

Report to : Council

Date : 15th April 2024

Subject : Annual Report 2024-25

Report by : Clerk

Background

1. The Welsh Government introduced a requirement for Town & Community Councils to produce an annual report
2. The reports are to be produced as soon as reasonably practical after the year end
3. The format of this report follows the guidance given by Welsh Government .

Governance

4. Taff's Well and Nantgarw (TWNCC) is made up of 10 Councillors who attend meetings of the Council on a monthly basis.
5. Throughout the month the Clerk is in contact with both the Chair & Vice-Chair but decision making is the responsibility of the Council .

Community Engagement

6. Meetings of the Council are held in the Community Hub & every effort is made to accommodate residents wishing to attend meetings , either remotely or in person.

Finances

7. In 2024-25 the financial performance of the Council was as follows :

	Budget £000	Actuals £000
Reserves at Start of Year	91	91
Income for Year	<u>44</u>	<u>48</u>
	135	139
Less Expenditure	<u>54</u>	<u>29</u>
Reserves at End of Year	<u>81</u>	<u>110</u>

8. The report on the 24-25 accounts includes an explanation of the variances from budget .
9. In April 2024 the Council increased Council Tax by 5% in recognition of the increased running costs of the Community Hub , particularly the escalating energy costs . Subsequently , RCT agreed to waive the rent charges .

Objectives & Achievements

10. Achievements in 24/25 include :

- Financial support to local organisations in order for them to continue to provide a broad range of activities enjoyed by the community
- Financial support to the Xmas Lights Committee
- Reinstatement of Xmas Christmas Lights at Taff's Well Park
- Agreement of a number of projects covering tree planting , installation of benches & a noticeboard
- Disappointingly , the creation of a weather proof area for reflection at Ty Rhiw cemetery has not been progressed by Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC

The Council continues to provide funding to the Community Hwb , a local charity , to pay for the running costs of the building .

Priorities for 2025-26

14 . Completion of a number of projects covering tree planting , installation of benches & a noticeboard .

15 . Whilst the Council's spending plans exceed its income , a decision was taken to not increase council tax in recognition of the reserves held by the community council & the continuing financial pressures on residents from increases in the cost of living .

16. This report is for Members information .