

TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Chair & Councillors

You are summoned to attend a Meeting of the Community Council to be held at the Community Hub **on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6pm**

The business to be transacted is as set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adrian Isaacs
Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer

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COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 14 October 2025 AGENDA

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| 1. | Questions to the Community Council |
| 2. | Attendance & apologies for absence |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest <i>Councillors are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Clerk and Officers.</i> |
| 4. | Minutes |
| 4.1 | To receive and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9.09.25 . |
| 4.2 | Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings , 9.09.25 |
| 5. | Heating of the Community Hub * Adequate heating of the Hub has been an ongoing problem & there have been times when both community groups & volunteers have found it very difficult to remain in the building . The e-mail circulated with the agenda proposes a number of options & it is recommended that the council agree option 2 (approx. cost £7000) The key issue being option 2 will provide the Hub with an independent system which will record gas usage by the Hub . |

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| 6. | Member Reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Revised Job Description for Community Engagement Officer post * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Financial Reports and Statements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.1 | October Payments & Employee Costs for Approval * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.2 | Income & Expenditure , year to date * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.3 | Review of actual income & expenditure compared to budget & proposed revisions to budget : <table><tr><td></td><td>Original Budget</td><td>Revised Budget</td><td>Explanation</td></tr><tr><td>Interest Received</td><td>£600</td><td>£1000</td><td>Anticipated additional income</td></tr><tr><td>Salary & NI</td><td>£15950</td><td>£16322</td><td>Anticipated additional spend</td></tr><tr><td>Audit Wales</td><td>£1400</td><td>£1828</td><td>Reflects actuals</td></tr><tr><td>Xmas Lights</td><td>£2000</td><td>£2172</td><td>Reflects actuals</td></tr></table> | | Original Budget | Revised Budget | Explanation | Interest Received | £600 | £1000 | Anticipated additional income | Salary & NI | £15950 | £16322 | Anticipated additional spend | Audit Wales | £1400 | £1828 | Reflects actuals | Xmas Lights | £2000 | £2172 | Reflects actuals |
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| 8.4 | Confirmation the bank reconciliations match the bank balances (Cllr Probert) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.5 | Draft Budget 26/27 <p>The draft budget shows a deficit of £23,487 for next year & this is mainly due to 2 factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inclusion of £6,800 rent for the Community Hub- Inclusion of £9,000 for the cost of employing a community engagement officer <p>RCT has previously awarded a concessionary rent to the Community Hub & this expires at the end of March 26 .</p> <p>An application for a further concession has been submitted to RCT & timescales for a decision are unknown .</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Council is yet to take a decision on the employment of a community engagement officer & initially may appoint for a fixed term only .

Council is required to agree its budget & rate of council tax in January & at that time there may remain uncertainty about the rent for the Community Hub . In due course , Council may take the view that a community engagement officer should be appointed on a permanent basis .

Whilst the Council holds reserves , £15,800 (the cost of the rent & the community engagement officer) is a substantial increase in costs & if there is no increase in council tax in April 26 a large increase may be required in following years .

In order to plan for the future , Council may consider it prudent to increase council tax in April 26 .

- A 5% increase in council tax generates additional income of £2000 , and will cost a resident who lives in a Band D property an additional £1.40 per year
- A 7.5% increase in council tax generates additional income of £3000, and will cost a resident who lives in a Band D property an additional £2.10 per year

9. Update on Projects :

- Two picnic tables with seating for Taff's Well Park , one by the basketball court & the other one by tennis court / play park (RCT contacted 14/11/24, reminded 18/02/25)

In view of the quote from a local contractors there has been further discussions with RCT & Cllr Bonetto will pursue this matter .

- Highway signage

With TfW works coming to an end RCT are to be requested to undertake a review of the signage in Taff's Well.

In addition , RCT are to be requested to consider including on the signage at each end of the Village images explaining that Taff's Well is the home of the only Thermal Spring in Wales .

(RCT contacted 14/11/24 , reminded 18/02/25)

20.06.25 RCT Response

Apologies for the delay in responding. I have spoken to the Principal Traffic Officer this morning and he advised that it will be possible to undertake a review, however, this would require agreement from the local Councillor.

The Traffic Management section will be able to undertake the design work

for any new signing, but please note that the costs of making and installing any new signs would have to be funded by the Community Council

Cllr Bonetto advised RCT that she is in agreement with the request

- Tree planting locations proposed by Cllr Lamford were agreed & in the first instance permission to plant will be sought from RCT .
(RCT contacted 18/02/25 , sent to JB 11/03/25)

10.06.25 – locations resent to RCT

15.07.25 RCT asked when they anticipate being able to confirm which locations will be planted & which type of trees will be used .

Cllr's Lamford & Bonetto to pursue

- Bench on Taff trail proposed by Cllr Edwards
(RCT contacted 19/02/25)

- Community Noticeboard - Cllr Lamford

It was agreed to ask RCT for permission to install a community noticeboard on the corner by Taffs Well school and the Hub.

(RCT require sight of proposal & Cllr Lamford to discuss with local company)

- Signage to the Community Hub – Cllr Lamford (Cllr Bonetto to pursue)

10. Shared Charter between RCT & its Town and Community Councils for Adoption *

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and its Town and Community Councils have agreed to publish a Charter which sets out how we collectively aim to work together for the benefit of local communities whilst recognising our respective responsibilities as autonomous, democratically elected statutory bodies.

The Charter is designed to build on existing good practice and embrace the shared principles of openness, to achieve the best possible outcomes for our residents and communities. This Charter is based on equal partnership and is not a top-down arrangement. It is a set of principles by which we will work together.

The Charter will form the basis for meaningful communication and liaison through the respective partners either individually or through collective meeting arrangements, at a Member and Officer level.

Council is requested to consider adoption of the Charter.

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| 11. | Grant Applications |
| | Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 11 th November 2025 commencing 6.00pm |

***Denotes Document Attached**