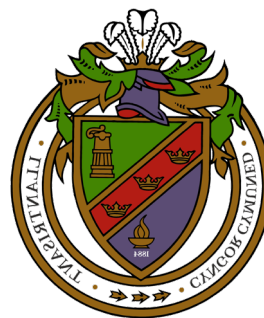


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2026 AT LLYS Y CWM,
BEDDAU.

Present

Cllr Anne Callow (Chair)
Cllr Julie Barton
Cllr David Brown
Cllr Ron Hunt

Cllr Lynne Murdoch
Cllr Adam Robinson
Cllr Dr Catherine Preston

In Attendance

The Clerk to the Council (Mr G. E. Hopkins J.P.)
Cllr David Myles (Not a member of the Committee)

Mr Colin Williams	}	Llantrisant Male Voice Choir
Mr David Crabbe		
Mr David Fairbairn		

Cathy	Llantrisant Model House (online)
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EPE/25-26/19 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ellie Townsend Jones and Cllr Carys Romney.

EPE/25-26/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Julie Barton declared that they she was Chair of Beddau and Tynant Community Library, Litter Free Beddau & Tynant and the Governors at YGG Castellau.

Cllr Catherine Preston declared that they she was Treasurer of Beddau and Tynant Community Library.

Cllr Adam Robinson declared that he was the Vice Chairman of Llantrisant War Memorial Committee, and a member of Llantrisant and Talbot Green Together.

Cllrs Anne Callow and Lynne Murdoch declared that they were volunteers of Llantrisant and Talbot Green Together and members of Beddau Library.

EPE/25-26/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Public Engagement Committee held on 15th October 2025, and which were received by full Council on Tuesday 11th November 2025 were accepted as a true record.

EPE/25-26/22 Charter of Friendship (Invitation to Crecy 2026)

This matter was brought forward in the order of business to allow representatives from Llantrisant Male Voice Choir to take part in the discussion.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received an invitation from the Mayor of Crécy-en-Ponthieu for representatives of the town of Llantrisant to attend the 680th anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Crecy, to take place over the weekend of 21st to 23rd August 2026.

The Committee agreed in principle that the Council should support a visit to the events in France, and it was further agreed that a public meeting be held in the town on 24th February to gauge public interest in attending. It was further agreed that a steering group for the visit be established under the chairmanship of the Chair of Council, and this involve past and new members wishing to become more involved in the Charter of Friendship.

The representatives of Llantrisant Male Voice Choir in attendance informed the Committee that the choir was considering going to the events, and the Clerk said that he would check with the hosts whether there were any particular opportunities for the choir to perform.

EPE/25-26/23 Review of Christmas 2025

The report of the Clerk was considered which summarised reflections from the staff on the three Christmas events put on by the Council during December 2025. The report was somewhat unrefined in parts, and some members felt it was unfairly critical of the involvement of elected members at the events. The Clerk apologised to members for any offence caused, which he assured was unintentional.

Members then proceeded to reflect on each event in turn:-

BEDDAU AND TYNANT CHRISTMAS EVENT – FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

The event was well-attended and a great success despite the rain. There was some discussion ongoing as to whether the event had outgrown its current venue at the Library, and whether it would be better either scaled down, or moved to Beddau Community Centre. These would be matters mainly for the principal organisers (the Library and Litter-Free Beddau and Tynant) but the Council may also wish to take a view as these thoughts percolate.

LLANTRISANT – “CHRISTMAS ON THE HILLTOP” Saturday

This event was once again adversely affected by the weather. The yellow warning of high winds and rain forced a decision to not produce our Christmas scene on the Bullring and instead concentrated efforts on the indoor activities at the Workingmen’s Club, the Guildhall, Model House, and the Christmas Tree Festival at Llantrisant church.

The Community Council’s part of the event, held at the Workingmen’s Club was very well attended, and focused mainly on fun activities for children. GTFM were present and linked in with their live broadcasts throughout the day.

The Christmas carol service at the church was very well attended again, with the singing led by Llantrisant Male Voice Choir.

It was agreed that for future “Christmas on the Hilltop” events, the Model House should be involved in the early preparation for the weekend.

At their suggestion, the Committee agreed that a visit to the Model House by Members of the Council would be valuable.

TALBOT GREEN CHRISTMAS EVENT

This was the first event of its kind run at Talbot Green Community Centre, in partnership with their management committee. Members of the TG Community Centre Committee had agreed to be responsible for the provision of hot food and drinks, and this was a success.

The event was a success, and very well-attended by the public. RCT Community Wind Band provided musical entertainment and led the community carol singing.

EPE/25-26/24 Christmas Trees & Street Lights

It was agreed that the Clerk convene a meeting to discuss Christmas displays.

EPE/25-26/25**Consultation Responses**

The Report consisting of a compilation of the responses to the Council's public consultation document circulated in the community during 2025 were noted.

Members agreed that the findings should be shared with partners, such as the police and schools, as the comments were wide-ranging and some beyond the scope of the Community Council's jurisdiction.

EPE/25-26/26**Community Council Reception**

A paper was received and considered, written by Cllr Barton, proposing a Council reception for community groups along the lines of that held in May 2025.

It was agreed that such a reception should be arranged, for 21st May 2026, to be held at Caerlan Hall, Llantrisant.

EPE/25-26/27**Events Schedule 2026**

The Events Schedule for 2026 was reviewed and amended as attached as Appendix I.

There being no further business the meeting was ended at 8pm

**CLLR ANNE CALLOW
COMMITTEE CHAIR**