CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

**Report of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 28th September 2026 at 6.00pm Council Chamber, Woodland Road Sports & Social Centre, Croesyceiliog

Present:

Cllr D Dewar Crick (Vice Chair)
Cllr V Crick (via Teams)
Cllr V Williams
Cllr J Boycott
Cllr S Matthews
Cllr S O'Dobhain
Cllr C Crick
Cllr D Williams (via Teams)

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator
Sergeant Jason Ghalamkary, Gwent Police

Vice Chair, Cllr D Dewar chaired the meeting

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr N Davies, Cllr L Boycott, Cllr M Price

2. Declarations of Interest
Cllr J Boycott – The Community Garden

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th July 2026

3.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 27th July 2026 were approved as an accurate record.
RESOLVED: Members approved.
Proposed by Cllr V Williams, seconded by Cllr S Matthews: **agreed** unanimously.

3.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th July 2026.**
None

3.3 **To receive draft minutes of Business Planning Committee of 9th September 2026**
The Clerk advised council that TCBC had confirmed the SID on The Highway does not currently show above 25mph to deter drivers using the SID as a speeding challenge. Members noted.

3.4 **To receive draft minutes of Events Committee meeting of 24th September 2026**
Members noted

4. Financial Reports and Statements

4.1 Bank Statements
Bank Statement and Visa Card Statements.
RESOLVED: Members noted and accepted the statements.
Proposed by Cllr C Crick, seconded by Cllr V Williams: **agreed** unanimously.

4.2 Cheque and Direct Debits Payments List
RESOLVED: Members noted and accepted the list.
Proposed by Cllr C Crick, seconded by Cllr V Williams: **agreed** unanimously.

4.3 To receive the Financial Report for June 26
RESOLVED: Members noted and accepted the report.
Proposed by Cllr V Williams, seconded by Cllr J Boycott: **agreed** unanimously.

5. Presentations & Representations

5.1 **Police Sergeant Jason Ghalamkary**

Sergeant Jason Ghalamkary introduced himself to members, as he was recently appointed as Police Sergeant within Cwmbran Police Station. Sergeant Ghalamkary advised members of identified gaps between the neighbourhood team and Community Councils, and that going forward Council will receive a monthly report which provides a snapshot of crimes reported within the area, and a graph to illustrate any crime trends or changes. The update was welcomed by members who have previously requested regular reports.

Sergeant Ghalamkary advised members of the ward's priorities within Croesyceiliog North, Croesyceiliog South, Llanyrafon North and Llanyrafon South, including speeding and parking, which have been identified through residents' interaction on Neighbourhood Matters. As a result, funding has been secured for 'Operation Wheeler' which will aim to tackle illegally modified vehicles locally, whilst continuing to determine the legality of vehicles owned by local young drivers, who are given warnings prior to a fixed penalty. Cllr J Boycott appreciated that young drivers were being educated prior to being penalised. Cllr V Crick reiterated members concerns aligning with residents' concerns relating to parking and speeding, particularly dangers due to blind spots where parking is an issue.

Discussions also related to local PCSO's and police surgeries, and members concerns relating to availability and publicity of surgeries within Croesyceiliog. The Sergeant advised members that notifications of upcoming surgeries were also sent via neighbourhood matters. Some members were unaware of the engagement service, and it was suggested that advertising the scheme may ensure more residents are considered within ward priorities, as well as receiving notifications of any police related services and events. Sergeant Ghalamkary suggested that officers could attend any local events to support residents in signing up.

Members also highlighted concerns relating to domestic violence and was advised that trends increase around local and national sporting events. Local pilots to tackle domestic violence are currently being considered by Gwent Police including potentially advertising domestic violence victim services and helplines through a QR code printed on coffee mugs in local coffee shops.

** Cllr D Williams left the meeting at 6.35pm **

Throughout the discussion, the Sergeant noted members concerns and assured members that their concerns would be investigated and reported back where needed. Members thanked Sergeant Ghalamkary for his attendance at the meeting.

6. Chair's Announcements

None.

7. To receive the Clerk & Administrator Reports

7.1 The report was accepted. In addition, the Clerk advised members that at the partnership meeting, discussions related to the National Grid Community Resilience aims which ties in with David Leech, TCBC objectives of establishing resilience hubs within each ward across the borough, where residents could be signposted to safety in the event of a disaster. Members suggested Hwb would be an ideal location, but that additional alternative centres would be necessary if needed. Members agreed to raise the item at the BP meeting where Dan Oliver, Hwb is due to attend.

The Clerk also advised members that discussions also highlighted the Local Growth Fund grant which is available to improve local areas. Members requested the Clerk find our further information regarding the grant, which may support planter maintenance across the wards.

The Clerk advised that once the Partnership meeting minutes are circulated the Clerk will share with members.

ACTION: Clerk to seek further information regarding the Local Growth Fund grant.

8. Planning Applications considered in advance of this meeting of Council:

SPRI/26/P/0297/HH	Construction of double garage and single storey side extension.	6 Ashford Close, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran	Being Considered

AKEL/26/P/0370/HH	Erection of a prefabricated garage - The garage floor has been raised up to the level of the front block paving level.	24 Liswerry Drive, Llanyravon, Cwmbran	Being Considered
AKEL/26/P/0399/HH	Proposed single storey rear extension	126 Liswerry Drive, Llanyravon, Cwmbran	Being Considered

9. Member Reports – Meetings of Outside Bodies

9.1
- Cllr S Matthews – attended The Congress Theatre AGM – members were advised that the theatre is doing well, as is the rental of the studio space in Old Cwmbran.
- Cllr Matthews - attended three meetings relating to regeneration of the canal – members were advised that work is likely to commence in October

10. Items for Consideration

10.1 **Remembrance Sunday**

The Clerk advised members that Rev Pardoe has confirmed attendance for the event. As Cllr S O'Dobhain is unable to lead this years' service it was agreed the Chair, Cllr V Crick, would lead the service. Cllr O'Dobhain advised members that information relating to the ceremony would be shared prior to the service, and that service information is also available on the Royal British Legion website.

The Clerk also confirmed that wreaths have been ordered to be laid at local events, member's attendance to lay wreaths at local events were agreed as follows:

Woodland Road Service – Cllr V Crick
Pontnewydd Service – Cllr N Davies
Old Cwmbran Service – Cllr D Williams
Living Hope Church – Cllr C Crick

It was also agreed that the Woodland Road Memorial area requires pruning, Cllr J Boycott agreed to contact Ben, tree surgeon from Morris' of Usk, and James the contractor at Woodland Road to provide quotes to maintain the area.

Members also suggested a future project to invite residents to maintain the area, Cllr C Crick, BP Chair reminded members that any project suggestions are welcomed.

Cllr S Matthews also suggested council considering arranging for the memorial area to be listed, the Clerk to seek further information.

ACTION: Clerk to seek further information regarding listing the memorial area.
ACTION: Cllr J Boycott to obtain quotes for maintenance of the memorial area.

10.2 **OVW AGM 2027 Motions to debate**

Members were advised that any motions can be raised until 4th December.

RESOLVED: Members noted.

10.3 **Small and Large Annual Grants approval**

Members decided to arrange a special meeting to consider and determine grant applications on 14th October prior to the BP meeting as all members are invited to attend due to Hwb's attendance at the meeting

ACTION: Members to be invited to the special meeting on 14th October at 5.30pm

10.4 **Hwb Bi-annual Report**

Members noted the report and approved the cheque payment to Hwb in item 4.2.

Cllr V Crick highlighted her appreciation that Dan Oliver, Hwb, recognised input from Cllr M Price and Cllr C Crick to move things forward, as well as the work undertaken by members as a team effort. Members look forward to Hwb's attendance at the next BP meeting.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 **Proposed changes to the Events Committee**

The Clerk advised members that at the recently held Events Committee meeting it was suggested that going forward, the group is defined as a task and finish group, permitting the group to meet without the constraints of being quorate, and will allow the group autonomy to make decisions relating

to upcoming events within the previously agreed budget. Members agreed that as a task and finish group, it would allow the group to progress events efficiently, and any updates will be reported back to members.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr J Boycott, seconded by Cllr S O'Dobhain, **agreed** unanimously.

11.2 **Changes to Hwb**

Cllr C Crick advised members that changes were taking place within Hwb's board, which can be clarified and formally reported by Dan Oliver at the Business Planning meeting.

RESOLVED: Members noted.

**** This report is NOT a set of authorised meeting minutes, but a reflection of the meeting held. The minutes of the meeting this report refers to will reviewed and discussed at the next Full Council meeting and authorised accordingly.**