



Annual Report

Pontypool
Community Council

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2025 - 2026



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Well-being Goals

Throughout this report you might notice a number of icons at the bottom of each section.

Each logo represents one of the 7 Well-being Goals set out by the Welsh Government for all public bodies.



A globally
responsible
Wales



A prosperous
Wales



A resilient
Wales



A healthier
Wales



A more equal
Wales



A Wales of
cohesive
communities



A Wales of
vibrant
culture and a
thriving Welsh
language

To help us and you evaluate how our work is aligning with these Well-being Goals, we have labelled our actions and achievements throughout this report using these icons.



We strive to base all our decision making on sustainable thinking. That means understanding the 5 ways of working:



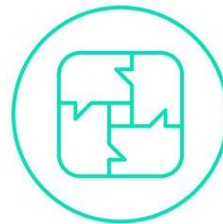
Collaboration – how we work together with others



Long Term – how we think about the future impact



Integration – how things link up together such as the economy, society, culture and environment



Prevention – how to stop problems happening in the first place



Involvement – how we involve people in making decisions

To find out more, why not download the [“Guide to the Well-being of Future Generations Act”](#)

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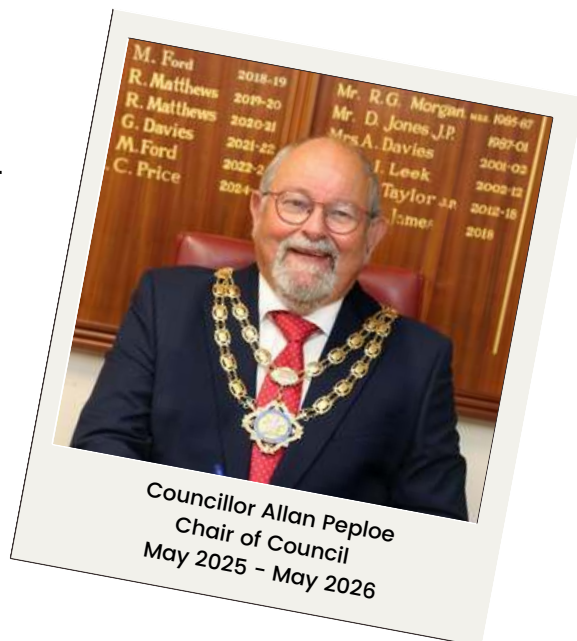
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Introductions & Forewords

From the Chair

As Chair of Pontypool Community Council 2025–2026, I am pleased to present to you this year’s Annual Report. The report documents the highlights of the year and the work put in by all the team involved in serving this community.

With members elected every 4–5 years, the current cohort of Councillors are halfway through their term. Throughout this report you will see how we have endeavoured to relate our work and projects to the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015: improving social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being across Wales.



“Pontypool Community Council works collectively as a team and has its focus on improving the health, wellbeing, and quality of life for our residents by building community partnerships, environmental sustainability, and inclusive growth. Working together with our community to make Pontypool a greener, cleaner, more cohesive and sustainable community, proud of its culture, environment, and people, where residents, businesses, and community groups work together for collective wellbeing and equality to ensure that Pontypool Community Council activities and support is aligned with residents’ needs. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the community as Chair of Pontypool Community council for the last year 2025–2026.”

Cllr: Allan Peploe FINSTLM, MCIPD, LCGL, MCMI, PGCE, MFLGM

I hope you enjoy reading more about our work.

From the Leader

As we look back on the civic year 2025–2026, I am both proud and humbled by the dedication and progress of Pontypool Community Council. This year, we have faced challenges with resilience and an unwavering commitment to our residents. We have seen vibrant community engagement, from the launch of new environmental initiatives to enhanced youth programs, all aimed at creating a safer, greener, and more connected Pontypool.

As leader of the council, I am immensely grateful to our staff and councillors, whose passion and hard work make all the difference. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive community, and I look forward to another year of progress and collaboration.



From the Deputy Clerk

Welcome to Pontypool Community Council's seventh Annual Report. This report serves as a comprehensive reflection of our work, outlining who we are, what we do, how we operate, and the achievements we have made over the past year. We take great pride in our role within the community, and through this report, we hope to highlight the dedication, collaboration, and progress that define our mission.



Staff and Councillors remain committed to serving Pontypool Community Council in line with our vision statement:

“To proactively engage with local residents to identify their priorities and aspirations, ensuring the work of the Council and its partners make a positive difference, empowering our community.”

As Deputy Clerk, I provide support to the Clerk and staff for the effective management of all Council resources and ensure that we continue to provide high quality services and events that benefit our community.

In April 2025, Pontypool Community Council was honoured to receive joint awards for the Best Governance Initiative and Best Youth Engagement Initiative at the One Voice Wales Awards, a National recognition of our commitment to clear and informative communication with our community.

Throughout this report, you will see the results of careful planning, dedication and collaboration between staff, councillors, and external partners, all working together to enhance the community we serve.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated councillors and staff, whose hard work and passion continue to drive Pontypool Community Council forward. Their unwavering commitment ensures that we make a real and lasting difference.

During the forthcoming year we will share more of our achievements as a Community Council with you via our social media platforms. This is an exciting time for the Community Council to which the new Clerk and I are looking forward to some very exciting projects we have planned for 2026/27.

Your Community Council

Councillors, Committees, and the team above the Council Chamber

Serving Pontypool & District

Pontypool Community Council has been in existence since 1985. It is one of the largest Community / Town Councils in Wales with a population exceeding 47,000 and a budget in excess of £700,000 per annum.

The role of a Councillor is a responsible one. Pontypool Community Council have twenty-one Council Members in Pontypool who were elected or co-opted in 2022/2023 at the start of the four-year term. During 2025/2026 there has been one resignation and subsequent by election.

Each Member has an active interest in the Pontypool community and they are dedicated to improving the quality of life and the local environment. The Clerk, as part of their role, summons the Councillors to each Council meeting. The Councillors have a duty to attend.

The wards the elected members cover are as follows:

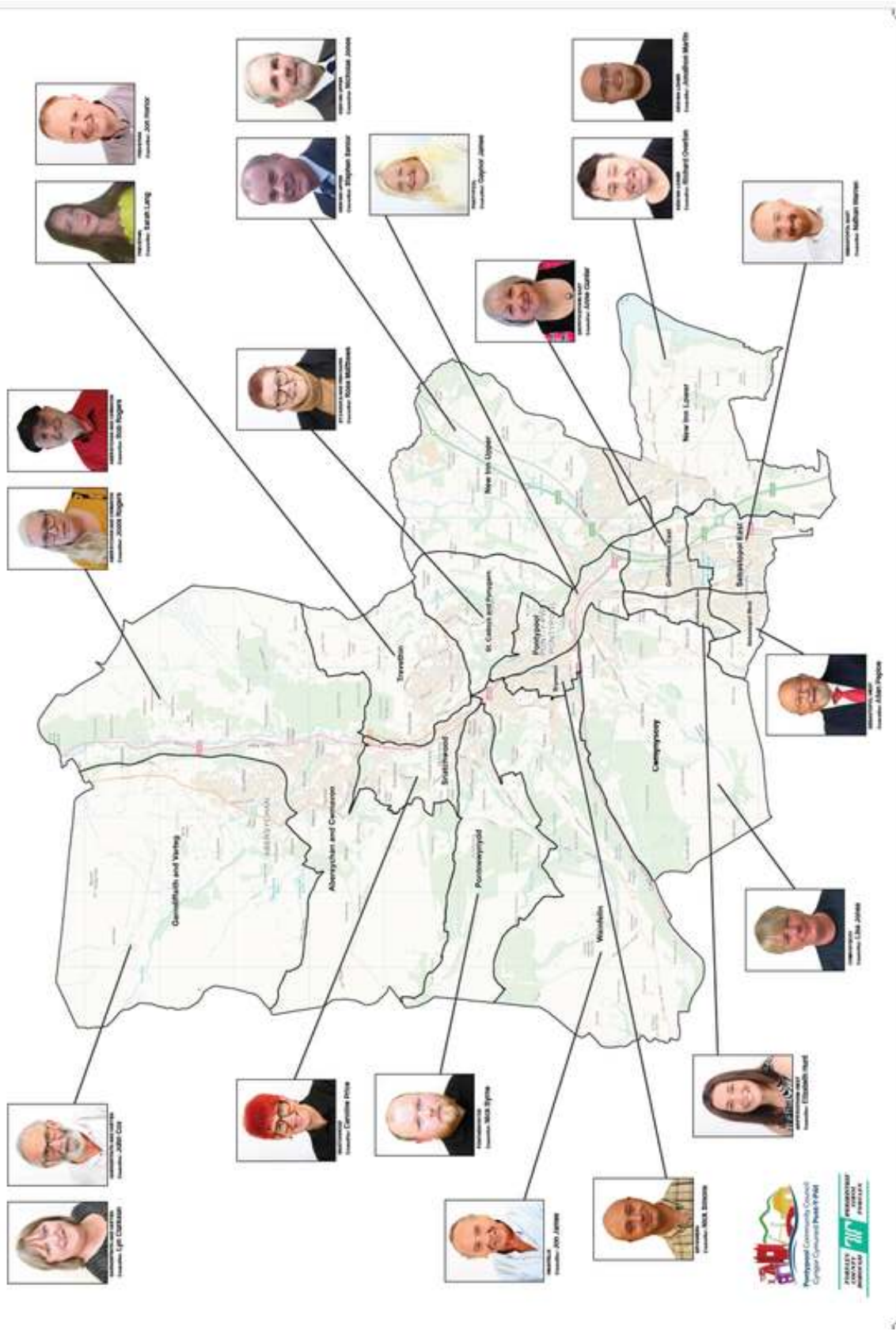
- Abersychan and Cwmavon
- Brynwern
- Cwmyrnyscoy
- Garndiffaith & Varteg
- Griffithstown East
- Griffithstown West
- New Inn Lower
- New Inn Upper
- Pontnewynydd
- Pontypool
- Sebastopol East
- Sebastopol West
- Snatchwood
- St. Cadocs & Penygarn
- Wainfelin
- Trevethin

Your Councillors

Our ward map on the next page shows the Councillors for the year 2025 / 2026 and the area they represented. For information on current Councillors and how to contact them, please visit the Community Councillors page on our website.



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Committee Structure

Pontypool Community Council has 4 Committees who each have overall responsibility for the following areas:

Finance, Governance & Policy

Financial matters including preparation of budget, monitoring of all income and expenditure, internal controls, audit, grants, policies.



Planning & Environment

Planning and development matters including applications, plenary powers and planning determinations. Environmental projects and priorities.



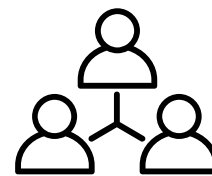
Events

All events of the Council – Eisteddfod, Christmas Cavalcade, Party in the Park, and many more.



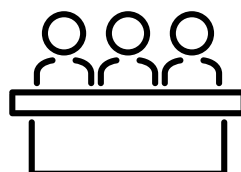
Establishment

All personnel, Health & Safety, and staffing matters. These meetings are closed to the public.



Full Council

Overall decision powers for the Council and recommendations from committees.



Council projects and duties may be spearheaded by Working Party Groups, Task & Finish Groups or Sub-Committees. These then feed into specific Committees and / or Full Council.

Biodiversity and Sustainability Subcommittee

PCC are passionate about promoting the ecosystem for the people of Pontypool and District.



Regeneration Working Group

The aim is to develop, plan, implement, recommend, review and monitor projects to support the regeneration of Pontypool Town Centre.



Speakers & Presenters

The Council also welcomes presentations from speakers throughout the year. In 2025/26 we welcomed:

- Tom Bateman – Cwmpas – Community-Led Housing in Pontypool**
- Simon and Lynne Michelle – Citizen Aid – stop the bleed kits**
- TCBC – Communities Approach Strategy**
- TCBC – Communities Approach Strategy feedback**
- Pontypool Youth Council – Feedback on Twinning**
- Torfaen Play Service – Update on the Play Service**
- Torfaen Health, Sport & Fitness Team – Torfaen Community Kit Rooms**
- TCBC – HDRC Project**
- TCBC – Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen blueprint for growth**

You can read the minutes for all our meetings on our website. Online records are instantly available to download, going back to 2019.

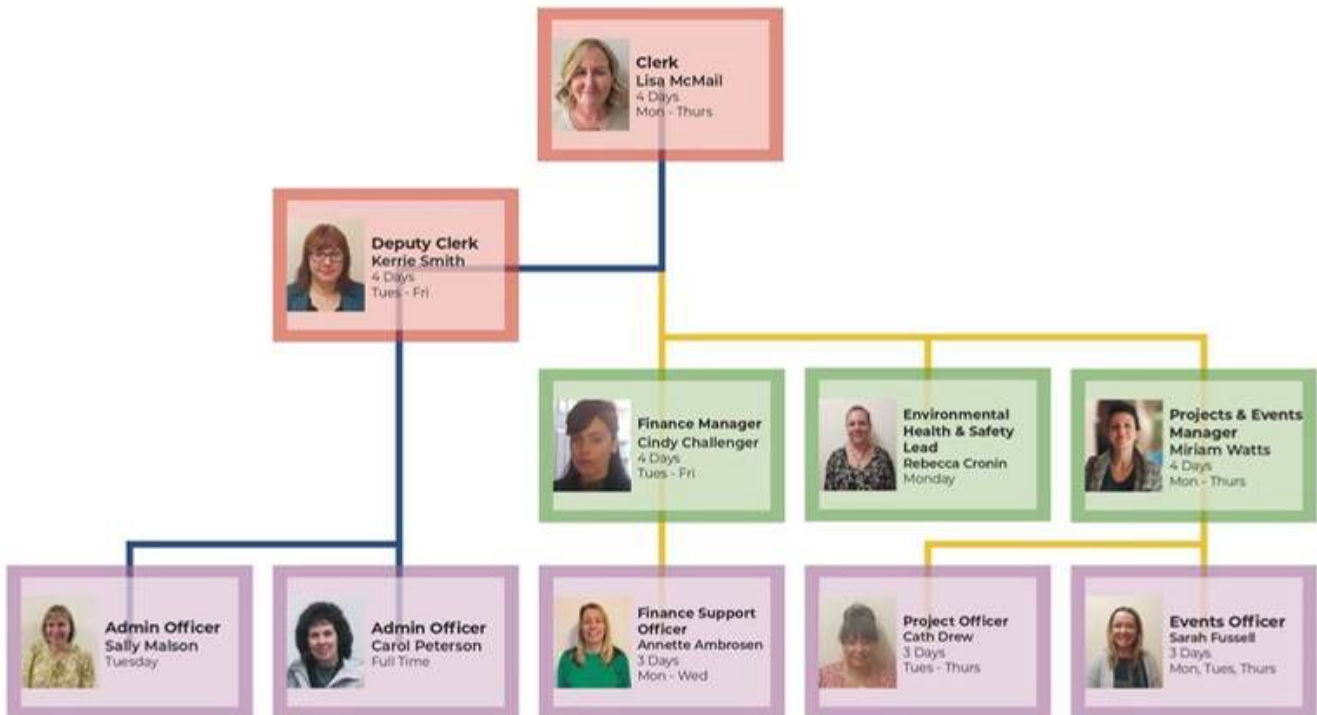


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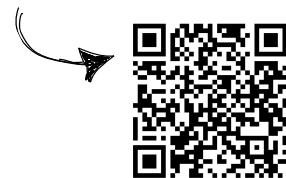
Behind the scenes

Under the direction of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, the staff of Pontypool Community Council work to provide the necessary administration and organisation to fulfil the Council's statutory commitments.

Staffing Structure



You'll find individual email addresses and direct phone numbers on the staff page of our website, along with any information about our training plans and current vacancies.



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Finance

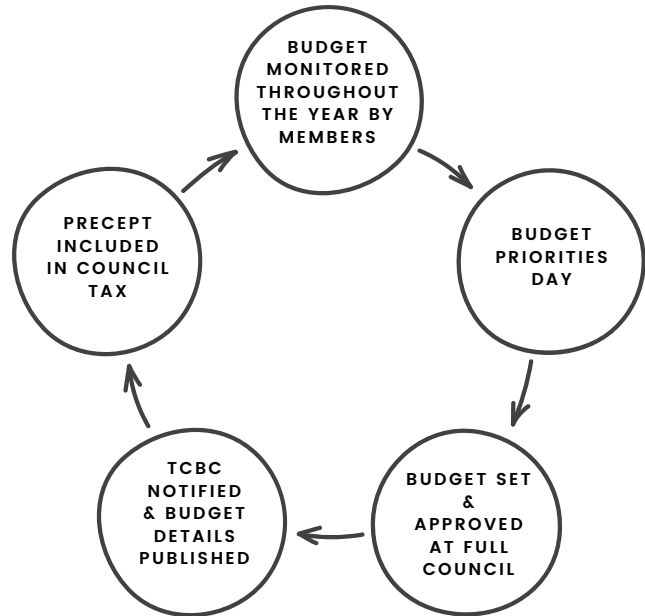
Understanding the Precept and how we directly fund the community

How we set our Budget

One of the key statutory tasks a Council undertakes, irrespective of its size, is to prepare an annual budget.

Once approved, the budget is used as an active tool to manage the Council's finances.

Every month, the Clerk and Finance Manager present all relevant financial information and budget monitoring reports to the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee, to show spending and income to date, against budgeted amounts.



By regularly monitoring the budget, members of the Council are able to consider spending and make recommendations about increasing income or using funds from contingencies or reserves if necessary.

The Council also holds earmarked reserves, which are set aside for specific purposes and to save towards future projects. The level of reserves is monitored closely.

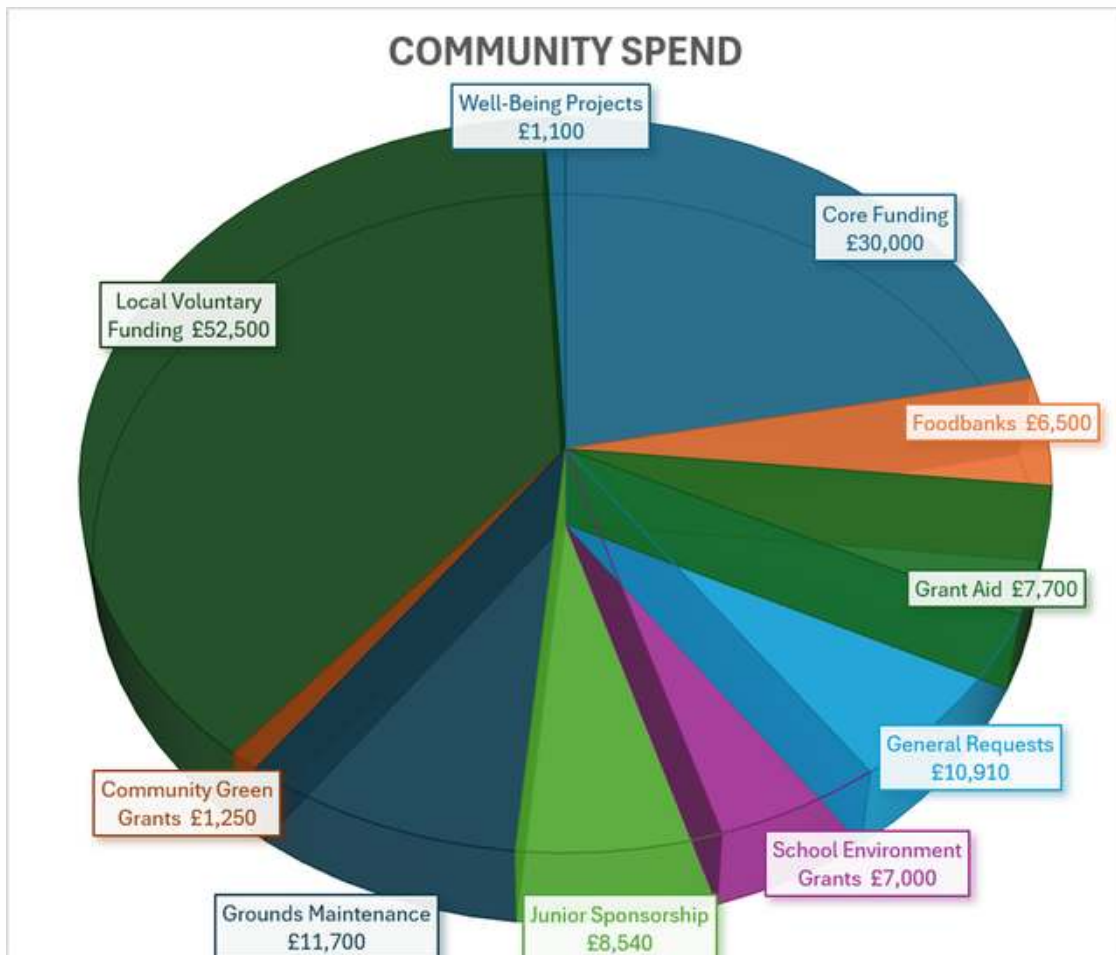
2025–2026 Precept*

Pontypool Community Council's net expenditure for 2025/26 was £809,890. This was funded by a precept* of £774,942, with the remaining balance coming from the Council's own general reserves. This cost the average council tax payer based on Band D £58.65 per annum.

*An amount of your Council Tax which is collected on behalf of the Community Council to pay for services as detailed above.

Community Spend

As well as funding our own projects, free activities, events and services, a proportion of the budget is allocated to direct community funding – that means grant schemes and funding requests that go directly to your local groups so they can continue to provide their specialist services in the heart of our community. This year the following was paid:



LVF Support

Each Councillor is allocated up to £2500 to support social and community groups with specific projects. Applications are made by Councillors on behalf of these organisations, and cover a wider range of fields, from youth groups, to veterans and support for the elderly.



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Chat to your local Councillor to find out out how we can help.

Chair's Charities

This year Pontypool Community Council supported 2 organisations through the Chair's Charity scheme.

Hope GB and Torfaen Pride were this year's charities and we are pleased to announce the total being given to each Charity this year is: £350

Hope GB - Autism Charity
Cwmbran



“Our mission is to empower autistic people to access opportunities, build confidence and live self directed lives. We also provide resources for families and carers, recognising their role and ensuring everyone has clear, practical support.”

Torfaen Pride - Club F.O.D
Cymru



“Our mission is to combat social isolation and foster a sense of belonging within the LGBTQ+ community. Through events like Torfaen Pride, we aim to create inclusive spaces where everyone feels seen, heard, and celebrated..”

Throughout the year, fundraising activities took place – from donation buckets at our annual events, like Party in the Park and Christmas Cavalcade.

Events

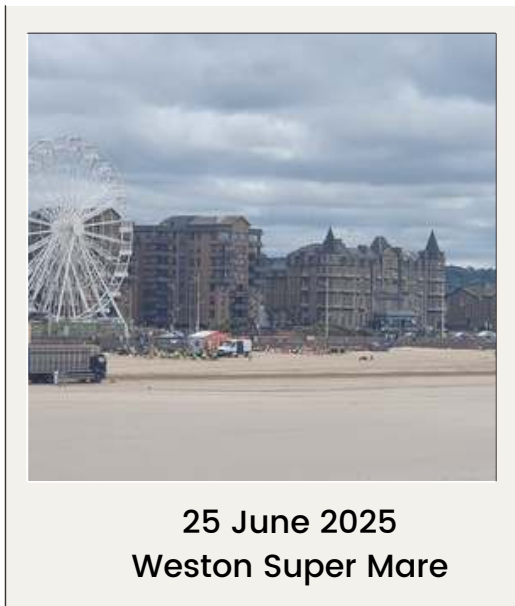
This year's highlights

Summer & Winter Bus Trips

Our summer bus trip to Weston- Super-Mare took place on the 25th of June 2025.

It was lovely to see so many regular faces from our local community join us on the day.

The weather was absolutely glorious, and we enjoyed the sun, sea, sand and especially the ice-cream.



25 June 2025
Weston Super Mare



The 2025 Winter Bus Trip to Bath took place on Tuesday 2nd December 2025. Our coach driver picked up passengers from Abersychan and Pontypool town centre, arriving in Bath just after 10am and pick up was at 3.30pm.

A member of our Events & Projects team attended to check people on and off the coach, the trip was very much appreciated by those who came along, and we received many thank you's for an enjoyable trip.



Party in the Park



This year's Party in the Park was blessed with an extremely hot day, however we still welcomed many visitors and they enjoyed all the fun and entertainment that we had organised. With a buzzing stage, bucketfuls of free activities and plenty of tasty food and drink stalls, it was certainly a party to remember.



A day of sunshine and family fun!

Christmas Cavalcade



29 Nov. 2025
Festive entertainment

The Christmas Cavalcade took place on the 29th of November.

Activities ran throughout the day including Santa's Grotto, Market Stalls and a Stage that provided the perfect platform for acts, entertainment and singing.

We finished our day with a parade that led us to the main stage for the switch on of our Christmas Lights.

You can find out about all our Events on our website.



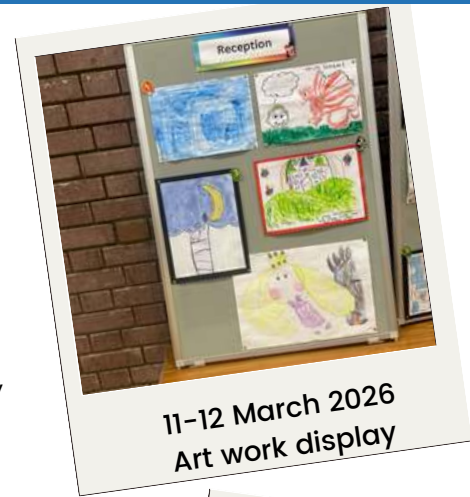
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Eisteddfod yr Ysgol

At the beginning of March, Pontypool Community Council welcomed 7 local Primary Schools from the area to take part in a two-day event competition celebrating Welsh Music, Art, Poetry and Culture.

The talent was amazing and a great time was had by all, approximately 200 pupils each day!



11-12 March 2026
Art work display



Key Stage 1 Winners		
Joint 1st Place	Ysgol Panteg & George Street	50 points
2nd Place	New Inn	34 points
3rd Place	Griffithstown	26 points
Key Stage 2 Winners		
1st Place	George Street	94 points
2nd Place	Griffithstown	76 points
3rd Place	New Inn	52 points

This year's art and poetry/creative writing theme was

“Breuddwydion/Dreams”

We had so many wonderful entries in this year's competition and it is always a delight to see our local school's take part and have great fun.

With so many wonderful entries, we certainly didn't envy the job of the expert judges from Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre!

You can view our full 2026 Eisteddfod programme online



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Youth Festival and Twinning conference

In 2025 it was Pontypools' turn to host the Youth Festival and Twinning Conference, which took place from Wednesday 20th – Sunday 24th August 2025.

We welcomed 22 international young people between the ages 14-18 plus youth leaders and delegates from our twinned towns, Longjumeau France, Bretten Germany, Condeixa Portugal and our Pontypool Youth.

The theme was Heritage and Belonging, and what that means for the young people in the current climate.

Pontypool Youth Council members led on ideas and activities so that it was a truly youth-led festival.

The accommodation for the four days was at Gilwern Outdoor Centre and the delegates stayed in a local hotel (supporting local businesses).

Great fun was had by all and included a Big Pit Visit, Welsh Crafts & Games, Techniquest, a boat trip around Cardiff Bay, a picnic at Barry Island, and a silent disco.

The event was concluded on the Saturday with the Conference, an evening presentation and a party at Pontypool Golf Club.

Our guests left for Heathrow on the Sunday morning after having a wonderful few days including the Welsh sunshine, we look forward to this year's Youth Festival & Twinning Conference in Bretten, Germany.



The Folly Tower - Pontypool



Adventures at Gilwern



The conference

Biodiversity

New projects and eco achievements

Having been established as a formal sub-committee in 2022/2023, the Biodiversity Sub-Committee now meets monthly and has been growing in ambition and delivery ever since. Find out about some of our key projects undertaken this year.

Trees and Woodlands

We want to preserve and promote the native species in our environment, ensuring our green spaces continue for future generations and communities.

The Community Woodland Project is a joint venture that we fund and between our Biodiversity Sub-Committee and external environmental partners and experts including local ecologists from Torfaen County Borough Council, Stump up for Trees, Local Places for Nature and Gwent Wildlife Trust and Pontypool Park Estate.

The Community Woodland Project covers 3 areas of land in the Varteg, whereby we own one small plot and lease two plots from Pontypool Park Estate.



This is a long term project but we're taking steps to make the most of this wonderful natural space, right on our doorstep.

We've already undertaken an Ecology survey which highlighted some high priority works needing to be carried out. Including thinning our saplings and cutting back gorse and brambles.



You can find out about all our woodland plans on our website.



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Trees and Woodlands

Pontypool park is home to many ancient Sweet Chestnut trees – back in 2019 Pontypool's Sweet Chestnut won the Woodland Trust – Tree of the Year Award.

You can find out about this award on the Woodland Trust website.



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Since winning the award we have an ongoing care and maintenance programme in place to ensure these ancient trees remain healthy for future years to come. We outsource to arborists who provide comprehensive reports and then work on the guidance provided.



During 2024, live Christmas trees were planted across the Pontypool and District wards – these are part of a annual tree maintenance plan which we fund to ensure they grow healthy and strong.

School Eco Quiz

As part of Big Green Week, on Monday 10th June we presented our annual Eco Quiz for Year 6 Pupils across Pontypool and District, which was hosted by last year's winners:- Cwmffrwdoer Primary.

There were 7 Primary schools that took part this year: Griffithstown, Cwmffrwdoer, Padre Pio, New Inn, Penygarn, Ysgol Panteg and George Street.
This year's winning school was Griffithstown Primary, congratulations!

There were two special guests throughout the quiz; Rob Magee from Gwent Wildlife Trust and Kylie Hughes from Keep Wales Tidy, who both gave a short presentation. The extra special guest this year was the GWT Badger to which the pupils really enjoyed and plenty of photographs were taken.

With a total of 75 points up for grabs and just a few points between the top 3 schools, it was a close competition:

- 1st Place – Griffithstown 61 points**
- 2nd Place – George Street 59 points**
- 3rd Place – Cwmffrwdoer 55 points**



The whole quiz was available in both English and Gymraeg!

Swift Project

Pontypool – the next Swift Friendly Town in Wales

We've been continuing our work with Project Nestbox to encourage swifts to nest in the area. We already have swifts visiting some areas of Torfaen and this project aims to increase the numbers of these amazing summer visitors. Swifts fly from Africa each year, arriving in April or early May and leave again in August.

We've now installed 22 swift nest boxes in total across Pontypool and the surrounding villages – in the town centre, Albion Road, Garndiffaith, Abersychan, Pantygasseg and Panteg. The boxes are installed with "swift" callers to attract the birds to the boxes by emitting swift calling sounds.

Some of these bird boxes also contain a camera, and you'll soon be able to watch the Swifts as they come and go in real time on the dedicated Swift page on our website.

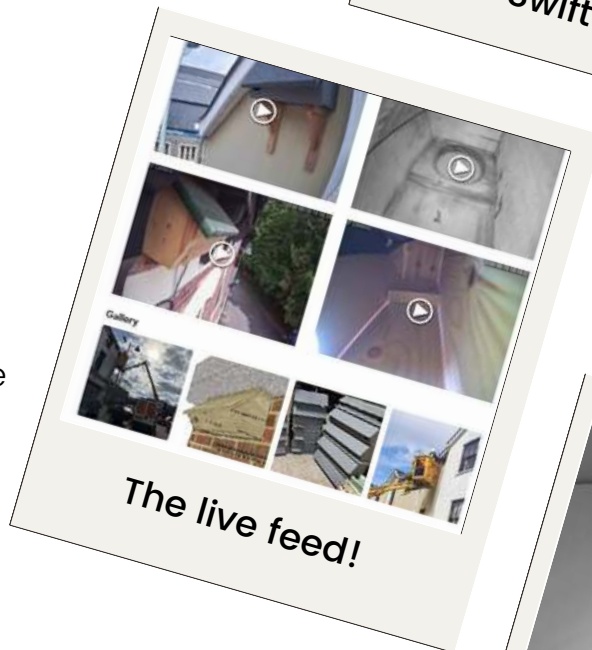


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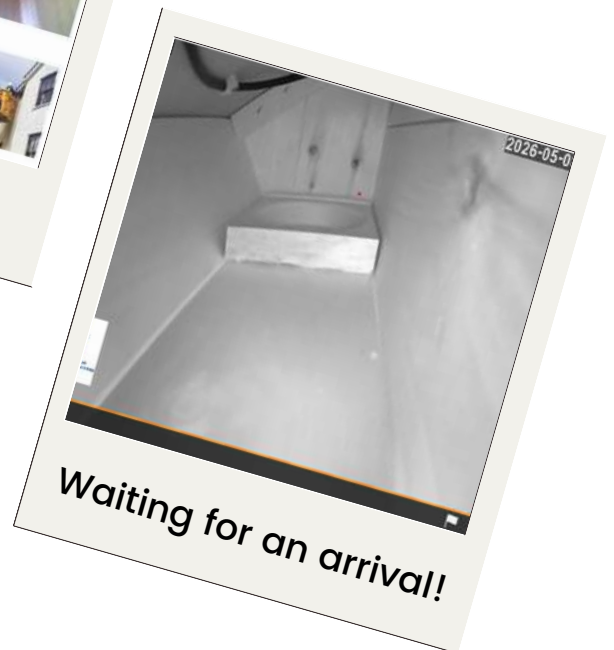
This pilot project is funded by Torfaen's Local Places for Nature programme.



Swift box



The live feed!



Waiting for an arrival!



Gwent Wildlife Trust

Pontypool Community Council have engaged in a 3-year project with the Gwent Wildlife Trust (GWT).

Year 1

Pontypool Town Centre: An interpretation board and bee hotel have been sited in Pontypool Town centre to begin this partnership.

(What3Words: [sock.odds.smiles](https://www.what3words.com/s/sock.odds.smiles))



Bee Hotel in Pontypool Town Centre



Urban Wildlife Project

Activities arranged have included litter picks, counting and recording plant and animals in an urban space (Bioblitz event), vegetation management of green spaces, installing a bee hotel, bat walks in Pontypool Park and making bird nest boxes at Pontymoile Canal Basin.



Interpretation board



Bat walk

Year 2 - watch this space!

A new location will be chosen - exciting times ahead!



Forest Schools

Pontypool Primary schools and Torfaen Home Education Group are invited to attend our annual forest schools sessions at Pontymoile Canal Basin. We work collaboratively with the Canal and River Trust who organise activities throughout the day for children. If required by the schools - we also arrange and fund transport to and from the canal as part of the project.

The sessions consist of:

- Nature Art - a metalwork activity to create a collaborative art piece from all the children
- Forest school activity - can include whittling, fire safety and cooking and an educational activity.
- Canoeing taster session (new for 2025) or Litter pick/bug hunt dependant on weather conditions.



Youth

New Year, new look, new projects

Our Youth Service consists of two elements:

- Play Service Provision
- Youth Council

Play Service Provision



We're proud to continue our partnership with Torfaen Play Service / Gwasanaeth Chwarae Torfaen. Over the years, Pontypool Community Council have regularly contributed towards Playscheme programmes. The programme is designed to support the recreational, social and emotional development of children and young people aged between 5-14 years throughout Pontypool and District.

Regular community-based provisions:

A wide range of activities including sports, board games, art and crafts, sensory experiences and having access to local parks and sporting fields. Healthy snacks are provided with the encouragement to help prepare their own food with cooking activities to enhance life skills.

Venues across Pontypool and District:-

- New Inn Scouts Hall
- Pontypool Civic Centre
- Garndiffaith Millenium Hall
- West Monmouth High
- Panteg
- Abersychan Hut

Impact Snapshot

275

Children & Young
People Registered

7

Ongoing Opportunities

2

New Play
Opportunities





Play Service Provision

Summer play opportunities:

Volunteers and play helpers - 74 new volunteers joined and 27 returning volunteers for 2025.

Play and Respite - sessions are run all year round during half terms, summer holidays and weekends. New play and respite session piloted in Summer 2025 in Abersychan and New Inn (in partnership with TOGS), opened the doors to families that the team hadn't seen before.

Food and Fun camps - a great engaging and supportive environment for children during the summer holidays with physical activity, creativity and healthy eating being the main aim.

Impact Snapshot for Pontypool



Play Service Provision cont.



Transitional 'Moving on up' Project



The moving on up transitional camp is based in West Monmouth school and is one of our Food and Fun provisions for young people. The focus is for young people in ages 10-12 years old. However there is also interest from young people to attend as helpers, aged 13. This also provides more familiarity to the new attendees. **95** children and young people registered to attend this summer (2025).

The aim of the camp is to support the journey into secondary school by providing a summer of fun through holistic play and wellbeing activities such as sports, music, drama, arts and crafts. Nutritional and healthy lifestyle choices are also a focus with healthy breakfast and lunch provided alongside nutritional activities which are delivered by trained playworkers in Food and Nutrition. The camps encourage the young people to build new friendships and familiarise themselves with the environment to help squash any fears.

2 new schools in Pontypool have shared interest for 2026.

The ever popular Lego club runs on a Tuesday but has grown so popular that an additional club is now being set up for a Thursday.



Youth Council

Currently the Youth Council consists of 11 members

Highlights for this year include:

An Annual Youth Festival and Twinning Celebrations in Pontypool. The Youth Team planned activities for the event which was a big success and enjoyed by all 4 countries.



Current members

The Team has collaborated with four other Youth Councils to create a Youth Alliance - they meet four times a year as a group and set a task. This year was a mini film festival



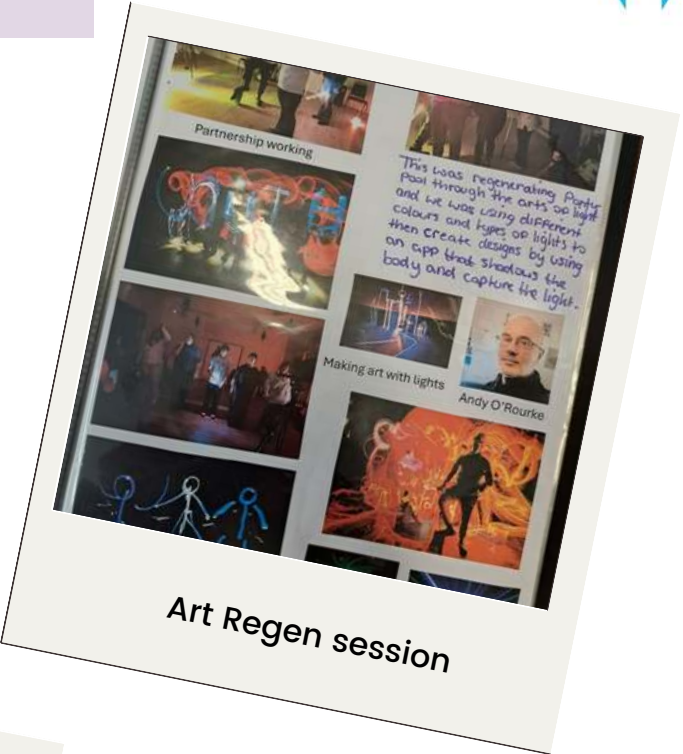
Film Fest!



Film Fest!

Youth Council continued

The Team have also been practising their public speaking by attending Pontypool Community Council and Torfaen County Borough Council Full Council meetings and presenting to Councillors



Art Regen session



2026 looks like a year full of potential!



They have been documenting all their projects and events in a scrapbook - such a fun idea!

The Team attend and help with lots of Community events, including the Christmas Cavalcade, Party in the Park and Pride - Thanks so much to the Youth Council for everything they do!

Projects

New and Ongoing Projects

Play Equipment, Noticeboards, Bins and Benches

Throughout Pontypool and district we are proud to report that we have and maintain approximately 50 benches, 15 noticeboards and 56 bins. A recent audit of benches, noticeboards and bins was carried out and using the annual budget old and poor condition items are replaced.

Need to find your nearest noticeboard, bin or bench - find out more on our website



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VJ80 memorial benches

VJ80 memorial benches were installed throughout Pontypool and district across 16 wards with Councillors from Pontypool Community Council and local community groups unveiling the new memorial benches as a tribute to the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day. The unveiling coincided with the start of general Remembrance Day tributes that take place across the weekend and on Tuesday 11th November.



Sites for benches; Garndiffaith, Trevethin, St Cadocs & Penygarn, Pantygasseg, Blaendare, Pontypool, Lower New Inn, Griffithstown

Mic Morris

We are proud sponsors of the Mic Morris annual 10k race, in 2025 we honoured our continued sponsorship. The race is a fast downhill course starting just outside the Pontypool area in Blaenavon and finishing up in the picturesque setting of Pontypool Park.



Myfanwy Poetry Trail

We continue to support the Myfanwy Poetry Trail – a beautiful walk through Pontypool Park discovering the enchanting poems from the local poet Myfanwy Haycock.



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Hanging Baskets

Every year Pontypool Town centre is adorned with beautiful hanging baskets - helping to bring some joy to the community of Pontypool.



VE day celebrations

Pontypool Community Council sponsored the 80th anniversary VE day celebration morning at Torfaen Museum with music from a local artist Emilie Parry-Williams and a talk from Amanda Roseware curator at the Royal Welsh Regiment Museum Brecon.



Funds were raised for
The Royal British Legion

Our Year in Pictures

A snapshot of the 2025-2026 year at Pontypool Community Council
...so much to fit in!

April 25- May - June



April

Drop in session with Gwent Wildlife Trust



April



April

VE day celebrated at Torfaen Museum



May



May

Tributes to DDay 80 Anniversary



June

Going Green - School's Eco Quiz



June

Environment Quiz



June



June



July - August - September



Representing at Peter & Paul Twinning Festival

Forest School sessions



Official Sponsor of the Mic Morris 10k

Party Party Party in the Park



Brightening the town with the Hanging Basket display

Pontypool host the Youth & Twinning Festival



Youth and Twinning Festival, held at Pontypool



October - November - December



Baby and Me classes Garndiffaith

Community Celebration Evening - £43,000 given direct to our Community



More xmas tree were planted



VE day benches installed

Christmas Cavalcade 2025



Community Trip to Bath Christmas Markets



Christmas Card Competition with Torfaen Play

January 26 - February - March



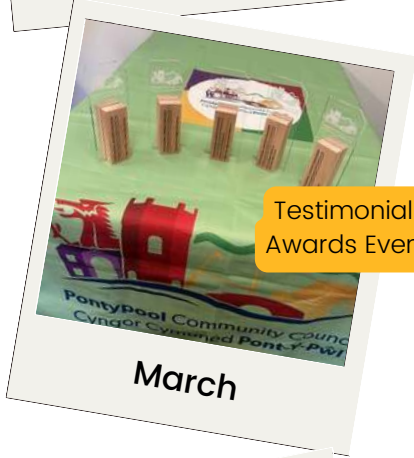
February

Swift boxes
installed
throughout the
area

£7,700 direct to Community
Halls through our Grant Aid
Scheme



January



Testimonials &
Awards Evening

School's
Eisteddfod



March



March

Forest schools
started

Annual
Celebration
Dinner for our
Community
Heroes



March

Varteg
Community
Woodland
Project



February

Swift Box
Installation



March

2026 – 2027 Priorities

Key thoughts for the year a head

Plans and Ideas for the year ahead

“To proactively engage with local residents to identify their priorities and aspirations, ensuring the work of the Council and its partners make a positive difference, empowering our community.”
PCC Vision

During the summer of 2025 - we asked local communities to complete a survey of things they would like to see Pontypool Community Council work on in coming years. Here's a survey snap shot:-



Conclusion

Useful contact details and how to get in touch with us

Getting hold of us and key partners...

Pontypool Community Council deliver a range of services, projects and events to meet local needs and improve the life of our local residents. It may be that we at the Community Council can't help directly, but we can happily help you get the information you need.

Here we've put together a number of handy websites, organisations, and details of our key partners who might be useful.



Torfaen County Borough Council is the local authority that provides services such as education, environmental health, social services etc. including your rubbish bin and recycling collections. Here you'll also find more information about Torfaen Play Service, who provide community play opportunities for children and young people aged 5-15 years across the county. You can also reach them on [01495 762200](tel:01495762200), 08:30 to 17:00 – Monday to Friday.



All children and young people's activities provided by Torfaen Family Information Service can be found here <https://torfaenfis.org.uk/> Tel/Ffon: [0800 0196330](tel:08000196330)



Connect Torfaen is a new digital platform that connects people, groups and organisations in Torfaen to their community. If you're looking for a voluntary opportunity, or just looking for events in your area, the Connect Torfaen site has a handy map to find out what's in your area. Call: [01495 365610](tel:01495365610)



Aneurin Bevan Health Board is the health board for this area, covering Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen and South Powys
Call: [01633 493100](tel:01633493100)



Torfaen Voluntary Alliance support community-based organisations, groups and volunteer development in Torfaen and surrounding areas, through promoting volunteering, wellbeing, providing community advice and supporting people and organisations to connect and work better together
Call: [01495 742420](tel:01495742420)



One Voice Wales is the principal organisation for community and town councils in Wales, providing a strong voice representing the Councils' interests and a range of high quality services to support their work. Head here to find relevant articles and information on current issues affecting councils and local activities across Wales
Call: [01269 595400](tel:01269595400)



Age Cymru is the national charity for older people in Wales. Their specialist advice service provides confidential, impartial and expert information & advice to older people, their families, friends, carers and professionals throughout Wales.
Call: [0300 303 44 98](tel:03003034498)

Say Hello!

Thank you for reading this report, our next one will be published in June 2027.

If you would like to speak to us regarding this document, or any other matter, you can contact the Council via the following methods:

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