book Here](#)

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