



28 May/Mai 2026

Dear Sir/Madam, Anwyl Syr/Fadam

You are summoned to attend a multi-location meeting of the **FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD** at **6.30 PM** on **WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2026**.

The meeting will be held remotely, using Microsoft Teams and physically for those who wish to attend the Council Chamber. Councillors have been provided with a link to attend the meeting. If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting remotely, please contact the Clerk of the Council (by e-mail or telephone) at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions at Council meetings and to speak in Welsh or English, provided that at least 3 working days' notice in writing of the question has been provided to the Clerk.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below and relevant papers are attached.

Gofynnir drwy hyn i y fynychu cyfarfod **PWYLLGOR CYLLID, LLYWIDLATHA & POLISI** am **6.30 PM, DYDD MERCHER 3 MEHEFIN 2026**.

Cynhelir y cyfarfod o bell ar Microsoft Teams. Mae cynghorwyr wedi derbyn dolen i fynychu'r cyfarfod. Os yw unrhyw aelod o'r cyhoedd yn dymuno mynychu'r cyfarfod o bell, cysylltwch â Chlerc y Cyngor (trwy e-bost neu dros y ffôn) o leiaf 24 awr cyn y cyfarfod.

Mae gan aelodau o'r cyhoedd yr hawl i ofyn cwestiynau yng nghyfarfodydd y Cyngor, mae gan aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd yr hawl i siarad yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg, cyn belled ag y rhoddir tri diwrnod o rybudd ysgrifenedig o'r cwestiwn i'r Clerc.

Mae agenda'r cyfarfod wedi'i nodi isod ac mae papurau perthnasol ynghlwm.

Yours faithfully/Yr eiddoch yn gywir

Cathryn Drew
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL/ CLERC I'R CYNGOR

AGENDA

FINANCE ITEMS

1. **Recording of Meeting**
To approve recording of meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence**
To receive apologies for absence.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any interests in any items on the agenda.
4. **Actions Log from previous minutes**
To note the actions arising from the minutes of the previous meeting (attached: page(s) 1 - 2)
5. **Schedule of Receipts and Payments**
To approve the schedule of receipts and payments for March and April 2026 (attached: page(s) 3 - 9)
6. **Use of Credit Card**
To approve the credit card payments from 10 March 2026 to 2 April 2026 (attached: page(s) 10)
7. **Petty Cash**
To note petty cash payments from 28 October 2025 to 25 March 2026 (attached: page(s) 11 - 12)
8. **Financial Comparison and Earmarked Reserves**
To receive and consider the financial comparison report and earmarked reserves to the 31 March 2026 (attached: page(s) 13 - 24)
9. **Local Voluntary Funding (LVF)**
To approve the list of Local Voluntary Funding (table as attached: page(s) 25 - 27) and copies of the applications are available on request.
10. **Requests for Financial Assistance**
To receive request(s) from the following organisation(s):
 - (i) The Canddo Project CIC (attached: page(s) 28 - 29)
 - (ii) Women of Wisdom (attached: page(s) 30 - 31)
11. **Core Cost Applications**
To receive Core Costs application forms from the following organisations (attached page(s):
 - (i) Age Connects Torfaen (attached: page(s) 32 - 34)

- (ii) Citizens Advice Torfaen (attached: page(s) 35 – 36)
- (iii) Cold Barn Farm (attached: page(s) 37 – 40)
- (iv) Hope GB (attached: page(s) 41 – 43)
- (v) Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre (attached: page(s) 44 – 51)
- (vi) St. Davids Hospice Care (attached: page(s) 52 – 54)
- (vii) Tidy Butt (attached: page(s) 55 – 57)
- (viii) TOGs Centre (attached: page(s) 58 – 60)
- (ix) Torfaen Museum Trust (attached: page(s) 61 – 63)
- (x) Torfaen Talks CIC (attached: page(s) 64 – 67)

The funding for 2025/2026 is attached (page(s) 68)

12. **Thank you letter(s)/acknowledgement(s)**

To receive acknowledgements from:

- (i) TOGS
- (ii) Pontnewynydd Sports and Social Club
- (iii) ArtRegen Plein Air Competition

13. **Biodiversity and Sustainability**

How has this meeting contributed to the Council's duty to maintain and enhance the biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems?

14. **Recording of Meeting**

Recording of meeting to be stopped.

Councillors: Nathan Warren (Chair), Lizzie Hunt (Vice-Chair), Nick Byrne, Lynda Clarkson, Jon Horlor, Lisa Jones, Nick Jones, Rosemary Matthews, Richard Overton and Caroline Price. Chair of Council (Councillor Allan Peploe) and Leader (Councillor Gaynor James) Ex-officio.

**Finance, Governance & Policy Committee
Wednesday 3 June 2026**

Update on Minute Actions arising from March 2026

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

FG&P 04/03	Seek advice from Peninsula / OVW on recruitment bar setting for appointing after interviews	<p>Peninsula: 50 is mediocre, 65-75 good bar, still allows for skills gap. No law, standard.</p> <p>OVW: No Bar to set. 'Selection is on merit and pre-defined criteria. In the short-listing application analysis matrix contained in the recruitment guidance it states minimum score to proceed etc. However, the short-listing criteria and values are only suggestions and may be varied by the Council to reflect their particular post, priorities and key responsibilities in the area.</p>
	Seek advice on references - 2 or 3 / line mgr / last employer?	<p>Peninsula: Standard - 2 previous employees, internal promotion - no references - maybe character ref from line mgr. OVW - 'satisfactory references' no mention of how many or whol</p>
	FGP Min 519 Business Continuity - (ii) the confidential minutes of Full Council on 28 January be checked in relation to the scoring bar	<p>Min 460 NW said the successful candidate would have to score over 50%</p>
	FGP Min 519 Recruitment and Selection (ii) - (i) the Clerk to contact OVW and ask them if setting a minimum bar	<p>OVW: advise that peninsula is sound advice. Email - mmulcahy@onevoicewales.wales</p>

	is in line with what other Councils around the country are doing and report back to the next meeting and how many references be requested		
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FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE - 3 JUNE 2026
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - MARCH 2026

AGENDA ITEM 5

DATE	REC NO	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<u>Income - March</u>				
01/03/2026	43	CCLA	Dividend Reinvested - March	2,169.17
10/03/2026	44	Cash	Donation - Chairman's Charity	23.62
10/03/2026	45	Cash	Tickets - Bath Trip	26.00
18/03/2026	46	Cash	Tickets - Bath Trip	299.00
				2,517.79

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Expenditure - March

DATE	VO NO	PAYS	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT	BUDGET HEAD
05/03/2026	691	DD	Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene Disposal Bins	41.59	3025/2
02/03/2026	692	DD	Webjects Ltd	Website Maintenance	96.00	3175
21/03/2026	693	DD	123 Telecom	Broadband/Telephone Charges	222.60	3035/8
15/03/2026	694	SO	TCBC	Salaries	27,200.00	2001
30/03/2026	695	DD	Peninsula Business	HR / H&S Services	277.47	
19/03/2026	696	DD	Barclaycard	Credit Card - Various	874.06	Various parts
05/03/2026	697	DD	Twenty4 Fire & Security	Maint - Emergency Lighting	74.10	3035/1
16/03/2026	698	DD	British Gas	Gas Charges - Office	704.90	3010/2
27/03/2026	699	DD	SSE	Electricity Charges - Office	983.57	3010/1
04/03/2026	700	BP	Love 2 Shop	Eisteddfod - Vouchers	755.80	5050
04/03/2026	701	BP	Severn Office Solutions	Stationery	207.31	3122
04/03/2026	702	BP	One Voice Wales	Training - Community Engagement AG	42.00	2010
04/03/2026	703	BP	TCBC	Building Cleaning (Mar)	655.67	3025
04/03/2026	704	BP	JS Cleaning	Window Cleaning	108.00	3025
04/03/2026	705	BP	TCBC	Salaries - Youth Provision	5,808.68	7001
04/03/2026	706	BP	One Voice Wales	Training - Info Management CD	42.00	2010
04/03/2026	707	BP	Traveller Education	Grant	900.00	3705
04/03/2026	708	BP	Pontymoile OAP Club	Grant Aid	550.00	6015
04/03/2026	709	BP	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal	Grant	200.00	6020
05/03/2026	710	BP	NHBS Ltd	10 Swift Boxes	607.92	4025/4
12/03/2026	711	BP	RSPB Shop	10 Swift Boxes	490.00	4025/4
12/03/2026	712	BP	NHBS Ltd	Return - Swift Boxes	60.00	4025/4
12/03/2026	713	BP	Webjects Ltd	Technical Support	396.00	4025/4
12/03/2026	714	BP	Halo Leisure Services	Eisteddfod - Hire of Sports Hall	846.24	5050
12/03/2026	715	BP	Severn Office Solutions	Stationery	5.50	3122
12/03/2026	716	BP	Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier - Copy / Rental Charge	663.22	3160

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DATE	VO NO	PAYS	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT	BUDGET HEAD
12/03/2026	717	BP	TCBC	Supply - Christmas Tree	1,140.00	5025
12/03/2026	718	BP	SG & SE Warman	Community Wood - Services Provided	7,020.00	4025
12/03/2026	719	BP	Restore Datashred	Disposal - Confidential Waste	118.77	3030
12/03/2026	720	BP	Eden Springs UK Ltd	Water Cooler - Indoor Market	27.47	3035
12/03/2026	721	BP	Gwent Wildlife Trust	Design Panels	390.00	4025
13/03/2026	722	BP	After the Bell Children's Centre	LVF - SL	495.00	3200
13/03/2026	723	BP	Trevelthin & Penygarn Community Centre	LVF - SL	1,010.00	3200
13/03/2026	724	BP	Families Need Fathers	LVF - NB (To Be Reimbursed)	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	725	BP	TOGS Centre	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	726	BP	Helping Hands R Us	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	727	BP	Newport & Gwent Samaritans	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	728	BP	4Minds	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	729	BP	Merchants Hill - Women's Guild	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	730	BP	New Inn Stroke Group	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	731	BP	Vitalise Radio	LVF - AG /LH /AP/NW	250.00	3200
13/03/2026	732	BP	Tidy Butt	LVF - AG /LH /AP/NW	499.00	3200
13/03/2026	733	BP	Cwmbran Carving	LVF - AG /LH /AP/NW	100.00	3200
13/03/2026	734	BP	Panteg House Archery	LVF - AG /LH /AP/NW	150.00	3200
13/03/2026	735	BP	Pontypool Retired Men's Society	LVF - NB	50.00	3200
13/03/2026	736	BP	Essex Graphic Display Ltd	Presentation Cheques x 2	41.93	3655
13/03/2026	737	BP	CCSW	IT Support	637.20	3015
13/03/2026	738	BP	Severn Office Solutions	Stationery	110.56	3122
13/03/2026	739	BP	Mr Cherry Picker	Swift Project - Hire of Cherry Picker	924.00	4025
26/03/2026	740	BP	Alison Instone	Eisteddfod - Judge	80.00	5050
26/03/2026	741	BP	Menter Iaitih	Eisteddfod - Judge x 2	150.00	5050
26/03/2026	742	BP	Cerdd Torfaen Music	Eisteddfod - Judge	400.00	5050
26/03/2026	743	BP	The Mountain Song Revival Band	Celebration Evening - Band	250.00	3655
26/03/2026	744	BP	Varteg Motors	Forest School - Transport	1,020.00	4015
26/03/2026	745	BP	Varteg Motors	Eisteddfod - Transport	2,200.00	5050

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DATE	VO NO	PAYS	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT	BUDGET HEAD
26/03/2026	746	BP	Jenson Travel	Eisteddfod - Transport	620.00	5050
26/03/2026	747	BP	Knit and Natter	LVF - AG/LH/AP/NW	50.00	3200
26/03/2026	748	BP	New Inn Neighbourhood Watch	LVF - NJ/SS	500.00	3200
26/03/2026	749	BP	Initial Washroom Hygiene	Mat Service	31.27	3025
26/03/2026	750	BP	Severn Office Solutions	Stationery	39.40	3122
26/03/2026	751	BP	Canal & River Trust	Forest School	3,600.00	4015
26/03/2026	752	BP	St John Ambulance	First Aid Course	1,112.40	2010
26/03/2026	753	BP	Pegasus Telecom	Swift Project - Service Provision	396.00	4025
26/03/2026	754	BP	TCBC	Youth Provision	7,500.00	7001
26/03/2026	755	BP	Severn Office Solutions	Stationery	17.04	3122
11/03/2026	116647		Cake and Paws	LVF - LC/JC/BR/JR	100.00	3200
22/08/2749	757	DD	Peninsula Business	HR / H&S Services	277.47	

75,870.14

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DATE	REC NO	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<u>Income - April</u>				
01/04/2026	1	CCLA	Dividend Reinvested - April	2,395.86
17/04/2026		CCLA	Investment Transfer	30,000.00
17/04/2026		CCLA	<i>Investment Transfer</i>	- 30,000.00
30/04/2026	2	TCBC	Precept - 1st Quarter	273,340.77
30/04/2026	3	HM Customs & Excise	Vat Refund - Final Quarter (2024/25)	6,477.47
29/04/2026	4	Blaenavon Town Council	Contribution - Torfaen ECO Champions	250.00
				282,464.10

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Expenditure - April

DATE	VO NO	PAYS	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT	BUDGET HEAD
04/04/2026	1	DD	Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene Disposal Bins	34.66	3025
01/04/2026	2	DD	Webjects Ltd	Website Maintenance	105.60	3175
20/04/2026	3	DD	123 Telecom	Monthly Charges	229.13	3035/8
15/04/2026	4	SO	TCBC	Salaries	27,200.00	2001
08/04/2026	5	DD	Peninsula Business	HR / H&S Services	277.47	2008
17/04/2026	6	DD	Barclaycard	Credit Card - Various	1,112.65	
10/04/2026	7	DD	Twenty4 Fire & Security	Maint - Emergency Lighting	74.10	3040
20/04/2026	8	DD	British Gas	Gas Charges - Office	621.37	3010/2
20/04/2026	9	DD	SSE	Electricity Charges - Office	-	3010/1
16/04/2026	10	DD	CCSW	365 Licences	637.20	3015/4
16/04/2026	11	DD	SSE	Electricity Charges	1,019.07	3025
14/04/2026	12	DD	TCBC	Rates - Office (Apr)	805.00	3001/2
10/04/2026	13	BP	Cold Barn Farm	LVF - JH - Period Dignity	300.00	3200
10/04/2026	14	BP	Cold Barn Farm	LVF - JH - Allotment Project	200.00	3200
10/04/2026	15	BP	Cold Barn Farm	LVF - JH - Dance Attack	300.00	3200
10/04/2026	16	BP	TRAC 2 -The Really Amazing Charity	LVF - JH - Summer Events	500.00	3200
10/04/2026	17	BP	Blachere Illumination UK	Christmas Lights/Tree Dressing	9,605.41	5020/25
10/04/2026	18	BP	One Voice Wales	Membership Fee - 2026/27	7,649.00	3120
10/04/2026	19	BP	TCBC	Annual Rent - Office 2026/27	19,500.00	3001
10/04/2026	20	BP	TCBC	Annual - Waste Collection 2026/27	472.00	3030
10/04/2026	21	BP	Mic Morris Memorial Sporting Trust	Sponsorship - 2026/27	2,500.00	3705
10/04/2026	22	BP	Eden Springs	Water Cooler - Office/IndoorMarket	141.54	3035
10/04/2026	23	BP	Welsh Water	Water Rates - Office	187.40	3001/3
10/04/2026	24	BP	TCBC	Salary Adjustment - Mar	30,523.08	2001
10/04/2026	25	BP	JS Cleaning Services Ltd	Window Cleaner	108.00	3025/4
10/04/2026	26	BP	One Voice Wales	Creating a Community Plan - AG	42.00	2010
10/04/2026	27	BP	TCBC	Salaries - Youth Provision	3,405.66	7001

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DATE	VONO	PAYS	SUPPLIER / ORGANISATION	DETAILS	AMOUNT	BUDGET HEAD
17/04/2026	28	BP	Just Perfect Catering	Eisteddfod - Catering	436.80	5050
17/04/2026	29	BP	1st Garndiffaith Scout Group	Yth Provision - Hall Hire	360.00	7001
17/04/2026	30	BP	Pontnewynydd Sports & Social Club	LVF - NB	225.00	3200
17/04/2026	31	BP	Pontnewynydd Sports & Social Club	Grant	500.00	6020
17/04/2026	32	BP	The Really Amazing Charity - Trac 2	Grant	250.00	6020
17/04/2026	33	BP	TCBC	Postages - Feb/Mar	155.11	3130
24/04/2026	34	BP	Rebecca Cronin	H & S and PPE	90.00	2016
24/04/2026	35	BP	Initial	Mat Service	31.27	3025
24/04/2026	36	BP	Severn Office Solutions	stationery and cleaning	69.14	3122/3025
24/04/2026	37	BP	One Call Wales	swift project	234.00	4025/4
24/04/2026	38	BP	Mir Cherry Picker	swift project	100.00	4025/4
24/04/2026	39	BP	Severn Office Solutions	stationery	192.24	3122
24/04/2026	40	BP	TOGS	Wellbeing Projects	1,000.00	3705
24/04/2026	41	BP	Artregen	Wellbeing Projects	600.00	3705
24/04/2026	42	BP	Artregen	LVF - GJ Artregen	200.00	3200
24/04/2026	43	BP	Torfaen Mind	LVF - NB	250.00	3200
24/04/2026	44	BP	Torfaen Mind	LVF - NB	125.00	3200
29/04/2026	45	BP	Shelite Fitness	Wellbeing Projects	1,500.00	3705
30/04/2026	46	BP	Griffithstown Primary	Environmental Quiz	115.87	4035
30/04/2026	47	BP	Pegasus Telecom	swift project	120.00	4025
30/04/2026	48	BP	Edge IT Systems	Edge ongoing support	186.00	3035
30/04/2026	49	BP	Pentwyn Cricket Field	LVF - CP	250.00	3200
30/04/2026	50	BP	Groves Painters and Decorators	LVF - GJ	900.00	3200
30/04/2026	51	BP	TCBC	Election expenses	7,339.46	3600
30/04/2026	52	BP	Four Bar Beat	Annual Dinner	250.00	3655
30/04/2026	53	BP	Peninsula Business	HR Support Costs	106.57	2008
30/04/2026	54	BP	Torfaen Tigers Rugby League	Junior Sponsorship	1,800.00	6010
30/04/2026	55	BP	One Voice Wales	Conferences and Training	198.00	2010
					125,134.80	

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Credit Card Purchases - 10/03/2026 - 02/04/2026

Credit Card - Finance Manager

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	BUDGET HEAD	SUB TOTAL	TOTAL	VAT
10/04/2026	SP Lasers Are Us	Credit	Testimonials	-	15.99	
10/04/2026	Warren's Sandwich	Refreshments for Eisteddfod	Eisteddfod		36.60	
11/03/2026	Warren's Sandwich	Refreshments for Eisteddfod	Eisteddfod		28.10	
12/03/2026	Amazon	Frames for testimonials	Annual Dinner		16.29	2.72
17/03/2026	Amazon	Timers for swift callers	Swift Project		38.97	6.50
24/03/2026	Amazon	Printer for Clerk	IT Equipment		164.99	27.50
24/03/2026	Comrades of the Great War	Refreshments	Annual Dinner		340.00	
24/03/2026	Comrades of the Great War	Refreshments	Annual Dinner		273.00	
24/03/2026	SP Lasers Are Us	Award for Eisteddfod	Eisteddfod		14.98	
31/03/2026	SP Lasers Are Us	Awards for Eco Quiz x 8	Eco Quiz		79.92	13.32
02/04/2026	Amazon	Mini Kraft Notebooks x14	Eco Quiz		135.79	23.80
Total					1,112.65	73.84

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PETTY CASH	October 2025 - March 2026	Ref	Details	Credit £	Debit £	TOTAL £	VAT £
				168.58		31.42	
					200.00		
28/10/2025	47	Lidl	Refreshments		1.65	198.35	
03/11/2025	48	Morrisons	Refreshments		0.85	197.50	
03/11/2025	49	Iceland	Refreshments		6.75	190.75	
05/11/2025	50	Iceland	Refreshments		4.10	186.65	
12/11/2025	51	Iceland	Refreshments		3.75	182.90	
13/11/2025	52	Tesco	Refreshments		16.75	166.15	
08/12/2025	53	Tesco	Refreshments		1.20	164.95	
10/12/2025	54	Poundstretcher	Refreshments		4.75	160.20	
10/12/2025	55	Iceland	Refreshments		5.80	154.40	
10/12/2025	56	Royal Mail	Postage		0.99	153.41	
10/12/2025	57	Royal Mail	Postage		21.25	132.16	
15/12/2025	58	Tesco	Refreshments		6.85	125.31	
17/12/2025	59	Tesco	Refreshments		1.65	123.66	
17/12/2025	60	Iceland	Refreshments		6.25	117.41	
05/01/2026	61	Aldi	Refreshments		1.65	115.76	
07/01/2026	62	Iceland	Refreshments		4.15	111.61	
14/01/2026	63	Iceland	Refreshments		1.65	109.96	
19/01/2026	64	Iceland	Refreshments		1.65	108.31	
26/01/2026	65	Iceland	Refreshments		6.30	102.01	
28/01/2026	66	Iceland	Refreshments		9.15	92.86	
03/02/2026	67	Iceland	Refreshments		7.90	84.96	
09/02/2026	68	Iceland	Refreshments		8.65	76.31	
10/02/2026	69	Tesco	Refreshments		8.20	68.11	
17/02/2026	70	Iceland	Refreshments		1.65	66.46	
18/02/2026	71	Tesco	Refreshments		3.50	62.96	
23/02/2026	72	Iceland	Refreshments		2.85	60.11	

25/02/2026	73	Iceland	Refreshments	1.65	58.46	
04/03/2026	74	Tesco	Eisteddfod - Gifts (Judges)	5.50	52.96	0.91
11/03/2026	75	Halo	Eisteddfod - Lunch (Judges)	6.75	46.21	
11/03/2026	76	Tesco	Refreshments	1.20	45.01	
17/03/2026	77	Tesco	Refreshments	2.50	42.51	
18/03/2026	78	Warren's	Eisteddfod - Lunch	3.50	39.01	
25/03/2026	79	Iceland	Refreshments	1.20	37.81	
25/03/2026	80	Iceland	Refreshments	8.05	29.76	
				168.58	170.24	0.91

IMPRESST 200.00

31/03/2026 Reimbursement Due 170.24

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME					
Council					
101 Precept	£774,890.92	£774,942.45	£0.00	£774,942.45	£0.00
105 V.A.T.Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£36,952.34	£36,952.34
110 Chairman's Charity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£707.37	£707.37
Total Council	£774,890.92	£774,942.45	£0.00	£812,602.16	£37,659.71
Finance, Governance & Policy Committee					
301 Bank Interest (CCLA)	£35,000.00	£35,000.00	£0.00	£32,706.49	£-2,293.51
305 Sub-lettings	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00
306 Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-5.00	£-5.00
310 Barclaycard Rebate	£0.00	£105.69	£0.00	£105.69	£0.00
315 Grant Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£800.00	£800.00
335 Refund from Suppliers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£95.00	£95.00
Total Finance, Governance & Policy Committee	£35,000.00	£35,105.69	£0.00	£33,862.18	£-1,243.51
Planning & Environment Committee					
600 Planning & Environment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,356.14	£9,356.14
Total Planning & Environment Committee	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,356.14	£9,356.14
Events Committee					
501 Party in the Park	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,643.00	£1,643.00
506 Christmas Cavalcade	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£605.00	£605.00
510 Youth Festival	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£122.60	£122.60
521 Additional Events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£613.00	£613.00
Total Events Committee	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,983.60	£2,983.60
Total Income	£809,890.92	£810,048.14	£0.00	£858,804.08	£48,755.94

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	
EXPENDITURE						
Establishment Committee						
2001 Salaries	£352,000.00	£352,000.00	£0.00	£341,705.17	£10,294.83	
2005 Professional Membership	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00	£360.00	£40.00	
2008 HR Support Costs (Peninsular)	£1,704.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£4,514.89	-£2,514.89	OVW - Audit
2010 Conferences/Training	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,275.75	£1,724.25	
2015 Health and Safety Peninsula	£1,704.00	£1,704.00	£0.00	£1,752.45	-£48.45	Overspend
2016 H & S & PPE	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,232.15	£267.85	
2020 Payroll Charges	£800.00	£800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£800.00	
2025 DBS	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	
Total Establishment Committee	£361,208.00	£361,504.00	£0.00	£350,840.41	£10,663.59	
Finance, Governance & Policy Committee						
3001 Rent, Rates & Water	£30,150.00	£30,150.00	£0.00	£28,381.56	£1,768.44	
3010 Fuel Charges	£7,550.00	£7,550.00	£0.00	£8,902.39	-£1,352.39	Overspend
3015 Office IT Equipment & Consumables	£11,500.00	£14,517.55	£2,702.07	£9,397.30	£7,822.32	
3025 Cleaning	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£9,247.09	£752.91	
3030 Refuse/Disposal of confidential waste	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£919.56	£80.44	
3035 Office Contracts	£12,340.00	£12,340.00	£1,062.00	£14,687.61	-£1,285.61	Air Con Service
3040 Maintenance Costs	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£0.00	£3,734.82	£2,265.18	
3110 Insurance	£7,150.00	£7,150.00	£0.00	£5,545.79	£1,604.21	
3120 Association Subscriptions	£7,000.00	£7,298.00	£0.00	£7,298.00	£0.00	
3122 Stationery	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,703.49	-£203.49	Overspend
3125 Audit Fee	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£1,775.00	£1,725.00	
3130 Postages	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£0.00	£1,494.29	-£394.29	Overspend
3160 Photocopying Costs	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,668.60	-£168.60	Overspend
3165 Advertising / Publicity Items	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£169.00	£1,331.00	

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	
3170	Publications & Licences	£1,000.00	£0.00	£739.99	£260.01	
3175	Website Hosting	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,735.00	£735.00	Annual Increase £775
3180	Welsh Language	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	
3185	Bank Charges	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	
3190	Mobile Telephone	£60.00	£0.00	£20.85	£39.15	
3200	Local Voluntary Funding	£52,500.00	£0.00	£52,625.00	£125.00	Payment 2024/25
3600	Election Expenses	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	
3605	Chairman's Allowance	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	
3610	Members Remuneration IRPW	£6,500.00	£0.00	£6,744.00	£244.00	Overspend – Snr Off
3615	Repairs, Chain of Office	£0.00	£0.00	£231.24	£231.24	GR Repairs
3620	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	
3625	Conference Fees & Expenses	£500.00	£0.00	£2,125.50	£1,625.50	
3635	Members Training	£750.00	£0.00	£626.00	£124.00	
3640	Publicity Items (Delete 2026)	£250.00	£0.00	£69.38	£180.62	
3645	Members Photographs	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00	£0.00	
3650	Refreshments	£1,000.00	£0.00	£891.69	£108.31	
3660	Chairman's charity payments	£0.00	£0.00	£1,002.00	£1,002.00	
3705	Wellbeing Projects	£20,000.00	£0.00	£9,170.00	£10,830.00	Off Set - Income
4095	Community Safety	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	
4105	Playschemes/FoodisFun	£35,000.00	£0.00	£35,000.00	£0.00	
6001	Core Funding	£30,000.00	£0.00	£30,000.00	£0.00	
6005	Grounds Maintenance	£11,000.00	£0.00	£11,000.00	£0.00	
6010	Junior Sponsorship Grant	£11,000.00	£0.00	£10,951.47	£48.53	
6015	Grant Aid for Community Halls/Facilities	£10,000.00	£0.00	£7,700.00	£2,300.00	
6020	Grants- Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£8,875.92	£1,124.08	
6035	Community Hardship Fund	£10,000.00	£0.00	£6,500.00	£3,500.00	

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026		Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	
6036 Accommodation	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Total Finance, Governance & Policy Committee	£301,950.00	£315,345.55	£3,764.07	£283,012.54	£36,097.08		
Planning & Environment Committee							
4001 Environmental Awards/Projects	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£8,000.00	£2,000.00		
4005 Litter Bins / Doggy Bins	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£610.00	£1,390.00		
4006 Community Notice Boards	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,813.82	£6,733.82	£-920.00		Accruals 2024/25
4015 Forest School	£4,500.00	£4,500.00	£0.00	£4,020.00	£480.00		
4020 Benches	£3,000.00	£18,000.00	£0.00	£24,923.72	£-6,923.72		General Reserve
4025 Biodiversity Projects	£10,000.00	£12,500.00	£1,608.64	£18,622.33	£-4,513.69		TBT from Reserves
4030 Poetry Trail	£600.00	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00	£0.00		
4035 Environmental Quiz	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00	£708.55	£-108.55		Accrual 2024/25
4055 Woodland Rent	£150.00	£170.00	£0.00	£166.00	£4.00		
4100 Pontypool Regeneration	£0.00	£0.00	£2,010.00	£2,010.00	£0.00		
4101 Public Toilets	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£-10,000.00		General Reserve
4106 Town Improvements	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00		
5026 Live Trees	£2,000.00	£7,000.00	£0.00	£4,433.72	£2,566.28		
Total Planning & Environment Committee	£38,850.00	£61,420.00	£7,432.46	£80,878.14	£-12,025.68		
Events Committee							
3655 Annual Celebration Dinner	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£911.51	£2,088.49		
5001 Party in the Park	£24,000.00	£24,000.00	£3,000.00	£26,330.69	£669.31		
5020 Christmas Lights - Pontypool Town	£15,000.00	£16,750.00	£0.00	£17,764.66	£-1,014.66		Accrual 2024/25
5025 Christmas Tree	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£1,670.81	£829.19		
5030 Christmas Cavalcade	£18,000.00	£18,000.00	£0.00	£19,490.52	£-1,490.52		Off Set - Income
5050 Eisteddfod	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£1,000.00	£6,875.68	£124.32		

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
5065 Additional Events	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£1,666.31	£1,833.69
5100 Youth Festival - Pontypool	£0.00	£0.00	£18,933.08	£18,933.08	£0.00
5205 Twinning - Council's Visits	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£907.88	£92.12
5305 Youth Council	£0.00	£0.00	£203.49	£226.38	-£22.89
Total Events Committee	£73,000.00	£74,750.00	£23,136.57	£94,777.52	£3,109.05
Youth Provision					
7001 Youth Provision	£72,500.00	£72,500.00	£0.00	£85,573.03	-£13,073.03
Total Youth Provision	£72,500.00	£72,500.00	£0.00	£85,573.03	-£13,073.03
Total Expenditure	£847,508.00	£885,519.55	£34,377.20	£895,081.64	£24,815.11
Total Income	£809,890.92	£810,048.14	£0.00	£858,804.08	£48,755.94
Total Expenditure	£847,508.00	£885,519.55	£34,377.20	£895,081.64	£24,815.11
Total Net Balance	-£37,617.08	-£75,471.41		-£36,277.56	

TBT from Reserves

Earmarked/Restricted Reserves - 2025/2026

		Bal c/fwd at 31.03.25	Trfs In	Trf out	Bal c/fwd
Mar-26					
Heading	Committee Responsible				Balance
Events	Events	4,971.77		4,000.00	971.77
Twinning Youth Festival	Events	26,057.16		20,133.08	5,924.08
Election Expenses	F, G & P	25,396.18			25,396.18
Repairs (office)	F, G & P	5,000.00		3,764.07	1,235.93
Office Equipment	F, G & P	4,944.58			4,944.58
Accommodation	F, G & P	200,000.00			200,000.00
Play Equipment	P & E	43,172.00			43,172.00
Notice Boards (purchase and installation)	P & E	4,000.00		3,757.57	242.43
Biodiversity	P & E	4,457.12		738.33	3,718.79
Pilot Project - Biodiversity	P & E	1,300.14	924.00	1,850.56	373.58
Hanging Baskets	P & E	250.00		250.00	-
Play Equipment - Maintenance 2022 -2027	P & E	5,000.00			5,000.00
Youth Provision	Youth Provision	68,904.72			68,904.72
Youth Council	Youth Provision	4,121.16		247.59	3,873.57
Sub Total					363,757.63
Pontypool Regeneration	F, G & P	181,250.00		2,010.00	179,240.00
Total Earmarked Reserves		578,824.83			542,997.63

FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & POLICY MEETING – 3 JUNE 2026

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/26 and 30/04/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/26

	2026/2027	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME				
Council				
101 Precept	£820,009.11	£0.00	£273,340.77	-£546,668.34
Total Council	£820,009.11	£0.00	£273,340.77	-£546,668.34
Finance, Governance & Policy Committee				
301 Bank Interest (CCLA)	£30,000.00	£0.00	£2,395.86	-£27,604.14
Total Finance, Governance & Policy	£30,000.00	£0.00	£2,395.86	-£27,604.14
Planning & Environment Committee				
600 Planning & Environment	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Total Planning & Environment Committee	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Total Income	£850,009.11	£0.00	£275,986.63	-£574,022.48

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/26 and 30/04/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/26

	2026/2027	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
EXPENDITURE				
Establishment Committee				
2001 Salaries	£369,000.00	£0.00	£27,200.00	£341,800.00
2005 Professional Memberships	£400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£400.00
2008 HR Support Costs (Peninsular)	£1,500.00	£0.00	£205.51	£1,294.49
2010 Conferences/Training	£2,000.00	£0.00	£99.00	£1,901.00
2015 Health and Safety Peninsula	£1,500.00	£0.00	£116.69	£1,383.31
2016 H & S & PPE	£750.00	£0.00	£90.00	£660.00
2020 Payroll Charges	£900.00	£0.00	£0.00	£900.00
2025 DBS	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00
Total Establishment Committee	£376,150.00	£0.00	£27,711.20	£348,438.80
Finance, Governance & Policy Committee				
3001 Rent, Rates & Water	£30,150.00	£0.00	£20,305.00	£9,845.00
3010 Fuel Charges	£7,550.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,550.00
3015 Office IT Equipment & Consumables	£8,000.00	£0.00	£16.69	£7,983.31
3025 Cleaning	£7,500.00	£0.00	£195.14	£7,304.86
3030 Refuse/Disposal of confidential waste	£1,200.00	£0.00	£472.00	£728.00
3035 Office Contracts	£13,895.00	£0.00	£216.75	£13,678.25
3040 Maintenance Costs	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00
3110 Insurance	£7,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,500.00
3120 Association Subscriptions	£7,400.00	£0.00	£7,649.00	-£249.00
3122 Stationery	£1,500.00	£0.00	£156.71	£1,343.29

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/26 and 30/04/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/26

	2026/2027	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
3125	Audit Fee	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
3130	Postages	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
3160	Photocopying Costs	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
3165	Advertising / Publicity Items	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
3170	Publications & Licences	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
3175	Website Hosting	£1,500.00	£88.00	£1,412.00
3180	Welsh Language	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
3185	Bank Charges	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
3190	Mobile Telephone	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
3200	Local Voluntary Funding	£52,500.00	£1,350.00	£51,150.00
3600	Election Expenses	£5,000.00	£7,339.46	£2,339.46
3605	Chairman's Allowance	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
3610	Members Remuneration IRPW	£6,500.00	£0.00	£6,500.00
3620	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
3625	Conference Fees & Expenses	£500.00	£99.00	£401.00
3635	Members Training	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
3650	Refreshments	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
3705	Wellbeing Projects	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	£1,000.00
4095	Community Safety	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
4105	Playschemes/FoodisFun	£37,000.00	£0.00	£37,000.00
6001	Core Funding	£30,000.00	£0.00	£30,000.00
6005	Grounds Maintenance	£11,000.00	£0.00	£11,000.00
6010	Junior Sponsorship Grant	£11,000.00	£0.00	£11,000.00
6015	Grant Aid for Community	£15,000.00	£0.00	£15,000.00
6020	Grants- Misc	£7,500.00	£0.00	£7,500.00
6035	Community Hardship Fund	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
	Total Finance, Governance & Policy Committee	£296,255.00	£41,887.75	£254,367.25

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/26 and 30/04/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/26

	2026/2027	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
Planning & Environment Committee				
4001 Environmental Awards/Projects	£12,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£12,500.00
4005 Litter Bins / Doggy Bins	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
4006 Community Notice Boards	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
4015 Forest School	£4,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,500.00
4020 Benches	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
4025 Biodiversity Projects	£10,000.00	£0.00	£415.00	£9,585.00
4030 Poetry Trail	£650.00	£0.00	£0.00	£650.00
4035 Environmental Quiz	£850.00	£0.00	£115.87	£734.13
4055 Woodland Rent	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
4106 Town Improvements	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
Total Planning & Environment Committee	£43,200.00	£0.00	£530.87	£42,669.13
Events Committee				
3655 Annual Celebration Dinner	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£250.00
5001 Party in the Park	£29,000.00	£0.00	£2,200.00	£26,800.00
5020 Christmas Lights - Pontypool	£16,750.00	£0.00	£8,004.51	£8,745.49
5025 Christmas Tree	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
5030 Christmas Cavalcade	£19,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£19,000.00
5050 Eisteddfod	£7,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,000.00
5065 Additional Events	£5,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,500.00
5100 Youth Festival - Pontypool	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
5105 Youth Festival - Overseas	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
5205 Twinning - Council's Visits	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Total Events Committee	£90,750.00	£0.00	£10,454.51	£80,295.49

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/26 and 30/04/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/26

	2026/2027	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
Youth Provision				
7001 Youth Provision	£90,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£90,000.00
Total Youth Provision	£90,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£90,000.00
Total Expenditure	£896,355.00	£0.00	£80,584.33	£815,770.67
Total Income	£850,009.11	£0.00	£275,986.63	-£574,022.48
Total Expenditure	£896,355.00	£0.00	£80,584.33	£815,770.67
Total Net Balance	-£46,345.89		£195,402.30	

Earmarked/Restricted Reserves - 2026/2027

	Bal c/fwd at 31.03.26	Trfs In	Trf out	Bal c/fwd
Apr-26				
Heading				Balance
Events	971.77			971.77
Twinning Youth Festival	5,924.08			5,924.08
Election Expenses	25,396.18			25,396.18
Repairs (office)	1,235.93			1,235.93
Office Equipment	4,944.58			4,944.58
Accommodation	200,000.00			200,000.00
Play Equipment	43,172.00			43,172.00
Notice Boards (purchase and installation)	242.43			242.43
Biodiversity	3,718.79			3,718.79
Pilot Project - Biodiversity	373.58			373.58
Play Equipment - Maintenance 2022 -2027	5,000.00			5,000.00
Youth Provision	68,904.72			68,904.72
Youth Council	3,873.57			3,873.57
Sub Total				363,757.63
Pontypool Regeneration	179,240.00			179,240.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	542,997.63			542,997.63

FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & POLICY**3 JUNE 2026****LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDING**

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Statutory Provision</u>
Councillor R. Matthews	£1,000.00 (PROJECT)	After The Bell Children's Centre	We have a playpool but we don't have any equipment for handicapped or disabled children. No sensory item too. We are looking for swing seats and new slide as well as creating a space for autistic children.	Recreation - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Councillor C. Price	£300.00	Black Diamonds Rugby	The grant will go towards off field training kit and training aids.	General Power - LGA (1972) s137
Councillor L. Jones	£500.00	Pontnewynydd Sports and Social Club	To refurbish the kitchen and expand the kitchen area.	Community Centres - LGA (1972) s33
Councillor G. James, Councillor J. James and	£100.00 £200.00	Torfaen Silver Belles	Go towards our rent and speakers	Entertainment and the Arts - LGA (1972) s145

Councillor R. Matthews	£200.00 Total £500.00			
Councillor J. James	£300.00	Tranch AFC	Equipment Training for Coaches	Recreation – Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Councillor G. James	£200.00	Pontypool Social Netball	The grant would be used to purchase essential netball kit . Team Uniform . Training Equipment.	Recreation - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Councillor G. James	£100.00	Pontypool Veterans Association	Help with polo shirts etc.	General Power - LGA (1972) s137
Councillor J. James	£100.00	Pontypool Retired Mens Society	To help with the weekly expense of arranging a venue, to meet safely.	General Power - LGA (1972) s137
Councillor C. Price	£150.00	Fowlers Fields Allotment Society	1. To maintain tools and machinery. 2. Improve and expand rainwater capture. 3. Improve and maintain paths, beds and sheds per Health and	Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 s23

			Safety policies.	
Councillor J. James	£200.00	Fowlers Fields Allotment Society	<p>1. Maintain tools and garden machinery that help members garden.</p> <p>2. Maintain and upgrade paths, sheds, greenhouses. To comply with H & S requirements.</p>	Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 s23
Councillor J. James and Councillor G. James	<p>£200.00</p> <p>£100.00</p> <p>Total £300.00</p>	Pickle Belles	<p>We currently run 3 sessions per week and pay £150 per week for these so we try to play outdoors through summer months to offset costs. through Sept – May and keep cost affordable. We need help with this and also our project to repurpose the abandoned tennis courts for us at Panteg House.</p>	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation:	The Cando Project CIC
Purpose of Organisation:	The Cando Project exists to improve wellbeing and strengthen the local community in Pontypool by providing inclusive, accessible activities and support. We deliver warm hub sessions, crafts, gardening practical skills projects, volunteering opportunities and social spaces that reduce - PTO:
No. of Members - Indicate how many live in the Pontypool area	Cando Project CIC does not currently operate - PTO:
Reason for application	<p>We are applying for financial assistance towards venue rental and associated running costs at Panteg house, enabling Cando to continue delivering weekly warm hub, craft, and community wellbeing sessions for current and growing local attendees.</p> <p>This funding will help provide a safe, welcoming indoor space where people can access warmth, social connection, creative activities, and practical community support, helping to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing in the area.</p>
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if dealing with children, young people or vulnerable adults	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No / <input type="radio"/> NA (please delete as appropriate)</p>
How much funding would you like to apply for?	<p><u>£1,240.00</u> towards venue hire £1,040.00 craft materials, refreshments and sessions £200.00</p>
Does the organisation have a constitution and/or is it a registered charity If you are a registered charity please list the charity number.	Cando Project CIC is a registered CIC with governing documents and a constitution in place
Does the organisation aim to meet the objectives of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015?	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No (please delete as appropriate)</p>
Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy?	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>

FOR INFORMATION ONLY	(please delete as appropriate)
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>Canddo promotes re-use, Recycling and Practical Sustainability through its Community activities. We Repurpose donated Materials in Craft and build Projects, encourage walking, car-shares and Local Participation, Grow food through Community Gardening. We aim to minimise waste, Reduce unnecessary energy use, and support Leading and environmentally responsible habits within the local Community.</p>

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Purpose of organisation - isolation, build confidence and help people feel connected.

No of Members. - a formal membership structure. The organisation is led by directors and supported by volunteers, with a growing number of regular attendees, the majority of whom live in Pontypool & Cwmbran area. We are exploring a future Membership model linked to our planned Library of things initiative.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation:	Women of Wisdom
Purpose of Organisation:	To provide a safe space for women who have been victims of domestic violence + drug/alcohol abuse. To provide opportunities for victims to grow + find purpose again.
No. of Members - Indicate how many live in the Pontypool area	Between 8-15 Some from Pontypool + Cwmbran
Reason for application	To facilitate travel from Pontypool to Newport for 10 weeks of self defence classes, helping our women feel + stay safe in communities. This training promotes self confidence and empowers the ladies to continue their journey of recovery whilst also going onto become peer mentors and help other victims.
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if dealing with children, young people or vulnerable adults	(Yes) / No / NA (please delete as appropriate)
How much funding would you like to apply for?	£1,008 (calculated based on 3 months of travel for 8 ladies)
Does the organisation have a constitution and/or is it a registered charity If you are a registered charity please list the charity number.	We are not constituted group but are looking into this at the moment, we are a group based at The Highthase in Pontypool - GDAS Headquarters.
Does the organisation aim to meet the objectives of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015?	(Yes) / No (please delete as appropriate)
Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy?	Yes / (No) We operate in a framework that considers Welsh language.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY	(please delete as appropriate)
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>As a group we rely on public transport to get around so this saves fuel + pollution compared to us all driving separately.</p>

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	Cutting, Ear Irrigation, Welfare Benefits, Information & Advice, Transport, Volunteering, Community Support, Lunch Clubs, Cognitive Stimulation Therapy.
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	Board of Trustees
Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	Help with awareness of services in the local area.
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	We operate a charging policy, therefore people self fund to access services.
A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?	<p>A grant from Pontypool Community Council provides valuable unrestricted funding, which makes a significant difference to our organisation. Our Welfare Benefits service is consistently in high demand, and this funding allows us the flexibility to allocate additional resources where they are most needed. In particular, it enables us to offer home visits to individuals who are housebound, ensuring they can access support to claim the benefits they are entitled to.</p> <p>Last year alone, Age Connects Torfaen supported clients to secure £1.9 million in benefits, bringing vital income into the local Torfaen economy. We were also able to support 18,463 vulnerable older people and their Carers throughout Torfaen. This has had a direct impact on improving individuals' quality of life, helping them to manage rising living costs and reduce financial stress.</p> <p>Unrestricted funding is crucial as it allows us to respond quickly and effectively to changing needs, ensuring that the most vulnerable members of our community receive timely, tailored support.</p>
Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.	<p>Accounts 24/25</p> <p>Income £773,457</p> <p>Expenditure £669,929</p>
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?	Yes
How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015	<p>Age Connects Torfaen aligns closely with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 by delivering services that contribute to the Act's seven well-being goals and five ways of working.</p> <p>We support a Healthier Wales by improving mental and physical wellbeing through social activities, dementia support and</p>

	<p>preventative services that reduce isolation and stress. Our Information and Advice service also contributes to a More Equal Wales, ensuring individuals can access financial support, maximise income and overcome barriers to services.</p> <p>Through community-based activities and engagement, we contribute to A Wales of Cohesive Communities, helping people stay connected, reducing loneliness and strengthening local networks. Our work with carers and vulnerable individuals also supports A Resilient Wales, by promoting independence and enabling people to sustain their roles within their families and communities.</p> <p>We embed the five ways of working by taking a preventative approach, intervening early to avoid crisis; collaborating with partners across health, social care and the third sector; involving individuals in shaping services through co-production; integrating services to provide holistic support; and focusing on long-term outcomes that improve wellbeing and independence.</p>
<p>Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>Age Connects Torfaen is committed to reducing its environmental impact through a range of practical and sustainable measures.</p> <p>We actively encourage car-sharing and the use of community transport for staff, volunteers and service users where possible, helping to reduce carbon emissions. We also promote the use of local, community-based activities, minimising the need for travel.</p> <p>Within our buildings, we are taking steps to improve energy efficiency, including the installation of low-energy lighting and improved insulation, and we are currently investing in solar panels to further reduce our carbon footprint and energy costs. We are also working to reduce waste by promoting recycling and responsible disposal practices, alongside reducing paper usage through increased use of digital systems and communications.</p> <p>In our outdoor spaces, we are mindful of biodiversity and aim to adopt environmentally friendly practices, including reducing the use of chemicals and encouraging natural growth where appropriate.</p>

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	Citizens Advice Torfaen
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Lisa Hamer Deputy Chief Executive Citizens Advice Torfaen Portland Buildings Commercial Street Pontypool NP4 6JS Lisa.hamer@catorfaen.org.uk
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	<p>Citizens Advice Torfaen exists as an advice and advocacy service that helps people get fair treatment and helps them resolve their legal, money and other welfare rights issues.</p> <p>We provide free, impartial, confidential and independent advice.</p> <p>We recruit, train and develop volunteers to provide quality assured advice and information to the local community.</p>
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	We offer free, impartial and confidential advice and practical assistance to clients with welfare rights issues. Shelter Cymru offer advice services from our office on a weekly basis.
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a	

Management Committee)	We have a trustee board, made up of 8 trustees, inclusive of chair and treasurer, that's responsible for the management of the organisation
Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	Demand for our services has continued to rise year on year Increasing numbers of clients are experiencing in work poverty because of the ongoing Cost of Living crisis.
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	Welsh and Local Government
A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?	Unrestricted funding will enable us more flexibility and agility so that we can move resources to where it is needed, to be able to meet demand.
Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.	Income - £1,963,067 (audited accounts April 2024-March 2025) Expenditure - £1,9123,407 (audited accounts April 2024-March 2025) Balance Sheet for audited accounts, tax year April 2024- March 2025
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?	Yes
How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015	Our services support many of the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Our advice helps people in their local Communities and helps make Wales more prosperous, more resilient, healthier and more equal.
Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Yes
What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact? Your answer could include but is not limited to:	We are compliant with the workplace recycling regulations. We recycle plastics, cardboard and tins and have made recycling boxes available on all floors We are a paperless office, where possible, this reduces environmental impact and is also a safer way to keep client data confidential. We are part of the Cycle to Work scheme and encourage our staff and volunteers to cycle to work where possible.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	



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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	Cold Barn Farm
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Richard Jackson Chairman Cold Barn Farm Community Centre, Woodside Road, Trevechin, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 8EH 07445 289589 coldbarnfarm@outlook.com
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	To promote for the benefit of the Trevechin area in the County Borough of Torfaen and the surrounding Vicinity (hereinafter called the “area of benefit”) without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, age, disability, financial hardship, nationality, or of political, religious opinion by associating together with the said inhabitants, the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreational and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	We run the community centre to the benefit of the Community by directly running events and activities, as well as engaging with third party organisations to run services from the building, these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torfaen Youth Service • Baby Group • Craft Group • Warm hub • Saturday Breakfast and Bounce Club • Wellbeing Classes • Cooking Classes • Social Inclusion Group • Allotment Project • Dance Classes We hold regular ad hoc community engagement events and activities throughout the year such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter, Halloween and Christmas events

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Show • Table top sales • Coffee Mornings • Fun Days • Prize Bingo <p>The Building is available to hire for the local community providing an affordable venue for family parties and events.</p>
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	Management Committee (board of trustees)
Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	We are always actively seeking new volunteers to help support existing and new opportunities
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	Torfaen Council third sector major grant
A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?	<p>Unrestricted funding makes a huge difference to our organisation as it allows us to fund improvements that are difficult to obtain grants for, this can make a huge difference to the services and facilities that we offer to the community. It also helps us to maintain the basic running cost of the building, many of which have increased exponentially in recent years.</p> <p>Unrestricted funds also allow us to respond rapidly with crisis support for the community, for example, we previously used unrestricted funds to support two families in a crisis caused by a fire within their homes in the evening, we responded with immediate support and opened the building as a safe space for them and others who had to evacuate their homes. We then used out unrestricted funds to go to Tesco to purchase immediate essential items particularly as one family had a small baby and didn't have access to baby milk or a bottle. may have been lost.</p> <p>With the support of the local community we were able to fundraise in the following days to source goods for their new accommodation.</p>
Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.	<p>Last audited accounts: Accounts 02.04.24 - 01.04.25</p> <p>Income - £110,543 Expenditure - £87,017</p> <p>Reserves: £20,451</p>
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?	Yes
How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future	The very ethos of our charity and the purpose of the building is centred around the Well being of the community we serve.

Generations Act 2015	<p>The centre currently provides services for the full spectrum of the community.</p> <p>We have specific services aimed at children aged 5 to 12, young people aged 12 to 25, and other services and activities aimed at serving the rest of the community.</p> <p>The needs differ according to the user, but broadly we aim to accommodate all people regardless of protected characteristic or specific needs.</p> <p>Trevethin is a designated socio, economically deprived area, meaning many people in the area are in desperate need of support, and having a safe, warm space to socialise and engage with activities and events provides welcome opportunities to the local community.</p> <p>Because we have a large variety of users through our door, there are constant opportunities to interact with different people, and therefore we learn from each other's experiences and grow together. This ultimately leads to greater understanding of one another and more compassion and care for each other, improving community cohesion.</p> <p>We always take a co-productive approach to developing new ideas. We work in partnership with our users, TCBC Communities Team and TVA to construct new groups so that more people have a sense of ownership over what Cold Barn Farm offers. By using this partnership approach, we are able to engage with as many people as possible and include the community in our shared journey which attracts more visitors to the centre</p> <p>Examples of some of the services we offer in line with WBFG act 2015 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torfaen Play for 5-12 year olds, • Torfaen Youth Service 13-25 year olds • Baby Group • Craft Group • Warm hub • Saturday Breakfast and Bounce Club • Wellbeing Classes • Cooking Classes • Social Inclusion Group 16-21 • Allotment Project
Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY	No
What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact? Your answer could include but is not	<p>We always encourage the community to 'leave the car at home' when utilising the services at the centre.</p> <p>We encourage recycling at the centre with dedicated bins, whilst food waste is composted on site for use in our</p>

<p>limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>allotment.</p> <p>We are running a continuous improvement programme whereby we actively replace any broken items with more energy efficient products. We have upgraded all aging appliances with modern energy efficient items</p> <p>We actively apply for grants that facilitate energy efficiency improvements, successful applications have facilitated installation of upgraded LED lighting throughout the building; installation of solar panels along with battery storage; Windows are being repaired and replaced to improve the thermal efficiency of the building. These improvements have vastly improved our CO2 emissions and reduce our energy bills.</p> <p>We have reclaimed derelict land and have repurposed it into an Allotment. We do not use any pesticides in the allotment, and seek to use natural solutions to pest problems such as Sacrificial planting. We collect rainwater in large containers for use in the allotment, reducing reliance on mains water. We leave many areas of the site to grow wild where safe and appropriate to do so.</p>
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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	Hope GB
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Sarah Robinson CEO Thornhill Community Centre, Leadon Court, Cwmbran NP44 5TZ 07749492162 / 01633 920326 sarahrobinson@hopegb.co.uk
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	Hope GB aims to support autistic individuals and their families by providing tailored guidance, inclusive services, and a safe, understanding community. The organisation focuses on reducing isolation, promoting wellbeing, and empowering autistic people through specialist programmes, advocacy, and access to appropriate resources. Its purpose is to foster acceptance, build confidence, and create opportunities that enable autistic individuals to thrive and lead fulfilling lives within an inclusive society.
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	We meet at our centre in Upper Cwmbran and at other venues across Torfaen to ensure we are easily accessible to families in the Borough.

How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	Board of Trustees
Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	We work with Torfaen Voluntary Alliance to help with any organisational needs.
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	Our main funding, indeed all of our funding comes from grant and trust applications. The charity has a nominal contract with Torfaen County Council which is ending July 2026.
A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?	Unrestricted funding gives Hope GB the flexibility to respond directly to the changing needs of autistic individuals and their families. It allows us to allocate resources where they are most needed—whether that is expanding support sessions, developing new autism-specific programmes, or covering essential running costs such as staffing, training, and safe community spaces. This flexibility enables us to act quickly, sustain consistent support, and innovate in response to gaps in local services. Ultimately, it strengthens our ability to provide reliable, person-centred support and achieve lasting impact in the autistic community.
Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.	As attached to the email with this document.
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?	Yes
How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015	<p>Hope GB aligns with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 by supporting autistic individuals and contributing to several of its key wellbeing goals. We promote a healthier Wales by improving mental health, reducing isolation, and offering safe, supportive environments. We contribute to a more equal Wales by advocating for inclusion, reducing barriers, and ensuring autistic people have access to opportunities and services.</p> <p>Our work helps build cohesive communities by creating inclusive spaces where individuals feel understood and valued. We also support a more resilient Wales by strengthening individuals' confidence, independence, and ability to navigate daily life. Through awareness and education, we encourage a more prosperous and inclusive society where autistic people can thrive.</p>

Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Yes
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>Hope GB is committed to reducing its environmental impact through practical, everyday actions. We encourage staff, volunteers, and service users to use public transport, walk, or car-share where possible when attending sessions. We minimise paper use by using digital communication and records, and we prioritise recycling and responsible waste disposal at all activities.</p> <p>We aim to use energy efficiently by choosing low-energy lighting and being mindful of heating and electricity use in our spaces. Where possible, we select venues that share these values. Moving forward, we will continue to review our practices, promote environmentally responsible behaviours, and look for further ways to reduce our carbon footprint while delivering our autism-focused support.</p>

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Louise Jones-Williams Director St. David's Road, Cwmbran Torfaen NP44 1PD 01633 483321 louisejw@llantarnamgrange.com
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	Llantarnam Grange is the regional centre for Art and Craft and plays a vital role for communities across South-East Wales. With the mission to create an environment where care, support and well-being are at the heart of all our programmes and processes, we function as a crucial community hub for bringing people together, supporting artists, improving health and well-being, and encouraging creativity for all. We host free contemporary art exhibitions; our Billboard Gallery brings art outside the gallery walls; our Learning Programme engages with young people, schools, colleges, older people and community groups.
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	Our communities across Torfaen are still struggling in the cost-of-living crisis which means now more than ever people need spaces and activities to support them. We are committed to free access to culture, including all our exhibitions as well as the majority of our activities, aiming to bring the transformative power of the arts to as wide an audience as possible. Too often communal spaces are taken for granted but they can have a huge effect on our wellbeing, education and personal enrichment. We have an ageing and increasingly isolated population which needs spaces to come together. We have talented young people who need access to support and skills development. We have people with health issues who need support. We have artists who need opportunities to show their work and grow their businesses.

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Our Activities and Services include:

- In **25-26** we welcomed **36,199 people** to the arts centre, in off-site sessions in the local area and to exhibitions toured to other venues. Visitors are increasing year on year and we are aiming to reach pre-pandemic levels.
- **Access to Culture:** We aim to broaden cultural access through our internal and external exhibitions allowing the general public to have unlimited access to new and diverse artists' work. We provide FREE access to art and craft exhibitions by artists and makers from all over Wales, the UK and abroad. Exhibitions provide a facility for the people of Torfaen but also brings visitors into the county from a wide area.
- **Gallery 1 & 2 Exhibitions:** We exhibit and co-create opportunities for established and emerging artists and makers to present work that excites and challenges our audiences, with supporting engagement programmes.
- **Billboard Gallery:** Our Billboard Gallery was launched in 2022, and brings art outside the gallery walls, removing barriers, and inspiring creativity in the community. We will be unveiling our fourth commission for this space on 13th June, with a new artwork by Sophie Mac-Shram created in collaboration with participants from all our Arts & Health groups who meet at the centre.
- **Café & Foyer Exhibitions:** We provide exhibiting opportunities for local artists, students and graduates and community groups such as Cyffanol Women's Aid, Torfaen Arts, Vision Arts etc.
- **Permanent Collection & Selway Room:** We show artwork donated to the centre in our meeting rooms. We are an ambassador for the work of local artist John Selway through a changing display of his work.
- **Touring Partnership Exhibitions:** We collaborate with partners to reach new audiences, raising the profile of Welsh artists on a national and international level, including annually attending Craft Festival Wales in Cardigan, touring exhibitions to other venues in Wales and across the UK.
- **Public Artwork & Town Centre Regeneration:** We aim to maintain and commission artwork for our local town centres by working in partnership with Cwmbran Arts Trust, Cwmbran Centre/LCP and TCBC. In 2022 we worked in partnership with TCBC on the commissioning artist Jack Skivens to create the Pontypool Shop Jackets Project, to improve the experience of living, working and visiting the town.
- **Mental Health & Well-being:** We create programmes which respond to participants needs, embedding care and well-being. We have partnered on many projects with Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Gwent Arts in Health and MIND. Our 'Be Kind to Your Mind' programme involves four sessions every week engaging people from across the area, currently funded by National Lottery includes:
 - 'Living with Dementia Art & Craft Class': run weekly since 2009 supporting people with dementia to explore materials and encourage social interaction. Royal Voluntary Service also offers transport for participants.
 - 'Create with Confidence' Social Prescribing: run weekly since 2023 supporting those who have experienced issues with

mental health, links with TCBC Adult & Communities team and Community Connectors.

- 'Mindful Making': run weekly since 2024 providing drop-in creative sessions with a tutor.
- 'Craft Clwb': run weekly since 2022 providing a space for local people to meet like-minded individuals, create their own artwork, supporting their wellbeing and combating loneliness.

- **Volunteering:** One of our staff acts as Volunteer Co-ordinator who along with other staff, supports those interested in volunteering and work experience, to increase confidence, skills, career choices, combat social isolation and support health issues. We have had volunteers referred to us by local schools, Coleg Gwent, Scope, Aspris College and Bridges into Work.
- **Supporting Artists & Freelancers:** We use a large number of local artists and freelancers to deliver our projects, helping to create a thriving, sustainable creative industry. In 2023 we launched a monthly 'Artist Meets' for professional and amateur artists to come together to exchange ideas, forge partnerships, share knowledge and support their well-being.
- **Llantarnam Grange Studio:** We provide one studio to a local community artist who supports our work widening reach in our community and partnerships and supporting their creative business. This is provided free in return for engagement sessions.
- We have employed a dedicated **Engagement Officer** for over 40 years, devising and delivering activities which impact positively on confidence, artistic and social skills, supporting positive mental health and well-being.
- **Young People & Families:** We deliver free/low-cost drop-in sessions in the holidays for young people (aged 5-18) and sessions for families to create together. We have also run Intergenerational activities with partners such as Blaenavon Workmen's Hall, Engage Cymru, Fusion Torfaen, TCBC Canal Co-ordinator.
- **Lifelong Learning:** We emphasis creating a comfortable and relaxed space for adults of all abilities to take part in free/low-cost activities (whenever possible) for ages 16+, based on our exhibition programmes, including creative workshops, talks, demonstrations as well as film screenings, poetry/literature, and music events.
- **Schools:** We provide art and craft workshops for schools from across Torfaen and SE Wales, supporting the delivery of the Expressive Arts element of the National Curriculum. We work with approximately 800-1500 school children per year.
- **Alternative Education:** We work with young people not in mainstream education including those with Special Education Needs (SEN), neurodiverse young people, homeschooled and those Not In Education or Training (NEET), linking with Coleg Gwent, and TCBC Communities & Renewal team/Inspire2 Achieve. We deliver twice weekly sessions for Aspris College students since 2022.
- **Wider Community:** We regularly engage in projects with partners such as Blaenavon HWB, World Heritage Youth Ambassadors, TCBC Community Cohesion Team, Fusion Torfaen, Torfaen Museum Trust, Gwent Archives, Craft Festival, in the past we

have also attended Pontypool Party in the Park, Cwmbran Big Event, Urdd Eisteddfod, Ffilifest. and others.

- **Further/Higher Education:** We annually provide mentoring, lectures, gallery visits and exhibition opportunities for local college and university students incl. Coleg Gwent (Torfaen Learning Zone and Crosskeys), Hereford College of Art and Cardiff School of Art & Design.
- **Graduates:** We have delivered our annual exhibition and mentoring programme 'Portal' since 2009, supporting 15 new BA and MA art and design graduates every year from universities across the UK.
- **Youth Advisory Panel:** We deliver a co-created programme of training and opportunities for local young people (ages 16-25), launched in 2021 the panel positively impacts our governance and advises on aspects of our programming and planning.
- **Community Hub:** We provide open access support spaces to promote the building for socialising, creating and learning. We are the only gallery in the area and therefore a hub for art students, graduates, emerging and established artists as well as anyone interested or enthusiastic about art and craft. **Gallery 2** is also used as a warm hub (since 2023) and provides a welcoming space where people can meet others and be creative. It is used for informal learning sessions, supporting older and disabled people to fully engage in our activities. It also features exhibitions focusing on local artists, young people and community groups. Our **Café** has been run in-house since 2005 which acts as a valuable resource and support space for visitors. It also is a member of TCBC's Food Network using and promoting local produce and businesses, and creating events.
- **Room Hire:** We provide a venue for artist groups, community organisations and local businesses which expands our audiences and provides valuable earned income, such as Torfaen Arts, Llantarnam Grange Art Club, Torfaen Sewing Club, Coleg Gwent, Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Cyfannol Women's Aid.
- **Digital Strategy:** We use digital methods to increase access, diversify and grow our audience and increase income potential. We are continuing to develop our website into a Digital Venue with our new 'Access Video' giving vital access information for visitors, digital workshops, artist films and 360 tours of our galleries. In 2025 with the help of TCBC SPF funding we invested in our digital equipment to support artists, networking and events.
- **Craft shop:** We provide opportunities for artists and makers to sell their work in the centre and online, providing valuable earned income for the centre and artists and introduces new audiences to the building.
- **Sector Partners:** We aim to provide sector leadership and partner to share best practise and learning on issues which affect our sector, such as diversity and inclusion, fair pay, good governance and co-create projects. We are part of a number of organisations which support artists and our communities:
 - Visual Arts Group Wales: our Director is Co-Chair of the national gallery network for Wales, which works with partners across the UK, including Department of Culture, Media & Sport and other gallery networks across the four home nations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cwmbran Arts Trust: our Director is the Chair of Trust which purchased much of the public artwork in Cwmbran from the early 1960s onwards. - Torfaen Tourism Association, we are a member and former Chair, leading on Visit Torfaen campaign in 2024-25. - Engage Cymru, we are a member of the national agency for education in museums and galleries. - Cwmbran Neighbourhood Board/'Cwmbran Futures': our Director is currently Co-Chair (standing down in June but will remain a board member.
<p>How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)</p>	<p>As an incorporated charity, Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre is governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees whose structure is defined by the organisation's governing constitution - the "Articles of Association" which was revised in 2026. Our mission states we aim to create an environment where care, support and well-being are at the heart of our organisation. Our trustees lead on the strategic direction of the organisation, reviewing the Business Plan, help manage relationships with funders, monitor finances and manage risks. Our Lead Trustees support staff in our commitment to: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion; Access & Disability; Safeguarding; Environmental Social Governance and Fundraising. The management and implementation of the Business Plan is delegated to the Centre Director and Staff.</p>
<p>Are there other area of support your organisation needs?</p>	<p>Since 2021 we have delivered almost all our activities free of charge for young people, families and socially isolated adults, responding to the need within the community, with many participants being from lower income families. Due to the ongoing effects of the cost-of-living crisis our community continues to need this support.</p> <p>In order to be able to continue providing free access to culture and our extensive range of activities for people in our local area (see list above), we annually apply for funding from a wide variety of sources including: TCBC, Arts Council of Wales, local community councils, National Lottery, independent trusts and foundations, we apply for HMRC tax relief, Gift Aid and we encourage donations from the public.</p>
<p>Who provides your organisation's main funding?</p>	<p>The majority of our unrestricted income is made up of our 'Multi-Year Funding' from Arts Council of Wales (ACW) and we are the only recipient of ACW revenue funding in Torfaen. However, this accounts for less than 25% of our average annual turnover and we have to fundraise and earn significant amounts to maintain the services we deliver.</p> <p>We hold a Service Contract with Torfaen County Borough Council and receive an annual grant. We receive annual unrestricted funding from Cwmbran Community Council and Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council, as well as making applications to Blaenavon Town Council, Pontypool Community Council and Henllys Community Council. In 2026 we have also secured a two-year core funding grant from Garfield Weston Foundation.</p> <p>We take our responsibilities as a recipient of public funds very</p>

	<p>seriously and without this invaluable support we would not be able to deliver significant strands of our important work. We aim to give very good value for money to our funders, delivering on their aims and objectives, and very often exceeding their expectations. We have also been highly effective in diversifying our income from a wide variety of other sources.</p> <p>We have also been highly effective in diversifying our income from a wide variety of sources. Our ability to earn income, and our costs will continue to be affected by the current cost-of-living crisis as well as other national and global events. However, we plan for a slowly improving picture. We do not underestimate the challenges ahead and we are working with our Marketing & Development Officer, Lead Trustee for Fundraising and other trustees to continue to develop our Fundraising Plan. This aims to increase fundraising from the public and private sectors, develop existing and new relationships to secure sponsorship.</p>
<p>A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?</p>	<p>Project funding often does not allow us to include the costs of internal staff and overheads so unrestricted funds are vital in supporting the organisation as a whole, enabling us to run the centre and projects, retain staff, and pay overheads. Unrestricted funds also allow us to lever additional funds from other sources, acting as match funding for instance from Trusts and Foundations and ACW project funding. Since 2019 alone our unrestricted grants from TCBC and the Community Councils has allowed us to unlock over £400,000 from other funders.</p>
<p>Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.</p>	<p>2024-25 (last audited accounts): Income - £336,513 Expenditure - £353,985</p> <p>Loss mainly due to project funding received in 23-24 and spent in 24-25.</p> <p>At 31 March 2025 our reserves were £383,516, predominantly made up of assets including the value of our building. Unrestricted reserves were £205,773 (made up partly of the value of our Permanent Collection), of which £108,828 were free cash reserves, which represents just under 4 months of average annual turnover. As of 24-25 we have exceeded Target 1 in free cash reserves. However, due to continuing difficult trading conditions, near standstill core grants, competition for other funding, as well as essential building repairs, the Trustees predict there could be future losses over the next few years and therefore have maintained the targets at their current levels.</p> <p>Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually and states why the charity needs to hold reserves and what level is required for the efficient running and future planning of the charity. Reserves are needed due to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The risk of unforeseen need for funds e.g., an unexpected repair bill or an urgent project. b) Covering unforeseen operational costs e.g., employing temporary staff to cover a long-term sick absence.

	<p>c) A source of income not being renewed, e.g., a grant. Funds might be needed to give the trustees time to take action if income falls below expectations.</p> <p>d) Planned commitments that cannot be met by future income alone, e.g., plans for a major asset purchase or to a significant project that requires the charity to provide 'match funding'.</p> <p>e) Efficient cashflow – this is essential to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g., money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.</p> <p>f) Holding enough cash reserves to cover redundancies and closure of contracts in the event of the charity ceasing trading.</p> <p>These targets have been reviewed as of January 2026:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Hold £100,000 free cash reserves – by 2026/2027 2 Hold £110,000 free cash reserves – by 2028/2029 3 Hold £115,000 free cash reserves – by 2029/2030 4 Hold £150,000 free cash reserves (50% of annual turnover), which would give the time to re-model in the event of the loss of one of our major funders – long term target
<p>Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?</p>	<p>We have a Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed annually. We also have a Safeguarding Officer (staff) and Lead Trustee for Safeguarding.</p>
<p>How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015</p>	<p>We enshrine the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Act in our aims and objectives. A more equal Wales is where all citizens have access to Culture, and our role is pivotal in this for the communities of Torfaen and beyond. All people have the right to participate in the cultural life of a community as either audience or creators. The arts are a powerful tool and have a transformative effect on people's lives and those most vulnerable in society will benefit the most. The Learning Programme, like many aspects of our work contributes to the goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act and focuses on working with new and diverse audiences, supporting the talent and creativity of people of all ages, supporting Welsh language and culture as well the health and well-being of participants. Our ambitious plans are backed up by positive actions that better represent the country we live in and show how we deliver for the whole community. We are on a journey to better address the planetary emergency through climate justice work and to improving our Welsh language programming. We reviewed and revised our Vision, Mission, Aims and Objectives and strategic plans as part of our Business Plan in April 2026 to clearly set out how we will tackle this.</p>
<p>Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>	<p>We annually review our Welsh Language Plan as part of our Business Plan and strive to be a hub for Welsh speaking communities, aiming to grow our audience including Welsh learners. We treat both languages equally in all interpretation, publicity and on our website. We celebrate Welsh culture through bilingual exhibitions and learning programmes. We link with local partners, Menter Iaith and others, identifying more Welsh speaking freelancers and artists to deliver our projects and have a regular focus on Cymraeg/Cymreig culture in the programme. Core aims are: Develop our Cynnig Cymraeg. Maintain at least two Welsh speaking freelancers. Ring fenced places</p>

	<p>for Welsh speakers in Portal. Regularly work with local Welsh medium schools. Develop conversation group. Continue to improve and support the Welsh language skills of our staff, trustees, volunteers resulting in an improved experience for all Welsh speaking audiences. In January 2026 we recruited three new fluent Cymraeg speakers to our Trustees.</p>
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>We aim to proactively address the climate emergency and contribute to carbon net Zero in Wales by implementing our Environmental Action Plan (devised in 2022) which is reviewed annually as part of our Business Plan. This is developed with our Lead Trustee for Environmental Social Governance and Youth Advisory Panel. Recent progress on targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved insulation, new heating and gallery lighting systems 2020. • Improved digital equipment in our galleries to reduce use of printed materials, 2022. • Improved our outside spaces and provided insect habitats through Keep Wales Tidy grant 2023. • Recycling points for the public installed throughout 2024. • Installation of solar panels; emergency lighting, foyer and café lighting replaced with LED; PAR sensors fitted in toilets and corridors 2025. • Improved digital conferencing equipment for staff, trustee and businesses, reducing travel and related emissions 2025. • Continue to development our Digital Venue with improved digital exhibitions and event programming. • Encourage public transport for visitors through our website. • We reuse and recycle where possible across all programmes • Include environmental issues and appreciation of nature in our Learning programmes. • Promote donation/reuse of artists materials and books resources to those who need them. Lunched Creative Clearout events for the public in 2023, repeated twice a year. • Partner with VAGW for staff to take part in Caron Literacy training and for an environmental audit in 2026.

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AGENDA ITEM 11 (vi)

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	St David's Hospice Care
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Sarah Robey Corporate Secretary Blakett Avenue, Newport NP2 6NH 01633 851051 Sarah.Robey@stdavidshospicecare.org
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	<p>I believe we have previously provided a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association – If not, please let us know, we would be happy to share with you</p> <p>St David's Hospice Care provides a range of services to patients and their families throughout the journey of terminal illness. A holistic, family support approach is provided to patients, their families and carers from point of referral onwards.</p> <p>St David's provide free and comprehensive palliative care services throughout Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen and within South and Mid Powys for people, their families and carers facing a progressive life-limiting illness which is no longer curable.</p> <p>St David's Hospice Care provides a range of vital services both within the local community and within our in-patient hospice – All of the services are available to patients and families living in Pontypool.</p>
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	<p>A number of services are offered to patients including access to day hospices in Newport and Ystrad Mynach, Hospice at Home, visits from Clinical Nurse Specialists and support from our Family Support Team.</p> <p>Our Panteg Day Hospice has been closed as the venue and facilities did not enable the patients to receive the standard of care we wished to offer. Patients have instead been brought, by St David's transport, to our facilities in Blakett Avenue which offers a custom designed day hospice facility and on site chef</p>

	<p>who provides a 3 course meal for the patients. We are also able to offer more activities and entertainment for patients in Blackett Avenue (again as the venue and facility allows for it).</p>
<p>How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)</p>	<p>Clinical Teams each have a team manager overseeing daily/weekly activities. Clinical work is also closely monitored and reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team (consisting of Senior Nursing staff) and the Chief Executive/Director of Nursing.</p> <p>We have a Board of Trustees which consists of 13 people with varying professional backgrounds. The Board meet on a bi-monthly basis.</p>
<p>Are there other area of support your organisation needs?</p>	<p>We appreciate any support afforded to the Hospice whether this is for core funding or for specific projects. We would be pleased to share details of projects if this would be appropriate.</p>
<p>Who provides your organisation's main funding?</p>	<p>Around 30% of the total funding required each year is received from the Local Health Board (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board) and Welsh Government. The remaining income is raised from a number of charitable activities and income streams such as; requests to charitable trusts and foundations, legacy income, retail income (a network of 35 shops across South East Wales), community and corporate fundraising activities .</p>
<p>A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?</p>	<p>Unrestricted funding allows the support to be placed where it is most needed rather than into a specific project. It helps with future planning and budgeting.</p>
<p>Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.</p>	<p>Balance Sheet attached to email as requested. Details of our reserves position also shared in the email.</p>
<p>Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?</p>	<p>Yes – We have safeguarding policies in place for children and vulnerable adults, in the community and in the in-patient hospice which have been signed off by our Trustee Safeguarding Lead, Mr Jeremy Felvus. We would be pleased to share these with you if required.</p>
<p>How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015</p>	<p>St David's Hospice Care strives to delivery the highest standard of services to patients, and their families, to ensure a healthier and more equal Wales. St David's works collaboratively with the Local Health Board and other healthcare professionals (GP's and District Nurses) to ensure the highest standard of patient care is delivered.</p> <p>Patients are always involved in care decisions to ensure their wishes are being followed and their physical and mental well-being is maximised.</p>

<p>Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>	<p>We do not currently have a policy.</p>
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>We have in place an Environmental and Sustainability Policy in place. Regular meetings take place with our 'Green Working Group' to explore how the policy/document can be amended and improved on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>We also continue to work to our 10-year plan to further reduce environmental impact by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have made great measures to ensure all our premises are using LED Lighting which are free of harsh chemicals and reduce UV rays • Seeking to reduce the amount of energy, water and other resources used across the organisation • Complying with the Environmental Act 2021 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 • Seek to avoid risk of pollution and harmful emissions we cause by the things we do • Seek to replace our vehicles once they come to the end of their use and replace with electrical vehicles reducing the impact to the environment • Events – We are aiming to become plastic free in the next 10 years

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AGENDA ITEM 11 (vii)

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	Tidy Butt
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Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	<p>We aim to create inclusive, stigma-free spaces where people can reconnect with themselves, nature, and community. We provide early and ongoing support, promote social inclusion, and offer preventative wellbeing support. We are dedicated to breaking the stigma around mental health through education, connection, and accessible support.</p> <p>Being deeply rooted in the Welsh community is key to our work, making us approachable, culturally relevant, and trusted. We show that mental health support doesn't have to be clinical, formal, or intimidating, but can be part of everyday conversation and that there are many different ways to improve and support your mental health.</p>
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	<p>We offer low-cost counselling, a community hub with café in Sebastopol where our men's women's and LGBT support circles yoga, contrast therapy, breathwork and Welsh lessons meet, as well as wellness walks, cold dips, and activity days at other locations in Torfaen. Each week we support 40 people face-to-face, welcome 175 people to our community hub and reach 130 people through workshops and online forums.</p>
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	<p>Our trustee group consists of three unrelated volunteer trustees who make strategic decisions and have overall responsibility. Day to</p>

	day operations are managed by the Director, supported by volunteer facilitator, counsellors and specialist instructors.
Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	As a very small team we always appreciate additional support to increase our capacity, especially around communications, income generation and streamlining our processes to make them more efficient.
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	We aim to have sustainable, diverse funding streams and currently the majority of our funding comes from both earned income through our events and talks, and our community café. We are also supported by grants from the Regional Integration Fund, GAVO Faster Further, the National Lottery Awards for All and the Shared Prosperity Fund.
A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?	<p>We are seeking unrestricted funding, so that we can offer a wider range of services, reach more people in our community and focus on sustainability. Due to our small size, the majority of our services are delivered by two of our directors, who also manage fundraising, administration and governance. This limits our ability to expand and unrestricted funds which will enable us to add a development officer to our team to run frontline services. In turn, this will free up director time to focus on income generating activities and developing further partnerships so local support organisations can operate from our hub.</p> <p>A development officer would be able to take on the day to day running of our counselling service, support circles, wellbeing walks, cold dips, yoga sessions and volunteer management. This would offer support to an average of 160 people per month. The benefits of these services for participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing non-clinical support that prevents them from reaching crisis point • Accessing alcohol-free, stigma-free social spaces that encourage conversation and community bonding • Being part of safe, inclusive spaces where they can connect, learn and build resilience and address the root causes of poor mental health and isolation. • Developing skills, coping strategies and social networks which will benefit their wellbeing over a longer period of time <p>Director time could then focus on increasing accessible services by expanding our sauna and plunge pool service to provide contrast therapy and working with more public sector partners to offer a 'one stop shop' for local mental health support. The local community will be able to receive mental health support, money and welfare advice and meet peers, as well as take part in creative and restorative activities. Modest fees for public sauna and plunge pool use and partner room hire will generate a sustainable income stream, enabling reinvestment into free and low-cost community services.</p>
Financial Position:	2024-2025 Income and Expenditure:

<p>Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.</p>	<p>Income: £ 111,222 Expenditure: £111,464</p> <p>Please see attached pdf for balance sheet</p>
<p>Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?</p>	<p>Yes, we have a safeguarding policy reviewed on an annual basis.</p>
<p>How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015</p>	<p>The work of Tidy Butt aims to support people in Pontypool to improve their mental health and wellbeing and as a result be healthier and more resilient in challenging times. By focusing on the importance of mental health for all members of society and offering dedicated spaces for the LGBT community, men and women Tidy Butt encourages and offer more equal access to support. By running our groups from a hub in the heart of our community open to all we are directly contributing to community cohesion – demonstrated by the fact that 50% of the costs of setting up our hub were provided in kind by the local community. A core part of our work is supporting people to connect with and value the natural world, spend time in and care for nature. We are also piloting the first openly accessible Welsh course in the area, contributing to Welsh language and culture thriving in Pontypool.</p>
<p>Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>	<p>We do not have a specific policy, but we actively encourage the use of Welsh and are running community Welsh language courses.</p>
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>As part of our focus on connecting with the natural world, we have an emphasis on taking care of the environment which runs through all of our work. We aim to run groups and events near available public transport and encourage people to use it to reach us. Our newly built hub is designed to be as energy efficient as possible, for both environmental and financial sustainability reasons. We also source as much of the food for our café locally to reduce food transport costs and support local producers.</p>

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	TOGs Centre
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Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	The TOGS Centre offers support to families with children with additional needs by providing a variety of services to help alleviate stress to parents/carers and offers a range of facilities and resources to help the physical, social and emotional development of the children. The services provided include: - youth and play groups from 0 to 17 years and parent and carer support groups, skills sessions for young people not attending full-time educational provisions, as well as weekend sessions in and around the community to enhance life skills and allow the children to become integrated members of their community. The centre also provides in-service training to Volunteers.
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	The Centre offers evening groups 5 days a week for children and young people aged 4 up to 18 yrs (specialist disability Play /youth groups) family support in the day
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	Manager manages day to day and Above the Manager we have a board of 6 trustees made up of parent representatives Cllrs and over professionals

Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	We are always looking for funding and volunteers.
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	We have a variety of income from applying for funding through pots like the national lottery community funding, police and crime commissioners funding, Gwent high sheriff, children in need, Regional integration funding and a variety of smaller pots along the way.
A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?	It helps with the running of the Centre and is invaluable to us at the centre. Since Action for children left the year before last, we have absorbed all the additional cost of running the centre. It's been a hard couple of years in terms of replacing shared equipment and the additional costs we have had to pay out, and our service is needed now more than ever. We have large waiting list and are doing our best to get these family's support.
Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.	We are waiting for our accountants to process financial year ending 2026 and if usually done by September, but last years is available if you would like a copy and income was £123,984 and outgoings was £ 148,031 You will see from the above the impact having our tenants leave the building had on us, up this years accounts will be more even.
Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?	Yes we do
How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015	We help children/young people with disabilities and their families be more resilient, needing less support from statutory services. Allowing young people to learn skills that they can take into adult hood and allowing them to be as independent and prosperous as possible. Helping individuals and families have positive mental health and wellbeing, through providing opportunities that support their needs and tackle inequality, by meeting and supporting their needs.
Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Yes we do
What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact? Your answer could include but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging people to car- 	Although recycling is now mandatory, we do teach the children and young people to recycle, and we will be looking at solar panels for the centre over the next year. We have had better energy saving lights in main parts of the building and only have a couple of rooms that still need

<p>share or use public transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild• reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs	<p>updating which we are hopefully doing this year.</p> <p>We do have small areas around the centre where we grow wild flowers for the insects and bees and reduce bills etc where possible the majority of our products used for cleaning at the centre is eco friendly and as natural as possible.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM 11 (ix)

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CORE COSTS

Name of Organisation:	Torfaen Museum Trust
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Robert Lewis Museum Services Manager Torfaen Museum Trust, Park Buildings, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6JH 01495 752036 Torfaenmuseum@outlook.com
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	<p>Torfaen Museum Trust cares for the county collections, preserving the heritage of the area for future audiences while also providing engaging events and activities for the communities of Torfaen.</p> <p>We hold a small shop and café, along with providing community spaces for dementia support, mother and toddler, and many other groups. Also, the Museum provides educational provision for schools across Torfaen and a changing programme of art exhibitions within our Oriel Barker Gallery.</p>
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	We have several groups who engage with us from daily visitors to families and schools, dementia support groups and artists.
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	Board of Directors
Are there other area of support your organisation needs?	The Museum requires a wide variety of support, both financial and operational.
Who provides your organisation's main funding?	Torfaen County Borough Council

<p>A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?</p>	<p>It is of huge value. The Museum is mostly supported by grants but these are 90% restricted to projects. Unrestricted financial support allows the Trust to ensure staff are maintained and allows upkeep of the grade II* listed building which would not be possible through restricted funding streams.</p>
<p>Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.</p>	<p>Please see the attached annual report.</p>
<p>Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015</p>	<p>A Prosperous Wales The Museum provides multiple opportunities for the local community including volunteering opportunities, jobs and activity events which aim to up-skill our visitors and give skills which can help with job attainment and local economy. This includes work within the Museum itself but also our shop and café.</p> <p>A Healthier Wales The Museum supports the physical and mental well-being of its visitors and those who engage through the use of its collections to build a sense of belonging and self. This is also obtained through our events and outreach which aims to engage a diverse range of communities from across Torfaen.</p> <p>A More Equal Wales The Museum supports all communities and aims to represent every visitor. This is included in our current outreach project which aims to identify and engage under-represented groups and to promote their histories within future galleries.</p> <p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities Again, the Museum supports a wide range of communities and aims to use its collections to promote equality and understanding among every visitor. Museums can challenge current thinking and help change ideas for the better. We hope to achieve this through our outreach and future galleries.</p> <p>A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language The Museum promotes and protects the cultures and heritage of Torfaen through preservation of the borough collections and through a series of engaging events and activities, designed to support learning. The Museum also supports use of the Welsh language through use of bi-lingual text and through select events.</p> <p>The Museum actively encourages participation into the arts</p>

	through its programme of exhibitions and events.
Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Not currently
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging people to car-share or use public transport • reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild • reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs 	<p>The Museum building is over 200 years old and so we are limited in what we can do. However, we have seen cuts to opening hours which have resulted in lower energy costs but also reduced heating and electricity bills. Low energy lightbulbs are used and a new heating system was installed in 2018 to reduce energy waste.</p> <p>In March 2026, secondary glazing was fitted to the gallery areas of the museum to reduce energy usage, allowing us greater control over consistent temperatures and reducing the amount of energy used and having a positive impact on our environmental impact.</p> <p>Our courtyard is pesticide free and we are searching for funding to install gardening beds to encourage wildflowers and supporting the local ecosystems.</p>

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Name of Organisation:	Torfaen Talks CIC
Contact Details Name: Role in the organisation: Address: Telephone number: Email address:	Patrick Downes Director 1 Winstone Cottages Abersychan, Pontypool NP4 8PU 07516 016345 hello@torfaentalkscic.org.uk
Purpose of Organisation (max 100 words) Please also submit a copy of articles of association or constitution if not previously provided.	Torfaen Talks CIC is a not-for-profit dedicated to enhancing mental health and wellbeing across Torfaen, South Wales. Our purpose is to provide affordable, accessible support through pay-what-you-can counselling, inclusive peer groups, and wellbeing workshops. We empower the community by delivering training and sharing local stories via our podcast to reduce stigma. Guided by the NHS Five Ways to Wellbeing, we strive to tackle loneliness, build resilience, and foster a connected, supportive environment for all residents.
What does the facility offer / what groups meet there?	Not applicable
How is your facility managed? (e.g. a Management Committee)	Not applicable

<p>Are there other area of support your organisation needs?</p>	<p>Torfaen Talks CIC would benefit from support in several key areas, including sustainable funding to expand counselling services. We also welcome collaboration with other organisations to strengthen referral pathways and improve access to mental health support across the community.</p>
<p>Who provides your organisation's main funding?</p>	<p>We're a social enterprise and utilise different funding streams whether that's grants, donations or contract work with other third sector organisations in Gwent.</p>
<p>A grant from Pontypool Community Council is unrestricted funding. What difference does unrestricted funding make to your organisation?</p>	<p>For Torfaen Talks CIC, unrestricted funding is the foundation of our agility and resilience. It provides the vital flexibility to respond to emerging community needs in real-time, rather than being confined by rigid project constraints.</p> <p>Specifically, these funds allow us to:</p> <p>Sustain Core Services: We can bolster our "pay-what-you-can" counselling model, ensuring no one is turned away due to financial barriers.</p> <p>Bridge Operational Gaps: It covers essential overheads and insurance that are often excluded from restricted grants.</p> <p>Innovate and Pilot: We can launch creative wellbeing initiatives and respond to local feedback without waiting for new funding cycles.</p> <p>Ultimately, unrestricted support empowers us to remain truly community-led, focusing our resources where they will have the most direct impact on mental health and social connection in Torfaen.</p>
<p>Financial Position: Please submit your organisations Income and Expenditure and please include the balance sheet of your last audited accounts when submitting your completed application form.</p>	<p>As attached</p>
<p>Do you have a Safeguarding policy if your facility welcomes children, young people or others who are vulnerable?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>How does your organisation meet the Well Being Objectives as set out in the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015</p>	<p>Torfaen Talks CIC embodies the spirit of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, embedding its seven goals into our core operations to ensure a sustainable and inclusive legacy for Torfaen.</p>

	<p>Our work aligns with the Act's National Goals through these key pillars:</p> <p>1. A Healthier & More Resilient Wales</p> <p>We take a preventative approach to healthcare by providing affordable counselling and emotional resilience workshops. By equipping residents with Mental Health First Aid skills, we build a community capable of supporting itself, reducing the long-term strain on statutory services.</p> <p>2. A More Equal Wales</p> <p>Our "pay-what-you-can" model removes financial barriers to mental health support. We champion equity through dedicated spaces for Neurodivergent families and men's mental health, ensuring that support is accessible to everyone regardless of their socio-economic background or identity.</p> <p>3. A Wales of Cohesive Communities</p> <p>Our wellbeing drop-ins and local events serve as vital social anchors. By tackling loneliness and fostering face-to-face connection, we create a stronger, more integrated social fabric across the region.</p> <p>4. A Wales of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language</p> <p>Through our community podcast, we celebrate local identity. We provide a platform for storytelling and creative expression, preserving the unique heritage and "voice" of Torfaen while promoting a culture of openness and mutual respect.</p> <p>5. A Prosperous Wales</p> <p>By improving mental wellbeing and upskilling volunteers and participants, we support a more productive and confident local workforce. A mentally healthy community is a prosperous one, better positioned to contribute to the local economy and thrive.</p> <p>Torfaen Talks CIC doesn't just provide a service; we act as a catalyst for the "Wales we want," working holistically to ensure that the decisions and support we provide today positively impact the generations of tomorrow.</p>
<p>Does your organisation have a Welsh Language Policy FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What steps has your organisation taken or is going to take to reduce its environmental impact?</p> <p>Your answer could include but is not limited to:</p>	<p>Torfaen Talks CIC is dedicated to operating responsibly, ensuring that our commitment to community wellbeing extends to the health of our local environment. We take a proactive approach to sustainability by integrating eco-conscious habits into our daily operations.</p>

- encouraging people to car-share or use public transport
- reducing the use of pesticides or leaving areas to grow wild
- reducing heating and electricity bills by installing insulation or low energy light bulbs

Our environmental strategy focuses on four key areas:

1. Hyper-Local Delivery

By keeping our services rooted strictly within Torfaen, we minimize the need for long-distance travel. We actively encourage staff and participants to utilize **active travel** (walking or cycling) and public transport, directly reducing travel-related carbon emissions.

2. Resource Efficiency

We operate with a "digital-first" mindset to minimize waste. When physical materials are essential for workshops or events, we prioritize:

- **Recycled and eco-friendly** stationery and products.
- Strictly limited printing and paper use.

3. Collaborative Consumption

Rather than maintaining underutilized independent units, we partner with other local organizations to **share community spaces**. This collaborative model maximizes building efficiency and significantly reduces the collective energy footprint of the voluntary sector in Torfaen.

4. Advocacy and Future Planning

We use our platform—including our community podcast—to highlight the link between a healthy environment and mental wellbeing.

Looking Forward: We are currently formalising our commitment by developing a comprehensive **Sustainability Policy** and establishing frameworks to measure and further reduce our carbon footprint.

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Core Cost Funding 2025/26

Organisation	Awarded
Hope GB	£ 3,000
St David's Hospice	£ 1,000
Age Connects Torfaen	£ 3,000
Citizen's Advice Bureau	£ 3,000
TOGs Centre	£ 3,000
Torfaen Talks CIC	£ 1,000
Torfaen Museum Trust	£12,000
Llantarnam Grange Arts	£ 3,000
Tidy Butt	£ 1,000
Cold Barn Farm	-

