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Dear All -

Just a quick email to draw your attention to a number of [news items](#) that have been added to the [CALC website](#) recently, full details of the stories listed below with PDFs and links to the associated documentation are available for members on the news or job vacancies pages.

[News items](#) and [Briefings](#) include:

- **Audit matters!** Please do make sure that your council completes its **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) by the deadline of 30 June 2024**. Failure to do so can lead to additional costs and a public interest report.
- **Access for All Grants:** there have been several small alterations to the process of submitting applications and **all applications will now be reviewed after the deadline of 8 July 2024** rather than on a first come served basis, awarding partners more time to work collaboratively and develop good quality proposals.
- In September 2024 it's the **20th anniversary** for **Stop Loan Sharks** and the **Stop Loan Sharks Spring Newsletter** has just been released - please contact the team for **FREE** loan shark awareness training and use the following link for the latest newsletter <https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>
- A reminder for the **Parish Council Domains Helper Service:** please see a recent article on the [NALC website](#) here with further links to information and guidance.
- **The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner** are looking for **Councillor Advocates** who have a desire to act as a positive and proactive communication conduit between the police, the Commissioner and the public. You are invited to volunteer for the scheme and for further information please email councilloradvocateopcc@dc-pcc.gov.uk or telephone 01392 225555 and ask to speak to Elizabeth Record.
- **Youth Summit hosted by NALC, One Voice and Wales SLCC** - The virtual event on **18 July 2024** for local (parish, town and community) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff across England and Wales will explore innovative ways to engage and inspire young people. The summit will look at discovering how to create meaningful apprenticeship opportunities, cultivating the next generation of political leaders, learning ways to empower young people in the community and delving into the intricacies of how young people can influence policy decisions. You can **find out more about the event and how to book tickets** on the NALC website.
- **Funding Your Community's Vision: Grants Available for Neighbourhood Plans!** The Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme is offering grants and expert support to help you create a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects your community's needs and aspirations. These grants can cover everything from developing your plan to engaging your community and getting professional advice. Visit <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/> to apply for the grant.

[GoCollaborate](#) have a user-friendly platform which streamlines community consultation and ensures everyone has a voice. Together the GoCollaborate team now have over 40 years of consultation and engagement experience and they will work with you to deliver an accessible and engaging consultation you need, for a price that fits your budget.

Previous News items:

- **NALC Star Council Awards:** Nominations have opened for 2024 to celebrate the achievements of the local (parish and town) council sector. Entrants can apply for six award categories including; Council of the Year, Councillor of the Year, Young Councillor of the Year, County Association of the Year, Clerk of the Year, and Climate Response of the Year. The nomination period ends on 6 September 2024, and the winners will be announced at a ceremony in the House of Lords, where they will be presented with their awards [Find out more about the awards and how to submit an entry](#) and click here for [Star Council Awards 2024 Communications pack.pdf](#)
- **ACRE Village Hall Building Grants:** ACRE has recently confirmed that village hall management committees can once again apply for grants of up to £75,000 to improve village hall buildings. The fund, which was originally announced to mark the Late Queen's Platinum Jubilee has reopened for new applications. Groups can submit applications for grants of between £7,500 and £75,000, which can be used to cover up to 20% of capital costs associated with renovation and improvement projects. This latest window for new applications is expected to last until government funding has been exhausted. The application process is competitive, and hall committees must be able to complete the project work by the end of March 2025. Interested groups are strongly encouraged to read information and guidance about the fund available from ACRE's website before applying [Action with Communities in Rural England - ACRE](#)
- **Speak Cornish Week 24** is fast approaching from **Saturday 22 June to Saturday 30th June 2024** – this year's theme is 'A Warm Cornish Welcome' and the event is run by An Rosweyth and is open to all – please see the attached PDF for further information.
- **CALC: Out & About Open Surgery** - we are hosting a number of coffee mornings around the county to meet up with members and clerks. Hosted by Sarah Mason these informal sessions are a chance to network and share best practice with neighbours over a cuppa and Sarah will be on hand to answer any of your questions.
The final session in the series has now been re-scheduled to: Bodmin Council Chamber, Shire Hall on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 2.30pm to 4.30pm – everyone is welcome and please let us know if you are hoping to join us by emailing: training@cornwallalc.org.uk

Training Opportunities include:

- **The Serious Violence Prevention (SVP) programme** invites you to register to attend the **FREE** online training session for: **Introduction to Shame Competence on Monday 24 June at 2pm-4pm** - for more information and to book your place [register here](#)
- **NALC Online Events: Unleashing the Power of Local Councils to Tackle the Climate Emergency – Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 12pm** - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unleashing-the-power-of-local-councils-to-tackle-the-climate-emergency-tickets-770186537667?aff=mailchimp&mc_cid=5f3f23d6c7&mc_eid=5180d3679f **Extra tickets have been released for this online event.**
- **LGA FREE virtual sessions open to councillors:**
 1. **Personal Safety for Newly-elected Councillors - 10 July from 2.00 pm – 3.40 pm** has been specially devised for newly or recently elected councillors who are keen to improve their awareness of personal safety. The session is full of practical advice and guidance and includes advice on surgeries, canvassing, home visits and managing unexpected doorstep visitors. The promo code for this webinar is PSC120624
 2. **Handling Online Abuse and Intimidation for Newly-elected Councillors - 23 July from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm** will provide attendees with an awareness of the steps that can be taken to manage trolls and cyber-bullies, including a gentle introduction to the legal framework around social media

posts. There will be guidance on being safe online and tips on creating a positive online presence. The promo code for this session is HOA200624.

- **Cornwall Council FREE Webinar Event: Demystified - Planning Permission & Development for Businesses on Thursday 11 July from 2pm** - please cascade to businesses in your area: Looking to build, convert or extend your business premises? To book your place please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/demystified-planning-development-for-businesses-tickets-920821841917>

CALC Training Opportunities include:

- **Free Briefing on Biodiversity Net Gain** an online session with planning expert, **Andrew Towleron**, hosted by CALC on **Monday 1 July 2024 at 6.30pm** (this event was rescheduled from Tuesday 4 June 2024) .
- **NEW Clerk Practitioners Day:** an opportunity for face-to-face training on **Friday 5 July 2024 from 10am - 4pm at Treloweth Community Hall, Moorfield Road, Pool, TR15 3QB** – the Clerks Practitioner’s Day is aimed at new clerks/officers and sessions will look at roles & responsibilities, procedures, finance, minutes, agendas and community engagement. The training is delivered in a group environment where discussion will be encouraged, and contacts made for future support and information sharing, as well as having the support of CALC. This is likely to be hugely valuable, offering reassurance to clerks and officers in a setting where they will be surrounded by people experiencing similar things, some more experienced and some less experienced.
- **Being a Good Chair/Chairmanship:** an opportunity for face-to-face training on **Tuesday 23 July 2024 from 7pm - 9pm at Treloweth Community Hall, Moorfield Road, Pool, TR15 3QB** - for Councillors who wish to improve their chairmanship skills for the successful leadership of the council and effective meetings. The training is suitable for chairs, vice-chairs and anyone taking up position within a committee – Cost £30 + vat per delegate
- **Code of Conduct for Councillors:** an online training sessions via Teams for Councillors to attend Code of Conduct training with Sarah Mason on **Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 6.30pm-8.30pm** – Cost £20 + vat per delegate
- **CILCA:** We will be hosting a **FREE Introductory session** in the Autumn (date TBC) and if you are interested in finding out more about this qualification, please register your interest by emailing: training@cornwallalc.org.uk
- **** NEW ** Introduction to Planning including Class Q & Local Plans:** a choice of two online sessions with planning expert, **Andrew Towleron**, hosted by CALC on **Tuesday 15 October 2024 & Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 6.30pm-8.30pm** – Cost £30 + vat per delegate
- **** NEW ** Heritage & Conservation:** a choice of two online sessions with planning expert, **Andrew Towleron**, hosted by CALC on **Tuesday 22 October 2024 & Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 6.30pm-8pm** - Cost £30 + vat per delegate

Job Vacancies include:

- Lawhitton Parish Council – Part time Clerk/RFO – Closing date for applications 5 July 2024
- Cury Parish Council – Part time Clerk/RFO – Closing date for applications 11 July 2024
- Looe Town Council – Deputy Town Clerk – Closing date for applications 14 July 2024

For more information about any of the training opportunities please email training@cornwallalc.org.uk

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