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Thursday 3rd November 2022

COUNCIL SUMMONS

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED to a meeting of **LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 6.30pm at Caerlan Hall, Llantrisant.

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

The meeting will be accessible online pursuant to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and you may connect using the following Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82881142593>

Meeting ID: 828 8114 2593

I should be grateful if you would confirm your attendance.

Yours faithfully,

MR. G. E. HOPKINS J.P.

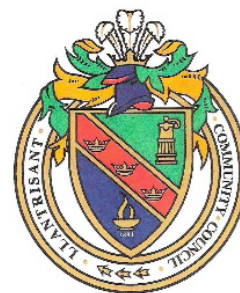
CLERK

LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A MEETING OF LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 6.30PM

AT CAERLAN HALL, LLANTRISANT



AGENDA

Item		Page
1.	Apologies for absence To receive any apologies of absence from Members.	
2.	Declarations of Interest To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
3.	Public Representations to the Council To receive any representations from members of the public at the discretion of the Chair.	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (i) To approve as a true record the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 11 th October 2022.	4 to 12
5.	Financial Matters (i) To receive and approve the accounts for payment account for November 2022; (ii) To receive and note the income and expenditure account for October 2022.	13 14 to 18
6.	Requests for Financial Assistance (i) Urdd National Eisteddfod Sir Gaerfyrddin 2023 (Carmarthenshire)	19
7.	Feedback from Councillor Training the importance of Community & Town Councils in creating resilient spaces for nature. To receive representation from Cllr Romney regarding Keep Wales Tidy funding.	
8.	Planning and Development Control To consider any planning applications and development control matters which have arisen since the previous meeting.	20
9.	Correspondence To receive any correspondence to the Council.	

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| (i) | To consider responding to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft annual report and consultation. | 21 to 40 |
| (ii) | To consider responding to the Welsh Government Consultation on electoral administration and electoral reform. | 41 |
| (iii) | To consider responding to a request for a footbridge on PROW Llan222. | 42 |

10. Urgent Items

To consider any matters which the Chair has determined reasonably to be urgent.

MR. G. E. HOPKINS J.P.
CLERK

LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.30PM AT CAERLAN HALL, LLANTRISANT

Present

Cllr Mal Davies (Chair)
Cllr David Brown
Cllr Anne Callow
Cllr Glynne Holmes
Cllr Ron Hunt
Cllr Lynne Murdoch
Cllr David Myles

Cllr David Nicholas
Cllr Dr Catherine Preston
Cllr Carys Romney
Cllr Adam Robinson
Cllr Paul Thomas
Cllr Ellie Townsend Jones

In Attendance

Mr Geraint Hopkins JP, Clerk to the Council

FC/22-23/50 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Julie Barton.

FC/22-23/51 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made by Members:-

<u>Elected Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
Cllr D Brown	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Allotment Holder, Brynteg Allotments; Governor of Penygawsi Primary School
Cllr A Callow	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Governor of Tonysguboriau Primary School
Cllr M Davies	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Allotment Holder, Tynant Allotments
Cllr G Holmes	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Governor, Penygawsi Primary School
Cllr L Murdoch	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Volunteer at Beddau Food Angels foodbank
Cllr D. Myles	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Treasurer of Brynteg Allotments Committee
Cllr D. Nicholas	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Chairman of Tynant Allotments Committee
Cllr Dr C Preston	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Volunteer at Cylch Ti a Fi; Member of the Monday Club

Cllr A Robinson	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Governor of Llantrisant Primary School
Cllr C Romney	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Son is member of Beddau RFC Under 11's; Son is member of Cwm AFC Under 11's; Member of YGG Castellau PTA
Cllr E Townsend Jones	FC/22-23/54 (Grants)	Former member of Llantrisant Ladies Choir

FC/22-23/52 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of Llantrisant Community Council held on Tuesday 13th September has omitted the agreement to replace Cllr Glynne Holmes with Cllr David Nicholas as one of the three representatives of the Community Council on the Board of Trustees of Llantrisant Town Trust.

This having been **agreed**, the Minutes of the Meeting of Llantrisant Community Council held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 were otherwise approved as a correct record.

FC/22-23/53 Financial Matters

- (i) It was **agreed** to approve the following Accounts for Payment for October 2022 as follows:-

				VAT
Plusnet	Broadband/Landline	£	36.70	s
Function28	Web and email Provision	£	54.00	z
Function28	Set Up of Operation London Bridge	£	42.00	s
Barclaycard	Gifts,Tent, Energy Bills, Defib batteries	£	1,080.45	-
RM Ed. Resources	Stationery	£	33.19	s
Toshiba	Photocopying	£	111.62	s
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges (July)	£	1.80	z
HMRC	NI and Tax (September)	£	2,040.63	z
Mileage	Staff (Fuel)	£	50.01	s
Wages	Pay (September)	£	6,756.90	z
Pensions	Pensions (September)	£	1,895.25	z
Forest Park & Garden	City & Guilds Training (Pruning)	£	365.00	s
Plusnet	Broadband/Phoneline - Llys y Cwm	£	-	s
RCTCBC	Rates - Llys y Cwm	£	177.00	-
RCTCBC	Rates - Caerlan	£	482.00	-
SSE	Electricity - Caerlan	£	39.60	f
SSE	Electricity - Llys Y Cwm	£	234.83	f
RM Ed. Resources Ltd	Cleaning Materials	£	7.19	s

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PJ Saunders	Rent- Beeches	£	633.00	s
Plusnet	Broadband	£	27.60	s
Dwr Cymru	Water Bill (Apr-Oct) Beeches	£	63.23	z
Leekes	Piping for Flagpole	£	1.27	s
C&L Garden Services	Watering (September)	£	1,575.00	z
St John's Ambulance	Tynant & Beddau Community Fair	£	134.64	ots
UK Fuels	Diesel	£	127.43	s
RCTCBC	Hire of vehicle	£	58.38	s
<u>TOTAL</u>		£	15,977.53	

FC/22-23/54 Community Grants

- (i) It was **agreed** that the following grants from the Beddau and Tynant Grant Fund be made:-

[Powers used: * Local Government Act 2000 ss1-5
 +Local Government Act 1972 s145
 †Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 ss23, 26 & 27
 ‡Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded</u> <u>(£)</u>
1st Beddau Scout Group *	300
2nd Beddau Brownies *	300
Afon Community Dance - AttenDANCE (Collectively with other Afon Dance Groups) +	300
Beddau Belles WI +	300
Beddau & Penycoedcae Allotment Association †	500
Beddau & Tynant Senior Citizens Club ‡	500
Beddau Bowling Club ‡	250
Beddau RFC ‡	1,500
Cwm Welfare AFC ‡	1,200
Cwm Welfare AFC Seniors ‡	300
Cwm Welfare Social Club +	800

Cylch Ti a Fi Beddau ‡	250
Monday Club Beddau Library ‡	500
Mount Pleasant Ladies Bowls ‡	250
Tynant Allotment Association †	500
YGG Castellau PTA ‡	500
Total grants made from the Beddau and Tynant Fund	£8,250

- (ii) It was **agreed** that the following grants from the Llantrisant and Talbot Green Grant Fund be made:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>Grant Awarded (£)</u>
Ist Ynysmaerdy Rangers *	200
2nd Pontyclun Guides *	600
Afon Community Dance - tiny toes +	250
Afon Community Dance - youth +	250
Afon Community Dance - Little Sparks 5-7yrs +	250
Bronhaul & Heol-y-Gyfraith Social Fund ‡	440
Brynteg Allotments †	500
Clwb Alawon Llantrisant Tune Club +	120
Gwynfa Camera Club	400
Ist Llantrisant Brownies	300
Llantrisant & District Art Society +	100
Llantrisant Ladies Choir +	200
Llantrisant Male Choir +	200
Llantrisant LC Netball Club ‡	1250
Llantrisant Primary School PTA ‡	500

Pengawsi Allotment Society †	300
Penygawsi Primary PTA ‡	500
Pontyclun Panthers Netball Club ‡	200
Southgate Ladies Bowling Club ‡	200
Talbot Green Football Club ‡	1250
Talbot Green Playgroup ‡	500
Tonysguboriau Primary School ‡	500
Talbot Quilters +	200
Ynysmaerdy Creative Crafts +	150
Young at Heart (Thursday Club) ‡	140
Young at Heart (Tuesday Club) ‡	200
Total grants made from the Llantrisant and Talbot Green Fund:	£9,700

- (iii) It was **agreed** that the following grants from the General Grant Fund (commonly referred to as the “Umbrella” fund) be made:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>GRANT AWARDED</u>
	£
Pontyclun Bosom Pals/BreastCancer Support Group ‡	400
RCT Community Wind Band +	500
Taff Ely (Llantrisant) Ramblers ‡	200
Total grants made from the General Grants Fund:	£1,100

FC/22-23/55 Community Assistance Measure

Further to previous discussions about how the Community Council could respond to community need in the light of the “Cost of Living Crisis” the Clerk presented his Report and accordingly the Council **agreed:-**

- i. to a virement of £10,000 from the underspent Elections Fund into a new fund called the Community Assistance Fund.
- ii. to make available £5,000 to each of the Beddau Food Angels and Taff Ely Food Bank, for the purposes of purchasing food for inclusion in their parcels;
- iii. with regard to the Taff Ely Food Bank for use if necessary to support their affiliation to the Fuel Bank, providing that evidence can be provided that this assistance is provided to residents of the Llantrisant Community Council area only;
- iv. to make this fund available immediately;
- v. to make the fund available in increments not exceeding £250 per week to each of these food banks;
- vi. to request from each of the food banks a monthly report on their use of the fund, including receipts, numbers of recipients of help, the nature of the help (i.e. food or fuel), etc;
- vii. to review the operation of this fund again no later than the meeting of Council in December 2022.

FC/22-23/56 Reports from Committees

The Minutes of the Events and Public Engagement Committee held on 5th October 2022 were noted.

Further to the Committee's recommendation it was **agreed** that the Council purchase the snow machine recommended in the minutes.

FC/22-23/57 Planning and Development Control

The following planning applications received by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council were **noted** :-

<u>REF</u>	<u>PROPOSAL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
22/1064/10	To extend the timber cladding (planning permission previously approved) from the new 1 st floor extension down over the previous extension on the ground floor to help create a single water proof layer over the both extensions and additional works.	Ty Berllan, Heol-y-Beiliau Llantrisant CF72 8ES

22/1178/10	Retention of 2 metre boundary fence	1 Carshalton Road, Beddau CF38 2LH
22/1148/10	Increase size of existing rear single storey building.	22 Castell-y-Mynach Road CF38 2BG
22/1157/10	Two storey extensions to front and side elevations, rear single storey extension, new entrance canopy, dormer to front and balcony to rear.	O'r Diwedd, Pencoedcae Road CF38 2RB
22/1122/10	Detached Granny Annex (Ancillary accommodation in association with existing property)	27 Heol Miles, Talbot Green CF72 8HU

FC/22-23/58 Community Safety (Beddau) (Urgent Item)

Cllr Ron Hunt spoke of his concern of the apparent increase in criminal and anti-social behaviour in Beddau and Tynant and gave several recent examples. Without dissent, it was **agreed** to invite representatives from the Police to attend the next meeting of the Council to hear of these concerns.

There being no further business the meeting was ended.

CLLR M. DAVIES

CHAIR OF COUNCIL

LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL ACTIONS LOG (EXCEPTIONS)

MINUTE	ACTION	REMARKS
FC/21-22/32	Install memorial to Suzanne Goodall MBE, Founder of Ty Hafan hospice.	The plaque was unveiled on Thursday 20 th October.
FC/21-22/47	Request for RCT to make several Tree Preservation Orders at the site known commonly as “the Acre”.	Email sent to Huw Evans, RCT on 14 th March with application. Email exchanges on 15 th March about land area compared. Email from Peter Davies to Huw Evans 24 th March. Further email sent to Huw Evans by Clerk 5 th July. Further email sent to Huw Evans by Clerk on 1 st September, holding response received from Huw Evans 2 nd Sept.
AOC/22-23/4	To get quotations for repair of the dangerous steps/paths at Beddau & Penycoedcae Allotments	Quotations being requested for consideration.
FC/22-23/24	That the Clerk investigate ownership of land, and specifically the fence bordering the far side of the Tynant Allotments site.	Clerk to contact owner of the land adjacent to investigate.
FC/22-23/24	That the Clerk continue to make representations about the Japanese Knotweed on land belonging to 43 High Street which is in danger of spreading to Council land at the Cherry Tree Cottage, Llantrisant.	Letter sent to owner of 43 High Street. Reply received. RCT Officers kept informed throughout. RCT Officers advising landowner of duties and responsibilities. Continued monitoring of situation advised. Further letter sent to the landowner 27 th July 2022. No response yet received.
FC/22-23/27	Investigate permanent display of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon.	Discussions underway with Guildhall on siting at the Castle Green. Maintenance staff designing structure for holding beacon permanently.

FC/22-23/43	To purchase a van to replace the Council's Vauxhall Vivaro; to dispose of by sale the Vauxhall Vivaro; and to authorise such spend as is necessary up to the value of £23,566	We are in negotiations with a couple of van dealers to get the best quote and delivery time.
FC/22-23/46	Several planters to be moved to main road locations, where they would be more visible.	This will take place over the winter.
FC/22-23/52	To appoint a new representative for Llantrisant Guildhall following Cllr Nicholas's move to the Town Trust.	To be decided by Full Council.
FC/22-23/55	To review the operation of the Community Assistance fund no later than the meeting of Council in December 2022	Ongoing.
FC/22-23/58	To invite representatives from the Police to attend the next meeting of the Council to hear concerns regarding increased criminal and anti-social behaviour in Beddau and Tynant.	Email sent.

MR. G. E. HOPKINS J.P.

CLERK

					Office Use			
					VAT		account codes	
<u>OFFICE</u>								
Plusnet	02.11.22	Broadband/Landline	£	36.70	s	d/d	4205	101
Function28	31.11.22	Web and email Provision	£	54.00	z	s/o	4202	101
Barclaycard	08.11.22	Christmas lights, cables, stamps	£	574.45	-	bacs	split	
Tesco Mobile	24.10.22	Mobile Contracts x 3	£	24.05	z	d/d	4205	101
Riatlas	08.11.22	Making Tax Digital subscription	£	70.80	s	bacs	4202	101
Redbite Solutions Ltd	08.11.22	Itemit User License (Annual Fee)	£	431.71	s	bacs	4202	101
Consortium	08.11.22	Stationery	£	6.70	s	bacs	4206	101
<u>COUNCILLORS</u>								
One Voice Wales	08.11.22	Training x2	£	35.00	z	bacs	4231	107
RCTCBC	08.11.22	Costs incurred Elections May 22	£	912.00	s	bacs	4240	101
Ty Hafan	20.10.22	Donation from Chair's Allowance	£	200.00	z		4225	107
<u>STAFFING</u>								
HMRC	08.11.22	NI and Tax (October)	£	2,361.56	z	bacs	4002	102
Wages	14.10.22	Pay (October)	£	7,829.72	z	bacs	4001	102
Pensions	08.11.22	Pensions (October)	£	1,904.87	z	bacs	4003	102
J Akers	08.11.22	Mileage	£	3.78	z	bacs	4025	102
<u>HALLS</u>								
Plusnet	19.10.22	Broadband/Phoneline - Llys y Cwm	£	25.50	s	d/d	4062	205
RCTCBC	15.11.22	Rates - Llys y Cwm	£	177.00	-	d/d	4050	205
RCTCBC	15.11.22	Rates - Caerlan	£	482.00	-	d/d	4050	201
SSE	23.10.22	Gas - Llys y Cwm	£	41.31	f	d/d	4061	205
SSE	03.11.22	Electricity - Caerlan Hall	£	49.12	f	d/d	4060	201
G&C Electrical	08.11.22	Emergency Exit Light	£	90.60	s	bacs	4066	201
<u>ALLOTMENTS</u>								
SSE	03.11.22	Electricity - Brynteg Allotment	£	46.94	f	d/d	1008	305
<u>WORKS DEPOT</u>								
PJ Saunders	27.11.22	Rent- Beeches	£	633.00	s	s/o	4073	308
Plusnet	15.10.22	Broadband	£	27.60	s	d/d	4062	308
<u>Community Assistance</u>								
Beddau Food Angels	08.11.22	w/c 24/10	£	277.09	z	bacs	4167	106
<u>OUTSIDE WORK</u>								
Leekes					s	bacs	4103	310
Trade UK	08.11.22	vacuum, socket set, bucket,tape etc	£	380.69	s	bacs	split	
Country Timbers	09.11.22	Wood posts and post mix	£	178.20	s	bacs	4103	310
<u>TRANSPORT</u>								
Gallagher Insurance	09.11.22	Van Insurance x 2	£	964.30	z	bacs	4074	301
Gallagher Insurance	09.11.22	Breakdown Cover (Vivaro)	£	80.00	z	bacs	4071	301
UK Fuels	09.11.22	Diesel	£	190.60	s	d/d	split	301
RCTCBC	09.11.22	Lease for Van (Aug-Sept)	£	46.70	s	bacs	4073	301
<u>TOTAL</u>			£	18,089.29				

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

TOTAL

£ 18,089.29

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Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
101 Administration								
1011 Photocopying	0	120	100	(20)			119.7%	
1051 Grants Received	0	0	100	100			0.0%	
1110 Interest	0	505	30	(475)			1684.2%	
Administration :- Income	0	625	230	(395)			271.7%	0
4200 Photocopying	(116)	580	1,700	1,120		1,120	34.1%	
4202 Computer Costs	80	870	2,500	1,630		1,630	34.8%	
4204 Postage	0	5	120	115		115	3.8%	
4205 Telephones	31	384	700	316		316	54.9%	
4206 Stationery	28	188	250	62		62	75.2%	
4210 Sundries	0	32	100	68		68	31.6%	
4215 Audit Fees & Bank charges	0	399	1,250	851		851	32.0%	
4220 General Insurance	0	4,040	4,000	(40)		(40)	101.0%	
4240 Elections	0	0	16,000	16,000		16,000	0.0%	
4250 Contingency Fund	0	0	6,000	6,000		6,000	0.0%	
4255 Office Equipment	0	609	1,848	1,239		1,239	33.0%	594
4261 Grant Money Spent	0	99	0	(99)		(99)	0.0%	
Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	23	7,206	34,468	27,262	0	27,262	20.9%	594
Net Income over Expenditure	(23)	(6,581)	(34,238)	(27,657)				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	594						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(23)	(5,987)						
102 Staffing								
4001 Salaries	7,830	46,196	95,000	48,804		48,804	48.6%	
4002 PAYE & NI Contributions	2,041	12,586	25,000	12,415		12,415	50.3%	
4003 Pension contributions	1,895	9,105	25,000	15,895		15,895	36.4%	
4010 Occupational Health	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4015 Training	325	3,149	3,000	(149)		(149)	105.0%	
4020 Work wear	0	969	1,800	831		831	53.8%	
4025 Staff Expenses	0	90	400	310		310	22.4%	
Staffing :- Indirect Expenditure	12,091	72,093	150,700	78,607	0	78,607	47.8%	0
Net Expenditure	(12,091)	(72,093)	(150,700)	(78,607)				
103 Precept								
1101 Precept	0	185,519	278,278	92,759			66.7%	
Precept :- Income	0	185,519	278,278	92,759			66.7%	0
Net Income	0	185,519	278,278	92,759				

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104 Community Infrastructure Levy								
4120 CIL Expenditure	0	5,916	7,617	1,701		1,701	77.7%	
Community Infrastructure Levy :- Indirect Expenditure	0	5,916	7,617	1,701	0	1,701	77.7%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(5,916)	(7,617)	(1,701)				
105 Grants								
4152 Beddau & Tynant Wards	8,250	8,450	10,000	1,550		1,550	84.5%	
4154 General Grants	1,100	1,100	2,000	900		900	55.0%	
4156 Talbot Green & Llantrisant	9,200	9,200	12,000	2,800		2,800	76.7%	
Grants :- Indirect Expenditure	18,550	18,750	24,000	5,250	0	5,250	78.1%	0
Net Expenditure	(18,550)	(18,750)	(24,000)	(5,250)				
106 Projects								
1051 Grants Received	0	150	0	(150)			0.0%	
Projects :- Income	0	150	0	(150)				0
4150 Llantrisant Ward	0	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4151 Talbot Green Ward	0	456	3,000	2,544		2,544	15.2%	
4152 Beddau & Tynant Wards	0	239	6,000	5,761		5,761	4.0%	
4153 Events/Public Relations	77	4,968	6,000	1,032		1,032	82.8%	
4155 Community Library	0	0	5,500	5,500		5,500	0.0%	
4157 Christmas	0	36	10,000	9,964		9,964	0.4%	
4158 Floral Displays	1,575	10,870	10,000	(870)		(870)	108.7%	
4159 Charter of Friendship	0	0	3,989	3,989		3,989	0.0%	
4165 Llantrisant Christmas Event	1,041	1,041	0	(1,041)		(1,041)	0.0%	
4166 Community Plan	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
Projects :- Indirect Expenditure	2,693	17,609	52,489	34,880	0	34,880	33.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,693)	(17,459)	(52,489)	(35,030)				
107 Councillors								
4225 Chairs Allowances	0	1,956	3,126	1,170		1,170	62.6%	
4226 Councillor Allowances	0	2,375	2,500	125		125	95.0%	
4230 OVW Membership	0	2,335	2,300	(35)		(35)	101.5%	
4231 Councillor Training	0	358	1,000	642		642	35.8%	
Councillors :- Indirect Expenditure	0	7,024	8,926	1,902	0	1,902	78.7%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(7,024)	(8,926)	(1,902)				

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<u>201</u>	<u>Caerlan</u>								
1000	Hall Hire	35	3,278	5,000	1,722			65.6%	
	Caerlan :- Income	35	3,278	5,000	1,722			65.6%	0
4050	Rates	482	3,369	5,100	1,731		1,731	66.1%	
4055	Water Charges	(243)	243	500	257		257	48.5%	
4060	Electricity	38	286	1,200	914		914	23.9%	
4061	Gas	0	282	2,000	1,718		1,718	14.1%	
4063	Cleaning Materials	6	103	350	247		247	29.5%	
4065	Maintenance Contracts	0	1,704	1,800	96		96	94.7%	
4066	Repairs & maintenance	0	2,646	9,118	6,472		6,472	29.0%	
4067	Depreciation Fund	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
	Caerlan :- Indirect Expenditure	283	8,635	21,068	12,433	0	12,433	41.0%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(248)	(5,356)	(16,068)	(10,712)				
<u>205</u>	<u>Llys y Cwm</u>								
1000	Hall Hire	0	2,079	4,000	1,921			52.0%	
	Llys y Cwm :- Income	0	2,079	4,000	1,921			52.0%	0
4050	Rates	177	1,235	1,950	716		716	63.3%	
4055	Water Charges	0	233	500	267		267	46.5%	
4060	Electricity	224	671	900	229		229	74.6%	
4061	Gas	6	349	1,500	1,151		1,151	23.3%	
4062	Broadband	21	132	250	118		118	52.6%	
4063	Cleaning Materials	6	72	300	228		228	24.2%	
4065	Maintenance Contracts	0	1,448	1,800	352		352	80.5%	
4066	Repairs & maintenance	0	130	3,616	3,486		3,486	3.6%	
4067	Depreciation Fund	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
	Llys y Cwm :- Indirect Expenditure	434	4,269	11,816	7,547	0	7,547	36.1%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(434)	(2,190)	(7,816)	(5,626)				
<u>301</u>	<u>Transport</u>								
4070	Fuel	134	591	1,500	909		909	39.4%	
4071	Repairs, Service, MOT	0	361	1,000	639		639	36.1%	
4072	Road Tax	0	0	550	550		550	0.0%	
4073	Rent	49	110	0	(110)		(110)	0.0%	
4074	Van insurance	0	(5)	2,500	2,505		2,505	(0.2%)	
4090	New Van Fund	0	480	24,046	23,566		23,566	2.0%	480
	Transport :- Indirect Expenditure	182	1,537	29,596	28,059	0	28,059	5.2%	480
	Net Expenditure	(182)	(1,537)	(29,596)	(28,059)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	480						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(182)	(1,057)						

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/10/2022

Month No: 7

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
305 Allotments								
1007 Penygawsi Allotments	0	0	44	44			0.0%	
1008 Brynteg Allotments	0	0	70	70			0.0%	
1009 Tynant Allotments	0	0	66	66			0.0%	
1010 Pencoedcae Allotment	0	0	80	80			0.0%	
Allotments :- Income	0	0	260	260			0.0%	0
4160 Penygawsi Allotments	0	35	480	445		445	7.2%	
4161 Brynteg Allotments	(175)	297	480	183		183	61.8%	
4162 Tynant Allotments	0	235	480	245		245	49.0%	
4163 Pencoedcae Allotments	0	324	480	156		156	67.4%	
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	(175)	890	1,920	1,030	0	1,030	46.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	175	(890)	(1,660)	(770)				
308 Workshop								
4055 Water Charges	63	116	200	84		84	57.8%	
4060 Electricity	0	282	600	318		318	47.0%	
4062 Broadband	23	190	350	160		160	54.4%	
4073 Rent	528	4,093	6,750	2,657		2,657	60.6%	
4210 Sundries	0	0	120	120		120	0.0%	
Workshop :- Indirect Expenditure	614	4,682	8,020	3,338	0	3,338	58.4%	0
Net Expenditure	(614)	(4,682)	(8,020)	(3,338)				
310 Outside Work								
1012 Footpath Agency Agreement	0	0	835	835			0.0%	
Outside Work :- Income	0	0	835	835			0.0%	0
4101 Small Tools	0	69	100	31		31	68.6%	
4102 Machine Repairs & Spares	14	1,301	6,245	4,944		4,944	20.8%	
4103 Outside Work	1	1,332	3,000	1,668		1,668	44.4%	
4105 Street Furniture	0	3,144	9,282	6,138		6,138	33.9%	
4110 Depreciation Fund (Equipment)	0	1,663	0	(1,663)		(1,663)	0.0%	844
Outside Work :- Indirect Expenditure	15	7,509	18,627	11,118	0	11,118	40.3%	844
Net Income over Expenditure	(15)	(7,509)	(17,792)	(10,283)				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	844						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(15)	(6,665)						

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/10/2022**Month No: 7****Cost Centre Report**

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Grand Totals:- Income	35	191,651	288,603	96,952			66.4%	
Expenditure	34,709	156,121	369,247	213,126	0	213,126	42.3%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(34,674)	35,530	(80,644)	(116,174)				
plus Transfer from EMR	0	1,918						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(34,674)	37,448						

October 2022

To: Town and Community Councils

Dear Clerk

Urdd National Eisteddfod Sir Gaerfyrddin 2023 (Carmarthenshire)

As you are aware, the Urdd National Eisteddfod in 2023 will be held in Llandovery, Carmarthenshire and the hard work of organising the event has already commenced with numerous committees being formed. The festival annually attracts up to 100,000 visitors and 55,000 competitors and is regarded as the largest youth festival of its kind in Europe. In order to sustain a successful festival, we are dependant on the support of individuals, organisations and institutions on a local and national level. But without local support, it would not be possible for us to stage the festival in its present form. Support is paramount to its success both practical and financial. The Urdd Eisteddfod in 2023 will cost in the region of £2.1million.

There are numerous benefits to the County which stages the event, both cultural and artistic benefits along with the once in a lifetime opportunities for the children and young people of the area. But there is also a substantial economic benefit. Research by the Arad Company 2018 shows that hosting the Urdd Eisteddfod brings an economic value of £11.5 million to the area.

Over the past year, local appeal committees have been established all over the County to stage fundraising events and to raise awareness. Numerous Councils have already donated and we are most grateful for the support, but if your Council has not yet contributed, we would kindly ask you to consider a financial contribution to assist your local appeal committee in order to ensure the success of the Urdd National Eisteddfod in 2023.

We also require an army of volunteer workers to ensure that we have enough stewards, etc. Any assistance would be appreciated and more information is on our website www.urdd.cymru/eisteddfod

I would like to thank you for your time and hopefully you will draw the councillors attention to the festival and that you will support the Eisteddfod. If you have any further enquiries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Siân Eirian
Director of the Eisteddfod and Arts

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**LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
8th November 2022**

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

The following planning applications have been received by Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC since the last meeting:

<u>WARD</u>	<u>REF</u>	<u>PROPOSAL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
LLANTRISANT	22/126/10	Change of use to convert a cow shed/store into a residential unit.	WEST CAERLAN, SCHOOL STREET, LLANTRISANT, PONTYCLUN, CF72 8EN
BEDDAU	22/1184/10	3 no. near zero carbon bespoke self-build dwellings within the curtilage of existing dwelling	ST DAVIDS HOUSE, CASTELLAU ROAD, BEDDAU, PONTYPRIDD, CF38 2RA
TALBOT GREEN	22/1232/10	Detached garden room.	18 MAES-Y-RHEDYN, TALBOT GREEN, PONTYCLUN, CF72 8AN
	22/1208/01	New internally illuminated fascia signage to front and sides of building to replace existing.	UNIT 9, GLAMORGAN VALE RETAIL PARK, TALBOT GREEN, PONTYCLUN, CF72 8RP
	22/1182/10	Single storey rear & two storey side extension	7 TALBOT CLOSE, LLANTRISANT, PONTYCLUN, CF72 8AS

MR. G. E. HOPKINS J.P.

CLERK

From: Leighton.Jones@gov.wales on behalf of IRPMailbox@gov.wales
To: IRPMailbox@gov.wales
Subject: Adroddiad Blynnyddol Drafft Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol - Chwefror 2023 | Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2023
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[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report 2023.pdf](#)
[Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol – Adroddiad Blynnyddol Drafft 2023 – cwestiynau'r ymgynghoriad.docx](#)
[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report 2023 – consultation questions.docx](#)

Annwyl Glerc y Cyngor

Dear Clerk of the Council

Rwy'n amgáu'r canlynol yn unol â gofynion Adran 147 o Fesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011:

I attach in accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011:

- Adroddiad Blynnyddol drafft Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol, Chwefror 2023.
- Adroddiad Blynnyddol Drafft – cwestiynau ymgynghori
- The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report February 2023.
- Draft Annual Report - consultation questions

Anfonwyd hwn hefyd at y Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol a phartïon eraill a chanddynt fuddiant.

This has also been sent to the Minister for Finance and Local Government and other interested parties.

Mae'r adroddiad ar gael drwy'r ddolen a ganlyn:

You can find the report by using the following link:

[Adroddiad Blynnyddol Drafft Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol - Chwefror 2023](#)

[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2023](#)

Penderfyniadau drafft ar gyfer 2023 - 2024:

Draft determinations for 2023 to 2024:

Mae'r Panel o'r farn na ddylai aelodau Cyngorau Cymuned a Thref fod ar eu colled oherwydd iddynt gyflawni eu dyletswyddau. Mae felly yn cynnig yr hyn a ganlyn:

The Panel considers members of Community and Town Councils should not be out of pocket for carrying out their duties. It therefore proposes the following:

Taliad sylfaenol am gostau ychwanegol gweithio gartref

Basic payment for extra costs of working from home

Rhaid i bob cyngor dalu £156 y flwyddyn i'w haelodau (sy'n cyfateb i £3 yr wythnos) tuag at dreuliau ychwanegol y cartref (gan gynnwys gwresogi, goleuo, ynni a band eang) a

All councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

geir o weithio gartref.

Taliad penodedig am nwyddau traul

Rhaid i gynghorau naill ai dalu £52 y flwyddyn i'w haelodau am gost y nwyddau traul swyddfa sydd eu hangen er mwyn cyflawni eu rôl, neu fel arall rhaid i gynghorau alluogi aelodau i hawlio ad-daliad llawn am gost eu nwyddau traul swyddfa.

Byddai'r Panel yn croesawu adborth am yr Adroddiad drafft hwn ac mae wedi cynnwys cwestiynau ychwanegol y byddem yn gwerthfawrogi eich barn yn eu cylch.

Mae'r cwestiynau hyn i'w gweld yn y ddogfen Word sydd wedi'i hamgáu.

Gellir llenwi'r ddogfen a'i dychwelyd drwy [e-bost](#) neu, fel arall, gallwch lenwi'r ffurflen ar ein gwefan [YMA](#)

Daw'r cyfnod ymgynghori i ben ar **1 Rhagfyr 2022**.

Byddai'r Panel yn ddiolchgar pe gallech roi gwybod i'ch aelodau am gynnwys yr adroddiad ac anfon unrhyw sylwadau sydd gennych am y drafft i:

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Mr Leighton Jones

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[Democratiaeth, Amrywiaeth, a Chynabyddiaeth Ariannol](#) - Democracy, Diversity and Remuneration

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[Rheoliad Cyffredinol ar Reoli Data](#)

Dan y Rheoliad Cyffredinol, mae gennym ddyletswydd gyfreithiol i ddiogelu unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol a gasglwn gennych chi. Rydym yn defnyddio technolegau newydd a meddalwedd amgryptio i ddiogelu eich data, ac yn cadw safonau diogelwch llym er

Set payment for consumables

Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

The Panel would welcome feedback on this draft Report and have included some additional questions where we would appreciate your views.

These questions can be found in the attached word document.

This can be completed and returned by [email](#) or alternatively you can complete the form on our website [HERE](#)

The consultation period will end on the **1 December 2022**.

The Panel would be grateful if you could make your members aware of the contents of the report and make any comments you may have on the draft to:

IRPMailbox@gov.wales

Regards
Leighton



Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Annual Report

February 2023

Annual Report 2023 to 2024

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Section 1: Introduction

Welcome to the draft Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, setting the Decisions and Determinations on pay, expenses and benefits for elected members of principal councils, community and town councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities for implementation from April 2023.

This is my first Report as Chair of the Panel, having been appointed in June this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Bader, the outgoing Chair, for his service over many years and who led the Panel through two significant pieces of work last year – the [Independent 10 Year Review of the Panel](#) and restoring the link between elected members salaries and average earnings in Wales. I also thank Joe Stockley for his service and I am pleased to announce the appointment of Bev Smith in June this year. Saz Willey, Vice Chair, and Ruth Glazzard have continued to lead the work of the Panel during this period of change and I thank them for the support they have given both Bev and I, as new members.

This year the Panel has continued to focus on and take forward the recommendations from the [Ten-Year Review](#). There are four key strands to this work – review the way we work, set out a three year strategy for the Panel, improve how we communicate and engage with stakeholders and build a robust evidence base to inform decisions.

We have embarked on the recommended Effectiveness Review of the way we work and have started developing our longer-term strategy with a Panel Development Day in August. We have agreed that our mission should be to deliver a fair and accountable reward framework for Wales' communities to have their voices heard within our democracy. We will use our expertise and professionalism to build trusting, sustainable partnerships to inform our work and deliver the changes Wales needs.

We aim to improve the way we communicate and engage both with our immediate stakeholders and the general public. As a first step we now publish a summary of our monthly meetings on our [website](#), but recognise there is much more to do. We aim to improve the accessibility and ease of use of our website and develop it into a more useful resource tool for people. We intend it to be an easy-to-use store of information on our Determinations, and, building on our current [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page, develop our Guidance on how all decisions should be applied.

Whilst we are an independent body, we will continue to work collaboratively with key stakeholders engaged in promoting participation in local democracy. We look forward to participating in the forthcoming events hosted by the Welsh Government and Minister for Finance and Local Government, to share knowledge, experience, and best practice across a range of subjects related to the role of a councillor to develop a shared understanding of how we can take collective action to increase diversity in local democracy.

The Welsh Government will soon be publishing research which explores the barriers to standing for elected office and the changing role of the councillor and is

developing a programme of work around the role of the community and town Councils.

The Panel has decided that this year will be a year of consolidation. Major changes were put in place last year, and a significant uplift in salary levels was agreed. We wish to allow time for last year's Determinations to bed in and to allow the Panel to continue its development of a research and evidence base to inform future decisions and move to a longer term planning cycle. This report reflects that decision.

During the past few years, we have been considering the structure of our reports and how we can make them more accessible to all. We have concluded that much of the information published replicates previous years, often without significant change. For this report we decided to focus on the changes made as a result of the proposals. We have therefore decided that the majority of the content set out in previous reports will be removed from the report and placed on the Panel's website. We will make arrangements for those who are unable to access the website.

This change has significantly reduced the size of the report and made it more manageable to navigate. This approach is also in line with our efforts to respect the challenges facing us in protecting our planet.

This is a work in progress, and we would be interested in your views about this approach and so have specifically asked for some feedback as part of our [Consultation questions](#) at the end of the Report.

Panel Membership

Frances Duffy, Chair
Saz Willey, Vice Chair
Ruth Glazzard
Bev Smith

Detailed information about the members can be found on the website: [Panel website](#)

Section 2: Role and responsibilities of the Panel

Role of the Panel

The Panel is responsible for setting the levels and arrangements for the remuneration of members of the following organisations.

- Principal Councils – county and county borough councils
- Community and Town Councils
- National Park Authorities
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- Corporate Joint Committees

The Panel is an independent body and is able to make decisions about:

- The salary structure within which members are remunerated
- The type and nature of allowances to be paid to members
- Whether payments are mandatory or allow a level of local flexibility
- Arrangements in respect of family absence
- Arrangements for monitoring compliance with the Panel's decisions

The Panel is an independent organisation and the organisations listed above are required, by law, to implement the decisions it makes.

The Panel is also consultee for proposed changes to the pay of principal council Chief Executives.

Principles

The work of the Panel is underpinned by a set of principles which guides its approach, methodology and decision making. They are:

- **Upholding trust and confidence** – Citizens rightly expect that all those who choose to serve in local authorities uphold the public trust by embracing the values and ethics implicit in such public service.
- **Simplicity** – The Framework is clear and understandable.
- **Remuneration** – The Framework provides for payment to members of authorities who carry a responsibility for serving their communities. The level of payment should not act as a barrier to taking up or continuing in the post.
- **Diversity** – Democracy is strengthened when the membership of authorities adequately reflects the demographic and cultural make-up of the communities such authorities serve.
- **Accountability** - Taxpayers and citizens have the right to receive value for money from public funds committed to the remuneration of those who are elected, appointed or co-opted to serve in the public interest.
- **Fairness** - The Framework will be capable of being applied consistently to members of all authorities within the Panel's remit as a means of ensuring that levels of remuneration are fair, affordable and generally acceptable.

- **Quality** - The Panel recognises that the complex mix of governance, scrutiny and regulatory duties incumbent upon members requires them to engage with a process of continuous quality improvement.
- **Transparency** - Transparency of members' remuneration is in the public interest.

Section 3: Summary of Deliberations and Determinations

Methodology

Each year the Panel engages with members of the bodies for which it sets remuneration levels, officers within those organisations, clerks, Welsh Local Government Association, One Voice Wales and the Society for Local Council Clerks. It does this through a range of meetings which, at the moment, remain mostly online. The Panel will continue with these discussions. They provide an opportunity for the Panel to explore views about existing arrangements, the impact decisions are having on individuals, how the arrangements are operating in practice and any issues or concerns individuals wish to raise. It also provides an opportunity for discussion about emerging situations which the Panel may need to consider in respect of its decision making.

The draft report is published widely and members of the public are encouraged to and have provided valuable feedback and we welcome this.

The Panel also considers feedback from the publishing of the Annual Report in the previous year. The changes made in last year's Report, in particular the uplift in the basic salary, seem to have been well received by stakeholders. The issues raised with the Panel have all been centred around the detail of the Determinations, asking for guidance on how they should be applied or asking for points of clarification where the text of the Report was unclear.

The Panel has therefore agreed to review the format and structure of the main Report and make better use of the Panel website to provide information and guidance.

The Panel has a duty to set payments that are fair and that encourage and enable democratic participation. It must also take account of affordability and acceptability.

In making its determinations for this Draft Report, the Panel considered a range of benchmarks, including past, current and projected indices and actual figures and the known and forecast extent and impact of multiple economic and social factors. These included post Brexit and COVID work environments and the cost of living, energy and climate crises.

The Panels proposals are consulted on and following consideration of the views received in response to its consultation the Panel makes its final determinations which are published each year in its Annual Report.

Panel's Determinations for 2023 to 2024

Basic salary for elected members of principal councils - Determination 1

The basic salary, paid to all elected members, is remuneration for the responsibility of community representation and participation in the scrutiny, regulatory and related functions of local governance. It is based on a full time equivalent of three days a week. The Panel regularly reviews this time commitment and no changes are proposed for 2023 to 2024.

Last year the Panel reset the basic salary to align with the [2020 Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings \(ASHE\)](#) published by the Office of National Statistics. This reduced the imbalance that had arisen between the basic salary of members of principal councils and the average salaries of their constituents. The change took effect from the May 2022 local elections. The rationale for this significant step can be found in last year's Annual Report and a detailed explanatory paper setting out the historical context and analysis is available on the Panel's website.

Building on this decision the Panel has determined that for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 it is right to retain a link between the basic salary of councillors and the average salaries of their constituents. **The basic salary will be aligned with three fifths of the all Wales [2021 ASHE](#), the latest figure available at drafting. This will be £17,600. This will represent a 4.76% increase in the basic salary.**

Salaries paid to Senior, Civic and Presiding members of principal councils: Determination 2

The limit on the number of senior salaries payable ("the cap") will remain in place. At the 2022 local elections boundary reviews changed the number of members for some councils. The Panel adjusted the senior salary cap for these councils in its 2022 to 2023 Annual Report. As there are no further changes for 2023 to 2024, the maximum number of senior salaries payable within each council remains as set out in the 2022 to 2023 [Report](#).

All senior salaries include the basic salary payment. The different levels of additional responsibility of and between each role is recognised in a banded framework. The framework was revised last year after a review of differentials and market comparators. No changes to banding are proposed this year. Early next year the Panel will gather evidence from principal councils to explore whether and how the workload of elected members has changed.

The [ASHE 2021](#) increase applies to the role element of Band 1 and Band 2 salaries – leader, deputy leader and executive members.

To complete the last year's realignment of the framework, Band 3 and Band 4 salary holders will receive a small increase to the role element of their pay and the role element of Band 5 pay will remain frozen. The increase in basic salary will apply. The salary of a leader of the largest (Group A) council will therefore be £66,000. All other payments have been decided in reference to this and are set out in Table 1.

Table 1 – Salaries payable to Basic, Senior, Civic and Presiding Members of Principal Councils

Description	Remuneration		
Elected Members of Principal Councils			
Basic salary (payable to all elected members)	£17,600		
Senior salaries (inclusive of basic salary)	Group A	Group B	Group C
Band 1:			
Leader	£66,000	£59,400	£56,100
Deputy Leader	£46,200	£41,580	£39,270
Band 2:			
Executive Members	£39,600	£35,640	£33,660
Band 3:			
Committee Chairs (if remunerated): Civic Head Presiding Officer	£26,400		
Band 4:			
Leader of Largest Opposition Group	£26,400		
Band 5:			
Leader of Other Political Groups Deputy Civic Head	£21,340		
Deputy Presiding Member – no role payment	£17,600		

Group A: Cardiff, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea

Group B: Bridgend, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Newport, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Vale of Glamorgan, Wrexham

Group C: Blaenau Gwent, Ceredigion, Denbighshire, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Isle of Anglesey

There are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members and therefore all other Determinations from 2022 to 2023 still stand and should be applied in 2023 to 2024, including those covering:

- Travel and subsistence;
- Care and Personal Assistance;
- Sickness Absence;
- Corporate Joint Committees,
- Assistants to the Executive,
- Additional salaries and Job sharing arrangements and
- Co-opted Members

Salaries for Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees: Determination 3

The salary of a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be £8,800.

The salary of vice-chair will be £4,400.

There are no other changes.

Payments towards costs and expenses of members of Community and Town Councils; Determination 4

Last year the Panel carried out a major review of the remuneration framework for community and town councils and undertook a comprehensive consultation exercise with the sector. The Framework was updated then and this year the Panel has decided to make limited but important changes.

The Panel recognise that all members of community and town councils necessarily spend time working from home on council business. This was the case before and during COVID and is continuing. As a result, members have extra domestic costs and also need office consumables.

The Panel considers members should not be out of pocket for carrying out their duties. It therefore proposes the following.

Basic payment for extra costs of working from home

All councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

Set payment for consumables

Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables. It is a matter for each council to make and record a policy decision in respect of when and how the payments are made and whether they are paid monthly, yearly or otherwise. The policy should also state whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves or changes their role during the financial year.

The level of payments is set out in Table 2.

Table 2 – Payments to Community and Town Councils

Type of payment	Requirement
Group 1	Electorate over 14,000
Extra Costs Payment	Mandatory for all Members
Senior Role	Mandatory for 1 member; optional for up to 7
Mayor or Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	Optional
Financial Loss	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Costs of Care or Personal Assistance	Mandatory

Type of payment	Requirement
Group 2	Electorate 10,000 to 13,999
Extra Costs Payment	Mandatory for all members
Senior Role	Mandatory for 1 member; optional up to 5
Mayor or Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	Optional
Financial Loss	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	Mandatory
Group 3	Electorate 5,000 to 9,999
Extra Costs Payment	Mandatory for all members
Senior Role	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	Optional
Financial Loss	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	Mandatory
Group 4	Electorate 1,000 to 4,999
Extra Costs Payment	Mandatory for all members
Senior Role	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	Optional
Financial Loss	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	Mandatory
Group 5	Electorate less than 1,000
Extra Costs Payment	Mandatory for all members
Senior Role	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	Optional
Financial Loss	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	Mandatory

Group number	Size of Electorate
Group 1	Electorate over 14,000
Group 2	10,000 to 13,999
Group 3	5,000 to 9,999
Group 4	1,000 to 4,999
Group 5	Under 1,000

There are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members and therefore all other Determinations from 2022 to 2023 still stand and should be applied in 2023 to 2024, including those covering:

- Payments for undertaking senior roles;
- Contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance;
- Reimbursement of Travel and subsistence costs;
- Compensation for financial loss:
- Attendance allowance and
- Co-opted Members

Payments to National Parks Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities: Determination 5

The three national parks in Wales - Brecon Beacons, Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia were formed to protect spectacular landscapes and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The Environment Act 1995 led to the creation of a National Park Authority (NPA) for each park.

National Park authorities comprise members who are either elected members nominated by the principal councils within the national park area or are members appointed by the Welsh Government through the Public Appointments process. Welsh Government appointed and council nominated members are treated equally in relation to remuneration.

The three fire and rescue services (FRAs) in Wales: Mid and West Wales, North Wales and South Wales were formed as part of Local Government re-organisation in 1996. FRAs comprise elected members who are nominated by the Principal Councils within each fire and rescue service area.

Payments will increase as a result of the uplift proposed for elected members of principal councils. Therefore, there will also be an uplift of 4.76% in the basic salary element.

The remuneration for Chairs will remain linked to a Band 3 senior salary of principal councils. Therefore there will be a small increase to the role element of their pay. Deputy Chairs, Committee Chairs and other senior roles will remain linked to Band 5. Therefore their role element of pay will remain frozen. The increase in basic salary will apply. Full details of the levels of remuneration for members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities, is set out in Table 3.

Table 3 – Payments to National Parks Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities

National Parks Authorities	
Basic salary for ordinary member	£4,964
Chair	£13,764
Deputy Chair (where appointed)	£8,704
Committee Chair or other senior post	£8,704
Fire and Rescue Authorities	
Basic salary for ordinary member	£2,482
Chair	£11,282
Deputy Chair (where appointed)	£6,222
Committee Chair or other senior post	£6,222

All other Determinations for 2022 to 2023 will still stand and should be applied in 2023 to 2024, including those covering;

- Contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance;
- Reimbursement of Travel and subsistence costs;
- Compensation for financial loss;
- Co-opted Members and
- Restrictions on receiving double remuneration where a member holds more than one post.

Section 4: Consultation on Draft – Questions

We welcome feedback on this draft Report and have included some additional questions where we would appreciate your views. The consultation period will end on the 1 December 2022 and you can either email us your comments or complete the form on our website [HERE](#).

Question 1

The Panel has continued to use the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) published by the Office for National Statistics as the benchmark for setting the basic salary of elected members of principal councils. There is a corresponding proportionate increase proposed for the members of National Park and Fire and Rescue Authorities. The Panel has continued to refer to the last published ASHE which was 2021. Do you agree that the basic salary element should be referenced to the [ASHE 2021](#) data.

Yes

No

No Opinion

Any additional comments

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Question 2

The Panel has made changes to the payment of costs and expenses of members of community and town councils. Do you agree with the addition of the “consumables” element?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Any additional comments

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Question 3

The Panel will gather evidence from principal councils to explore whether and how the workload of elected members has changed to inform future Determinations. Are you content that the Panel should build this review into its future work plan and build the evidence base to support decisions?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Any additional comments

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Question 4

We have significantly reduced the size of the report this year to concentrate on key decisions made and intend to make more use of the website to provide easy to use guidance to users. This approach is also in line with our efforts to respect the challenges facing us in protecting our planet.

How would you would like to access information and guidance from the Panel?
(choose all that apply)

Summary report with links to detailed guidance

Easy to use guidance notes

Frequently asked questions

Website

Social media

Information events

Other

If other, please specify:

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Have you experienced any challenges accessing or understanding our guidance and information through our website? Please let us know how we can make it easier for you?

Question 5

The Panel intend to undertake a series of engagements with all relevant stakeholders over the next year as part of the development of its forward planning and building of its evidence and research strategy.

Have you any comments that would help the Panel shape this engagement?

For example, a preference for online polls, the holding of engagement events, virtual or face to face, which groups should be involved, how do we engage with prospective candidates etc.

Would you like to be involved in any future engagement events?

Yes

No

Contact details

Summary of Determinations:

Determination 1:

The basic level of salary for elected members of principal councils will set at £17,600.

Determination 2:

The salary of a leader of the largest (Group A) council will be £66,000. All other payments have been decided in reference to this.

Determination 3:

The salary of a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be £8,800.

The salary of vice-chair will be £4,400.

Determination 4:

Members of Community and Town Councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home. And Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

Determination 5:

The basic pay of members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities has been increased by 4.76%. All payments are set out in Table 3.

Determination 6:

All other Determinations set out in the 2022 to 2023 [Annual Report](#) of the Panel remain valid and should be applied.

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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

11 October 2022

Dear Stakeholder

I am writing to inform you that the Welsh Government has today published a consultation that sets out an ambitious long-term agenda for modernising electoral administration and wider electoral reform in Wales.

In this Senedd term, it will contribute to the delivery of our Programme for Government commitment to reduce the democratic deficit in local government and support the delivery of our Senedd reform commitments by providing for the modernised administration of reformed Senedd elections in 2026.

It includes a mixture of non-legislative propositions to promote engagement in elections and makes standing for election safer and more straight forward, legislative proposals to modernise the administration of elections, improve the conduct of electoral and community reviews for local government and consolidate electoral law, as well as longer-term propositions for electoral reform to support Welsh democracy.

I would like to invite you to respond to this consultation as the Welsh Government is interested in your views. A link to this paper is attached, and we have also produced Youth Friendly and Easy Read versions of it: <https://gov.wales/electoral-administration-and-reform-white-paper>.

I would be grateful if you could respond by 10 January 2023 to Mailbox: Ymgynghoriad Etholiadau / Elections Consultation Elections.Consultation@gov.wales.

Yours faithfully

Michael Kay
Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr / Deputy Director
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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From: [Tony Yule](#)
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Subject: Request for Stream Crossing on Llantrisant 222.
Date: 31 October 2022 11:04:05

Hi Alison,

I have been asked by a member of Taff Ely Ramblers to request a bridge or stepping stones over a stream at ST 03938 84618 on footpath Llantrisant 222. This path is used on Bunny Walk #1.



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Regards,

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