

Cyngor Cymuned Creunant Crynant Community Council

Clerk to the Council

C/o Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF

Tel: (01639) 750356 Email: crynantcc.clerk@gmail.com



You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 27th November 2025.

To be held online and at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant

Meeting link: [Crynant Community Council Meeting 27-11-25](#)

Please submit apologies directly to the Clerk

Agenda

- 1410: To receive apologies for absence
- 1411: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests
- 1412: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements
- 1413: To approve and sign Minutes October Council Meeting
- 1414: To approve and sign Minutes Extra Ordinary Council Meeting
- 1415: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters
 - i. [NPT Newsroom/ Press Releases](#)
- 1416: To receive Police report
- 1417: Matters pertaining to Planning Applications
- 1418: Matters pertaining to Finance & Governance
 - i. To approve the Bank Reconciliation from July – October 2025 Current account & reserve account
 - ii. To approve the Payment Schedule
 - iii. To receive the forward plan for the 2026/27 Budget
 - iv. To receive an update on Councillor Training
 - v. To review and appoint Members on Committees/ External Bodies
 - vi. Clerks report
- 1419: To receive an update and to consider next steps Crynant Community Association
- 1420: Matters pertaining to Asset, Amenity and Environment
- 1421: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council

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1422: Matters pertaining to Correspondence

INTRODUCTION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c) – BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED

1423: To receive progress of the UKSPF Playground project

CONCLUSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c)

1424: Any other business (to include issues not directly covered under any of the above. These may not be described in the agenda but should be raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting)

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Minutes of the Council meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 30th October 2025.

Present: Chair: Cllr. H Mortimer
Councillors: Cllr. S Keir, Cllr. S Waldron, Cllr. C Willcox,
Cllr. S Mortimer, Cllr. M Jones, Cllr. R Cook,
Cllr. S Rundle & Cllr. E Walpole
In Attendance: Miss G Farthing (Clerk/RFO)

1388: To receive apologies for absence Cllr Morris & Cllr Hart (personal commitments) The chair of the council formally welcomed Cllr R Cook to the council.

1389: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests Cllr H Mortimer & Cllr S Keir declared an interest in item 1395 and 1403. Cllr M Jones declared an interest in item 1401.

1390: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements None

1391: To approve and sign Minutes September Council Meeting

It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting of Crynant Community Council held on Thursday 25th September 2025.

1392: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters

In the agenda pack is the list of news from the NPT website for information only.

County Borough Surgeries are taking place on Tuesday 4th November at Crynant Community Centre 5:30pm – 6:30pm. There will be a Community Councillor at the Community Centre if any members of the public have any concerns or would like to speak to a Community Councillor.

Clerk stated that there was correspondence from NPT Trade Waste relating to the paper and cardboard recycling collections which are now being mixed into the cardboard hessian sacks.

1393: To receive Police report

Anti – Social Behaviour – 1 and public order –1.

1394: Matters pertaining to Finance & Governance

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- i. **To approve the Bank Reconciliation for July & August Current account. ACTION:** To defer to next meeting
- ii. **To approve the Payment Schedule** It was **proposed, seconded and RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule
- iii. **To receive the half year Budget. ACTION:** To defer to next meeting
- iv. **To receive the New Financial Regulations.** The Financial Regulations were reviewed. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to adopt the New Financial Regulations.
- v. **Clerk's report.** There was no Clerk's report this month.

1395: To receive an update Crynant Community Association.

Cllr Keir updated the Council that the Trustees are currently seeking formal advice and guidance from a Solicitor concerning the provisions and implications of the draft MOU. This step ensures that all necessary legal and due diligence requirements are met. The next step is for the Trustees to bring forward proposal based on the Solicitor's guidance hopefully to the Council next meeting.

1396: To review progress of the UKSPF Playground project

The Clerk and the Chair gave an update. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to convene an Asset Committee meeting on the specification and quotes and a full Council meeting. **ACTION:** Asset Committee meeting to take place on Tuesday 4th November at 9am and have an Extra Ordinary Council meeting on Thursday 6th November.

1398: To receive an update Remembrance Day Services

The council has been working in partnership with St Margarets Church to arrange the Civil act of Remembrance. The posters have been displayed around the vicinity of Crynant.

1399: To approve and sign the October Minutes Asset, Amenity & Environment Committee It was **proposed, seconded and RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Asset, Amenity & Environment Committee Meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd October

1400: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council

Cllr Walpole and Cllr Jones attended the mandatory training courses. Clerk and Cllr Mortimer attended Creunant Primary School, one year group in the school are doing a

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project 'Change in the Community.' The children are conducting questions and visiting local parks to form part of their project.

1401: Matters pertaining to Correspondence It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to send out form attach the grant application form into the Small Grants Policy and all applications will be reviewed in November Council Meeting, but the applications can be submitted anytime throughout the year. All correspondence was Noted.

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1397: To review Council terms on Leases & Agreements

Three quotes have been obtained for a Solicitor. It was proposed, seconded and, **and RESOLVED** to appoint quote B based on the consensus.

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1402: Any other business None

Meeting Closed at 19:08pm

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 6th November 2025.

Present: Chair: Cllr. H Mortimer
Councillors: Cllr. S Keir, Cllr. S Mortimer, Cllr. M Jones, Cllr. R Cook & Cllr S Rundle
In Attendance: Miss G Farthing (Clerk/RFO)

1405: To receive apologies for absence Cllr. C Willcox, Cllr. S Waldron, Cllr. C Hart (personal commitments) & Cllr. B Morris & Cllr E Walpole (work commitments)

1406: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests None

1407: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements None

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1408: To review progress of the UKSPF Playground project

The Clerk and Cllr S Keir updated the Council on the position of the grant and advised members would need to consider requesting an amendment to the proposals, suspending the Council standing orders and financial regulations or withdrawing from the funding.

Initial quotations were obtained to complete the project proposal and included quotations from different companies with different specifications provided, Equipment supply only, Groundworks and preliminaries and Specialised safety surfacing provider.

Once Council had agreed to accept the grant funding an asset committee was convened and meetings undertaken with some contractors onsite it became apparent that the project specification had to change. When the site was surveyed the requirement to replace all safety surfacing was not environmentally friendly (disposing of non-recyclable materials), cost effective (project management costs, preliminaries, delivery and welfare facilities) or deliverable within the timeframe.

Consultations had taken place with NPT to obtain advice specifically around procurement to enable the USPF playground project to be delivered successfully within agreed timescales. The Clerk was now in a position to present three quotes that had been invited from three

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contractors provided with the exact same specification, enabling council to make comparisons on a like for like basis to ensure best value for money.

However, in order for one contractor to be considered to complete the whole of the project the Council must first suspend 19.2 of its Standing Orders and suspend 5.7 of its Financial Regulations.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED** unanimously: That the Council has the authority, under standing order 19.2, to suspend financial regulation 5.7.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED** unanimously to suspend financial regulation 5.7 as there was only one contractor who could provide the equipment matching the existing range and adequately upgrading and matching safety surfacing and installation and works to be completed within the grant completion timescale.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED** unanimously: To appoint Contractor B to undertake the works required.

CONCLUSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c)

1409: Any other business None

Meeting Closed: 19:05pm



Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

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Neighbourhood policing is at the heart of our approach to keeping South Wales safe. Your local team is made up of dedicated officers and PCSOs based in the area, who have the community's best interests at heart and who are both visible and accessible.

We work closely with residents, community leaders, your local council and other partners to understand and respond to community concerns. By working together and focusing on early intervention, prevention and problem solving, we can find long-term solutions to local issues.

As well as the information on this page, you can find out more about crime and policing activity in your community, as well as contact details for your local team, via [South Wales Listens](#).

Registering for South Wales Listens also gives you the opportunity to tell your local neighbourhood policing team about the issues that matter most to you, as well as take part in surveys to enable us to better understand concerns in your community.

We will also let you know about local engagement events, crime prevention advice, and occasionally about significant policing activity in your area.

Crimes and priorities

[Top reported crimes in this area](#)
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Click on a hotspot to see more details. Alternatively, [view as A-Z list](#).



Crime type and time period title

4 crimes were reported here in September 2025

Other theft 1

Theft from the person 1

Vehicle crime 1

All other crime 1

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About this crime map

This map uses data from local forces. The hotspots give only a loose idea of where crimes happened. Actual locations and details of crimes are kept anonymous.

Please note that not all crimes that occurred can be shown on the map.

264 incidents of Crime occurred in South Wales Police could not be mapped to a location and therefore are not on this map. [Learn more about how data is managed on police.uk](#).

Location anonymisation is accurate to 2022 population and housing developments.

Known issues with forces' data are set out in the [changelog](#) on [data.police.uk](#).

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Parc Cathays, Caerdydd
Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ

Ein Cyf / Our Ref: DNS/3272424

Dyddiad / Date: 13/11/2025

Ffôn / tel: 0300 123 1590

Greentech Invest UK (8) Limited via Lighthouse Development Consulting Limited

Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath Port Talbot Council

Ymgynghoreion Arbenigol / Ymgynghoreion Cymunedol / Phartïon â Buddiant |
Specialist Consultees / Community Consultees / Interested Parties

(drwy E-Bost / via E-Mail)

Annwyl Syr / Madam | Dear Sir / Madam

****English text follows the Welsh text, see page 003 onwards****

Deddf Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref 1990 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) ('Deddf 1990')
Rheoliadau Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Cymru) 2016 (fel y'u
diwygiwyd) ('y Rheoliadau DAC')

Gorchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru)
2016 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) ('y Gorchymyn Gweithdrefn DAC')

Cais gan: Greentech Invest UK (8) Limited

Safle: Tir sy'n ffurfio rhan o Fferm Pen Cae'r Lan, Blaendulais, Castell-nedd,
SA10 9EP

Mae'r Arolygwyr a benodwyd, sef H W Jones BA (Anrh) BTP MRTPI a Z Baxter BSc (Anrh) MSc MRTPI, wedi gofyn i mi gysylltu â chi ynglŷn â'r archwiliad Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DAC) hwn.

Mae'r llythyr hwn yn hysbysiad swyddogol o faterion pwysig yn ymwneud â'r archwiliad hwn. Darllenwch y wybodaeth ganlynol i gyd a chysylltwch â ni os oes unrhyw beth yn aneglur. Dylid trin y llythyr hwn fel:

Hysbysiad o dan adran 319B y Ddeddf ynglŷn â'r weithdrefn a ddilynir ar gyfer yr archwiliad hwn.

Cadarnhaodd yr Arolygwyr drwy lythyr dyddiedig 26 Awst 2025, y byddai Sesiynau Gwrandawriad yn ofynnol er mwyn trafod rhai pynciau perthnasol i'r Cais. Nododd y llythyr hwnnw hefyd y byddai manylion pellach yn cael eu darparu yn ei dro.

Mae'r Arolygwyr wedi adolygu pob cynrychiolaeth a wnaed yn briodol fel y gwnaed yn y lle cyntaf a'r ymatebion i'r cais o dan Reoliad 15(2) am ragor o wybodaeth, yn ogystal â ymweliad â'r safle a'r ardal gyfagos. Mae gwybodaeth ychwanegol wedi'i darparu gan yr ymgeisydd, y Cyngor a Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru yn ymwneud â'r tri phwnc gwrandawriad a nodwyd, sef ecoleg, tirwedd a dylanwad gweledol, ac amodau cynllunio. O ystyried hyn, mae'r Arolygwyr yn fodlon bod digon o wybodaeth wedi'i chyflwyno mewn cynrychioliadau ysgrifenedig gan y partiön yn ystod y broses harchwilio i alluogi iddynt ystyried y materion hyn yn llawn heb yr angen am sesiynau gwrandawriad. Mae bellach wedi cael ei benderfynu y dylai'r weithdrefn newid ac y bydd y cais yn symud ymlaen yn unol â'r weithdrefn sylwadau ysgrifenedig yn unig. Os daw i'r amlwg fod yr Arolygwyr angen eglurhad pellach ar unrhyw fater, bydd cyfle i fynd i'r afael â hynny mewn cyfathrebiadau ysgrifenedig pellach.

Daeth cyfnod yr ataliad i ben ar Dydd Mawrth 11 Tachwedd 2025 a bydd yr Arolygwyr a benodolwyd yn awr yn mynd ymlaen i benderfynu ar y cais.

Cysylltwch â ni os bydd gennych unrhyw ymholiadau.

Yn gywir,

Nicola Bond

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Swyddog Achos

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ('the 1990 Act')
The Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) ('the DNS Regulations')
The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended) ('the DNS Procedure Order')

Application by: Greentech Invest UK (8) Limited

Site: Land forming part of Pen Cae'r Lan Farm, Seven Sisters, Neath, SA10 9EP

The appointed Inspectors, H W Jones BA(Hons) BTP MRTPI and Z Baxter BSc (Hons) MSc MRTPI, have asked me to contact you regarding this Development of National Significance (DNS) examination.

This communication constitutes official notification of important matters related to this examination. Please read the following information in its entirety. If anything is unclear, please contact us. This letter should be treated as:

Notice under section 319B of the Act as to the procedure by which this examination will proceed.

The Inspectors confirmed by letter dated 26 August 2025, that Hearing Sessions would be required in order to discuss certain topics relevant to the Application. That letter also indicated that further details would be provided in due course.

The Inspectors have reviewed all duly made representations as initially made and the responses to the request under Regulation 15(2) for further information along with a visit to the site and surrounding area. Additional information has been provided by the applicant, the Council and Natural Resources Wales in regard to the three identified hearing topics: ecology, landscape and visual impact, and planning conditions. In light of this, the Inspectors are satisfied that sufficient information has been submitted in written representations from various parties during the examination process to enable them to fully consider these matters without the need for hearing sessions. It is now decided that the procedure should change such that the application now proceeds solely on the basis of written representations. If it transpires that the Inspectors require further clarification on any matters, there will be an opportunity to address that in subsequent written communication.

The suspension period ended on Tuesday 11 November 2025 and the appointed Inspectors will now proceed to determine the application.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Bond

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Case Officer

PAYMENTS LIST

This report includes one or more cost centres that have been marked as confidential. This means that only the totals are shown without any further detail.

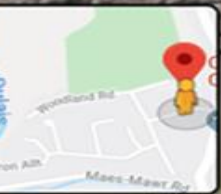
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	Wages	27/11/2025 - 27/11/2025				Confidential			3,251.19		3,251.19
96	Bank Charges	03/11/2025		Current	D/D	Bank Charges	Barclays Bank	X	15.70		15.70
109	Training	12/11/2025		Current		Training	One Voice Wales	Z	42.00		42.00
110	S137 Grants	13/11/2025		Current		Wreath	Royal British Legion	Z	25.00		25.00
114	Equipment	17/11/2025		Current	4929	Celtic Mowers	Celtic Mowers	S	63.69	12.74	76.43
115	Equipment	17/11/2025		Current	4929	Celtic Mowers	Celtic Mowers	S	77.17	15.44	92.61
112	Maintenance	17/11/2025		Current	4929	Fuel	Tesco Stores	S	22.72	4.55	27.27
111	Maintenance	17/11/2025		Current	4929	Fuel	Tesco Stores	S	20.83	4.17	25.00
113	Maintenance	17/11/2025		Current	4929	Hedge Stakes	PTP Preserved Timber Proc	S	40.00	8.00	48.00
116	Waste and Rates	24/11/2025		Current	4930	Trade Waste	NPTCBC	X	613.86		613.86
Total									4,172.16	44.90	4,217.06



Crynant Community Council: Maintenance Plan



Street View - May 2011

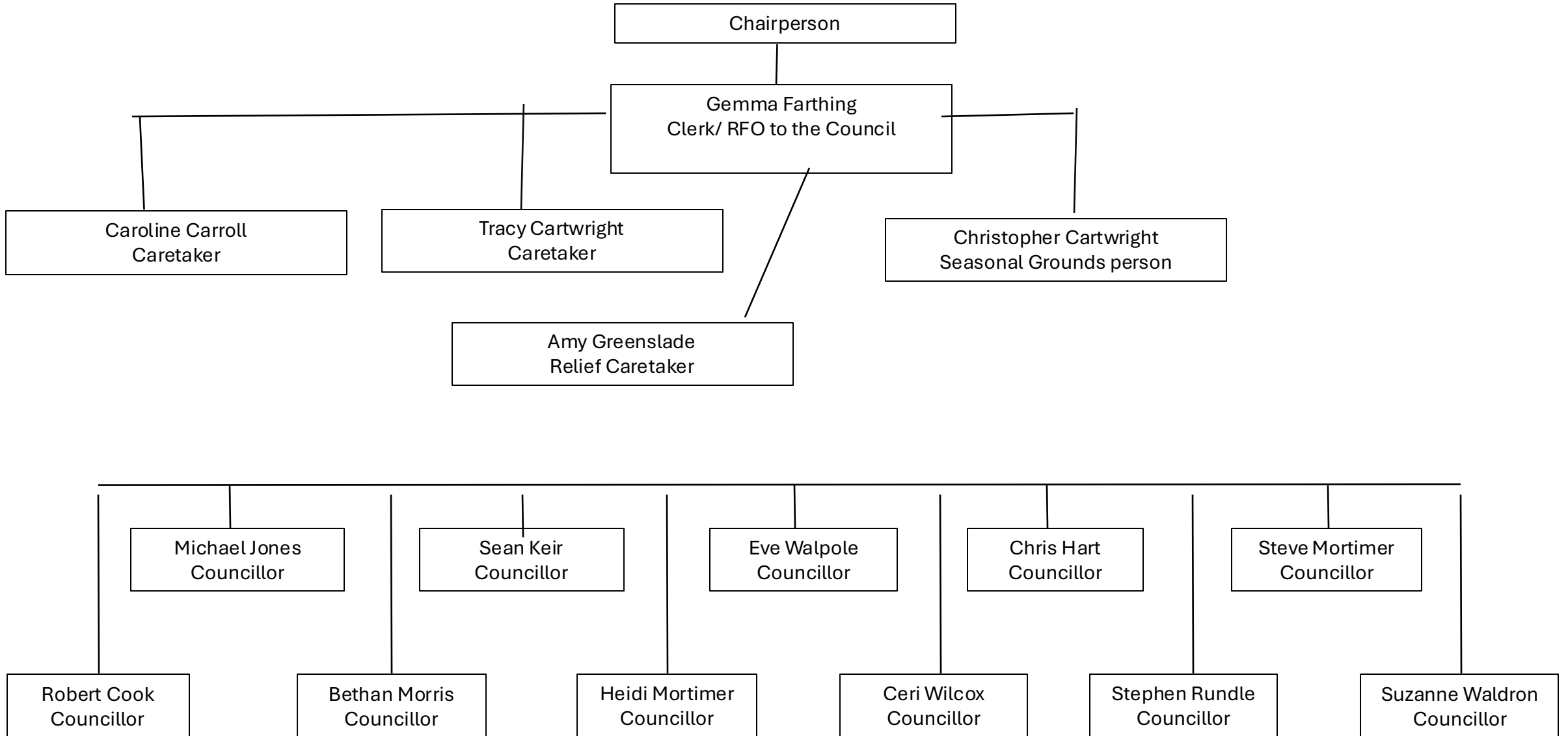


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Crynant Community Council: Organogram



Crynant Community Council: Structure

Council
Chairperson
Clerk/ RFO to the Council G. Farthing
Community Councillors

External Bodies

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| a) | |
| b) | M. Jones |
| c) | B. Morris |
| d) | S. Waldron |
| e) | S. Keir |

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| Terms of reference: |
| a) Creunant Primary School |
| b) Cefn Coed Colliery |
| c) One Voice Wales |
| d) NPT Town & Community Liaison |
| e) GCRE |

Finance & Audit

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| i. | B. Morris |
| ii. | S. Keir |
| iii. | H. Mortimer |
| iv. | |
| v. | C. Willcox |

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| Terms of reference: |
| a) Recommendations & review of budgets & precept |
| b) Qtly Verify Bank Reconciliation |
| c) Prepare & Authorise payment schedules |
| d) Recommend end of year accounts |
| e) Review & Submit grant funding |
| f) Manage Capital |
| g) Management of resources including the consideration of budget monitoring reports and the preparation of the draft annual budget. |
| h) To review financial regulations and to undertake an annual risk assessment review programmes |

Human Resources & Policy

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| i. | S. Waldron |
| ii. | B. Morris |
| iii. | H. Mortimer |
| iv. | S. Rundle |
| v. | |

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| Terms of reference: |
| a) Manage resources |
| b) Personnel matters including the Clerk's annual appraisal |
| c) Make recommendations to full council regarding personnel matters |
| D) To review annually and, where necessary, revise the Community Council's Policies for approval by the Council. |
| •E) To consider different grants and projects as and when necessary for approval by the Council |

Asset, Amenity & Environment

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| i. | M. Jones |
| iii. | S. Mortimer |
| iv. | S. Rundle |
| v. | C. Hart |
| Vi. | S. Waldron |

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| Terms of reference: |
| a) Exercise duties of provision, care. Maintenance & development |
| b) Review proposed schedule of works |
| c) Submit proposals for improvement |
| d) Provide support to the Clerk |
| e) Consider accident reports and other incidents |
| f) Agree & Complete programme of safety audits & inspections |

Events Working

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| ii. | S. Waldron |
| iv. | C. Willcox |
| v. | H. Mortimer |

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| Terms of reference: |
| a) Organise & manage Community activities & events |
| - Armistice Day |
| - Etc. |
| - Etc. |

Working

I All relevant Councillors as agreed in full council
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| Terms of reference: |
| a) To investigate and gather information together to make recommendations to full council. ie. Biodiversity, surveys etc. |

1422: Correspondence

Hope Rescue Centre	Received letter 'Save our strays, give them hope' for donations
Creunant Primary School PTA	Received correspondence asking for donation
Crynant Women's Institute	Received correspondence asking for a donation
Cerebral Palsy	Received letter asking for donation
Wales Air Ambulance	Community Appeal 2025
Urdd Gobaith Cymru,	Community Appeal
Regional Energy Strategic Planning (RESP) consultation	NESO (National Energy System Operator) is delivering an overarching strategic energy plan for Great Britain. There are three parts to the overarching plan and here is a high-level summary of each plan to help differentiate between them.
Together WeCare	Sponsorship & Marketing Opportunity – Together WeCare Awards Ceremony This event will celebrate and recognise best practice among organisations and professionals working in Social Care, Childcare, Play, and Early Years sectors.
One Voice Wales	One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting - 21/01/26 - Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol Un Llais Cymru that will be held remotely on Wednesday 21 January 2026 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm



Urdd

Urdd Gobaith Cymru,
Swyddfa'r Urdd
Rainbow Business Centre
Llansamlet
Abertawe SA7 9FP
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Medi 2025

Annwyl Gynghorwyr,

Ar ran y pwyllgorau Cylch (Abertawe, Cwmtawe, Llchwyr, Nedd ac Afan a Threforys) a phwyllgor Rhanbarth Gorllewin Morgannwg, ysgrifennwn atoch i ofyn yn garedig i chi ystyried cyfraniad i gynorthwyo gyda chostau Eisteddfodau'r Urdd yn eich ardal.

Mae rhanbarth Gorllewin Morgannwg yn frwdfrydig iawn. Mae gennym dros 5,400 o aelodau a hoffem weld y nifer yna yn cynyddu gyda'r gobaith i gynnal cyfleoedd celfyddydol cyffrous i bob un o'n haelodau. Rydym yn darparu amrywiaeth o weithgareddau a theithiau trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Rydym yn annog ein dysgwyr i roi cynnig, ceisio eu gorau ac fel canlyniad, datblygu eu sgiliau yn y Gymraeg.

Ym mis Mai, roedd llygaid Cymru a thu hwnt ar ein Rhanbarth arbennig wrth i ni gynnal Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr ym Mharc Margam. Cawsom fwy o blant a phobl ifanc nag erioed yn cystadlu ar draws yr Eisteddfodau Cylch, Rhanbarth a'r Genedlaethol a dathlom lawer o lwyddiant. Ar ddiwedd yr wythnos Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, roedd ein cystadleuwyr wedi ennill 41 medal aur, 42 medal arian a 53 medal efydd. Felly, cyfanswm o 136 o fedalau yng Ngorllewin Morgannwg. Mae rhain wedi cael eu ennill oherwydd gwaith caled a thalent pur ymysg ein haelodau a'u cymunedau. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb am gynrychioli Gorllewin Morgannwg, rydym yn falch iawn ohonoch!

Ond wrth gwrs, roedd Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr yn lawer mwy nag y cystadlu i ni yng Ngorllewin Morgannwg. Roeddem ni'n gweithio'n galed iawn yn paratoi ac yn codi arian. Diolch yn fawr i bob un pwyllgor apêl ac i bawb oedd wedi rhoi amser, arbenigedd a chyfraniadau ariannol.

Dros gyfnod o fis ar ddiwedd 2024, roedd 4,500 o bobl ifanc Castell-nedd Port Talbot ac Abertawe yn rhan o ddatliadau'r Wyl Groeso roedd yn cynnwys Y Parêd Croesawu, Cân y Croeso, Jambori a gig Huw Chiswell a Bronwen Lewis. Galwodd Prif Weinidog Cymru, Eluned Morgan, draw er mwyn lawnsio trên Mistar Urdd. A roedd gennym swyddog prosiect yn gweithio ar draws yr ardal er mwyn cynnig cyfleoedd celf i'r mwyaf o blant a phobl ifanc a phosib.

Ac wedyn, yn ystod wythnos Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, cawsom y fraint o groesawi dros 80,000 o bobl i'n hardal arbennig ni, ac am groeso cawsant! Cafodd plant cynradd y cyfle i berfformio ar lwyfan y pafiliwn yn y Sioe Cynradd tra oedd pobl ifanc yr ysgolion uwchradd yn perfformio mewn sioe hollol unigryw, mas tu fas, yn dehongli sgript gwreiddiol trwy actio, canu a sgiliau syrca. Dewr, anhygoel a bythgofiadwy. Diolch o galon i bob un ohonoch roedd wedi cydweithio gyda ni er mwyn dangos y gorau o Orllewin Morgannwg i'r byd.



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Wrth ddarllen y crynodeb hwn, mae hi'n anhygoel i feddwl am yr holl brofiadau positif roedd ar gael i'n haelodau. Nawr, mae hi'n bwysig dros ben i ni gadw'r brwdfrydedd i fynd ac ein bod ni'n parhau i gynnig cyfleoedd cyfoethog wrth i ni baratoi ar gyfer Eisteddfod yr Urdd Ynys Môn 2026. Ar y cyd gyda'r ysgolion, rydym yn cynnal 11 Eisteddfod ar draws yr Cylchoedd a'r Rhanbarth. Mae hwn yn ogystal â chystadlaethau eraill yn y meysydd coginio, celf, llenyddiaeth, cyfansoddi a chreu.

Rydym yn ffodus iawn i gyd-weithio gyda'r cymunedau lleol ac yn ddiolchgar iawn am bob cyfraniad rydym eisoes yn derbyn. Er hynny, mae'r costau cadarn yn cynyddu yn flynyddol. Er mwyn osgoi codi pris mynediad ein Eisteddfodau, rydym yn dod atoch chi i ofyn am nawdd.

Mae croeso i chi amodi os hoffech weld unrhyw gyfraniad yn cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer rhywbeth penodol e.e. yn lleol iawn (yr Eisteddfod Cylch), cystadlaethau Celf, Dylunio a Thechnoleg neu'r Eisteddfodau Rhanbarth. Fyddem yn cydnabod unrhyw rodd yn rhaglen yr Eisteddfodau a chyhoeddir neges o ddiolch o'r llwyfan. Gallwn sicrhau bydd eich nawdd yn aros o fewn Gorllewin Morgannwg a bydd pobl ifanc y rhanbarth yn cael elw o'ch cyfraniad.

Felly, gofynnwn yn garedig i chi ystyried ein cais i ganiatáu ni i barhau i gynnal yr holl gyfleoedd uchod trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg i'r plant a phobl ifanc yn ein hardal. Os hoffech ein cefnogi, dylid ysgrifennu unrhyw siec yn daladwy i :- Urdd Gobaith Cymru, neu gallwn ddarparu manylion banc y Rhanbarth i chi.

Yn gywir,

E. Jones

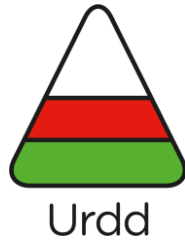
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September 2025

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of the Cylch committees (Abertawe, Cwmtawe, Lluchwr, Nedd and Afan a Threforys) and the Gorllewin Morgannwg Regional committee, we are writing to ask kindly whether you might consider making a contribution to support with the costs of the Urdd's Eisteddfodau in your area.

The Gorllewin Morgannwg region is very active. We have over 5,400 members in our area and we would like to see this number increase with the hope of offering exciting opportunities within the arts to each and every member. We provide a variety of activities and trips, all through the medium of Welsh and we encourage our Welsh learners to have a go and try their best. Through doing so they develop their Welsh language skills.

In May, the eyes of Wales and beyond were on our special region as we hosted Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr in Margam Park. We had more children and young people competing than ever before across the Local, Regional, and National Eisteddfodau, and we celebrated many successes. By the end of the week of Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, our competitors had won 41 gold medals, 42 silver medals, and 53 bronze medals. Thus, a total of 136 medals in Gorllewin Morgannwg. These were won due to hard work and pure talent amongst our members and their communities. Congratulations to everyone who represented Gorllewin Morgannwg, we are very proud of you!

Of course, Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr was much more than competition for us in Gorllewin Morgannwg. We worked very hard preparing and fundraising. We extend a big thank you to every appeal committee and to everyone who contributed time, expertise, and financial donations.

Over a period of a month at the end of 2024, 4,500 young people from Neath Port Talbot and Swansea took part in the celebrations of the Gŵyl Groeso or Welcome Festival which included the Welcome Parade, the Welcome Song, Jamborees and a concert by Huw Chiswell and Bronwen Lewis. The First Minister of Wales, Eluned Morgan, came over to launch the Mister Urdd train. We also had a project officer working across the area to provide art opportunities for as many children and young people as possible.

And then, during the week of Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, we had the privilege of welcoming over 80,000 people to our special region, and what a warm welcome they received! Primary school children had the opportunity to perform on the pavilion stage at the Primary Show while young people from secondary schools performed in a unique outdoor show, interpreting an original script



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through acting, singing, and circus skills. Brave, amazing, and unforgettable. Heartfelt thanks to each one of you who collaborated with us to show the best of Gorllewin Morgannwg to the world.

While reading this summary, it's incredible to think about all the positive experiences that were available to our members. Now, it is extremely important for us to keep the enthusiasm high and that we continue to offer enriching opportunities as we prepare for the Eisteddfod yr Urdd Ynys Môn 2026. In partnership with the schools, we hold 11 Eisteddfodau as well as 5 regional Eisteddfodau. This is in addition to competitions in the fields of cookery, art, literature, composition and creation.

We are very fortunate to work with local communities and we are extremely grateful for the contributions that we already receive. However, the hard costs are rising each year. In order to avoid having to increase the entrance price to our Eisteddfodau, we are approaching you to ask for a grant.

You are welcome to stipulate if you would like to see your contribution being used for a specific event e.g. on a local level (at your Eisteddfod Cylch), Art Design and Technology competitions or at the Regional Eisteddfodau. We will acknowledge donations in the Eisteddfod programmes and an announcement will be made from the stage. We can ensure you that your grant will remain within Gorllewin Morgannwg and the young people of the area will benefit from your contribution.

Therefore, we ask you kindly to consider our request which will enable us to continue to offer the above opportunities through the medium of Welsh to the children and young people of our region. If you would like to support, a cheque should be made payable to :- Urdd Gobaith Cymru, or we can provide you with bank details if you prefer.

Sincerely,

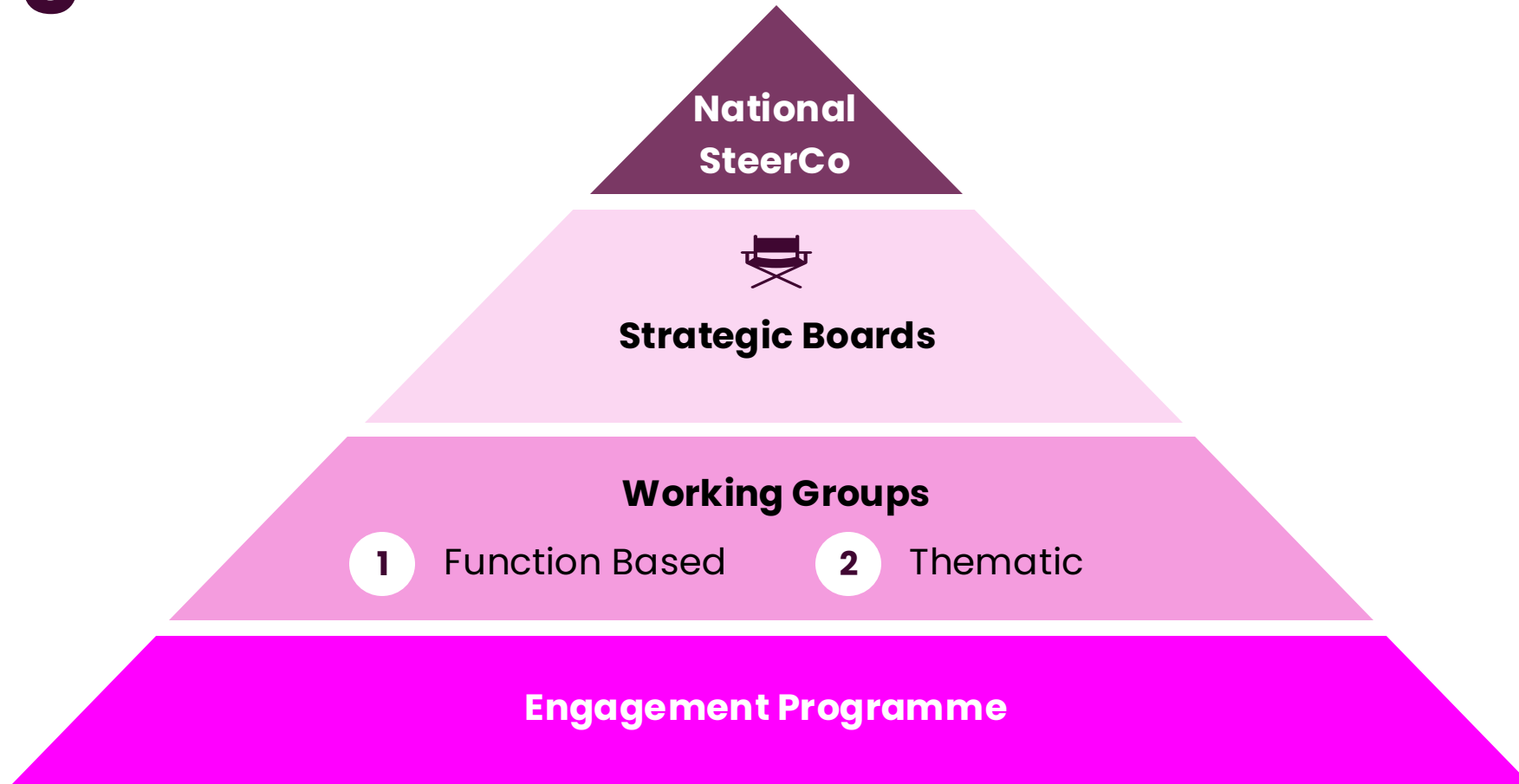
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Project Officer

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Gorllewin Morgannwg Community Officer

Who's involved in governance and engagement?



RESP Methodology Consultation

In 2025, the National Energy System Operator (NESO) took on a new role to develop bespoke regional energy strategic plans (RESPs) for Wales, Scotland and nine English regions. The plans will help to ensure that local areas get the energy infrastructure they need to meet their goals for economic growth and decarbonisation. The RESPs are a fundamental part of NESO's role to deliver an overarching strategic energy plan for GB.

NESO have developed a proposed methodology, setting out how the eleven plans will be produced. The methodology is being published for consultation on 17 November 2025. The purpose of the consultation is to invite customers and stakeholders across Great Britain (GB) to help define how the RESPs will be developed.

Running from **17 November 2025 to 16 January 2026**, the methodology consultation seeks responses from customers and stakeholders across GB's nations and regions. We aim to publish the final version in Summer 2026, once approved by Ofgem and DESNZ.

NESO webinars

NESO will also be running a launch webinar and six deep-dive webinars on specific consultation topics.

- Launch Webinar – 17th November at 13:00pm to 14:30pm [[register here](#)]

Six deep dive topic-specific webinars:

You can register for the series of deep dive webinars below:

- **Nations & Regions Contexts webinar** - 25 November, 9.30am - 11.00am [[Register here](#)]
- **Pathways, Consistent Planning Assumptions & Spatial Context webinar** – 25 November, 1.30pm - 3.00pm [[Register here](#)]
- **Local Actor Support webinar** – 27 November, 10.00am - 11.30am [[Register here](#)]
- **Governance webinar** – 27 November, 1.30pm to 3.00pm [[Register here](#)]
- **Strategic Investment Need webinar** – 3 December, 10.00am - 11.30am [[Register here](#)]
- **Technical Coordination & Network Planning Assurance webinar** - 3 December, 1.30pm - 3.00pm [[Register here](#)]

The consultation also includes key information on how NESO will engage customers and stakeholders in the development of the 11 RESPs. It sets out clear responsibilities across NESO, the electricity distribution network operators (DNOs), gas distribution networks (GDNs), and local authorities, to help ensure better coordination of local energy planning activities.

It will ask for views in relation to the five components of a RESP:

1) Nations & Regions Contexts

A long-term view of local conditions and priorities, informed by local engagement and data.

2) Pathways

These are projections of future energy supply and demand in each nation and region. These will consist of one short-term pathway covering the next 10 years, and multiple long-term pathways to reflect uncertainty, extending to at least 2050.

3) Consistent Planning Assumptions

These will be published in a single document that will be used by all distribution networks to ensure a consistent approach to network planning. It will allow for variation to reflect differences across nations and regions.

4) Strategic Investment Need

Identifies areas where network investment will accelerate decarbonisation, support long-term economic development, and unlock system-wide value. These will be areas that are strategically significant and more complex due to timescales, geography, or trade-offs between energy types, priorities or stakeholders.

5) Spatial Context

This will be a map of the pathways overlaid with network capacity to highlight areas where network investment may be required.

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13 Mawrth 2026 | Neuadd Brangwyn

13th March 2026 | Brangwyn Hall

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Am y Digwyddiad

Mae Gofalwn Cymru, Cyngor Abertawe a Chyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot yn eich gwahodd i ddangos eich gwerthfawrogiad o'rgweithlu tra medrus ym meysydd gofal cymdeithasol, gofal plant a'r blynyddoedd cynnar yn Abertawe a Chastell-nedd Port Talbot drwy fod yn bartner a noddi gwobrau cyntaf **Gofalwn Gyda'n Gilydd** yn ystod seremoni wobrwyo newydd gyffrous i'r rhanbarth.

Lluniwyd y digwyddiad i gydnabod cyflawniadau ym meysydd gofal cymdeithasol, gofal plant a'r blynyddoedd cynnar a dathlu arferion gorau ar draws y sectorau, wrth dynnu sylw at ragoriaeth a chyfraniadau rhagorol. Dyma'ch cyfle i fod yn rhan o rywbeth arbennig iawn.

About the event

WeCare Wales, Swansea Council and Neath Port Talbot Council is inviting you to show your appreciation for the highly skilled social care, childcare and early years workforce across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot by partnering to become a sponsor of the very first **Together WeCare Awards**, an exciting new award ceremony for the region.

The event is designed to recognise social care, childcare and early years achievements; celebrate best practice across the sectors, while highlighting excellence and outstanding contributions. This is your opportunity to be part of something very special.



Pam bod yn bartner â ni

Rhoi sylw i'ch busnes. Cyflwyno'ch busnes i gynulleidfa ymroddedig ac, yn bwysicaf oll, ystafell o'ch cwsmeriaid presennol a darpar gwsmeriaid.

Cyflwyno'ch cynnyrch neu'ch gwasanaethau. Dyma'ch cyfle i arddangos eich cynnyrch neu wasanaethau, wrth gefnogi cwsmeriaid presennol a meithrin cwsmeriaid newydd.

Marchnata eich busnes. Mae ystafell sy'n llawn cwsmeriaid yn gyfle prin i gyrraedd 100% o'ch marchnad darged mewn un lle.

Mae cyfleoedd fel hyn i adennill o fuddsoddi yn brin iawn.

Rhwydweithio. Cyfle i gwrdd â chwsmeriaid presennol a chwsmeriaid newydd wyneb yn wyneb a rhwydweithio â phobl ar draws y diwydiant.

Why partner with us

Get your business in the spotlight. Put your business in front of a dedicated audience and most importantly, a room of your current and potential customers.

Introduce your products or services. This is your platform to showcase you - shout out about your products or services, while showing support for existing customers, and nurturing new clients.

Market your business. A room filled with customers is a rare opportunity to hit 100% of your target market in one place. Return on investments like this are hard to come by.

Networking. An opportunity to meet current and new clients face to face and network industry wide.



Noddi categori

Mae ein categorïau gwobrau cyffrous yn gyfle perffaith am bartneriaeth ac maent ar gael am bris arbennig iawn ar gyfer partneriaid cynnar.

Mae ein pecyn noddi categori yn cynnwys y canlynol:

Dau docyn i ddod i'r digwyddiad.

Bydd eich logo ar e-docynnau, cynlluniau bwrdd a'r sgrin ar y llwyfan. Hysbyseb hanner tudalen mewn rhaglen A5 swyddogol y digwyddiad. Byddwch yn cyhoeddi'r enillydd ar y llwyfan ac yn cyflwyno'ch gwobr/

Cost - £500 +TAW

Category sponsor

Our exciting award categories are the perfect partnership opportunity.

Our category sponsorship package includes:

Two tickets to attend the event.

Your logo on E-tickets, table plans and stage screen.

Half page advert in official A5 event programme.

You announce the winner on stage and present your award

Cost - £500 + VAT

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Ein categorïau

- Gwobr gofal a thosturi eithriadol
- Gwobr creu dyfodol disglair ar gyfer plant a theuluoedd
- Gwobr seren newydd
- Gwobr arweinyddiaeth ysbrydoledig
- Gwobr tîm y flwyddyn
- Gwobr arbenigwr dementia
- Gwobr cyflogwr
- Gwobr gwirfoddolwr ysbrydoledig
- Gwobr aloeswr gofal
- Gwobr llwyddiant gydol oes
- Gwobr dysgwr y flwyddyn
- Gwobr y Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru
- Gyda'n gilydd dros gydraddoldeb
- Gwobr cyflogwr rhyngwladol gofalwn gyda'n gilydd
- Gwobr gweithiwr rhyngwladol gofalwn gyda'n gilydd

Our categories

- Outstanding care and compassion award
- Building bright futures for children and families award
- Rising star award
- Inspirational leadership award
- Team of the year award
- The dementia specialist award
- The employer award
- The inspirational volunteer award
- The care innovator award
- Lifetime achievement award
- Learner of the year award
- Welsh language and culture award
- Together for equality
- Together WeCare international employer award
- Together WeCare International employee award

Dewch yn bartner heddiw

Hoffem fod yn bartner â chi! I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am bob categori, cysylltwch â ni:

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Sarah Taylor

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Partner today

We would love to partner with you. For further information about each category, please get in touch via the above contact information.



ONE VOICE WALES

APPLICATION FOR FREE WEBINAR TRAINING PLACES

Name of Council.....

E-Mail address of the Clerk: _____

My Council would like to apply to have free training places as are now permitted on each of the courses listed below:

Training Webinar	Number of Places (Up to a maximum of <u>4</u> places on each of the six core modules listed below)
Council as an Employer - Module 3	
Understanding Local Government Finance (Basic) – Module 6	
Understanding Local Government Finance (Advanced) – Module 21	
Understanding the Law – Module 4	
Code of Conduct – Module 9	
Finance and Governance Toolkit – Module 24	
Additional Training Webinars	Number of Places (Up to a maximum of <u>2</u> places on each of the following modules)
Health & Safety – Module 7	
Chairing Skills – Module 10	
Biodiversity Part 1 – Module 25	
Biodiversity Part 2 – Module 26	

Please state the name and e-mail address of the Councillor(s).

Name	Position on Council	E-Mail Address
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Please return the completed form to Wendi Patience when you book your Councillors on the free webinars that you are eligible for.

To all member Councils

One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting

I write to confirm that the next Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales will be held as follows:

Wednesday 21 January 2026

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. To be held on a remote basis using Zoom Software.

Dear Chair/Clerk

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on a remote basis on 21 January 2026.

All member Councils are invited to nominate one Councillor (plus a substitute) to attend to engage in debating and deciding upon a range of important matters which will include proposed changes to the constitution of the organisation.

The constitution was originally approved in 2008 and over time it is clear that the governing document would benefit from important changes that would enhance the current overarching governance structure. It is essential that we have a high attendance at the meeting as the current constitution states that:

In the event of a decision having been taken by the Annual General Meeting to change the legal status of the organisation it shall only be undertaken by a majority decision of a meeting attended by a minimum of 20% of the membership.

It therefore requires a minimum of around 140 councils represented at the AGM for the constitution to be amended by a majority vote. We are of course hopeful that we will have many more councils represented at the AGM.

Attendance

Please notify us of the name of the Councillor who will be representing your Council as well as any substitute Councillor, their email addresses and telephone numbers. Please send these details to Tracy Gilmartin tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales as soon as the Council has decided on nominations preferably by 18 December 2025 but no later than 9 January 2026. This will allow time to send papers to those representatives well in advance of the AGM. Please note that only one Councillor may attend the AGM as there is one vote available for each Council.

There is no fee to attend the AGM.

Recording

Please use your full name with the name of your Council when joining the remote meeting as this will lead to a more accurate record of attendance. The meeting will also be recorded.

Voting

Voting on all matters will be managed through the online poll system available on the Zoom platform and detailed instructions as to how this can be used by Councillors in attendance will be provided direct to your Council's nominated representative.

I trust that you will appreciate the importance of having a high level of attendance at the AGM and we look forward to welcoming your representative.

Agenda

1. To elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of One Voice Wales.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of personal interests.
4. To consider the following Motion from **One Voice Wales National Executive Committee**

To consider the attached constitution for One Voice Wales.

- i. The key impact of the new arrangements is to agree that a quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 10% of the representatives of member Councils eligible to attend. In the case of a motion to dissolve the organisation placed before the Annual General Meeting the quorum shall be 15% of the representatives of the member Councils eligible to attend. Any changes to the Constitution would need to be approved at an Annual/Special General Meeting by a majority of member Councils present. Other minor changes will improve the governance arrangements of One Voice Wales.
- ii. Other improvements to the governance framework will be introduced once the new arrangements are in place.

To take any questions on the new constitution

To vote on the proposed new constitution.

5. To receive the Chair's oral report for 2024/25.
6. To receive the Chief Executive's report for 2024/25
7. To receive the audited accounts for 2024/25.
8. To confirm the appointment of Bevan Buckland as Auditors.
9. To consider the attached additional motions received for consideration.

Lyn Cadwallader
Chief Executive

One Voice Wales AGM Motions 2025

1. Penarth Town Council

"This AGM instructs OVW/NEC to engage with Welsh Government to make Community and Town Councils statutory consultees in collaborative arrangements for considering future bus provision in their area."

2. Newtown and Llanllwchaearn Town Council

"This conference instructs One Voice Wales to investigate the provision of professional legal advice on Welsh law to Councils and report back to the membership."

3. Gelligaer Community Council

"This AGM calls upon One Voice Wales to formally encourage local councils to advocate for the Welsh Government to seek full devolvement of the Crown Estate to Wales."

4. Arfon Dwyfor Area Committee

"The AGM calls upon One Voice Wales to investigate how specific assets transfer officer can be funded for the sector."

5. Chepstow Town Council

"Chepstow Town Council calls upon One Voice Wales to lobby the Welsh Government to consider increasing and extending the financial threshold for free school meals in Wales to secondary school children in line with other devolved governments in the United Kingdom."

6. One Voice Wales National Executive Committee

To confirm an increase in membership fees for 2026/27 by up to 4%.