

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018 – 2019

Introduction to Pontypool

Pontypool Community Council is a vital part of local government delivering services at grass roots level and interacting with people who live and work here.

The Council was created in 1985 and the 21 members are elected every 4-5 years, the last election having taken place in 2017.

The Council provides a diverse range of events and services and prides itself in being the 2nd largest Council (population wise) in Wales with more than 37,000 inhabitants.

The Well-being Future Generations Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act places a duty on certain community and town councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan that has effect in their areas.

This report will show the progress that the Council has made towards meeting the well-being objectives and how it intends to move forward. We hope that you will enjoy reading it.

The report was approved by Council on the 26th June 2019.



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(Chair of Council 2018 – 2019)









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About Pontypool

Pontypool is situated at the surprising altitude of 450 feet above sea level and it appears wedged into the bottom of a steep valley. Its history goes back much further than Blaenafon (World heritage site) for in Norman times it was known as Le Pool and no doubt takes its existing name from a bridge that was built in early times over the Afon.



Pontypool has a great history. Most notably, iron-making was first carried out here on a small scale in 1525 but the town became an important industrial centre in the 16th Century when Richard Hanbury came here from Worcestershire to exploit the mineral wealth of the area. The Hanbury family were the first major iron-masters in South Wales and they played a very important part in the history and development of this town. Capel Hanbury built Pontypool Park House in 1690 – 1720 and it was extended in 1779-1861. (The house is now a Comprehensive School)

Major John Hanbury (1664 – 1734) was the pioneer of the tin-plating industry and the rolling mill was invested by his agent Thomas Cooke who came from Stourbridge. This was an important development which replaced the labour intensive process of manually hammering out wrought iron bars into sheets. Thomas Allgood a Northampton man, who was employed as a manager of the Pontymoel works discovered a durable and inexpensive method of applying lacquer to tin-plate. The process was later developed by his son Edward who set up a business in Trosnant to produce Pontypool Japanware in 1732.





Snuff boxes and trays decorated in gold formed the main part of the early production and it was not long before Pontypool became famous for its Japanware.

The 158 acre park that surrounds Pontypool Park house was given to the town after the birth of Capel Hanbury' son and it now boasts beautiful woodland and recreational facilities including a leisure centre and a Ski slope. There are also walks to local curiosities such as the Folly Tower and the Shell Grotto where extensive views may be obtained.

Pontypool historically has seen a shift from the old manufacturing industries of coal and iron to high technology and service industries. Following a period of decline in the economy of Pontypool as a town, it is now beginning to benefit from the resurgence of the industrial heritage and its proximity to the world heritage site at Blaenavon. It has also undergone massive investment and regeneration which has brought multiple chain stores to the town. The emphasis is now on promoting and marketing the town as a vibrant place to visit and shop with the new nestling alongside the old in the shape of the Victorian Market and other features within the town.



ABOUT THIS REPORT

Torfaen Public Services Board (PSB) was established in April 2016 under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It published its first Well-being Plan for Torfaen (2018 – 2023) in 2018. The aim of the Act is to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

The Council's Statement of Well-Being, agreed in October 2017, is shown at Appendix 1.

To this effect the Act sets out 7 goals to be achieved by the PSB and any other body aiming to follow the principles of well-being.

Community Councils with a budget of more than £200,000 over the last 2 years have a duty under s. 40(1) of the Act to demonstrate the progress being made to meet the 7 objectives outlined by the Torfaen Public Services Board, by using the five recommended ways of working.

Based on the information that the Torfaen Public Services Board has collected in the assessment and from the public, the analysis carried out to date and the expert knowledge of the public services officers, the emerging 7 well-being objectives that have been put together by the PSB are as follows:

- 1. Develop a functional, connected network of natural areas that support the current and future well-being needs of local populations**
- 2. Develop mitigation and adaptation responses to the impacts of climate change**
- 3. Provide children and young people with the best possible start in life**
- 4. Support healthy lifestyles and enable people to age well**
- 5. Tackle the inter-generational patterns of poverty and develop economic resilience**
- 6. Improve local skills through work-force planning, training, apprenticeships, and volunteering opportunities**
- 7. Create safe, confident communities and promote community cohesion**

This report will provide brief details of PCC's activities and demonstrate how it will try to achieve the goals through the 5 ways of working recommended by the Act.

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF WELL-BEING

The Council's Statement of well-being, agreed in October 2017, is shown at Appendix 1

The Council's summary of accounts and for 2017/18 and 2018/19 is shown at Appendix 2

The five ways of working.	How <i>Pontypool</i> aims to achieve this
<p>The Long term: the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs</p>	<p>The budget is monitored monthly and decisions made promptly to alleviate problems.</p> <p>The future of 'Party in the Park' has been protected and its success will be reviewed with a view to its long term future.</p>
<p>Prevention: how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.</p>	<p>The programme of grants to voluntary organisations helps sustain many vital community run services.</p> <p>Internally we examine reports from our auditors and regulators to ensure that any lessons learned to bring about continuous improvement.</p> <p>The Council provides funding towards CCTV cameras to help in the reduction of crime.</p>
<p>Integration: considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.</p>	<p>The aim is that services delivered can achieve more than one of the goals. Therefore the Council has aligned its activities and objectives with wider Well-being goals.</p>
<p>Collaboration: acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Council meet its well-being objectives.</p>	<p>The Council has an outstanding record of building relationships with key partners to deliver services. There is excellent support from local businesses, other statutory organisations and schools with which there is an excellent working relationship.</p> <p>There is also a close relationships with other Community and Town councils and Torfaen County Borough Council in delivering these goals and</p>

	<p>services. Working with TCBC on the Pontypool Regeneration is a good example of this The Council keeps abreast of wider public sector developments through its membership of bodies such as One Voice Wales, the umbrella organisation for Town & Community councils in Wales.</p>
<p>Involvement: the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council serves</p>	<p>The Leader of Cwmbran Community Council, Councillor SJ Brooks, represents town & community councils in Torfaen on the Torfaen PSB, providing a valuable local voice to help determine priorities and actions.</p> <p>Our diverse programme of annual events helps build cohesive and resilient communities.</p> <p>Community Engagement and involvement is achieved through many events such as the Christmas celebrations, The Inter Schools Eisteddfod, the Poet of Pontypool and also the Presentation Evenings where there is a diverse range of people from across Pontypool who attend.</p>

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO TORFAEN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD'S WELL BEING PLAN

PSB OBJECTIVE 1:

To develop a functional, connected network of natural areas that support the current and future well-being needs of local populations.

What has Pontypool Community Council undertaken?

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Here are some ways in which the public can support Pontypool Community Council:

- All the meetings are open to the public. Why not come along to listen to the debates? Dates & times are on our website. Agendas and minutes are on line. At the meetings, Councillors take important decisions about our Council Services
- Support the Council's Testimonials – Do you know a deserving recipient? Are you involved with an organisation that deserves a grant?
- The programme of events is advertised extensively. These connect people from various communities across Pontypool. Please come along and support these events Many are free to attend
- View pictures of community events, respond to consultations, read announcements, take part in discussions about what the Council does. There is a gallery of photographs on the website and a Facebook page.
- These initiatives bring people together

MEETINGS

Nearly all meetings are open to the public.

- The Policy & Finance Committee discusses financial matters including the preparation of budgets, monitoring of all income and expenditure, internal audit controls. Member related expenditure, office expenses, council premises, grants, grant aid, local voluntary funding, grants presentation evenings It also approves policies
- The Establishment Committee discusses all staffing matters relating to all employees working for the Council (these are not open to the public)
- The Planning & Environment Committee discusses all planning and development matters, all countryside matters such as planting of spring flowers, benches, dog/litter bins, traffic orders and all other environmental and ecological matters
- The Events Committee makes decisions in respect of all events of the Council including risk assessments and all organisation of the events and activities.
- The Council meetings consider and approve or otherwise the recommendations of the Committees and also discuss and respond to consultations from the Welsh Government, Torfaen County Borough Council. One Voice Wales and the Brecon Bacons National Park,

USE OF COUNCIL WINDOW AND NOTICE BOARDS

WINDOW DISPLAYS



WINDOW DISPLAYS

Pontypool Community Council has two large windows for display purposes. One of the exhibitors is Pontypool Museum who regularly uses our windows to promote forthcoming events and exhibitions which they organise. They also design themes which include items from their vast collection. At Christmas they decorate the window to show how the festive season used to be celebrated. It also encourages members of the general public to visit the museum.

Each November the comrades decorate the window to commemorate the British Legions Remembrance Sunday and various anniversaries. They bring original items from the first and second World Wars to show the hardships that the soldiers had to endure to a younger generation.

Various charities use the window to promote awareness of life changing illness such as Parkinson's and Motor Neurone Disease.

NOTICE BOARDS

The Council has provided many notice boards across Pontypool and ensures that information regarding the Council is displayed as well as statutory notices. This informs people of events and activities across the area and details of Council meetings.



PSB OBJECTIVE 2

To develop mitigation and adaptation responses to the impacts of climate change

- The Council is very involved with environmental matters and promotes any activity that will reduce the impact of climate change and will promote understanding and knowledge of why these issues are important

LITTER AND DOGGY BINS

- Pontypool Community Council has been able to financially contribute to approximately 50 doggy/litter bins in the Pontypool area with money allocated for the year 2019/2020 to purchase more.
- Many local ward members have provided sponsorship towards the cost of these bins. Most of these have been placed at various green sites i.e. parks and public playing fields but also on paths and the canal bank to encourage dog owners to dispose of their doggy mess in a responsible manner. Local school children have also been involved in the project and all primary schools in Pontypool have been sent information leaflets warning of the dangers of dog mess.
- The Dog Fouling Act of 2016 places responsibility on the person in charge of the dog to ensure that dog mess is cleaned up otherwise a fine of £1000.00 can be imposed.

Council's Objectives:

- (i) To encourage dog owners to dispose of dog mess in a proper and responsible manner or take home the bags, to encourage a cleaner and more resilient Pontypool.
- (ii) To encourage residents to take pride in the community that they live in.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest Schools is an innovative and inspiring approach to learning and development which offers people of all ages opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences during regular visits to a local woodland site.

Forest Schools provide opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to grow in confidence, self-esteem and independence in special woodland settings, where they are supported in their development by qualified FS Practitioners.

Participants develop and nurture respect and responsibility for themselves, other people and the environment in a truly empowering experience, which is also exciting, healthy and fun.

The cost of the experience for the school children was £2000, which was the amount allocated by the Community Council. This included the work of the trainers and transport if required.

Council's Objectives:

- i. To enable children to continue to develop and nurture respect and responsibility for themselves, other people and the environment
- ii. To encourage school children to have more self-confidence by mixing with their peers

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

In the long term the grants that the schools receive will enable their environment to be eco friendly and help to mitigate climate change. The grants are generous and available annually

Council's objective

- i) To continue to support schools' initiatives to protect habitats and green areas and promote bio diversity

ENVIRONMENTAL QUIZ

- In June of each year the School's Environmental Quiz is held. All the primary schools in the Pontypool area are invited to participate in the quiz, all the questions relate to the environment. For 2019 an additional round has been created on biodiversity following a presentation from Torfaen's Ecology Officer.
- This annual event promotes children's knowledge of the local and global environment and promotes sustainability. It educates children about bio diversity and healthy functioning eco systems, as well as ecological resilience and capacity to adapt to change and promote good environmental practice. It encourages children to take an interest in their environment and be more aware of the Countryside code.
- New Inn primary school won the event in 2018

Council's Objective:

- i) To continue to organise this event and support schools with their eco classes

- ii) To inform them of the importance of biodiversity.

COMMUNITY WOOD

The aim to create a diverse landscape from old coal tips, which could be used by the community was an idea first mooted in 1987. A parcel of land in Varteg was bought from British Coal and another rented from Park Estate. The long term project worked upon collaboratively by the Community Council, local schools, Gwent County Council and the community has not become the community hub that was envisaged but is an ecological success with a variety of trees and plants and shrubs.

It is hoped that another Community Wood can be established in a different area in Pontypool

Council's objectives

- i) To provide ongoing support for the woodland area in Pontypool that is owned or rented by the Community Council
- ii) To encourage bio diversity in other wooded areas.

Spring Flowers

The Council has for many years provided spring flowers and bulbs across the community area. The ecologist for Torfaen has suggested that the range provided should be more diverse to attract and encourage more wild life and insects.

The Council will be working with TCBC with regards to the corridors of wild planting along the verges of main roads and selected open spaces.

Council Objective:

- i) To encourage greater bio diversity.
- ii) To provide critical habitats for pollinators which benefits insects and wildlife which is important for the eco systems.

PSB OBJECTIVE 3

To provide children and young people with the best possible start in life

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL

- The Youth Council provides an opportunity for young people to come together to represent and speak for the youth of Pontypool
- The young people also represented Pontypool on a more global scale by participating in an International twinning conference in France in 2018. In 2019 the Youth Council will be hosting the event and leading the conference on mental health needs. Other participants will include delegates from Pontypool's 3 twin towns and representatives from Pontypool
- The Youth Council was recently awarded a plaque for Youth Engagement at the One Voice Wales Innovative Awards.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Pontypool Community Council provides work experience to students from schools/colleges throughout the Pontypool area once a year. The Council is pleased to offer this work experience opportunity as it gives students an opportunity to develop key employability skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, communication and time management that employers seek.
- A number of our students have also been disabled and we have ensured they have been looked after under the Disability Discriminatory Act as well as our Equal Opportunities Policy to ensure fairness to all and to ensure a more Equal Wales under the Future Well Being Generations Act 2015.
- The Council also gives a financial donation to each student once the work experience placement has finished.
- It also meets the PSB Objective 6 in improving local skills through work-force planning, training, apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities.
- In fact many of our work experience students have kept in touch with the Office letting us know how well they have done since gaining full time employment.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

- There is currently a balance of £30,000 towards the replacement of play equipment in the many parks in Pontypool. There is a rolling programme of contributions which the Council allocates approximately every 4 years.
- The Community Council has funded play equipment as well as members putting together their Local Voluntary Funding for a project and play equipment has recently been provided at the following sites: Pentwyn Park, Waunddu Play area (new fencing) Woodfield Road, New Inn and Oak Tree Close, New Inn



PLAY SCHEMES

- The Council financially supports playschemes for younger children throughout all the holidays in the year.
- They are supported by a team of volunteers and ensure that young children are not felt isolated in the holidays. They participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities
- Grants are awarded so that children can have meals and snacks throughout the day as they often miss out and go hungry because there are no free meals



Objectives of the Council

- i) To continue to provide opportunities for young people to gain valuable experiences of life
- ii) To enable children to learn through play
- iii) Holiday Hunger playschemes – to ensure children get a decent meal and sustenance during the holidays

PSB OBJECTIVE 4

To support healthy lifestyles and enable people to age well

- The Council has provided a defibrillator for use by members of the public in Pontypool town centre should the need arise. This is kept in the Council's offices and its locations is advertised around the town.

GRANTS AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDING

- In 2018 – 2019 the Community Council has made available throughout Local Voluntary Funding a total of £52,500 (21 members each having £2500 to distribute in his/her ward.) Members make grants to local organisations within their ward and these groups include guides, scouts, local sports organisations, churches, craft groups, community association, dance groups and many more. Grants from the Council, other than Local Voluntary Funding amount to more than £32,000
- The Council supports luncheon clubs mainly for the elderly
- The Council awards grants to sporting organisations to encourage and support the establishment of healthy living through sports
- Grants are also given to the Air Ambulance and St John's Ambulance to enable their vital role to carry on thereby supporting a more healthier Wales
- The Council has provided more than 50 benches and seating and in doing so commemorated 100 years since the Great War as a mark of respect for those who were unable to age well.
- Some of these grants are awarded at the Council's grants presentation evenings which are held twice a year.
- Council grants are given to some organisations which are spread across Pontypool and to numerous local and national charitable organisations. The Council sponsors Pontypool RFC. 4 local junior sporting teams are also sponsored annually on a rolling programme.
- The council also provides grounds maintenance grants to local sports teams so that they can maintain their sports pitches and continue to use them.
- The following organisations also benefit from core funding grants: Citizens Advice, Torfaen carers and Age Connects, Torfaen Museum Trust, TOGs and Pontypool Pacers.

Objectives of the Council:

- i) To continue to support the well-being goal of a healthier Wales by working collaboratively and helping to prevent problems before they occur.
- ii) To seek more imaginative ways to help these organisations achieve their goals



Grants Presentation Evening

PSB OBJECTIVE 5

To tackle the intergenerational patterns of poverty and develop economic resilience

MORE GRANTS AND PRESENTATION EVENINGS

- Through the diverse range of grants that are awarded and at the Presentation Evenings the Council is able to demonstrate that it brings together different communities of different ages
- The Presentation Evenings are held at various community centres across Pontypool thereby encouraging people of all ages to support each other and helping the economic well-being of those different areas across Pontypool
- Specific grants for organisations representing and providing for the elderly are supported to ensure that these people do not feel isolated

THE YOUTH COUNCIL

- As well as working with young people across Europe, the establishment of the Youth Council has meant that young people across different types of communities in Pontypool have also been brought together. Opportunities have been given to participate for those from across any 'divide'
- They are then able to bring issues of all types to the Community Council as two of the Youth Councillors have been co-opted to the Community Council and have a right to speak at meetings.
- As a group the Youth Council would like to visit Residential homes to support the elderly.





Youth Festival Longjumeau, France 2018

WORKING WITH SCHOOLS

- Most schools are keen to visit and perform for elderly residents and be part of the fight against the inter-generational divide.
- We also have great relationship with local organisations, uniformed organisations and the police & fire services.

Council's objectives:

- i) To work with other agencies to help tackle the inter-generational divide.
- ii) To encourage the youth to be involved with people of all ages

PSB OBJECTIVE 6

To improve local skills through work-force planning, training, apprenticeships, and volunteering opportunities

- The Council encourages school placements for work experience

- The Council has worked in partnership with Torfaen CBC by awarding money to the youth contract which enable TCBC to find apprenticeships and work place training opportunities.
- The young people are supported through the Youth Council to take part in Duke of Edinburgh schemes

Council's objectives:

- i) To continue to support the youth to gain skills for their future
- ii) To work collaboratively with other public bodies to achieve this,

PSB OJECTIVE 7

To create safe, confident communities and promote community cohesion

- The Council regularly meets with the Police and the Gwent Police Commissioner to discuss the Policing plan for the year and to be kept abreast of operational initiatives.
- The Council has contributed towards CCTV in Pontypool town centre
- The Council regularly has visits to its meetings from representatives of other statutory bodies such as the Health Board and the Fire and Rescue Service.
- The Council meets regularly with Torfaen CBC Councillors as members of Pontypool Regeneration Partnership. The main focus of the group is to improve well-being in the town centre.

Council's objective

- i) To continue to promote community cohesion
- ii) Support the Regeneration Partnership to improve well-being in the town.

Testimonials

- Each year Pontypool Community Council awards Testimonials to residents who have provided an outstanding service to their local communities, or overcome adversity, or achieved a national recognition. This is one of the ways that the Council promotes community cohesion.

Council's objectives

- i) To continue to recognise those persons who have made a considerable contribution to the lives of people who live in Pontypool and to encourage them to work together.

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the course of the year the Council also provides other services and organises a variety of events and activities. These are all undertaken with the aim of following the principles of well-being. Details of these can be found on our Facebook page (Pontypool Community Council) and our website www.pontypoolcc.gov.uk

Task Force

- For many years the Council ran a Task Force providing a decorating Gardening and Handyman service to the residents of Pontypool. Whilst the service met some of the goals of the well-being plan it was not value for money and the cost could no longer be justified to the Internal Auditor. The Council sadly made a decision to close down the service
- However the Council is now seeking to provide an alternative service that will be more widely beneficial to everyone in the community and will obviously embrace the wellbeing goals and the ways of working to achieve them,

The following events add to the ones already listed to demonstrate that Pontypool as a public body itself is aiming to improve social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The photography competition, open to all residents of Torfaen is held each summer with a different theme elected by Members of the Council. There are prizes for the winners, including a canvas of the winning photo.

The 2018 theme was **WILDLIFE IN TORFAEN**



Winning Photograph 2018 by Jeffrey Rowles

POET OF PONTYPOOL COMPETITION

The Poet of Pontypool Competition takes place each summer – the Council in collaboration with Pontypool District Writers select a theme at its Events Committee for budding poets to compose a poem.

- There is a special presentation evening at which the poems are read out and prizes awarded for various categories This promotes the use of language and written skills
- The theme for 2018 was **A CANAL JOURNEY**.
- There is a Junior and Senior Category.
- Very often the poems depict stories of former times and how resilient people have been

Objectives

- i. To continue to support these events which demonstrate a Wales of vibrant culture and of resilient and cohesive communities

ii. to use the 5 ways of working to bring these people together through Culture and the Arts

PONTYPOOL CHRISTMAS CAVALCADE

- Annually, at the end of November, the Council hosts the Christmas Cavalcade and has done since 1990 Pontypool Town Centre comes alive with Christmas spirit. Entertainers and giant children's characters entertain members of the public in the town centre and indoor market throughout the afternoon. Families are particularly well catered for with children's entertainment which includes Santa's Grotto, face painting, a magician, bell ringers and choirs. The entertainments are free for all children and inclusive for those families who may not otherwise be able to afford them.
- A colouring competition for children under the age of 11 is included in the event programme and copies for all pupils are delivered to the primary schools in the Pontypool area. The first prize is a ride in Santa's carriage the following year. On event day children are also encouraged to enter a free competition to find the Chocolate Santa's hidden in shop windows throughout the town centre and entries increase every year.
- Businesses in the town centre enter the "Best Dressed Business for Christmas Competition" which is free to all and encourages shops, market stalls and other businesses to promote the town centre.
- This event helps improve the economy of the town by bringing in more people and everyone works together demonstrating an integrated approach to the organisation of the event.

The hugely popular event culminates in the early evening with a Parade watched by crowds of people who line the streets and which is led by Santa and Mother Christmas in a horse drawn carriage, followed by marching bands, children's dancing groups and the children's characters. At the end of the Parade the big 'Christmas tree and lights' switch on takes place from the main stage where a snow machine adds to the Christmas theme.



Council's objectives

- i) To continue to support this event which brings communities together (A Wales of cohesive communities and vibrant culture and a prosperous Wales)

EISTEDDFOD

- Pontypool Community Council Inter-Schools Eisteddfod takes place which is now entering its 22nd year. All Pontypool Schools are invited to participate and they each enter several singing, dancing and recitation categories. It is all in the Welsh language More than 1000 children take part over 2 days.
- Performing in the medium of Welsh for the event enhances children's potential and confidence. The event does not discriminate against gender or nationality
- In 2018 the Junior event was won by Griffithstown Primary school and the Infants event was won jointly by Griffithstown and New Inn Primary schools

Council's Objectives:

- i) To provide this event through integrated working and collaboratively with other bodies
- ii) To ensure that the event is supported annually thereby promoting A Wales of vibrant cultures





CHAIRMAN'S CHARITIES

Every year the Chair of Council nominates a charity/charities that they wish to raise money for in their year of office. Since the formation of the Community Council in excess of £90,000 has been raised to support the following charities:

Lincolns Legs, Fathers for Justice, British Heart Foundation (Cymru), SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association), South Gwent Breast Cancer Support Group, Age Connects, Torfaen Torfaen Youth & Junior Football, Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at Panteg Hospital, Torfaen Environmental Trust, Wales Air Ambulance, Motor Neurone Disease, Progress Prostate Cancer Support Group, Girl Guides New Inn & Griffithstown, Pontypool Scouts, Citizens Advice Bureau, Pontypool Youth Brass, Advocacy Action Wales, Alzheimer's Society, Pontypool Pacers Heart Support Club, Ty Hafan's Children Hospice, Arthritis Care, All Creatures Great and Small, National Autism Society, Haemophilia Society, Macmillan Cancer Care, Sparkle, Diabetes UK Cymru, TOGs, Guide Dogs Cymru, Tafarn Newydd, Pancreatic Cancer UK and Imperial Cancer UK.

For the year 2018/2019 the Chairman's Chosen Charities were ***TRAC 2 and Friends of Crownbridge School***

CHARITY CONCERT

This event is held specifically to raise money for the Chair's charities. It is held usually in a school in the Chair's ward and that school participates in the concert along with an adult choir and usually an instrumental group

Council's Objective

- i) To raise money for the Chair's charities and thereby supporting those less advantaged.

PONTYPOOL PARTY IN THE PARK

- Pontypool Party in the Park takes place on the second Saturday in July every year from 11am until 5pm in Pontypool Park.
- A big band is hired, along with a stage manager who headlines a diverse line up of music and dance acts throughout the day.
- There is also a huge amount of entertainment on offer including children's events and activities, a dog show, sports, contemporary art from around Wales, farm animals, a full-sized fun fair, pop-up vintage tea rooms, re-enactments and lots more.
- The popular children's parade returns every year and the inspiration is taken from the Welsh Government. This year it is the 'Year of Discovery', with children able to make craft pieces to carry or wear in the parade which takes place at 2pm on the day.
- There is also a food and craft market in addition to the usual range of stalls, with a wide variety of food on offer.
- The event is organised and managed for the first year by Pontypool Community Council and sponsored by Pontypool Regeneration Partnership, Melin Homes and Cotyledon Markets.

Objectives:

- i) To ensure the sustainability of this popular annual event in the long term.
- ii) To work collaboratively with all partners to build on its previous success
- iii) To promote the economy of Pontypool
- iv) To bring communities together (A Wales of cohesive communities and vibrant culture and a prosperous Wales)

A big thank you to everyone who has supported Pontypool Community Council



PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Statement of Well-Being:

This Well-Being Statement sets out the Council's commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The aim being to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the people of Pontypool.

Our Objectives for the future

1. The Council adopted the following well-being principles, as its long term objectives in October 2017 to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Well-Being Future Generations Act 2015

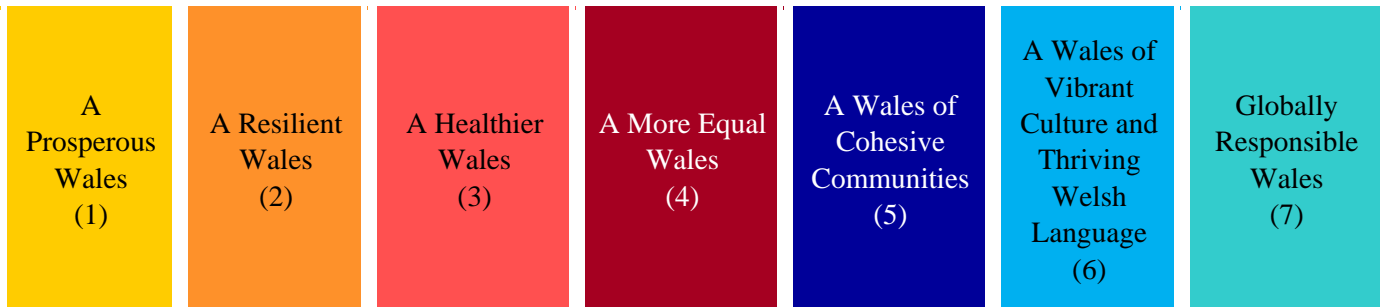
To contribute towards the delivery of:

- A Prosperous Pontypool.
- A Resilient Pontypool.
- A Healthier Pontypool.
- A More Equal Pontypool
- A Pontypool of Cohesive Communities.
- A Pontypool of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally responsive Pontypool.

These overarching goals provide a framework for the delivery of the Council's projects and events. How this is achieved is described within the report. These objectives will continue to form the Council's principle priorities moving forward. They provide a framework within which the Council's services, spending and programme of events sits.

When applying these well-being goals to the functions, activities and services provided by the Council; the Act requires the Council to think more about the long term, to work

better with people and communities and also other public bodies, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach.



The following information reflects the five ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for the people:

- **Long term:** the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs.
- **Prevention:** how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.
- **Integration:** considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.
- **Collaboration:** acting in collaboration to help meet well-being objectives.
- **Involvement:** the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves

2. To create a committee structure to ensure that the work of the council has focus and delivers positive outcomes in line with the main objectives.
3. To produce an Annual Governance Statement and report to reflect how the above is being achieved.
4. To review annually the success of these objectives

APPENDIX 1

<u>SUMMARY ACCOUNTS</u>	ACTUAL 2017/18	ACTUAL 2018/19	BUDGET 2019/20
	£	£	£
MEMBERS	25,064	16,962	18,100
PREMISES	50,790	51,881	58,040
OFFICE	16,827	17,316	22,625
GRANTS	32,515	31,912	47,000
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	43,585	48,678	57,500
YOUTH COUNCIL	0	2,892	1,250
WELFARE RIGHTS	6,332	1,677	0
STAFFING (INCL. TASKFORCE)	234,122	243,074	244,670
TWINNING	443	1,111	32,000
COMMUNITY EVENTS	78,698	86,203	99,800
COUNTRYSIDE	2,471	1,537	4,350
HIGHWAYS	220	0	1,000
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS	4,243	4,604	7,660
PARTNERSHIP SCHEMES	61,254	47,456	93,500
PLAY EQUIPMENT	(662)	0	30,000
TASKFORCE (EXCLUDING SALARIES)	4,938	4,893	9,020
	<u>560,840</u>	<u>560,196</u>	<u>726,515</u>
USE OF RESERVES	(37,852)	(4,625)	(62,500)
NET EXPENDITURE	<u>522,988</u>	<u>555,571</u>	<u>664,015</u>
PRECEPT	632,127	653,980	679,015