

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 13th January 2026 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 13 January 2026 AGENDA

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 11.11.25 . 4.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings , 11.11.25
5.	Vacancy for Community Councillor Following the sad loss of Cllr Ashman Council is asked to approve the commencement of the process to recruit a replacement , which involves : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advising RCT of the vacancy- RCT publish a notice which allows residents to request an election- Assuming there is no request for election Council can then Co-opt- If more than candidate wishes to be co opted council decide who to co-opt

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there is only 1 candidate , the candidate is co opted & council has no decision to take 																
6.	Member Reports																
7.	Financial Reports and Statements																
7.1	January Payments & Employee Costs for Approval *																
7.2	In order to maintain a credit balance in the current account the sum of £5000 was transferred from the deposit account on the 14 th November 2025.																
7.3	Income & Expenditure , year to date *																
7.4	Review of actual income & expenditure compared to budget & proposed revisions to budget :																
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7.5	Confirmation the bank reconciliations match the bank balances (Cllr Probert)																
7.6	<p>Draft Budget 26/27</p> <p>The draft budget shows a deficit of £22k 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>																

An application for a further concession has been submitted to RCT & timescales for a decision are unknown .

Whilst the Council holds reserves , £22k is a substantial increase in costs & if there is no increase in council tax the reserves will decrease quickly & a 54% council tax increase will be required in due course .

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

- A 10% increase in council tax generates additional income of £4k , and will cost a resident who lives in a Band D property an additional £2.84 per year

Whilst a 10% increase is far greater than the current rate of inflation it is important to recognise that the community council precept is a very small part of the overall council tax bill .

Council tax on a Band D property is currently £2181 per year , of which £28 comes to the community council .

A £4k increase in precept is a modest change in the context of a £22k deficit & further increases in council tax will be required in future years .

8. Policy – Awarding of Donations

At the November meeting of Council a policy was agreed for the Awarding of Grants .

Following this there was discussion about the need for a policy on the Awarding of Donations .

Two suggestions were made :

- Retitle the Awarding of Grants policy to Awarding of Grants & Donations
- Use different text for the policy on Awarding of Donations

If the latter suggestion is followed the highlighted text below needs to be altered together with any other amendments from Members .

“ The Community Council allocates annual funds to support local charities and not-for-profit organisations that benefit the community. The policy ensures that grants are awarded fairly, transparently, and within budget

constraints.

Key Principles:

- **Grants** are based on **need, merit, and community impact**.
- Applications must demonstrate **benefit** to Taff's Well & Nantgarw residents or the local environment.
- **Grants** may be **monitored and evaluated** post-award.
- Requests from organisations outside Taff's Well & Nantgarw are considered based on **resident benefit**.
- **Funding is not guaranteed** year to year.
- **Grants** are only awarded when the Council has the **legal authority** to do so.

Policy Aims:

- Encourage **voluntary participation** in local activities.
- Support the **sustainability** of community services.
- Address **resident needs**.
- Promote **equal access and opportunity**.
- Enhance the **local environment**.
- Ensure **value for money**.

The Community Council usually awards **grants** of up to £300 & in exceptional circumstances will consider larger awards .

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 .

12.10.25 Cllr Lamford pursued this matter & has received a response from RCT agreeing to the suggested planting .

Cllr's Lamford & Edwards are to visit properties in the vicinity of the planting locations to seek the views of residents.

- 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

14.10.25 – Cllr Lamford advised the local company could not assist

14.10.25 – Example noticeboard sent to RCT

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

10. Grant Applications

- Forces Fitness Education CIC *

11. Applicants for the post of Community Engagement Officer *

	Date of Next Meeting
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	Tuesday 10 th February 2026 commencing 6.00pm
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***Denotes Document Attached**