

# Business Plan 2021- 2022

## 1. WHO WE ARE

The Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council is made up of 12 Councillors representing all electoral wards in Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon . We serve a population of around 10,000 residents .

Our aim is to improve the wellbeing of all residents & protect the local environment .

The Members of the Council are shown in Appendix 1

We carry out our activities in accordance with the agreed policies listed in Appendix 2.

## 2. WHAT WE DO

The Community Council is the only statutory body that focuses only upon Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon.

We work with all other statutory bodies to ensure their actions are in the best interests of our residents .

We support a large number of community groups whose activities enrich the lives of our residents .

The community groups we support are shown in Appendix 3.

Council Members promote the interests of Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon by being members of a wide range of other organisations .

The organisations upon which the Community Council is represented are shown in Appendix 4.

The Community Council budget funds 3 key activities :

- Projects which will improve the wellbeing of residents & protect the local environment
- Funding to a large number of community groups who improve the wellbeing, health & fitness of residents
- Funding of the running costs of the community Hub being created at Woodland Road

The projects undertaken are shown in Appendix 5.

The full budget is shown in Appendix 6 .

### **3. HOW WE WORK**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about residents now and in the future when they make decisions.

The Act has seven goals , listed below , & the objectives of the Community Council have been aligned with the Wellbeing goals .

1. A prosperous Wales

An innovative , productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately and develops a skilled and well educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities , allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.

2. A resilient Wales

A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.

3. A healthier Wales

A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.

4. A more equal Wales

A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances .

5. A Wales of cohesive communities

Attractive, viable , safe and well-connected communities.

6. A Wales of vibrant culture & thriving Welsh Language

A society that promotes and protects culture ,heritage and the Welsh Language , and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.

7. A globally responsible Wales

A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales , takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being .

**4. WHAT WE WILL DO IN 2021/2022**

The table below lists the objectives of the Community Council for 2021/22 . Monitoring reports will be produced during the year showing the progress made against each objective.

<b><u>OBJECTIVES</u></b>	<b><u>Objective Completed</u></b>	<b><u>Evidence</u></b>
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<b>A Prosperous Wales</b>		
Set a council tax sufficient to realise the Council’s objectives whilst recognising the impact upon residents		

Apply resources to reflect the workload and priorities of the Council		
Create an annual reserve for special projects		
Support the work of community groups in accessing grant funding by making match funding available		
Explore the development of services devolved from the principals authority, and if appropriate in collaboration with others, where this will lead to an improvement in that service or a cost reduction for residents		
<b>A Resilient Wales</b>		
Support the Torfaen Green strategy which contributes to the Torfaen Biodiversity Plan		
Set a sustainable budget & maintain minimum revenue reserve of £25k		
Comply with all legislative & audit requirements		
<b>A Healthier Wales</b>		
Support Torfaen & Bron Afon in the protection of local recreational amenities & open spaces		
Provide financial assistance to community groups who improve the wellbeing, health & fitness of residents and overcome isolation of elderly & disabled residents		
<b>A more equal Wales</b>		

Consult with residents about their ambitions & aspirations		
Encourage the community to participate in council meetings		
Provide speakers for community groups & schools to explain the role of the Council in promoting an inclusive society		
Further develop working relationships with local community groups		
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b>		
<p>Collaborate , cooperate and liaise with community groups &amp; other public services to improve the general wellbeing of the community :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote Community Safety &amp; maintain close links with neighbourhood policing team</li> <li>- Support traffic surveys</li> <li>- Liaise with Torfaen Councillors</li> <li>- Liaise with Health Partners</li> <li>- Engage with neighbouring community councils</li> </ul>		
Recognise and acknowledge Community Champions		
Promote a sense of pride in the community		
Further improve the appearance of the community		
Report to the appropriate authority any planning or environmental infringement brought to the Council's attention		
Identify areas where litter is a problem, and work with the community to		

improve those areas		
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture &amp; thriving Welsh language</b>		
Support a diversity of local community groups		
Use all forms of communication to maximise community engagement		
Maintain and regularly update information on the notice boards		
Produce and distribute Council newsletters		
Publish an annual report including a review by the Chair of Council		
Issue regular press releases		
Support the Armed Forces Covenant		
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b>		
Use local businesses to undertake council projects		
Only engage business which promote fair trade practises		
Promote activities which reduce the carbon footprint : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plants Trees &amp; Wild Flowers</li> <li>- Conducts meetings remotely</li> <li>- Conducts paperless meetings</li> <li>- Minimising vehicle usage</li> </ul>		

## **5. WHAT WE DO TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT WALES ACT**

The Community Council provides funding to meet the running costs of a building in the ownership of the unitary authority which is leased to The Hwb, a local charity .

The building is a centre of community activities & has an adjoining play area.

The Community Council's environmental impact includes :

- Investment in environmental projects
- Financial support to a wide range of community groups who will each impact upon the environment
- Regular litter picks

All reports consider the biodiversity implications of intended decisions eg .

### 1. Environmental projects

Advice will be sought from the unitary authority on the biodiversity impact of intended projects.

### 2. Community Groups

When submitting requests for financial assistance community groups are required to comment upon the environmental impact of their activities

### 3. The unitary authority is asked for advice on restoration & creation of habitats



<p>The Community Council has :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduced its usage of paper as meetings are now conducted electronically</li> <li>- Reduced mileage costs by conducting meetings remotely</li> <li>- Leads regular litter picks</li> <li>- Undertakes tree &amp; wild flower planting in conjunction with the unitary authority</li> <li>- Works with the Hwb to improve the built facilities at Woodland Road in order that residents can continue to enjoy the surrounding environment for walking , cycling , sports &amp; other activities</li> </ul>	
<p>Through its contact with a diverse range of community groups the Community Council will share information &amp; inform / influence the decisions of others</p>	
<p>The Community Council seeks to raise the community awareness of biodiversity &amp; environmental impacts.</p>	
<p>The Environment Act requirements will be built into the Community Council's Business Plan &amp; will be reviewed annually.</p>	

