

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL



**TONYREFAIL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Foreword: Chair's Report

It is with pride that I share with you the Chair's report 2022-2023.

I present to you our packed report which shows you, the Community, the diversity and challenges of the work we do and outlines what our role as Community Councillors entails, how we manage and maintain our resources and how it impacts on the community.

During this period, we were thrilled to welcome our new and very experienced Clerk, Jo van Tonder, into the fold, and we continue to appreciate her guidance and legal knowledge. I must also acknowledge Pauline Williams, our long-standing former clerk, for her years of service and commitment to the role. Pauline now enjoys a part time role as Deputy Clerk and is expert in her knowledge of the running of the cemetery.

In the summer of 2022, we hosted a number of Summer Family events in each area of Tonyrefail and the surrounding districts, all free events, which proved popular and well attended.



Rita Lloyd (90) receiving her Citizen of the Year 2022 nomination from Chair, Cllr Linda Michel. Sadly, we lost Rita in early 2023.

There were our annual awards in October in which we highlighted citizens of Tonyrefail for long standing service in the Community and where we gave out grants, as we do every year, in order that small organisations, sports clubs and community groups can keep operating and thriving.

Remembrance Sunday, as always, was a moving service where the Community got together to remember those who gave their lives in war time.

This time for the first time we were pleased to welcome a special visitor to our service and parade, Cllr Debra James rode her horse, Gem, who behaved impeccably ... the picture of the day was Gem bowing his head at the cenotaph. Remarkable and unforgettable!



Cllr Debra James and Gem.

Thanks to the Royal British Legion who were responsible for making the arrangements and to Steve Vargas for officiating the service.

This year, we hosted the Fireworks display in Tyn-Y-Bryn Park. This annual event is co-sponsored by ourselves and Gilfach Goch Community Council with proceeds going to South Wales Fire Service.

During the latter part of the year, we held our Senior Citizens' dinner and our thanks go to Tonyrefail Workmen's Club for the catering and entertainment. For our annual Christmas event, we joined forces with Tonyrefail Community School. Once again, it was a resounding success and we appreciated the chance to work and plan the event alongside the school and the newly reinstated Chamber of Trade, and continue to support both.



Covid Memorial stone and garden.

For me, the most moving event of all took place in a small service at Trane Cemetery in honour of those who lost their lives during the pandemic. On 18th March, Community and Borough Councillors got together and asked members of the public to plant daffodils in memory of their loved ones; a plaque, presented by David Evans Funeral Directors, was unveiled. We now have a

little corner with our Sculpture Daffodils

where we can always remember. Thanks to Rev. Ernie Banwell for a very moving service as well.

During the year, we completed Cemetery inspections, footpath inspections, attended PACT meetings, meetings regarding proposed housing developments, to name but a few. Some of us work with Tonyrefail Environment Association to clean up litter in different areas in Tonyrefail but all in all, we try to be as much help as we can to the Community.

We continue to work within the framework of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act for the residents of Tonyrefail and District.

I could not complete this foreword without referring to the Cost-of-living Crisis which has brought undue stress and anxiety into the Community. It's a sad

reflection on our times that working people are having to go to foodbanks in order to survive and we can only hope that the situation will improve soon. In the meantime, we are grateful that there are places in Tonyrefail where people can go for help.

Finally, I would like to thanks all my colleagues at the Community Council, the staff and you, the public, for your continued support.

Linda Michel

Chair

Tonyrefail and District Community Council

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*A chair should be a guiding light
That shows the way ahead
Should bring together points of view
And settle a debate
Then put together facts and figures
or reach a compromise
All in all, provide a service
That borders on first rate...*

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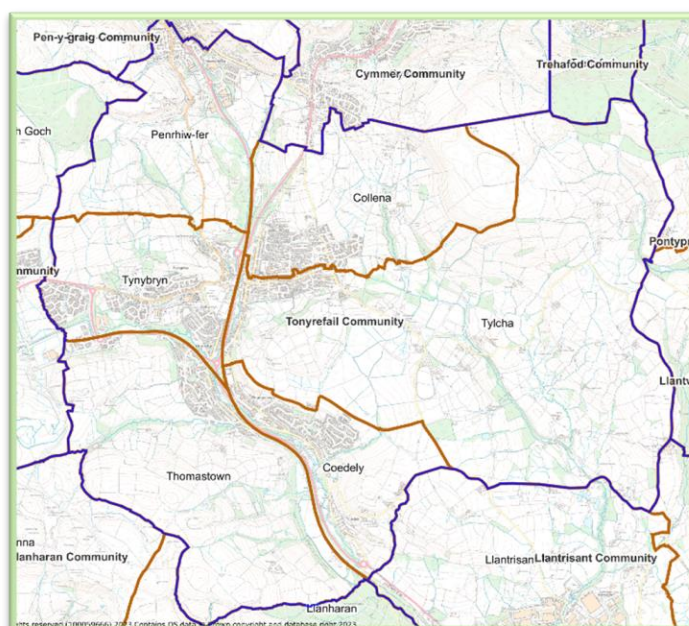
About Tonyrefail & District Community Council

General Information

The Community Council was established in 1985 and operates in the lowest tier of government; the grass roots level. We are one of over 730 Town and Community Councils in Wales, classed as a larger council and the fourth biggest in Rhondda Cynon Taf. The Council serves the wards of:

- Collenna
- Coedely
- Penrhiwfer
- Thomastown
- Tylcha
- Tyn-y-Bryn

We have eleven Councillors, ten of whom were elected in May 2022 with one co-opted on to the Council in January 2023, and will serve the Council for a five-year term until elections are held again in 2027.



Town and Community Councils are statutory bodies and are at the forefront of community governance. They have powers to **precept** – collect a payment made to the Community Council through the Council Tax system – and deliver local services. Residents will see the precept charge detailed on their Council Tax bill sent out each March by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

The Council's remit in the community is to:

provide for and respond to local needs



advocate for community interests



organise and promote community events



act as Burial Authority and maintain Trane Cemetery



Every year in May, the Council holds its Annual Meeting when a new Chair and Vice Chair are elected. Members of the Council are nominated by their fellow councillors to fulfil these roles for a twelve-month period.

Powers and Duties

There are many legal powers that Community Council has at its disposal in order to carry out its duties and meet its objectives. In particular, the Council relies most on the following:

Activity	Powers & duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments; duty to provide allotment gardens is demand is unsatisfied.	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, s23
Burial grounds & Cemeteries	Power as a burial authority to acquire and provide with a duty to maintain. Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials. Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries.	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10 Parish Councils & Burial Authorities (Misc.) Act 1970, s1 Local Government Act 1972, s214
Christmas Lights	Power to encourage visitors.	Local Government Act 1972, s144
Crime Prevention	Powers to spend money on various crime prevention measures.	Local Government & Rating Act 1997, s31
Highways	Power to repair and maintain footpaths & bridleways. Power to plant trees and maintain roadside verges. Power to provide roadside seats and shelters.	Highways Act 1980, ss 43, 50 Highways Act 1980, s96 Parish Councils Act 1957, s1
Litter	Power to provide receptacles in public places.	Litter Act 1983, ss5.6
Open Spaces	Power to acquire land and duty to maintain them.	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
Public Conveniences	Power to provide.	Public Health Act 1936, s87
Tourism	Power to contribute to certain organisations encouraging tourism.	Local Government Act 1972, s144(2)
War Memorials	Power to maintain, repair, protect and alter war memorials.	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923 s1 (as extended by LGA 1948, s133)
Well-being	Power to do anything which the Council considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the social, economic or environmental well-being of the area (subject to S137 limits)	Local Government Act 2000, s2

Well-being of Future Generations	Duty to take all reasonable steps towards meeting local objectives in the local well-being plan and to report annually.	Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, s40
Welsh language	Duty to comply with Welsh language standards.	Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, s25

The Community Council has a duty to ensure that the rules for the administration of the Council are followed. The Council must

- appoint a Chair,
- appoint a Clerk,
- appoint a Responsible Financial Officer,
- appoint an independent and competent Internal Auditor,
- hold an annual meeting, and
- keep records of all decisions related to Council business.

Functions

Apart from its statutory duties, the Council carries out a number of other functions.

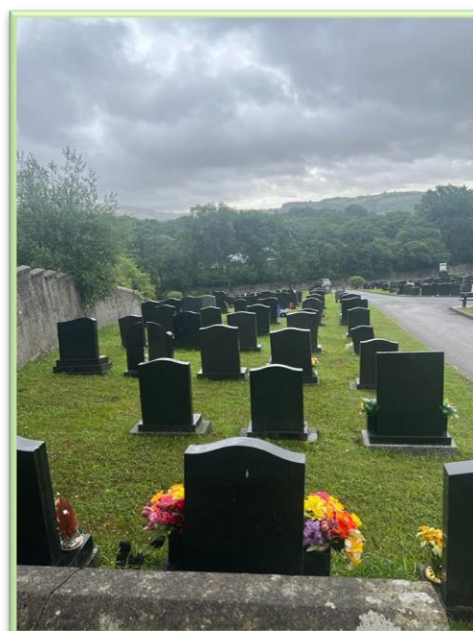
Trane Cemetery

Located to the west of Tonyrefail on Gilfach Road, Trane Cemetery was first opened in 1910 and is owned and managed by Tonyrefail & District Community Council.

We are responsible for the upkeep of the Cemetery grounds.

We are proud to say our burial records and maps are now accessible electronically, allowing the staff to assist with genealogy queries and locating loved ones.

The Council's Cemetery Administrator is available by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday to assist with transfers of ownership, memorial permits and other enquiries relating to the Cemetery.



Allotments

Under the Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, the Council has the power to provide allotments for the purposes of growing ornamental plants and herb, flower, fruit and vegetable crops. Tonyrefail & District has five such allotment gardens:



Each of these is managed by an Allotment Management Committee who is responsible for the day-to-day running of the allotments, managing the waiting lists and collecting the rents.

If you would like more information or are interested in a plot, please contact the Council office for an up-to-date contact list for the Management Committees.

Community Maintenance & Amenities

- **Floral displays:** We are responsible for a number of flower tubs, planters and hanging baskets located around the District and within the Cemetery. Over the coming year, we will be trialing a variety of plants to improve the overall look and sustainability of the displays as well as to ensure the plants are drought-resistant and insect-friendly as part of the Council's commitment to its Biodiversity Duty.
- **Christmas lights & trees:** We provide roadside Christmas lighting that is put up at the end of November and brightens the nights into the new year. The Council gifts small trees and strings of lights to all businesses within the Tonyrefail retail area that are then displayed above the shop fronts.



- **Footpaths:** While we are not responsible for the maintenance of the footpath network, we regularly walk and ride the paths and pass on reports to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) to action.
- **Bus shelters:** Several of the bus shelters are owned, maintained and regularly cleaned by us.
- **Litter picking:** We participate in the ***Keep Wales Tidy Litter Hub*** scheme and have approximately a dozen litter pickers, hoops and several hi-viz vests that we can lend out. If you would like to borrow any of this equipment, please get in touch with the office.
- **Benches:** We have provided and continue to maintain a number of benches on parts of the footpath network and others around the District, as well as several benches within the Cemetery.
- **Noticeboards:** A number of Council noticeboards are sited across the District and contain useful information about the Council and our activities.
- **Recycling:** We are a distribution hub for recycling bags, both general and food waste. Bags can be picked up from outside the Council offices at Trane Cemetery.



What don't we do?

It can sometimes be difficult to know which authority to contact with various queries. The Community and County Borough Councils have different areas of responsibility.

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) are responsible for:

Education	Recycling / Waste Collections	Car Parks
Highways	Trading Standards	Council Tax & Benefits
Footpaths	Planning & Enforcement	Playgrounds
Libraries	Local Plans	Fly-tipping
Dog Waste Bins	Street Cleaning	Tourism
Social Services	Housing	CCTV
Bus Passes	Environmental Health	Public Toilets
Street Lighting	Licensing	Leisure Centres
Public Transportation	Births, Deaths & Marriages	Blue Badge Scheme
Arts & Recreation	Museums & Galleries	Parks & Open Spaces

To make an enquiry on any of the above, you may contact RCTCBC on 01443 425005 (Mondays – Fridays, 8:30am – 5pm).

Council Meetings

Council meetings are ordinarily held on the third Thursday of the month apart from August when the council is in recess.

All Council meetings are open to the public unless, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, part or all of the agenda is excluded by special resolution due to the item/s needing to be discussed confidentially or if it is deemed prejudicial to the public interest.

The Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 sets out how the Community Council's meetings should operate. Meetings can either be remote (via Zoom) or hybrid meetings (a combination of in-person and remote access).

Tonyrefail & District Community Council undertakes to make all meetings **hybrid**, with space available for members of the public to attend in person at the Council offices or online via the zoom link to be found at the top of meeting agendas.

Committees

Apart from monthly Full Council meetings, members meet to discuss matters best dealt with in smaller, focused groups. Committee meetings as they are, are subject to the same rules and statutory legislation as full council meetings and have an elected Chair, appointed members and agreed Terms of Reference clearly setting out the scope and powers of that Committee.

For 2022/23, the Council appointed eight Committees in May 2022 at the Annual Meeting, with a further two* added in January 2023:

Committee	Members	Dates met 2022/23
Allotments	G Powell, D Owen-Jones, K Webb, M Davies, D Grehan, L Michel, D James	8 October 2022
Policy & Finance	G Evans, A Davies, K Webb, D James, D Grehan, M Balestrazzi	
Staffing	G Powell, D Owen-Jones, L Michel, D Grehan, M Davies	
Health & Safety	D Owen-Jones, A Davies, G Evans, D James, M Balestrazzi	
Remembrance Day	D Owen-Jones, A Davies, G Evans, vacancy + representatives of Royal British Legion	5 October 2022 26 October 2022

Disciplinary	L Michel, G Evans, D Grehan, G Powell	11 November 2022
Grievance	M Balestrazzi, M Davies, vacancy	
Appeals	D Owen-Jones, L Michel, vacancy	
Cemetery*	M Balestrazzi, G Evans, D James, L Michel, D Owen-Jones, G Powell	28 February 2023
Events*	D Owen-Jones, A Davies, M Davies, D Grehan, A Richards, G Powell	13 February 2023 13 March 2023

The Terms of Reference for each Committee are available on request from the Council offices. From May 2023, the Council's committee structure, membership and terms of reference is available to view online at: <https://www.tonyrefail-cc.gov.wales/the-council/councillors/>

Councillors and Staff

The Councillors

The role of a Councillor is a responsible one. Unlike their County Borough counterparts, Community Councillors receive no remuneration, giving freely their time and services to the residents they represent. Only expenses or allowances for specifically identified elements of the role are paid and are strictly in line with limits set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

In Wales, our councillors are elected every five years, under Section 16(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. Where a vacancy exists either through insufficient candidates standing at an election, or a resignation or departure mid-way through a term of office, this space on the Council can be filled through the process of co-option (or calling of a by-election in the case of a mid-term vacancy).

When taking up their roles as Community Councillors, each member must sign a declaration of acceptance of office to say they agree to abide by the **Code of Conduct** as set out by the Public Ombudsman for Wales. At the same time, members are required to provide a **register of the interests** they hold.

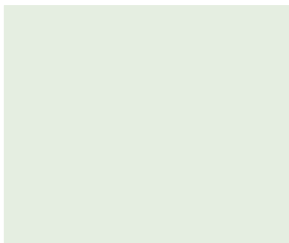
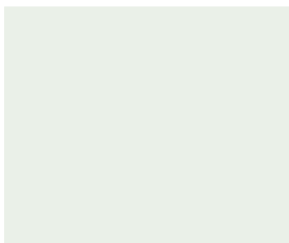
As a voice of the local community, Councillors have a great opportunity to influence bodies such as Welsh Government and the County Borough Council for the better, and generate ideas and plans that set the Council's objectives for the five-year term.

The **Chair** of the Council is elected at the Annual Meeting in May. During 2022/23, Cllr Linda Michel held the post. It is the role of the Chair to ensure all meetings are conducted properly and that the agenda is followed.

Commitment to the role, willingness to train and learn from others' experiences and an ability to manage meetings are just some of the traits of an effective chairperson.

From time to time, the Chair is required to represent the Council at civic and ceremonial events.

As at March 2023, the wards making up Tonyrefail & District, were represented as follows:

 Austin Davies Welsh Labour COLLENA WARD	 Glenn Evans Welsh Labour COLLENA WARD	 Linda Michel (Chair) Welsh labour COLLENA WARD
 Debra James Welsh Labour PENRHIWFER WARD	 Dan Owen-Jones (Vice Chair) Welsh Labour PENRHIWFER WARD	 Karen Webb Welsh labour THOMASTOWN WARD
 Danny Grehan Plaid Cymru TYLCHA WARD	 Greg Powell Welsh Labour TYLCHA WARD	 Mary Davies Welsh Labour TYN-Y-BRYN WARD
 Amanda Richards Welsh Labour TYN-Y-BRYN WARD	 Maria Balestrazzi Welsh Labour COEDEL WARD	

The Staff

The Council's staff consists of a team of six: three full time employees and three on part-time hours. Line managing staff, overseeing the work of the Council and also its Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), **the Clerk** ensures the correct policies and procedures are in place. Taking her instructions from the Council as a whole, the Clerk's duty is to implement the decisions of the Council. Her primary responsibility is to advise the Council on whether its decisions are lawful and to recommend ways in which the Council's ambitions can be implemented.

The role of the Clerk / RFO is varied and includes the administration and management of the Council's:

- finances
- personnel
- administration
- estates and assets
- cemetery
- projects
- health & safety

As proper officer, the Clerk draws up the meeting agendas and issues the summons to Councillors.

Supporting staff in their continuing professional development has been reinforced through a suite of sector- and operations-specific training that has been built into personal development programs.

The Council staff are based at **Trane Cemetery, Gilfach Road, Tonyrefail, CF39 8HL** where we have our Council offices. Our core opening hours for cemetery enquiries, appointments and general enquiries are:

10:00 to 14:00 (Monday – Thursday)

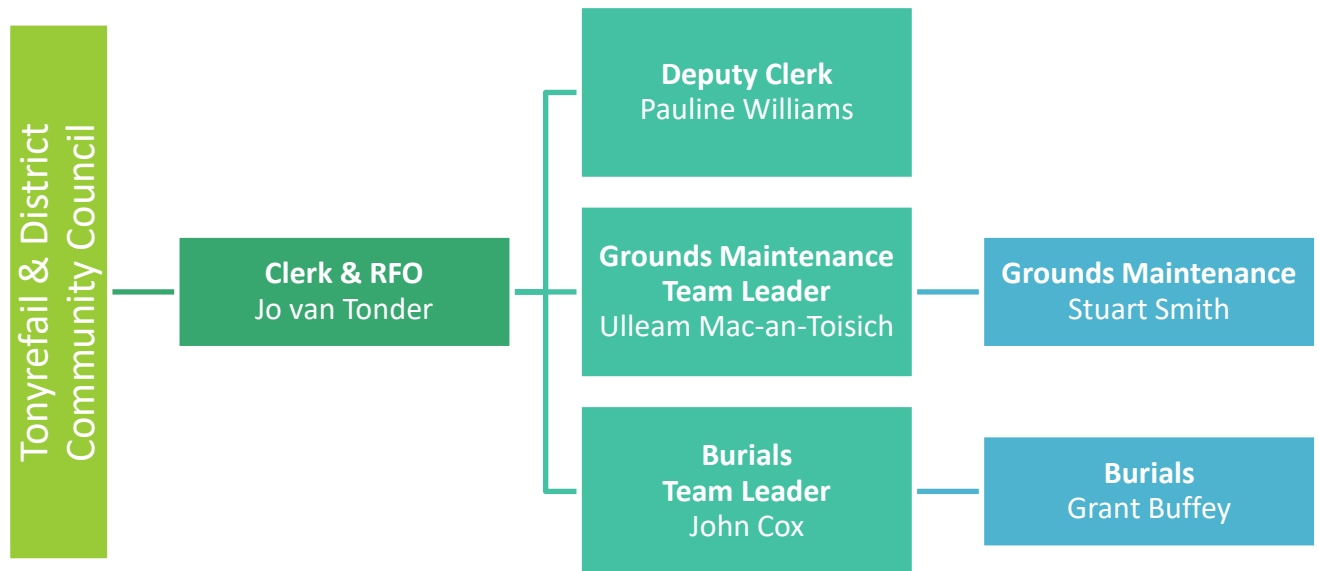
10:00 to 13:00 (Friday)

Tel: 01443 673991 / e-mail: office@tonyrefail-cc.gov.wales

Over the course of 2022/23, there was a change in Clerk. Stephen Powell left the Council in September 2022, Jo van Tonder was appointed and took up the post in January 2023.

One member of the grounds maintenance / burials team left the Council.

As at the end of March 2023, the staff compliment was structured as follows:



Finances

The Council receives the majority of its funding through the **precept** – a charge to Council Tax permitted under Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

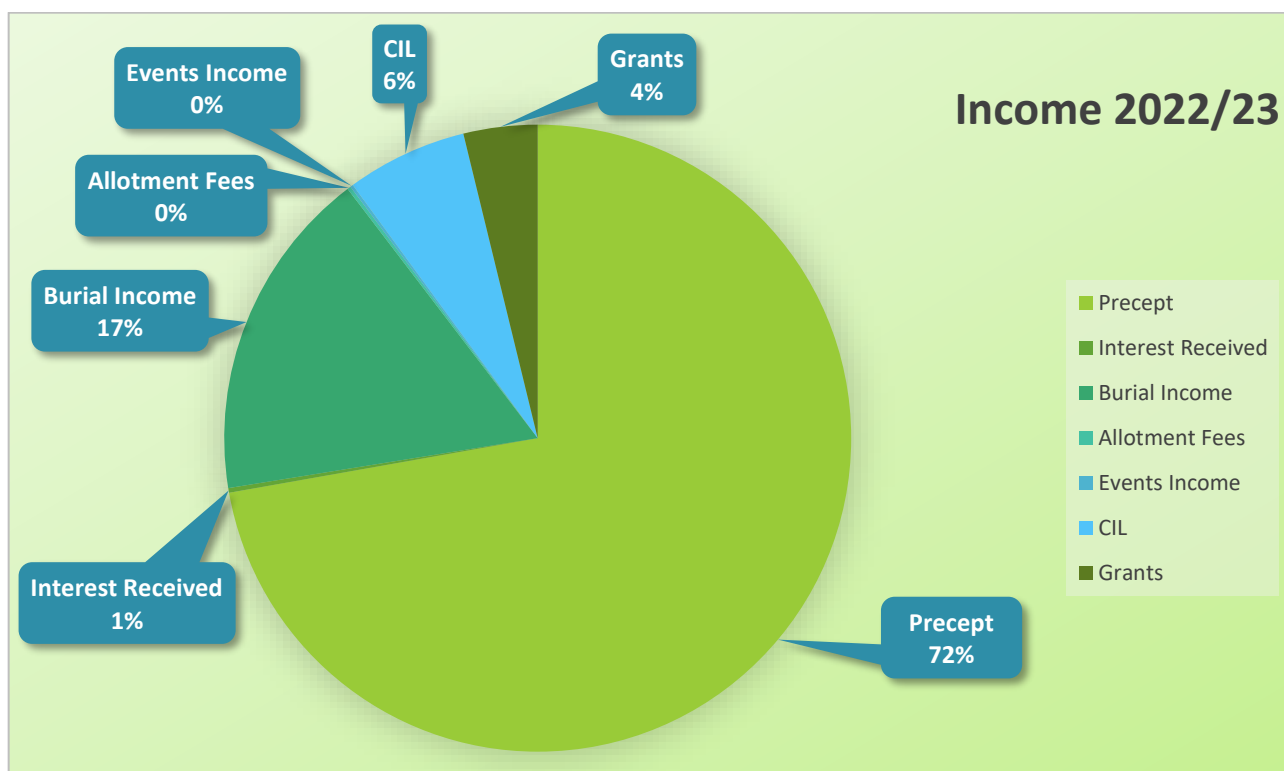
Each year in January, the Council undertakes a budgeting exercise to determine how much money will be required to provide, manage, run and improve the services and facilities the Council offers the residents of Tonyrefail and District.

An estimate of any other income is deducted from the projected expenditure for the financial year ahead and the balance is the sum formally requested from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

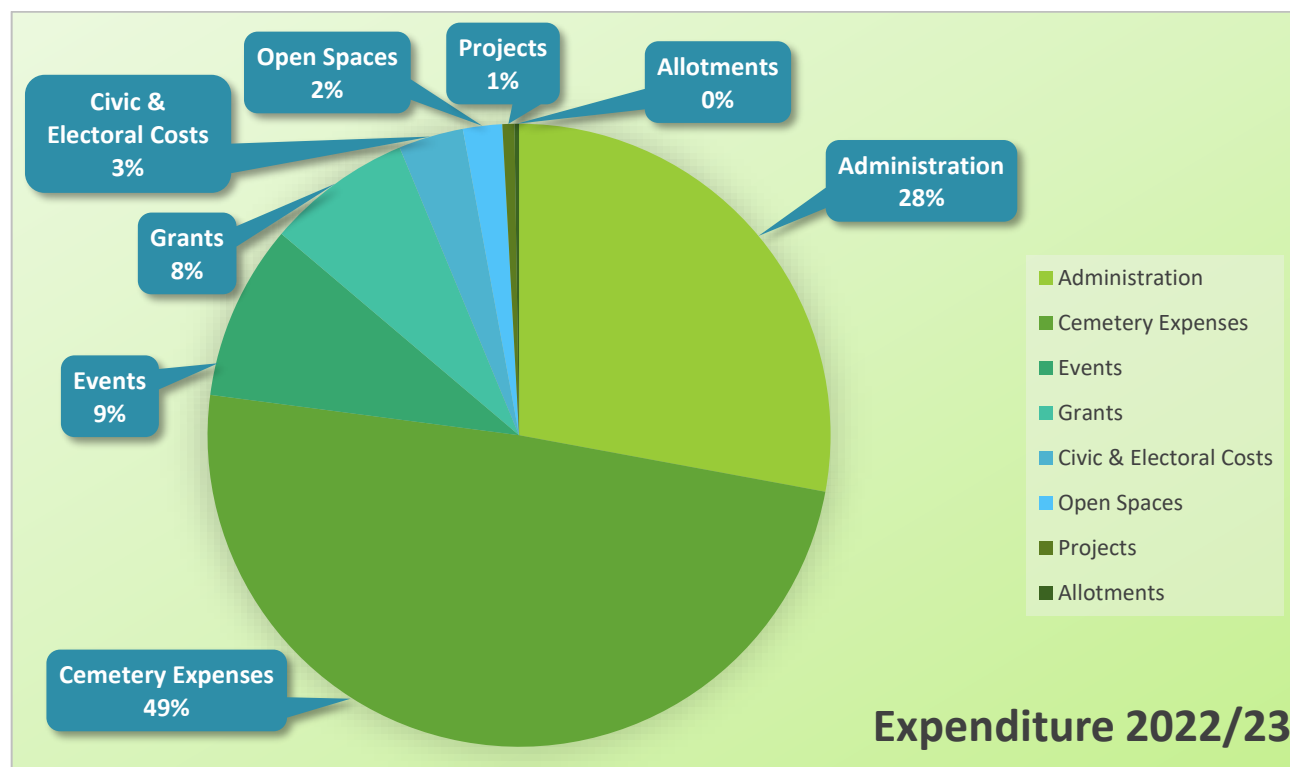
2022/23

For the financial year ending 31st March 2023, the Precept was £244,563. This equated to £60.54 per Band D-equivalent household for the year.

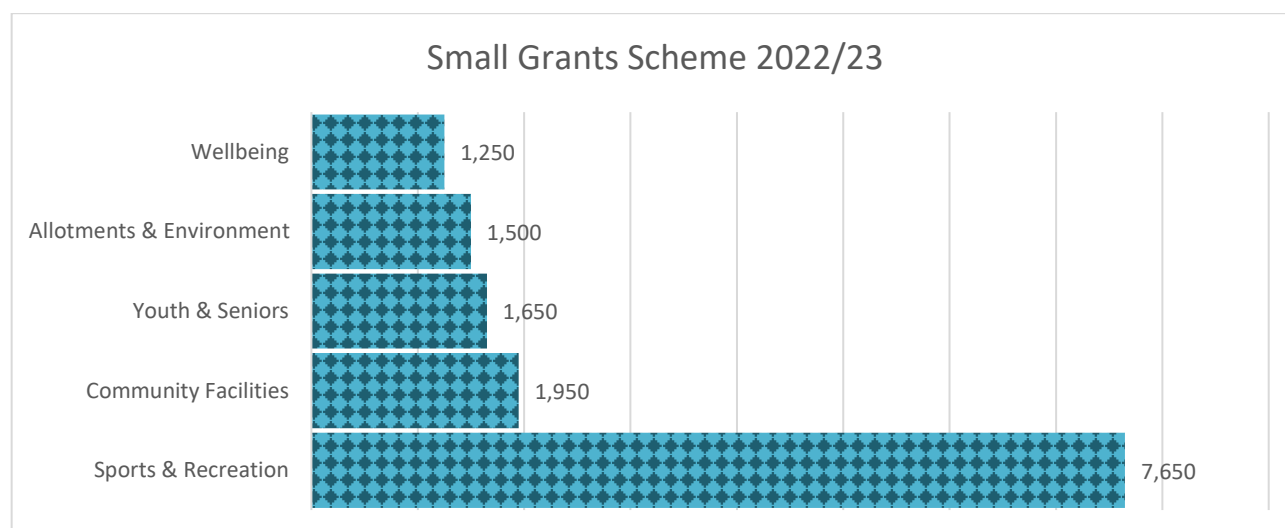
Total Income amounted to £338,672 and was broken down as follows:



Total Expenditure for the year amounted to £317,998 and was spent across the following areas of Council business:



Over the 2022/23 financial year, the Council supported a number of local organisations through its **Small Grants Scheme**. In all, £14,000 was given out to promote:



A further £10,000 of Windfarm Grants were allocated to:

- Tonyrefail Boys & Girls Club (£5,000) – 100-seater stand
- Tonyrefail Rugby Football Club (£5,000) – temporary welfare unit

2023/24 Budget

For the forthcoming year, we start our budget setting process in November with a view to agreeing the final budget in January.

For the financial year 2023/24, we have budgeted the following:

Income	£,000
Precept	245
Cemetery income	40
Grants	5
Allotments	1
Events & other income	1
Total Income	292
Expenditure	
Administration & governance	(218)
Cemetery expenses	(53)
Events	(47)
Grants	(15)
Street furniture & floral displays	(7)
Other expenses	(3)
Total Expenditure	(343)
Deficit to be funded from General Reserves	(52)

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

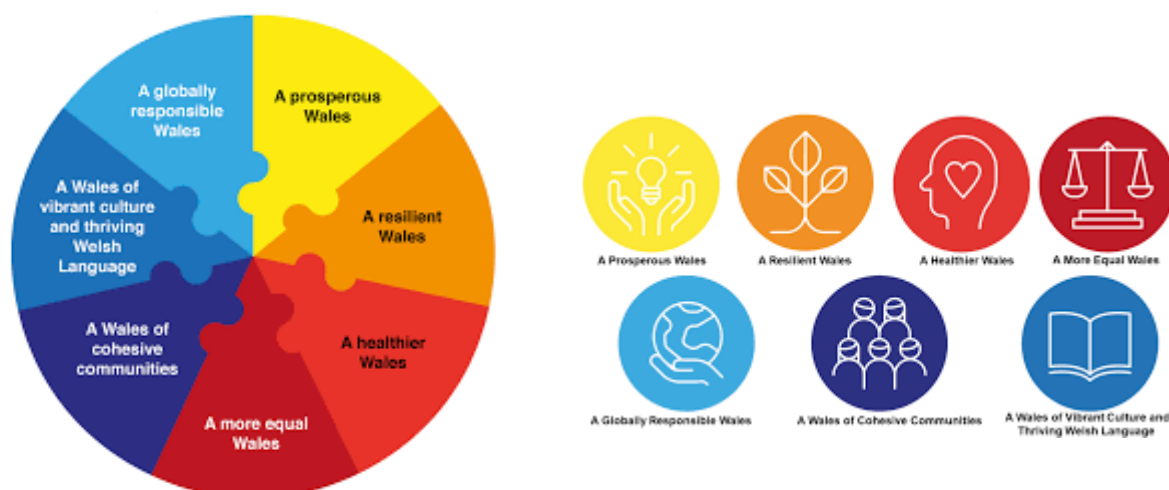
Introduction

[The Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) (the Act) places a duty on public bodies such as Tonyrefail & District Community Council to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the well-being objectives set out in the local Public Services Board's overarching Well-being Plan.

The Act aims to improve the **social, economic, environmental** and **cultural** well-being of Wales through five ways of working:



In order to create a more sustainable Wales, public bodies must work towards the seven **Well-being Goals** set out in the legislation. These are:



Cwm Taf Well-being Plan 2018-2023

The Public Services Board (PSB) under which Tonyrefail & District Council fell in 2022, was Cwm Taf Public Services Board¹ who had set out their commitments to “developing a collaborative public service that puts the people in our communities at its centre” in their **Cwm Taf Well-being Plan 2018 - 2023**.

The Well-being Plan identified three main objectives:



The Cwm Taf Well-being Plan covering 2018 to 2022, “*Our Cwm Taf*” can be viewed in full on the PSB’s website: <https://www.ourcwmtaf.wales/>

The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Plan covering 2023 to 2028, “*A More Equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg*” can be viewed on Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council’s website:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/Partnerships/Workingwithothers/CwmTafPublicServicesBoard.aspx>

¹ In May 2023, the Cwm Taf PSB and Bridgend PSB merged to form the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board and set out its objectives in their 2023 – 2028 Well-being Plan.

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In responding to the call to support the Cwm Taf PSB in meeting its three Well-being Objectives, it is important to note that the objectives outlined in their Plan seek to address many of their statutory responsibilities and are:

Objective 1: Thriving Communities

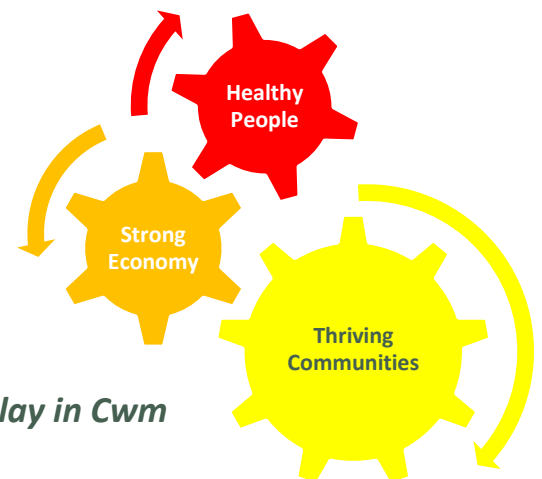
To promote safe, confident, strong and thriving communities, improving the well-being of residents and visitors, and building on our community assets.

Objective 2: Healthy People

To help people live long and healthy lives, and overcome any challenges.

Objective 3: Strong Economy

To grow a strong local economy with sustainable transport that attracts people to live, work and play in Cwm Taf.



Town and Community Councils, at present, mainly concern themselves with non-statutory measures aimed at Community Well-being. This includes hosting and/or facilitating key events, the management of public spaces and community assets, and providing financial support to local organisations.

During the course of 2022 and spanning over the financial years ending March 2022 and March 2023, the Council was engaged in many activities that set out to promote these objectives.

Action	Thriving Communities	Healthy People	Strong Economy
<u>Events:</u> During 2022, several events were hosted by the Council that sought to offer the Community opportunities to come together, post-Covid, and actively looked to address the social isolation two years of lockdowns had created amongst all age groups. • Summer family fun days in Bryngolau, Thomastown, Edmondstown, Capel Farm, Parklands, Tyn-y-Bryn Park, Coedely and Nant Eirin, • Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner offered a three-course meal with entertainment for over 120 people, • Awards Night honouring members of the community who had gone above and beyond. We also collaborated with other organisations over the year, enabling us to put on special events together. • Remembrance Day Service – in partnership with the Tonyrefail branch of the Royal British Legion, • Fireworks display – with Gilfach Goch Community Council (with proceeds going to South Wales Fire Service), • Christmas event – a festive celebration in collaboration with Tonyrefail Chamber of Trade and Tonyrefail Community School.	✓	✓	
<u>Allotments:</u> The five allotments owned by the Council comprise well over 500 plots that are rented out to the local community, giving people an opportunity to grow their own fruit, vegetables and flowers. The benefits of gardening and working outside on well-being are well established, and growing your own food encourages healthy eating.	✓	✓	
<u>Small Grants Fund:</u> The Council provided £14,000 in grants to several local community groups serving the residents of the area in 2022. Broadly speaking, the grants can be broken down into the following categories: • Sports & Recreation – 55% • Community Facilities – 14% • Youth / Seniors – 12%	✓	✓	✓

• Allotments & Environment – 11% • Well-being – 8%			
<u>Cemetery:</u> Trane Cemetery represents the most substantial and significant of the Council's assets. Every effort was made to ensure the site was well maintained for the benefit of the many visitors to the Cemetery. Just over 100 interments took place during 2022. During 2022, the Council began the process of purchasing a parcel of land adjacent to the Cemetery to allow for future expansion. A great deal of work was undertaken during the year to digitise the burial records, allowing for more efficient handling of enquiries. The Cemetery, by virtue of its location, size and purpose, is a haven for wildlife and the Council has actively worked towards enhancing the site's natural beauty and ecology. Trane Cemetery held cultural significance during 2022 as a focal point for remembrance and commemoration with its impressive War Memorial and number of war graves. A Covid Memorial Garden of steel daffodils was installed as a lasting tribute to those lost.	✓	✓	
<u>Open spaces:</u> • Floral displays – the Council has provided baskets and tubs of flowers through the summer months to enhance the visual appeal of the district. • Footpaths – in partnership with the Penrhys Pilgrimage Group, the Council supported and promoted the Penrhys Pilgrimage Walk that winds its way from Llandaff, Cardiff, through Tonyrefail, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys. In addition, we worked in partnership with RCTCBC to ensure the footpath network remained accessible. • Bus shelters, benches & noticeboards – the Council continued to provide and maintain over thirty bus shelters, forty-five benches and a number of noticeboards across the district. We actively promoted the use of public transport during the year. • Litter picking – as a <i>Keep Wales Tidy Litter Hub</i>, the Council made available litter pickers, hi-viz vests and hoops to community groups and schools wishing to take part in litter picks. Several councillors were also actively involved in litter picking throughout the year. • Recycling – the Council acted as a distribution hub for RCTCBC, allowing residents to collect their food and general recycling bags from a central location within the heart of Tonyrefail.	✓		✓
<u>Christmas trees & lighting:</u> The annual provision of Christmas street-lighting and decorated trees, not only as centerpieces within area, but also gifted to every retailer in	✓		✓

Tonyrefail to install above their shop fronts, has provided much appreciated cheer and acted as enticement into our retail quarter.			
<u>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):</u> The Council was a beneficiary of CIL, having received £59,801 as at March 2023. During 2022, £4,000 was granted to Tonyrefail Boys & Girls Club to be spent on improving facilities.	✓	✓	✓
<u>Signposting:</u> The Council made use of its website and social media accounts to promote the work of a wide range of charities, community service-providers and organisations offering mental health support, financial and legal advice, amongst many other vital services.	✓	✓	
<u>Collaborations & Partnerships:</u> The Council has engaged in several collaborative relationships over the course of the year that have helped to deliver on shared objectives. Some of these partners included: • Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) • South Wales Police • Keep Wales Tidy • Local schools • Tonyrefail Chamber of Trade • Neighbouring Community Councils • Local Community Groups	✓	✓	✓

Looking forward to 2023/24

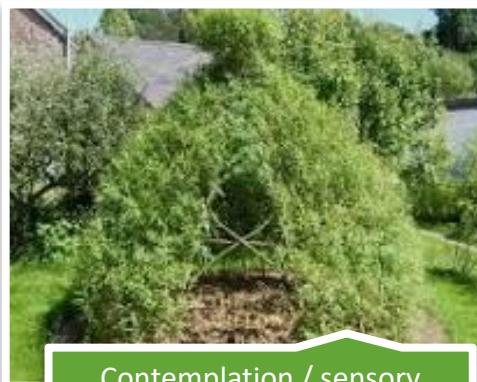
Each decision the Council makes must reflect the overall premise of the Well-being Act and, in the table below, you will see how Tonyrefail & District Community Council's priorities for 2023/24 work towards the seven well-being goals as outlined in the Act.

Prosperous	Resilient	Healthier	More equal	Cohesive Communities	Vibrant Culture & Language	Globally responsible
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To provide a calendar of events that ensures people feel part of their community and makes visitors welcome	●		●	●	●	●	
To engage actively with Allotment Management Committees to ensure continued effective running and maintenance of the Council's allotment sites		●	●		●		●
To promote projects within the Community that aim to improve the lives of our residents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
To continue to offer financial support to organisations promoting sports & recreation, arts & culture, diversity and the environment	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
To champion community heroes and recognise outstanding contributions made to our society	●			●	●	●	
To progress the purchase of land for the expansion of the Cemetery	●	●					●
To work towards the refurbishment of the Trane Cemetery public toilet facilities	●		●	●	●		
To improve facilities at Trane Cemetery, such as additional seating	●	●	●	●	●		
To improve biodiversity on land owned / managed by the Council	●	●	●		●		●
To campaign for appropriate maintenance of the footpath and Rights of Way network, and actively promote	●	●	●	●	●	●	
To actively promote the Council as a <i>Keep Wales Tidy Litter Hub</i>	●	●	●		●		●

To increase the provision of Christmas street-lighting	●	●			●	●	
To collaborate with Natural Resources Wales in maintaining the Council-owned SSSI land	●	●	●				●
To support measures to improve safety and security within the district	●	●		●	●	●	
To actively represent the Community on outside committees		●			●		●
To develop a Welsh Language Policy in line with the standards set out in the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011				●	●	●	
To promote projects that maximise resilience to climate change and contribute to improved biodiversity	●	●	●	●	●		●
To consider the environmental impact of Council decisions and strive to minimise the Council's carbon footprint	●	●	●		●		●
To provide equality of opportunities for all as an employer	●	●		●			

Some of the projects planned for 2023/24 include ...



Contemplation / sensory
willow domes @ Trane
Cemetery



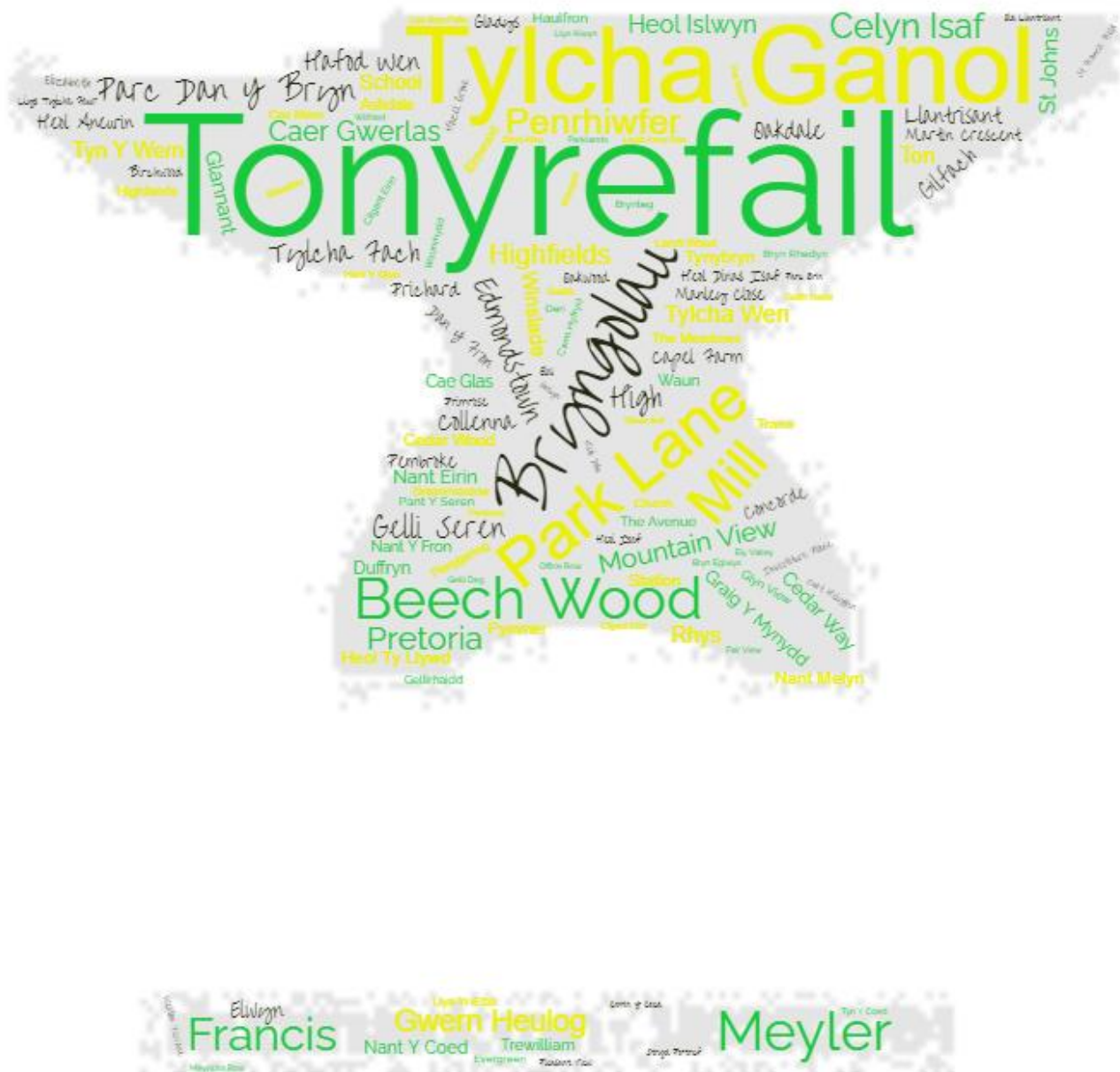
Covid Memorial Service



Refurbishment of the Upper
Cemetery toilet block with
solar-powered hot water



Christmas Lights switch-on and
two-day Christmas event



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