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# National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026 Report

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# Introduction



“Welcome to the One Voice Wales annual National Conference & Awards Ceremony 2026, to our delegates, suppliers, exhibitors, sponsors and awards assessors, including Clerks, Councillors and council staff 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 crucial information and shared experiences back to your councils and communities.

Having combined the Awards Conference with our National Conference for the first time, as well as introduce a fully digital awards application process via our website, I am very pleased to announce that we broke another record this year with the number of applications received from across all parts of Wales - it's great that so many of Councils engaged with us again this year.

The independent panel of assessors had an extremely difficult task but were able to introduce a more robust scoring and weighting assessment to ensure the final recommendations had followed a robust judging process. The conference outlines the achievements by One Voice Wales and Community & Town Councils during 2025-26.

There has again been a healthy level of membership numbers during the last twelve months, maintaining over 92% of all councils in membership of One Voice Wales. This remains the highest membership level since our formation in 2004. Plans are of course in place to continue to drive increases in membership numbers even more in 2026-27.

We continue to engage in closer working relations with Welsh Government, Audit Wales, WLGA, NALC, SLCC, NRW, National Parks, Police & Crime Commissioners, Planning Aid Wales, WCVA and many more organisations to build upon our successes in 2026-27. We continue to drive new organisational developments including improved communications channels and a revised and improved governance structure for One Voice Wales.

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Lyn Cadwallader,  
Chief Executive

# Conference Agenda

## One Voice Wales National Conference & Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 1 July 2026  
Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd LD2 3SY

### Agenda

- 09:30 – 10:15**      **Registration, Refreshments and Exhibition Time**
- 10:15 – 10:30**      **Welcome & Housekeeping: Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair of One Voice Wales**
- 10:30 – 11.00**      **Wavehill Research – Cost of Living Crisis Social Impact Assessment of Community & Town Councils and Cost of Living Crisis Team**
- 11:00 – 11:30**      **Heather Ferguson, Head of Policy and Engagement, National Lottery Community Fund Wales**
- 11:30 – 12:00**      Refreshments Break / Networking
- 12:00 – 12:30**      **Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Programme Manager, One Voice Wales**
- 12:30 – 13:00**      **Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales**
- 13:00 – 14:15**      Lunch / Exhibition Time
- 14:15 – 14:25**      **Presentation by Unity Trust Bank - Awards Ceremony Sponsor: Megan Reeves, Sid Kochar**
- 14:25 – 15:25**      **National Awards Ceremony – Presentation of individual awards by Sponsors plus opportunity for professional photographs**
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 Cost-of-Living Crisis Initiative
- Caerwyn Roberts Best Local Council Service of the Year awards:**  
Larger Council Award / Smaller Council Award - sponsored by Unity Trust Bank
- 15:25 – 15:30**      **Closing Remarks: Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair of One Voice Wales**

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# **Press Release**

## **Excellence, Innovation and Improvement; Capacity, Capability and Culture**

This year's One Voice Wales National Conference and Awards Ceremony held at the Royal Welsh Showground, offered an engaging and informative day, culminating in the announcements of the One Voice Wales National Awards Programme 2026 winners. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the dedication, innovation, and community spirit within Community and Town Councils.

This prestigious awards event celebrated the outstanding examples of good practice and community projects & initiatives delivered by Councils across Wales. Delegates turned up in large numbers to highlight and honour this collective achievement. But this was not just a day of celebration and congratulations. Delegates contemplated an important period in the history of Community and Town Councils due to the many recent changes across Wales and beyond.

The election of a new Welsh Government was a milestone in the political, social and cultural life of the nation. Changes at Westminster would also impact on the political landscape. Potential devolution to Wales and within Wales, could lead to a new future. Councillor Mike Theodoulou, Chair of One Voice Wales, set the context for these important discussions as he opened the event, this year sponsored by MVI Audio Visual.

To continue proceedings, Rhys Maher, from Wavehill Research highlighted some of the critical challenges facing our communities. Rhys set the context of the current cost-of-living crisis which continued to affect so many communities. Importantly though, he described the way in which many Councils across Wales had responded to this challenge. A recent Social Impact Assessment undertaken by Wavehill contained evidence to demonstrate the way in which the actions of Community and Town Councils had helped their residents navigate some very difficult challenges. With cost-of-living pressures rising sharply for households across Wales, Community and Town Councils continued to be one of the most immediate and visible layers of local support to which communities could turn.

The Social Impact Assessment provided important evidence of the contribution being made by so many Councils and the wider social value generated through local action, partnership working, volunteering, and preventative community support, much of it delivered through the most acute period of cost-of-living pressures. The Assessment highlighted the evidence-based outputs and key themes of this important work. £25.97m of value had been created for communities across Wales, For every £1 Councils invested, communities gained nearly £5 in value.

Questions came in both Welsh and English from delegates as the conference seized on the impact of Community and Town Councils in this important area.

Heather Ferguson, Head of Policy and Engagement, National Lottery Community Fund Wales then told the packed hall how Lottery funding could help sustain communities, delivering a comprehensive package of support for all types of communities. Factors such as local impact, local identity, collaboration, diversity and inclusion played important parts. Heather described the detailed funding arrangements and the requirements which applicants needed to follow. She also presented a case study of a project which had benefited from £63,300 of grant funding and outlined initiatives planned for the future.

Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Officer in One Voice Wales, continued the theme of local impact, as she explained the importance of local environmental factors to communities. How we managed our environmental assets and habitats were critical to biodiversity planning and securing a better future for future generations, she said. Collaboration, collective action and networking were critical to success. Rachel's team were committed to helping Councils meet their biodiversity obligations, through initiatives such as a grants programme and digital training opportunities.

Rachel's colleagues were also on hand to help run a range of "market stalls" which showcased the work of One Voice Wales. The stalls displayed the work of Local Places for Nature and Cost-of-Living crisis and provided an opportunity for delegates to view the One Voice Wales website.

A key feature of the day was an important address from the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, Lyn Cadwallader.

Lyn underlined the challenges facing Councils. But he also identified the unique opportunity to influence the role of Community and Town Councils and define their very purpose. Councils were at a crossroads, he advised.

The election of a new Welsh Government created a new landscape for the future of local government. A new vision was within our grasp. Issues around the capacity and capability needed to be addressed to improve confidence in the work of Councils and encourage engagement with communities. The development of a new cultural identity would set the framework for this work.

The Chief Executive highlighted many tools available to Council to improve the way they worked, such as the Finance and Governance Toolkit. The One Voice Wales Manifesto set down key themes for the future of the Community and Town Council sector.

The Chief Executive took questions from an enthusiastic audience as he invited feedback on the development of a Capacity, Capability and Culture Programme for Community and Town Councils to take these matters forward. Delegates asked about mandatory training for Councillors, equality and diversity, relationships with Welsh Government and the media and the effectiveness of Charters.

One Voice Wales could take a proactive approach in the development of a Capacity, Capability and Cultural programme. An audit of existing arrangements could commence this initiative. One Voice Wales had an important opportunity to develop a legislative programme to help establish the purpose of the Community and Town Council sector, taking advantage of the opportunity arising from the election of a new Welsh Government.

The One Voice Wales Awards demonstrated the potential of Community and Town Councils to meet this challenge. Megan Reeves and Steve Kochar from Award sponsors Unity Trust Bank showcased the work of the bank and introduced the awards to an excited ensemble of guests and delegates.

The award categories reflected the many challenges which Councils were required to meet, addressing issues around governance, democratic health, digital solutions and sustainability. Contributions to the environment, culture and tourism were also recognised, alongside work for particular groups within society.

We also presented two special awards for the best larger and smaller Councils. These awards, named in honour of former President Caerwyn Roberts, went to Bridgend Town Council and Criccieth Town Council respectively.

Well done to all the winners!

Councillor Theodoulou drew the proceedings to a close, encouraging Councils to continue this success but also to rise to the challenge of preparing for a new and exciting future. 2026 was a unique opportunity to change our culture and learn lessons for the future. Collaboration would be key. "Learn how to achieve through others" was his message to delegates.

***David Collins, One Voice Wales***

# **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**

**10. Best Older Persons Initiative**

**11. Best Devolution of Service or Asset  
Project**

**12. Best Cost of Living Crisis Initiative**

**Caerwyn Roberts Award for Best Local  
Council Service 2026 - Larger Councils**

**Caerwyn Roberts Award for Best Local  
Council Service 2026 - Smaller Councils**

# Best Governance Initiative 2026 Menter Llywodraethu Gorau 2026

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## Winner:

# Bridgend Town Council

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**Highly Commended:**

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**Criccieth Town Council**  
**Pontypool Community Council**  
**Mumbles Community Council**  
**Llanelli Town Council**

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# Best Governance Initiative 2026

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Lead Assessors:



**Commended Projects:**

**Pontyclun Town Council (2 projects)**  
**Pontarddulais Town Council**  
**Neath Town Council**  
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**Winner:**

**(No outright winner)**

**Highly  
Commended:**

## Welshpool Town Council

**(No Commended Projects)**

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## Winner:

# Bridgend Town Council

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Award Sponsors:



Lead Assessors:



Highly Commended:

**Welshpool Town Council**  
**Aberporth Community Council**

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# Best Use of Digital Resources 2026 Defnydd Gorau o Adnoddau Digidol 2026

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Commended Projects:

**Mold Town Council**  
**Pontypool Community Council**  
**Coedffranc Town Council**  
**Cwmbran Community Council**  
**Abergavenny Town Council**  
**Caernarfon Town Council**

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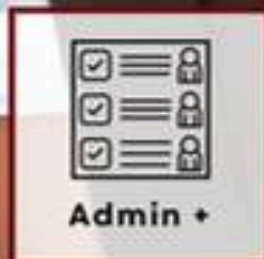
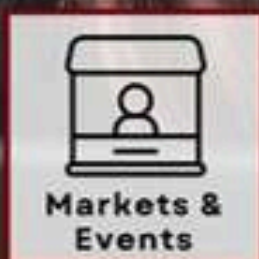
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## Winners:

# Criccieth Town Council

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Lead Assessors:



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## Highly Commended:

### Cwmbran Community Council

### Pontypool Community Council

(2 projects)

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## Commended Projects:

### Bangor City Council (2 projects)

### Mumbles Community Council

### Pontyclun Town Council

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## Winners:

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## Highly Commended:

# Gresford Community Council Criccieth Town Council

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Lead Assessors:



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daclus tidy

## Commended Projects:

**Pontypool Community Council (3 projects)**

**Bangor City Council (2 projects)**

**Cwmbran Community Council**

**Coedffranc Town Council**

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## Winner:

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# Best Heritage & Culture Initiative 2026

## Menter Treftadaeth a Diwylliant

### Gorau 2026

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### Highly Commended:

**Criccieth Town Council (2 projects)**  
**Blackwood Town Council (Miners Institute)**  
**Aberporth Community Council**  
**Pontyclun Town Council**  
**Bangor City Council (Bangor Heritage College)**  
**Cwmbran Community Council (Crow Fest)**

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## Menter Treftadaeth a Diwylliant

### Gorau 2026

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Lead Assessors:



### Commended Projects:

**Mold Town Council**  
**Cwmbran Community Council**  
**Bangor City Council (2 projects)**  
**Mumbles Community Council**  
**Tredegar Town Council**  
**Pontypool CC (3 projects)**  
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## Winners:

# Bridgend Town Council

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## Menter Dwristiaeth Orau 2026

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Lead Assessors:



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Welsh Government

**Highly Commended:**

**Criccieth Town Council (2 projects)**  
**Mold Town Council**  
**Bangor City Council**

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# Best Tourism Initiative 2026

## Menter Dwristiaeth Orau 2026

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Lead Assessors:



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Welsh Government

**Commended Projects:**

**Tredegar Town Council**  
**Pontypool Community Council**  
**Glynneath Town Council**  
**Pontyclun Town Council**

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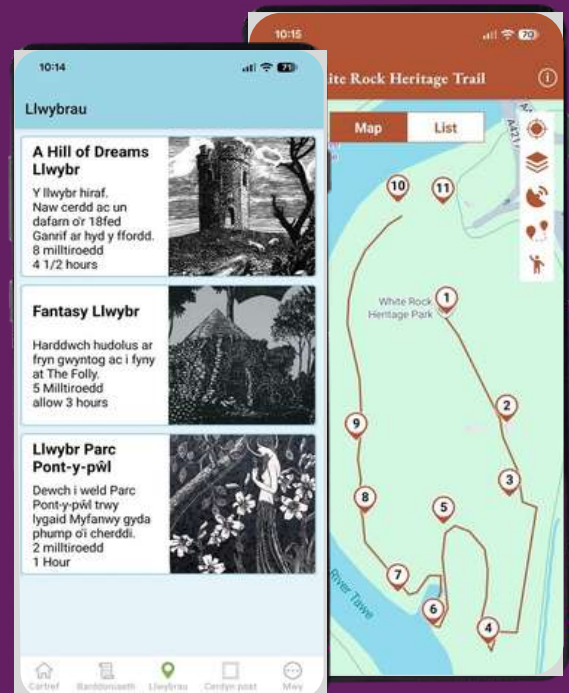
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## Winner:

# Criccieth Town Council

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# Best Community Engagement Initiative 2026 Menter Ymgysylltiad Cymunedol Orau 2026

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Lead Assessors:



## Highly Commended:

**Mumbles Community Council**  
**Cwmbran Community Council**  
**Bangor City Council**  
**Pontarddulais Town Council**  
**Cardigan Town Council**  
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## Commended Projects (15):

Coedffranc Town Council  
Bridgend Town Council  
Llandough Community Council  
Neath Town Council  
Cwmbran Community Council  
Pontypool Community Council (2 projects)

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## Commended Projects (Continued):

St. Fagan's Community Council  
Mold Town Council  
Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council  
Rossett Community Council  
Tredegar Town Council (2 projects)  
Abergele Town Council  
Pennard Community Council  
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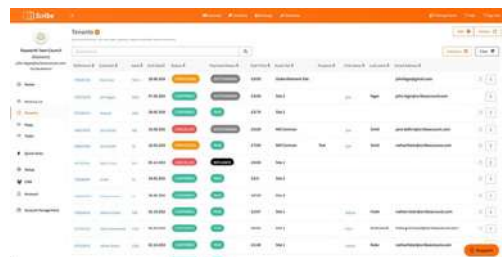
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Lead Assessors:



## Commended Projects:

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# Best Older Persons Initiative 2026

## Menter Pobl Hŷn Gorau 2026

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# Best Older Persons Initiative 2026

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Lead Assessors:



**Commended Projects:**

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## Prosiect Datganoli Gwasanaeth neu Ased Gorau 2026

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Lead Assessors:



### Winner:

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# Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project 2026

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# Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project 2026

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Lead Assessors:



### Commended Projects:

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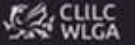


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Lead Assessors:



Wales Centre for Public Policy  
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## Joint Winners:

# Talgarth Town Council

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Lead Assessors:

**Wales Centre for Public Policy**  
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**Highly Commended:**

- Caernarfon Town Council**
- Mumbles Community Council**
- Welshpool Town Council**
- Bridgend Town Council**
- Aberporth Community Council**
- Bangor City Council (2 projects)**
- Llannon Community Council**
- Pembrey & Burry Port Town Council**
- Mold Town Council**

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**Smaller Councils Winner:**  
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# Assessment Panel 2026

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

Thank you to the following organisations for giving up their time to be lead assessors for their respective categories as part of the independent assessment process. Not an easy task with a record number of 132 applications!

Joseph Lewis, WLGA

Victoria Lloyd, Age Cymru

Sarah Titcombe, WLGA

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