



**CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED CROESYCEILIOG a LLANYRAFON**  
**Caring for the Community**

**Minutes of the Pre-Budget Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 6.00pm**  
**Council Chamber, Woodland Road Sports & Social Centre, Croesyceiliog**

**Present:** Cllr J Boycott (Chair) Cllr S Matthews  
Cllr V Williams Cllr D Williams  
Cllr M Price Cllr V Crick (Via Teams)  
Cllr N Davies

Sian Davies, Clerk  
Kelly Lewis, Administrator

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr S O'Dobhain, Cllr L Boycott, Cllr D Dewar, Cllr C Crick

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr J Boycott – The Community Garden

Cllr M Price – Hwb, The Community Garden

**3. Items for Consideration**

**3.1 To consider information received from Torfaen Play**

Cllr J Boycott provided members with background information relating to the role of Torfaen Play within the community, the recruitment of employees and volunteers within the local area and their recent award for Play Services. Members were advised the Chair sought clarification relating to funding streams for Torfaen Play and that there was still confusion relating to its financial setup.

Members were concerned that if the community council didn't provide financial support to Torfaen Play it could affect play provision within the community.

Cllr V Crick suggested that provision rental costs are requested for the Llanyrafon provisions, highlighting the lack of provision within Croesyceiliog. Cllr D Williams echoed Cllr Crick's suggestion and to continue provision but to set expectations to understand provision costings, further suggesting this financial year as a transition arrangement with the same financial support as previous years but to continue to request further information to better understand the costs.

Cllr V Williams added that other Community Council's continue to support local provision and that if members chose not to support, it would be a detriment to the community. Cllr D Williams agreed that the provisions also provide good opportunities for voluntary experience for local youngsters.

\*\* Cllr M Price arrived at 6.15pm \*\*

Members suggested for the current financial year to support Torfaen Play with a donation of £4,000, and that for the following financial year any uplift would be reviewed through consideration of specific information included within the application form to meet requirements.

Proposed by: Cllr V Crick, seconded by: Cllr D Williams; **agreed** unanimously

**3.2 To review proposed budget figures for 2026/27**

Members thanked the Clerk for the informative proposed budget figures.

Members considered the proposed budget figures and it was suggested that £1,500 is added to the standard grants amount and any remaining monies is added to donations.

Proposed by: Cllr D Williams, seconded by Cllr J Boycott; **agreed** unanimously

Members also suggested an allocation of £500 is added to the budget from reserves to create an Events budget. It was agreed the addition of this category would allow Council to invite residents to suggest any event ideas.

Proposed by: Cllr D Williams, seconded by: Cllr J Boycott; **agreed** unanimously

**3.3 Agree a proposal for the 2026/27 financial year Precept figure**

Members proposed a precept increase of 5% would cover the uplift to the standard grants and donations categories to balance the budget. This increases a Band D property from £45.17 per annum currently, to £47.42 per annum, a raise of £2.25. This will be proposed to the January Full Council meeting for approval.

Proposed by: Cllr J Boycott, seconded by: Cllr D Williams; **agreed** unanimously

<b>4.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b> Full Council Meeting – 26.01.2026 commencing at 6pm
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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 6.35pm

Signed:..... (Chair) – 26.01.2026