CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

****Report OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**
Wednesday 11th November 2026 AT 6PM

Present:

Cllr V Crick (Chair)
Cllr D Dewar
Cllr S Matthews
Cllr S O'Dobhain
Cllr D Williams
Cllr N Davies
Cllr J Boycott
Cllr C Crick
Cllr M Price
Cllr V Williams

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator

1. Apologies

Cllr L Boycott

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Items for Consideration

3.1 **To consider Council's financial position following the May 2027 boundary change implications.**

The Clerk in her written report to Council advised of information received from Torfaen County Borough Council of the budget implications for the Community Council's 2027/28 budget arising from the Boundary changes which will be implemented from the beginning of the financial year. Llanfrechfa (New Town) comprising the equivalent of 376 Band D homes will be transferred to Ponthir Community Council, and the Station Farm estate currently part of Cwmbran Community Council comprising some 68 Band D homes, will transfer to Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon Community Council. This represents a loss of £14,605.36 in annual income at current precept rates of £47.42 per Band D home. When the housing estate on the former County Hall site is completed there will be income from some 140 homes. It was noted that the Welsh Government would be setting the precept for this coming financial year when local elections would be taking place.

Council considered the financial report provided by the Clerk which showed the current reserves held which may be called on to cover any shortfall in the 2027-8 precept income so that financial commitment to the Hwb could be covered to ensure the next 3-year development period.

The Clerk was thanked for her report and its prompt circulation to Members prior to the Extraordinary Meeting. Members noted the information and having considered the financial position agreed that the future position arising from the boundary changes would be viable.

3.2 **To consider Hwb's request to commit to a new 3-year SLA from May 2027**

Members were satisfied with the information received to be able to make an informed decision. Council also felt that considering the update in item 3.1 they would be happy to agree to a three-year SLA.

Members agreed that continuing to support Hwb also supports the Community Council, Croesyceiliog, Llanyrafon and the wider community, particularly as the support to date has provided an opportunity for Hwb to draw down four times the total through match funding.

Members advised that the partnership between Council and Hwb is unique and hopefully a model for the future, and as a result Council cannot afford not to support them and what it brings to the community – highlighting that the building is well used and looks fantastic and is a valuable asset to the community.

The Chair thanked Cllr M Price for his work and skill set during his time as Chair of Hwb and a member of the Council, reiterating the successful partnership. Members also raised that the precept was originally increased to support the building, an investment of public money which would not have been justified if it were stopped at this stage.

Members agreed that subject to a minor change to wording in the SLA changing 'Council chambers' to 'Council offices' they agreed to accept the three-year SLA with an annual financial commitment of £50,000.

RESOLVED: Members approved.

Proposed by Cllr C Crick, seconded by Cllr D Williams: **agreed** unanimously.

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