

TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 13 January 2026 MINUTES

1.	Questions to the Community Council – None
2.	Attendance Cllr's Bonetto , Edmunds , Lamford , Probert , Komduur , Edwards Lintern , Jones Clerk
3.	Declarations of Interest Cllr Bonetto – RCT Member , Community Hub , Friends of Taff's Well Park , Soup Dragons Cllr Edmunds - Community Hub , Friends of Taff's Well Park , History Group , Soup Dragons , Nature by the Taff Cllr Lamford – Nature by the Taff & Taff's Well , Nantgarw & Gwaelod y Garth Flood Group Cllr Komduur – Allotments & Taff's Well , Nantgarw & Gwaelod y Garth Flood Group Cllr Edwards – Taff's Well RFC
4.	Minutes
4.1	Approved the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11.11.25 .
4.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings , 11.11.25 Cllr Lamford raised the matter of eligibility for flood gates – Cllr Bonetto is pursuing Cllr Probert was yet to receive a copy of the flood plan

5.	<p>Vacancy for Community Councillor</p> <p>Following the sad loss of Cllr Ashman Council approved the commencement of the process to recruit a replacement .</p>																
6.	<p>Member Reports - None</p>																
7.	<p>Financial Reports and Statements</p> <p>7.1 January Payments & Employee Costs Approved together with the following additional payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarterly Service Charge for Community Hub £87 <p>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 14th November 2025.</p> <p>7.3 Income & Expenditure , year to date - Noted</p> <p>7.4 Reviewed actual income & expenditure compared to budget & agreed the following revised budgets :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="263 1234 1519 1496"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Original Budget</th> <th>Revised Budget</th> <th>Explanation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Interest Received</td> <td>1000</td> <td>1288</td> <td>Reflects actuals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus Shelter</td> <td>0</td> <td>4398</td> <td>Reflects actuals</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>7.5 Cllr Probert confirmed the bank reconciliations match the bank balances</p> <p>7.6 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>		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Explanation	Interest Received	1000	1288	Reflects actuals	Bus Shelter	0	4398	Reflects actuals				
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- Inclusion of £6,800 rent for the Community Hub
- Inclusion of £9,000 for the cost of employing a community engagement officer

RCT has previously awarded a concessionary rent to the Community Hub & this expires at the end of March 26 .

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 .

It was agreed to increase council tax by 5% generating additional income of £2k - residents living in Band D properties will pay an additional £1.42 per year

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 .

It was agreed that the grants policy needs to be amended to recognise that the Council may also wish to make a donation to a group who has not made a grant application .

An amended policy will be considered at the next meeting.

9. Projects :

Cllr's Lamford & Edwards provided an update on :

- Tree planting proposals , information is to be shared with Council
- Ty Rhiw bus shelter , previously considered by RCT & refused
- Car parking difficulties

It was noted that the consultation has been well received by residents

<p>10.</p>	<p>Grant Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forces Fitness Education CIC <p>The application was discussed & further information will be sought on the discussions held with Ffynnon Taf Primary .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RCT Pride <p>The application was discussed & further information will be sought on 3 issues :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has a venue been agreed - Has a date for the event been agreed - As a pilot event , information on anticipated future LGBTQ+ community activity in Taff's Well and Nantgarw. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAP - a grant of £300 was agreed.
<p>11.</p>	<p>Applicants for the post of Community Engagement Officer</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr's Bonetto , Edmunds & Lamford will form the Interview Panel .</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10th February 2026 commencing 6.00pm</p>