

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25 ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL



TONYREFAIL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Foreword: Chair's Report



As the current Chairperson of Tonyrefail Community Council, I am pleased to offer this foreword to our Annual Report describing the Council's activities and achievements over the past year.

Our Community Council has a primary responsibility for the operation and management of Trane Cemetery. During the year, the council implemented changes to improve the quality of service and ground maintenance at Trane. It is pleasing to note that we now receive regular compliments from the public in appreciation of the improvements that the combined efforts of our staff have achieved. It is the Council's intention to develop the quality of our service in all respects, and our employees deserve recognition for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the community we serve.

The Annual Report sets out the full range of the Community Council's responsibilities and activities within the area of Tonyrefail, which includes the districts of Coedely, Penrhiwfer and Edmondstown. Our objective, in all that we do, is to enhance the quality of life for the population as far as our resources and capabilities allow.

Finally, a few words about a very important aspect of the Community Council's activities. We co-operate with and give support to a range of organisations - including voluntary groups, associations, clubs and individuals, - in their activities.

Taken together, those organisations provide a wonderful network bringing enjoyment in sport, the arts, the environment, and also offering friendship and charitable assistance, to so many people of all ages in Tonyrefail. The Community Council extends its sincere appreciation and support to all volunteers whoever you are. You show that we can be at our best when we work together for our community!

Cllr Glenn Evans

Chair, Tonyrefail & District Community Council

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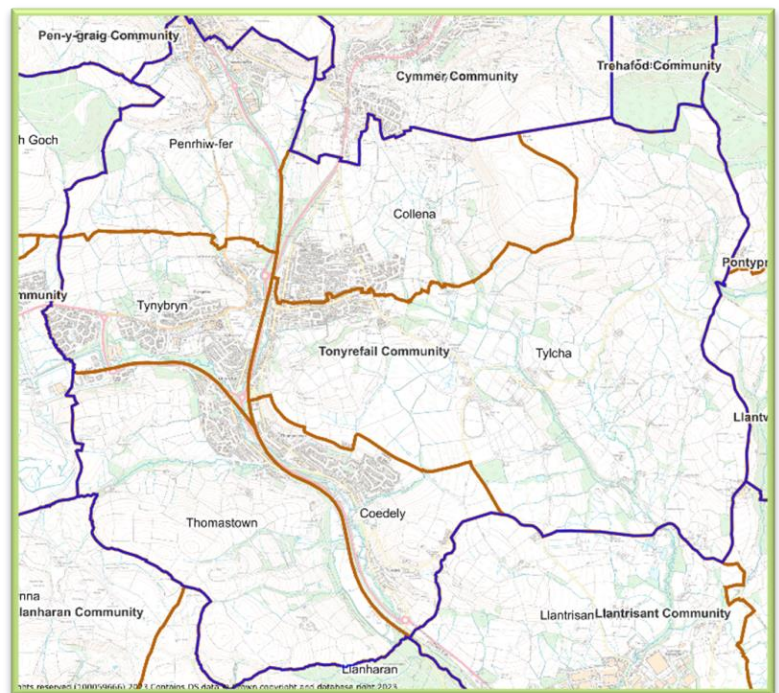
About Tonyrefail & District Community Council

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, seven of whom were elected in May 2022 with one co-opted on to the Council in January 2023, another in November 2023 and two in April 2025. Members 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 &
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 if 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	Local Government Act 2000, s2

	well-being of the area (subject to S137 limits)	
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.



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The Council remains committed to addressing the decline in biodiversity and recognises the essential role it plays in supporting both environmental health and community well-being. Biodiversity conservation and enhancement within the cemetery is forefront in our planning and decision making, encouraging a shift towards more sustainable and environmentally conscious behaviours.



Our ongoing biodiversity work includes the deliberate cultivation of wild areas within the cemetery, supporting a mix of native grasses and wildflowers. These natural zones provide vital

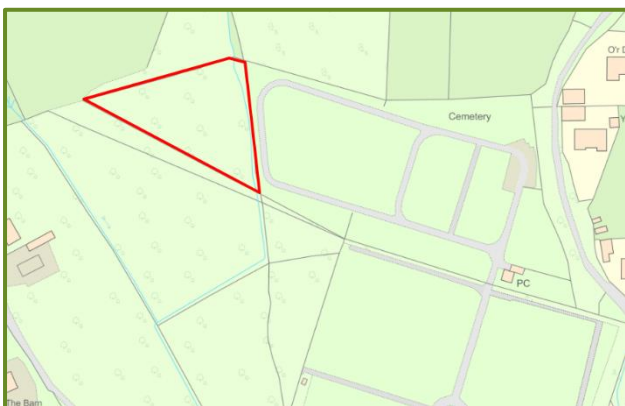


habitats to butterflies, pollinators and other local wildlife and contribute to the ecological richness of the site, while also offering a more serene and engaging experience for visitors.

In early 2024, construction began on willow dome structures following successful funding secured in 2023. These living feature have been designed as quiet, reflective spaces for visitors and contributes positively to the land by absorbing surface water and enriching the soil. Planted with complementary native species, the project forms part of a wider effort to improve biodiversity within the cemetery. This remains an active and evolving initiative.



Rhos Tonyrefail SSSI Lowland Site



communities.

To the west of the upper section of the Cemetery, is the Rhos Tonyrefail SSSI lowland site. This area is of special interest for its marshy grassland and scrub habitat. It also supports tall herb and fern



In addition to the myriad plant species, it is of special interest for its population of Marsh Fritillary butterflies that are endangered throughout Europe. Wales is one of these enigmatic insects' last strongholds, with the site at Rhos Tonyrefail considered one of the most important in Wales. The site is capable of supporting a high density of butterflies due to its particularly suitable habitat.

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:



Llantrisant Road

Prichard Street



Penrhiwfer

Tylcha Wen



The Avenue

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.

During the 2024 growing season, the Council ran a competition across the five allotment sites. Points were given for the best variety and quality of vegetables, fruit, flowers and herbs, with bonus points for a clean and tidy plot.

Robert Edwards (Penrhiwfer site) walked away with the cup; runners up were Mark Sweeting (Penrhiwfer) and Olga and Sergei (Llantrisant Road).

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.
- **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.
- **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 businesses within the Tonyrefail retail area that are then displayed above the shop fronts.
- **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:

Arts & Recreation	Fly-tipping	Planning & Enforcement
Births, Deaths & Marriages	Footpaths	Playgrounds
Blue Badge Scheme	Highways	Public Toilets
Bus Passes	Housing	Public Transportation
Car Parks	Leisure Centres	Recycling / Waste Collections
CCTV	Libraries	Social Services

Council Tax & Benefits	Licensing	Street Cleaning
Dog Waste Bins	Local Plans	Street Lighting
Education	Museums & Galleries	Tourism
Environmental Health	Parks & Open Spaces	Trading Standards

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 2024/25, the Council appointed six Committees in May 2024 at the Annual Meeting:

- Cemetery Committee,
- Events Committee,
- Finance & Governance Committee,
- Open Spaces, Allotments & Rights of Way Committee,
- Staffing Committee, and
- Well-being of Future Generations Committee.

Councillor attendance - 2024/25

Meeting	Events	OAR	Cemetery	WFG	Finance	Events	Staffing	Cemetery	Finance	Events	OAR	Finance	Staffing	Events	WFG	OAR	Events	Cemetery	WFG	Finance	Events	Finance	WFG	Staffing	Finance	Events	OAR	Cemetery								
Member	04-Jun	13-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	12-Jul	31-Jul	22-Aug	09-Sep	12-Sep	16-Sep	24-Sep	07-Oct	14-Oct	22-Oct	28-Oct	12-Nov	14-Nov	28-Nov	10-Dec	13-Jan	14-Jan	04-Feb	11-Feb	13-Feb	10-Mar	10-Mar	18-Mar	08-Apr	15-Apr	24-Apr	29-Apr					
Amanda Richards	Y		Y		Cancelled	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Cancelled		Y			Y		Cancelled	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Cancelled	Y	Cancelled		Y						
Austin Davies						Y				Y						Y		Y					Y												Y	
Ceirion Skym	Y						Y								Y	Y				Y				Y												
Dan Owen-Jones	Y	Y						Y		Y	Y				Y	Y		Y		Y			Y													
Danny Grehan						Y	Y			Y	Y				Y		Y						Y						Y	Y		Y				
Debra James		Y															Y						Y	Y					Y							
Glenn Evans		Y	Y						Y	Y			Y					Y					Y		Y		Y			Y				Y		
Greg Powell																				Y																
Karen Webb		Y						Y					Y		Y			Y						Y	Y										Y	
Linda Michel			Y				Y								Y		Y								Y						Y					
Martin Barron																																				
Mary Davies									Y		Y							Y																		

The Terms of Reference for each Committee are available on request from the Council offices. From May 2025, 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.

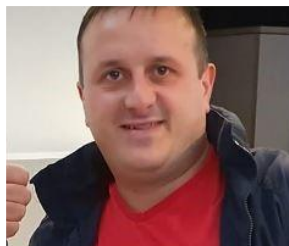
As a voice of the local community, Councillors have a great opportunity to influence bodies such as Welsh Government and the County Borough Council for the better, and generate ideas and plans that set the Council's objectives for the five-year term.

The **Chair** of the Council is elected at the Annual Meeting in May. During 2024/2, the post was split between then Cllr Dan Owen-Jones and, upon his resignation, Cllr Glenn Evans. 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 2025, the wards making up Tonyrefail & District, were represented as follows:

 Austin Davies Welsh Labour COLLENA WARD	 Glenn Evans Welsh Labour COLLENA WARD	 Linda Michel Welsh Labour COLLENA WARD
 Martin Barron Independent PENRHIWFER WARD	 Dr Dan Lawrence Independent 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	 Ceirion Skym Independent COEDEL WARD	

The Staff

The Council's staff consists of a team of eight: four full time employees and four 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:

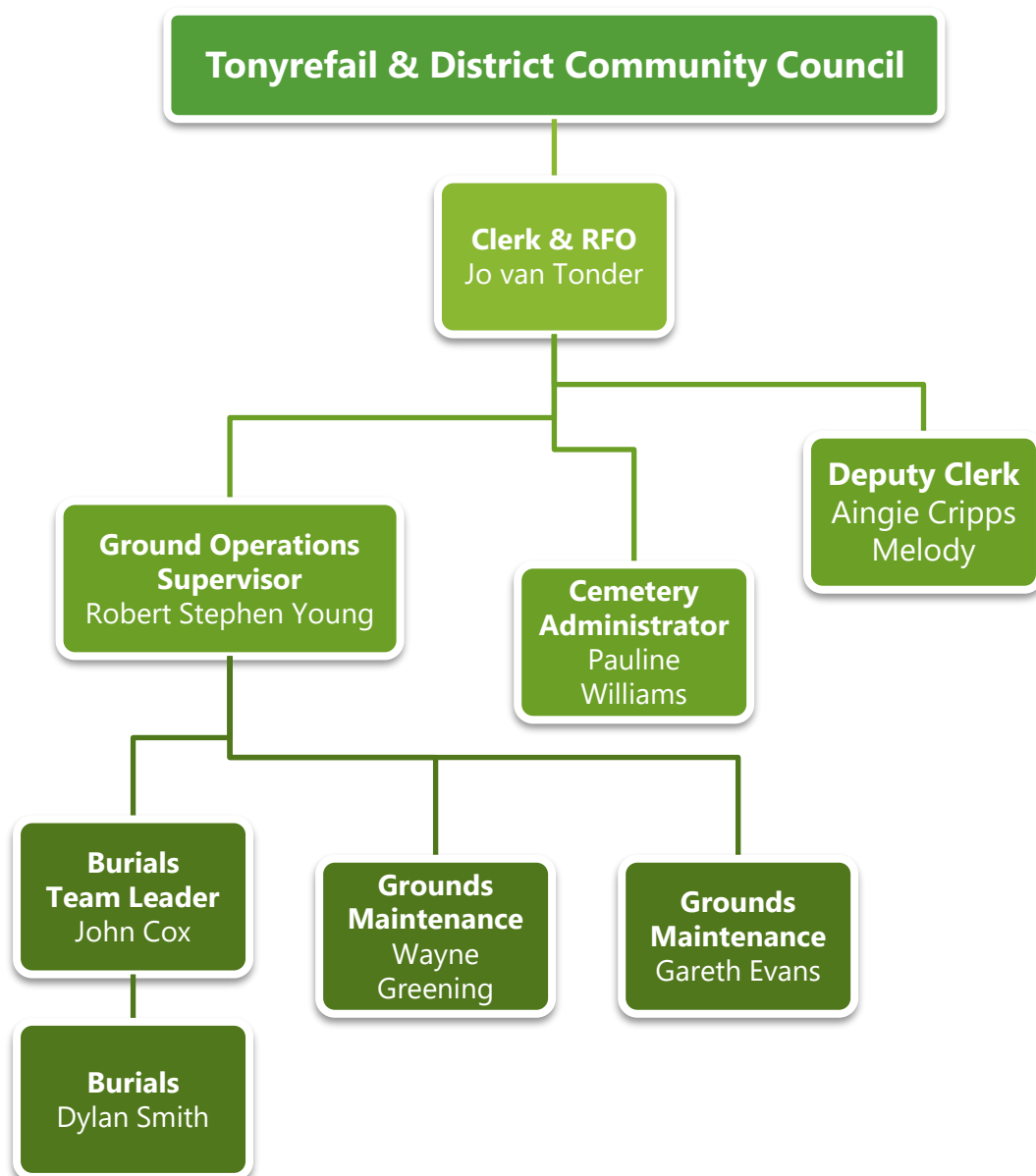
10:00 to 14:00 (Monday – Thursday)

10:00 to 13:00 (Friday)

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

During this year, the Council took on one member of the grounds maintenance team, one on the burials team and a Ground Operations Supervisor. Three members of the grounds team left the Council.

As at the end of March 2025, 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.

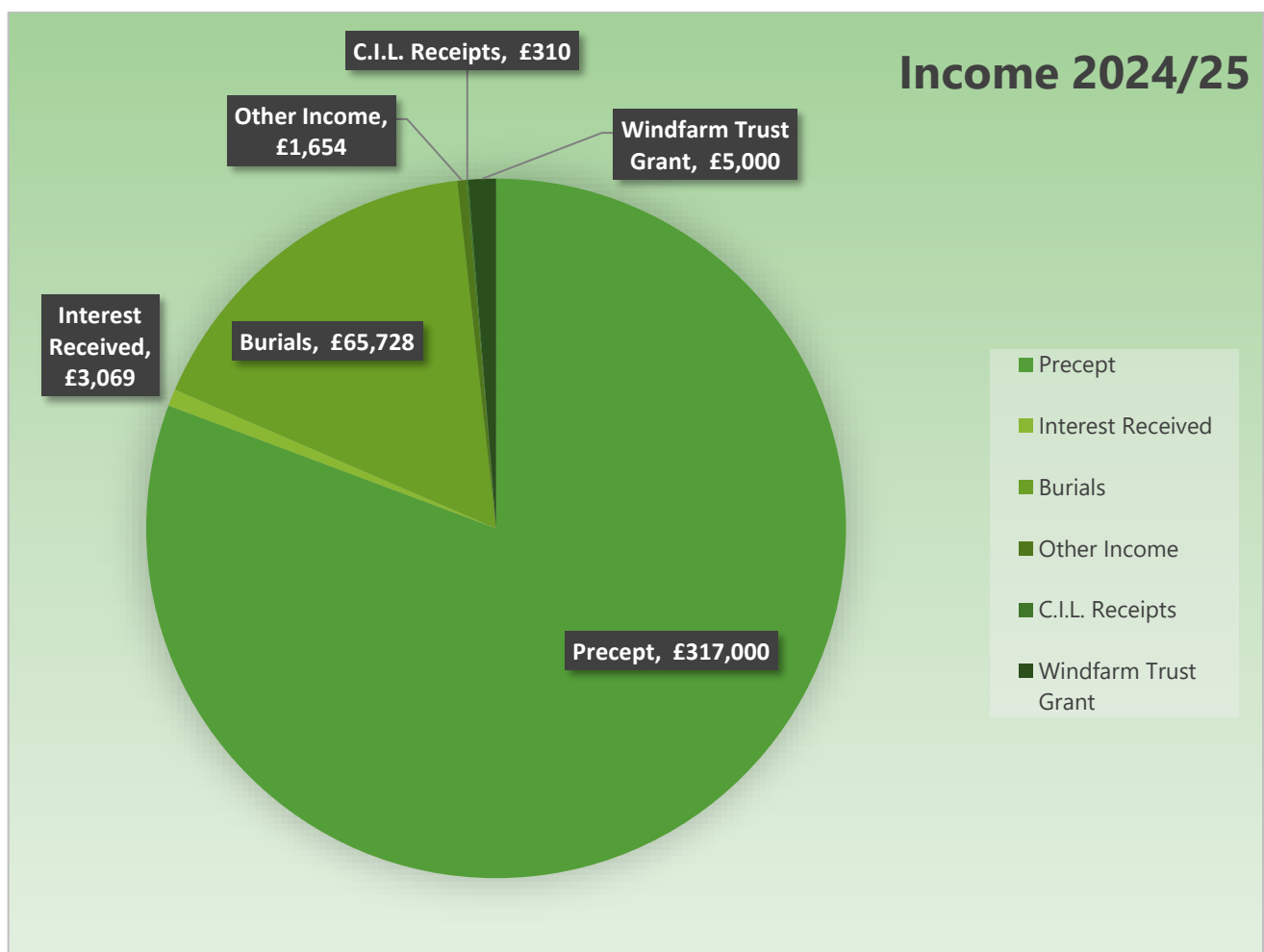
Each year in January, the Council undertakes a budgeting exercise to determine how much money will be required to provide, manage, run and improve the services and facilities the Council offers the residents of Tonyrefail and District.

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.

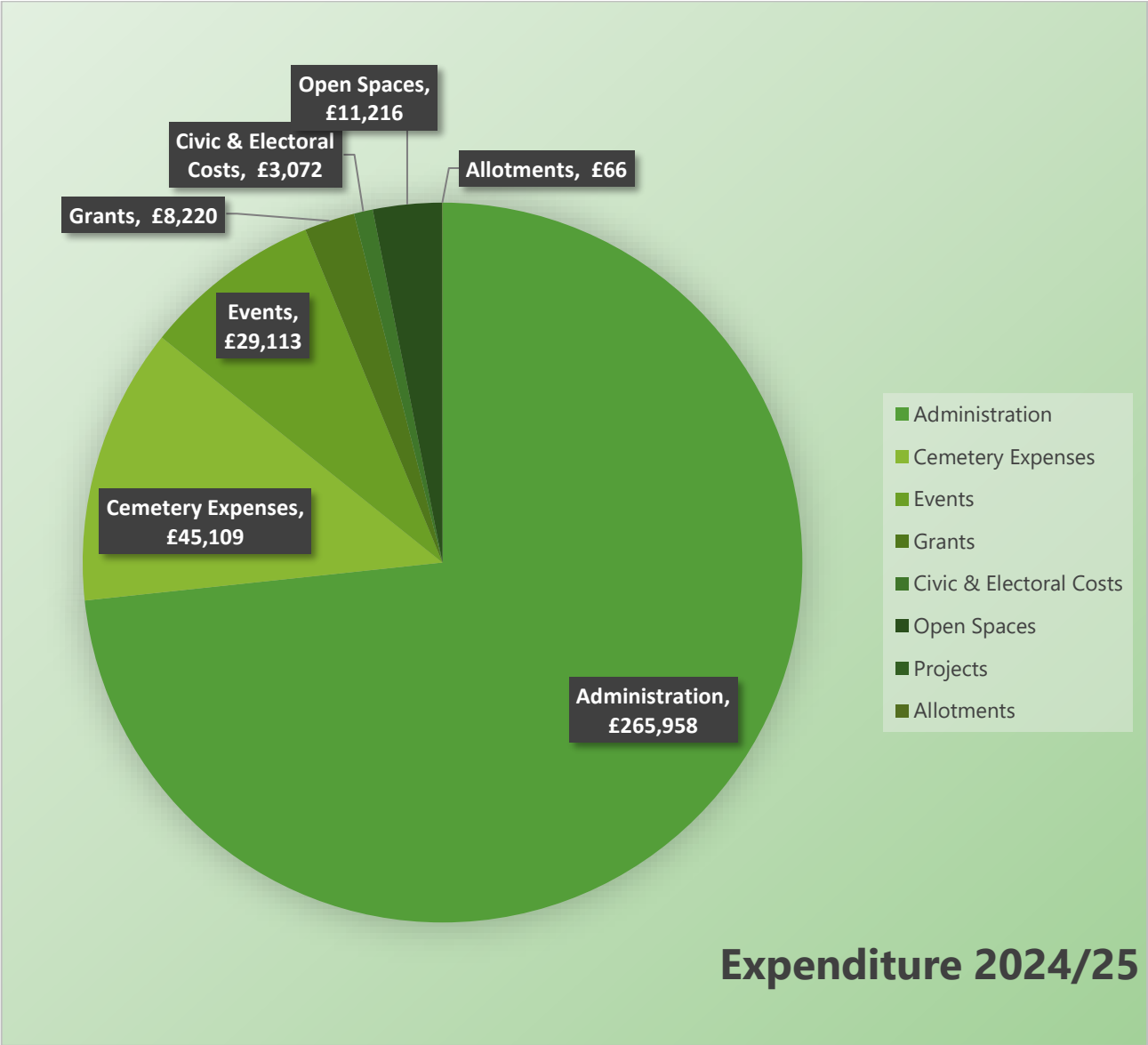
2024/25

For the financial year ending 31st March 2025, the Precept was £317,000. This equated to £75.74 per Band D-equivalent household for the year.

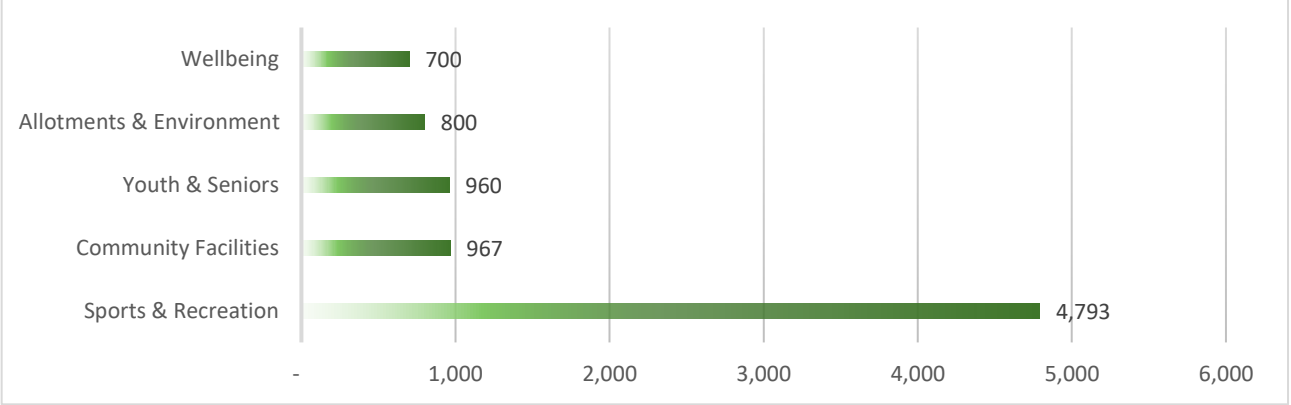
Total Income amounted to £392,762 and was broken down as follows:



Total Expenditure for the year amounted to £362,754 and was spent across the following areas of Council business:



Over the 2024/25 financial year, the Council supported a number of local organisations through its **Small Grants Scheme**. In all, £8,220 was given out to promote:



2025/26 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 2025/26, we have budgeted the following:

Income	£,000
Precept	347.5
Cemetery income	59.7
Grants	5
Allotments	1
Events & other income	1.7
Total Income	414.9
Expenditure	
Administration & governance	(300)
Cemetery expenses	(83.3)
Events	(27.7)
Open Spaces, Allotments & Rights of way	(19.8)
Grants	(17)
Other expenses	
Total Expenditure	(447.8)
Transfers from Earmarked Reserves	32.9
Net surplus / (deficit)	-

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

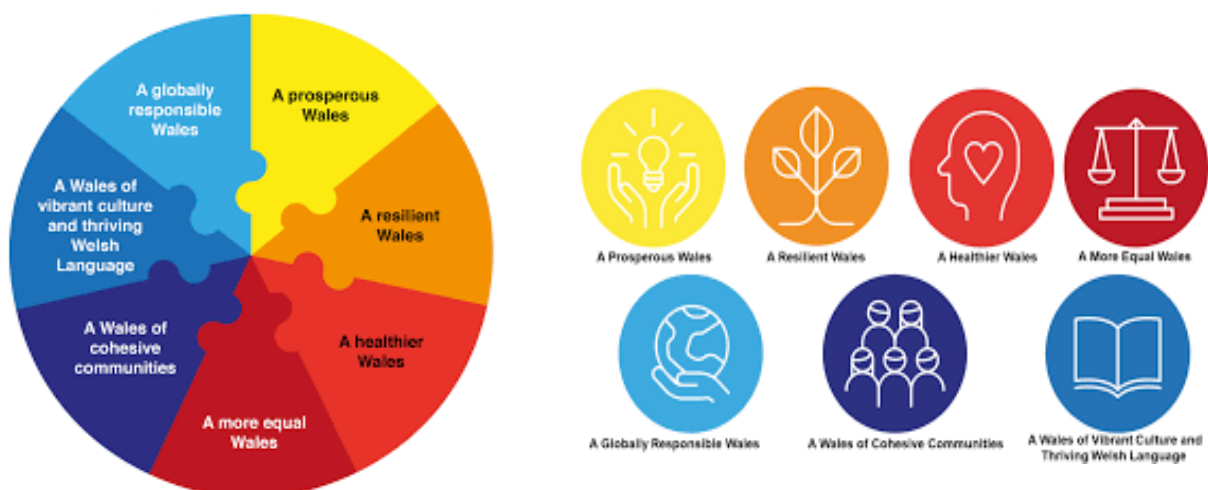
Introduction

[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:

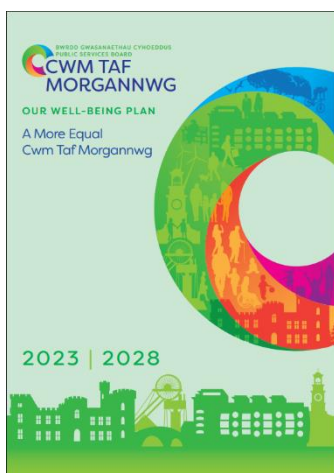
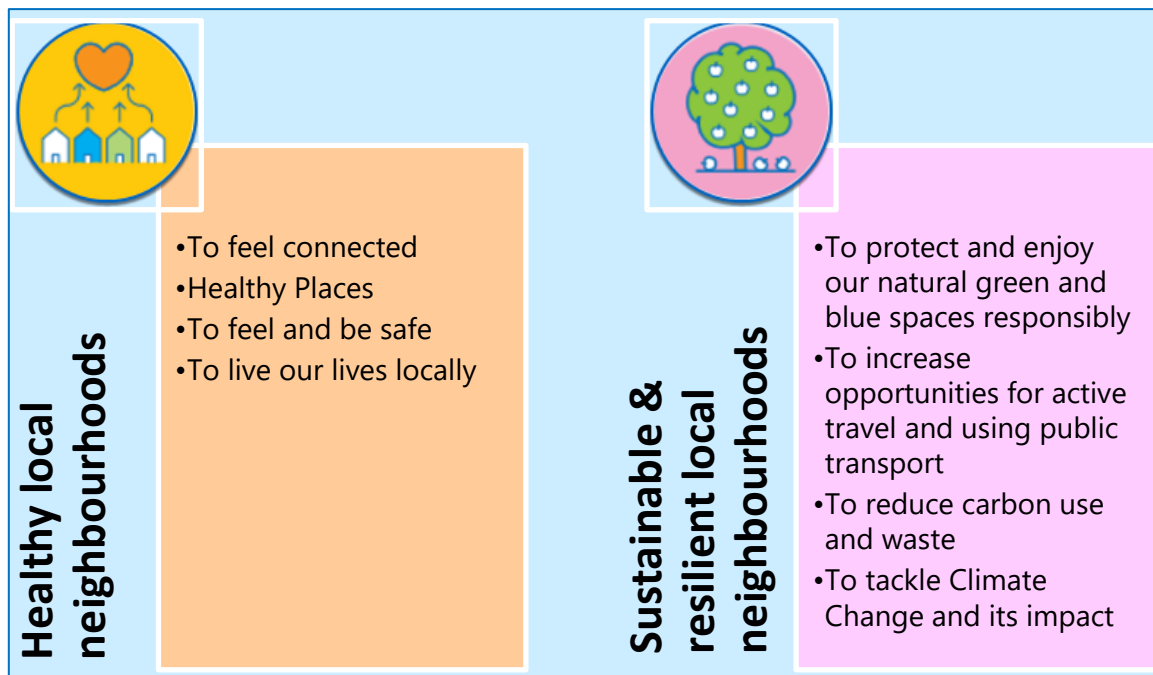


Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Plan 2023 - 2028

The Public Services Board (PSB) under which Tonyrefail & District Council falls is Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB, covering the areas of Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Bridgend.

Upon amalgamation in 2023, the newly formed PSB sought to update their Well-being Plan in a document entitled **Our Well-being Plan: A More Equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg 2023 - 2028**.

The Well-being Plan identifies TWO main objectives:



The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Plan covering 2023 to 2028, can be viewed in full on the PSB's website:

<https://www.ourcwmtaf.wales/>

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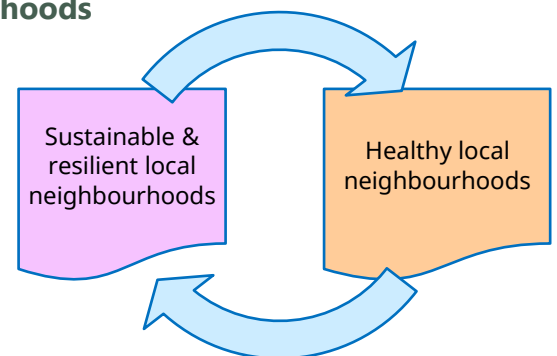
In responding to the call to support the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB in meeting its Well-being Objectives, the Council recognises these as:

Objective 1: Healthy Local Neighbourhoods

A Cwm Taf Morgannwg where our communities are inclusive, feel cohesive and people feel safe, supported, and valued.

Objective 2: Sustainable and Resilient Local Neighbourhoods

A Cwm Taf Morgannwg where we understand and respond to the risk of climate change to our communities. To do this we must value, manage and enjoy our green and blue spaces responsibly.



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 2024 and spanning over the financial years ending March 2024 and March 2025, the Council was engaged in many activities that set out to promote these objectives.

Action	Healthy neighbourhoods	Sustainable & Resilient neighbourhoods
Events: During 2024, 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. • Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner offered a three-course meal with entertainment for over 120 over 60's, • Awards Night honouring members of the community who had gone above and beyond. • Covid 5th Anniversary Reflection Service inviting members of the public, councillors and staff to Trane Cemetery to remember loved ones with an opportunity to plant daffodil bulbs in our Memorial Garden. • Rededication of the War Memorial at Trane Cemetery: 2024 was the 100-year anniversary of the dedication of the War Memorial and we were proud to host a rededication service at the cemetery. 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.		
Allotments: The five allotments owned and/or managed 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, herbs and flowers. The benefits of gardening and working outside on well-being		

are well established, and growing your own food encourages healthy eating. During 2024/25 regular contact was re-established with Allotment Associations, paving the way for strong collaborative relationships.		
<u>Small Grants Fund:</u> The Council provided £8,220 in grants to several local community groups serving the residents of the area in 2024/25. Broadly speaking, the grants can be broken down into the following categories: • Sports & Recreation – 58% • Community Facilities – 12% • Youth / Seniors – 12% • Allotments & Environment – 10% • Well-being – 9%		
<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. In excess of 85 interments took place between April 2024 and March 2025. In early 2025, the Council completed on the purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to the Cemetery to allow for future expansion. 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 2024/25 as a focal point for remembrance and commemoration with its impressive War Memorial, war graves and Covid Memorial Garden of steel daffodils.		
<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 – we maintained a number of benches along some of the more well-used rights of way. • 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 a balance of £68,802 as at March 2025. During 2024/5, £8,710 was spent on two CCTV cameras. Overlooking Tyn-y-Bryn Park. A further two are to be funded from CIL reserves during 2025/6.		
<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. We made available a number of leaflets in our Cemetery office offering bereavement and mental health support.		
<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 • South East Wales River Trust • Local schools • Tonyrefail Chamber of Trade		

• Neighbouring Community Councils • Local Community Groups		
<u>Governance:</u> • Welsh Language Policy - In 2024, the Council adopted a Welsh Language Policy that is being rolled out across all Council operations. • Procurement Policy – sets out the Council’s intentions to follow an ethical procurement policy, favouring sustainable products, local services and avoiding single-use products.		

Looking forward to 2025/26

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 2025/26 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 continue 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 increase the value of financial support to organisations promoting sports & recreation, arts & culture, diversity and the environment	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
To champion good citizenship and recognise outstanding contributions made to our community	●			●	●	●	
To progress the expansion of the Cemetery with the commissioning of a Biodiversity Mitigation & Enhancement Scheme	●	●	●		●		●
To proceed with the refurbishment of the Trane Cemetery public toilet facilities project	●		●	●	●		
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 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 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 2025/26 include ...



Range of Cemetery-related information leaflets



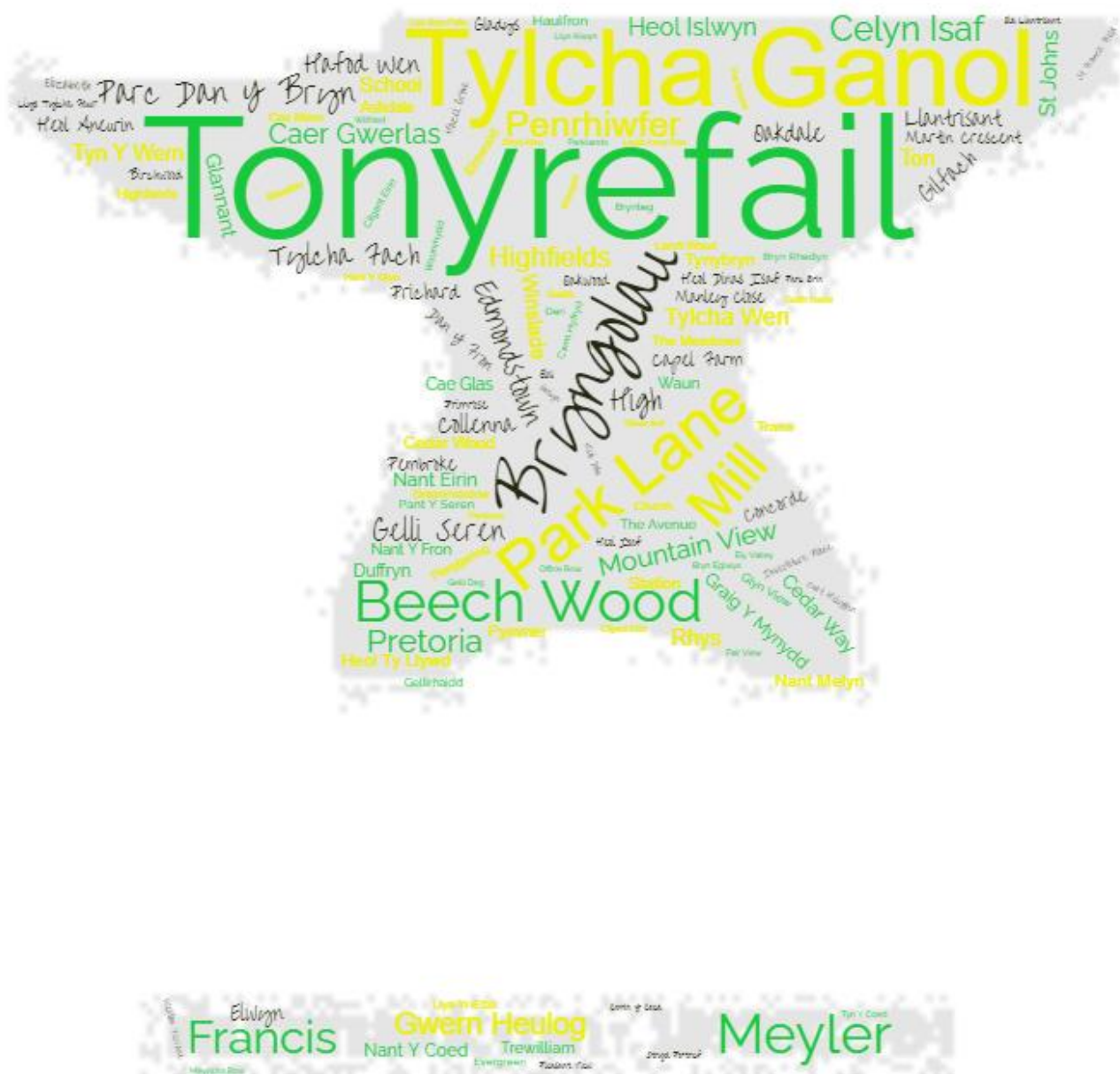
Christmas lights switch-on event



Refurbishment of the Cemetery Toilet blocks



Installation of a Changing Places facility



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