



BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL



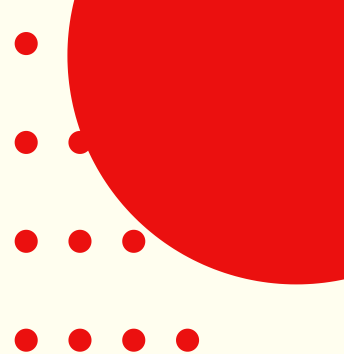
Annual Report



2024 / 2025

Moving forward together towards a positive future

Mayor's Welcome



I am extremely proud to be a Member of Bargoed Town Council — a group of like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds, all dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents of Greater Bargoed.

We are doing this in several ways, mostly by organising events ourselves or by providing funds to outsource events run by groups of volunteers who organise events for us. Our partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) has been instrumental in delivering successful events, including a wonderful May Fair and a new Summer Music Festival. Despite the disappointment of cancelling the Winter Fair due to Storm Darragh, our events have brought thousands of visitors to the town, boosting local businesses and community spirit.

This year has been tumultuous, marked by the loss of a beloved council member and celebrations of over 20 years of service by four councillors.

We have welcomed new businesses, developed year-round floral displays, and supported voluntary sector organisations. Our community wellbeing activities, hosted at Bargoed Library and other key buildings, have been well-received. Additionally, our efforts to improve biodiversity and the local environment have continued with more planting, food growing areas, and educational initiatives.

These achievements would not have been possible without the hard work of our Town Clerk and her Deputy, as well as the support from CCBC. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to these events, making them meaningful and successful.

Howard Llewellyn

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Bargoed Town Council or CCBC - the difference?

There are 2 parts of local government. These are county/county borough councils (principal councils), and community and town councils.

Caerphilly County Borough Council is one of the 22 principal councils in Wales, and Bargoed Town Council is one of the 734 community and town councils in Wales.

CCBC has a legal responsibility to provide services such as education, environmental health, social services and town and country planning for the whole county. Community and Town Councils have the scope to deliver many services, depending on the size of the community they represent and their budget. BTC represents the communities of Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach within this county. Both councils must work in partnership to ensure the best services and outcomes for its residents. BTC also works in partnership with other organisations (including other community or town councils in the area) to deliver services. By offering support, including funding, equipment or premises, community and town councils can also help other bodies to provide services, such as child care, services for the elderly, environmental initiatives and arts and sports activities.

What is Our Aim?

BTC aims to promote Greater Bargoed as a strong, sustainable, flourishing community; a healthy, thriving place to work, live and bring up a family; an engaged, environmentally protective community that inclusively supports young and old alike, working together to remove social isolation and building a positive future for everyone who lives within the boundaries of Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach.



Overarching Priorities:

- Financially supporting local community organisations through effective delivery of grants & donations.
- Encouraging community economic viability through working in partnership with public & private bodies.
- Expanding communication with residents and businesses.
- Developing & facilitating partnerships which assist in building a sound, stable & diverse community.
- Securing a sustainable future for events and festivals in the Greater Bargoed community.
- Improving biodiversity in our community and reducing the carbon footprint of the Town Council.



How to become a Town Councillor

To be a local councillor, you must be at least 18 years old and a qualifying commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a relevant citizen of the Union or a qualifying foreign citizen. You also need to meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

- Are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the community in which they wish to stand;
- Owned or occupied as owner/tenant any land/premises in the community area for the whole of the 12 months before the day of their nomination and the day of the election;
- Main or only place of work during the 12 months before the day of their nomination and the day of election has been in the community area;
- Have lived in the community area or within three miles of it for the whole of the 12 months before the day of their nomination and the day of election.

A town with a proud...history...where people come together in solidarity to share their pride...it encapsulates the sentiment of "ry'n ni yma o hyd - we are still here!" As a young person growing up in 21st-century Bargoed, it's the great sense of community spirit that's convinced me to stay...helping to build a better town. - Cllr McCarthy

What you could get involved in if you were a town councillor?

Town Projects 	Biodiversity 	Markets/Fairs 	Gardening 	Partnerships 
Schools 	New Projects 	Engagement 	Democracy 	Finance 
Youth Projects 	Wellbeing 	Representation 	Local Groups 	PR 

Sadness and Celebrations



Town Council said a fond farewell to one of its longest-serving councillors. In 1997-98, Mrs Dianne Price-Carroll held her first office as Mayor at Bargoed Town Council. She went on to serve on both Caerphilly County Borough Council and Bargoed Town Council for decades, with several periods of holding office as Mayor in both councils. An extremely proud Valley girl, passionate about her community and improving the quality of life for her Bargoed Ward residents. Dianne would often be seen planting bulbs on Hanbury Square or cooking up a storm in her beloved Cartref Community Hall.

'Councillor Price', as she was known across Wales, made a huge difference to her local community, and her legacy lives on with several community initiatives being maintained by existing Members of Bargoed Town Council. She will be very sadly missed, but never forgotten!

Celebrating 20+ Years of Dedicated Service

During the Christmas Pantomime at the Arthur Balfour Conservative Club in Aberbargoed on 20th December, Bargoed Town Council honoured four long-serving councillors. Hefin David MS presented awards to Mayor Howard Llewellyn, Sue Hamer-Thomas, Josie Bissex and the late Dianne Price (received posthumously by Rhyannon Price) for their 20+ years of dedication.

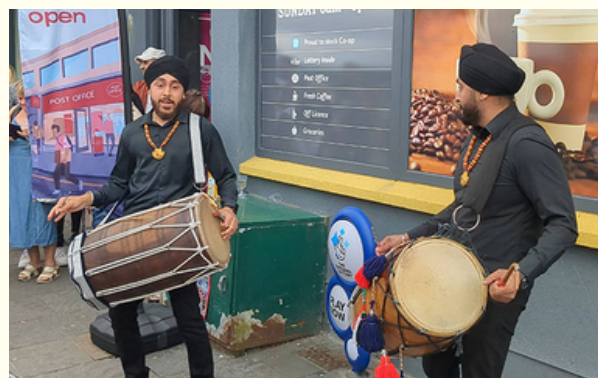
Their unwavering service has significantly shaped the community, fostering growth and ensuring residents' well-being. Bargoed Town Council extends its heartfelt gratitude for their remarkable contributions.



Civic Activities

Newly-Refurbished Post Office Officially Opened by the Mayor

June saw Mayor Howard Llewellyn officially open the newly-refurbished Bargoed Post Office, which had briefly closed in March 2024 for major renovations. Mayor Llewellyn praised Postmistress Shabnam Ajay and her sons for their efforts, stating, ***“This new-look store has breathed fresh life into the area and serves as a one-stop shop for the local community.”***



“As Mayor of Bargoed, on behalf of residents, I’d like to thank them for putting the effort in.” - Cllr Howard Llewellyn

New Dog Grooming Salon Opens in Bargoed



In October, Bargoed welcomed a new addition to its business community. Councillors Howard Llewellyn (Mayor), Reg Carroll (Deputy Mayor) and Christine Bissex-Foster attended the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cut N' Go, a one-to-one dog grooming salon located on Cardiff Road. Mayor Llewellyn had the honour of cutting the ribbon, marking the official opening of this exciting new venture. This new establishment not only provides a valuable service to pet owners in the area but also contributes to the economic growth and vibrancy of Bargoed.



Bargoed continues to flourish with new businesses like Cut N' Go, reflecting the town's dynamic and supportive environment for entrepreneurs. Bargoed Town Council remains committed to fostering a thriving local economy, welcoming innovative businesses that enhance the community.

Civic Activities



The role of the Mayor is varied.

In addition to chairing full council meetings and working closely with town council officers, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor also act as the public face of Bargoed Town Council, representing the community at a wide range of civic events.

These duties include laying a memorial wreath each year at the War Memorial in the grounds of St Gwladys Church (pictured left), and visiting residents and their families to mark special occasions such as milestone birthdays or long-standing wedding anniversaries (as seen below).



Civic activities also include attending Mayoral functions at Caerphilly County Borough Council, supporting local schools and voluntary organisations, and attending celebrations such as the Llamau Christmas party delivered by St Gwladys Church Hall Volunteers.



Two new Youth Representatives, Ella and Elena, were appointed by Members in Spring 2024, continuing the work of Town Council, reaching more sections of the community.



Ella and Elena have been instrumental in assisting and improving Members' engagement with young people, actioning a short survey with peers to collect valuable data that will inform Members' future project planning, as well as making arrangements for the inaugural Music Festival in Bargoed Town Centre.



Bargoed May Fair 24





“What a fabulous day we all had at Bargoed May Fair. Everything was so positive, from the great weather to the extraordinary crowd. This was all thanks to the event planning and execution by Caerphilly County Borough Council’s Events Team and the wonderful contribution from Crafty Legs who organised the market stalls. I would like to thank Bargoed Town Council for their financial contribution, enthusiastic support and commitment to events such as this which increases High Street footfall and supports residents and local traders in Bargoed.”

- Councillor Howard Llewellyn (Mayor)



“Bargoed May Fair deemed a huge success, drawing thousands of visitors to the town”



“The outdoor seating was great! Whole event was fantastic, tremendous amount of people in town, the atmosphere was brilliant!” - Anthony Strinati, The New Continental Café

“Lovely turnout, lots of happy people, fabulous day!” - Anne Elsdon, Little Things Babywear / Fancy Treats

“Great event, nice to see the amount of people in town, saw lots of new faces and customers, really good day!!!” - John Griffiths, J.D.S Antiques

“Wonderful day with the sun shining on us, seeing the community and visitors coming in from other areas and supporting the town and Barnardo’s. These events definitely provide a much-needed boost for our town. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put the event together.” - Jude Voyle, Barnardo’s

Bargoed Summer Music Festival 2024

On Saturday, 6th July, Bargoed Town Centre hosted its first-ever Summer Music Festival, attracting thousands of visitors. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the festival featured multiple performance areas, including a main stage and busking spots, which were enjoyed by all.

Key venues like Lowry Plaza, Bargoed Library, The Square Royale, Bourton's Live Music Café Bar and Emporium Snooker Club participated. Performers included Albino Frogs, Ruby Kay, The Pandas, and local talents like David Tasker, Garin Fitter, St Gwladys School Choir, and Bargoed Male Voice Choir.

The event also featured food, drink and craft stalls, Crafty Legs' Craft Fair & Market, funfair rides, activities at Bargoed Library and visits from characters like Mario, Stitch, and CoComelon.



“New event: Bargoed Summer Music Festival enjoyed by thousands”

“Brilliant day! Had a great time, we were all dressed up, singing and dancing along, the customers got involved too. Great day!” - Greggs Bargoed

“We would just like to thank you for the festival! It was amazing to see the town alive full of the community and surrounding communities coming too. Faces we haven't seen before, it was great!” - Emporium Snooker Club

“Customers loved it and it was the best, takings-wise, performing day since the May event 2023.” - Russell Sorrell, The Square Royale

“Wow, wow, wow. I have to say that I broke my record on earnings for a Saturday. We hope that this can be an ongoing event in the town for the near future. The town was electric. Thank you from La Bamba Barbershop for bringing life back to the town.” - La Bamba Barbershop



Bargoed Scarecrow Trail

Bargoed Town Council proudly hosted the inaugural Bargoed Scarecrow Trail from October 21st to November 3rd, 2024. This year's event was a resounding success, captivating the community with its enchanting Nursery Rhymes theme. Residents and visitors alike were delighted to see their favourite characters brought to life in creative scarecrow displays. The Bargoed Scarecrow Trail not only celebrated the artistic talents of our community but also fostered a sense of togetherness and joy. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and made this event a memorable success. We look forward to continuing this project in the years to come.

Highlights of the Event:

- Community Participation - the trail featured a variety of imaginative scarecrows crafted by local businesses, showcasing their creativity and community spirit.
- Family Fun - the event provided the perfect family activity during the half-term break, with many families enjoying the trail together and immersing themselves in the autumn atmosphere.
- Engagement - participants collected activity sheets and maps from Bargoed Library, which guided them through the trail and added an interactive element to the experience.
- **Competition Winner:** Sweet Peas Nursery won the competition with their delightful scarecrow based on the nursery rhyme "The Sun Has Got Its Hat On."



Bargoed
Scarecrow Trail



Events & Activities for Older People

Summer Social

Continuing our efforts to encourage older people to step out of their homes, reduce isolation, and socialise, thereby improving mental health and helping them gain access to valuable information, we hosted a delightful Over 60s Summer Party at Gilfach Workmen's Club. The afternoon was filled with music, great food, games, and wonderful company, making it a memorable occasion for all attendees.

We also distributed valuable information on fire safety and fall prevention from partner organisations to over 110 older people at this event.



Christmas Pantomime

Bargoed Town Council is delighted to report the success of our Christmas Pantomime featuring the beloved tale of Rapunzel. The show was filled with several comedic moments that had the audience laughing and thoroughly entertained.

The event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone, making it a wonderful way for our over 60's residents to celebrate Christmas. The pantomime provided an opportunity for the community to come together and share in the holiday spirit.



St. David's Day Lunch

On 1st March, Bargoed Town Council held a St. David's Day Lunch at the Bargoed Community Centre for residents over 60 years of age. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Lunch was provided by Clives Bakery, offering a delightful buffet that everyone appreciated. Guests were treated to Welsh songs performed by vocalist Samantha Link, whose beautiful voice added a special touch to the celebration.

In addition to the music and food, guests participated in bingo games and a prize draw, which brought extra excitement and fun to the day. The event was a wonderful opportunity for residents to come together, socialise, and celebrate St. David's Day in a warm and friendly environment.



D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration

D-Day 80th Anniversary

On June 6th, 2024, we marked the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Initially, volunteers from the community in Aberbargoed raised the flag in the memorial garden whilst simultaneously raising a glass to all those who were sadly lost in the conflict.

This was followed by a commemorative service at St. Gwladys' Church, honouring the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought in the Normandy landings. The service was a poignant reminder of their courage and the significant impact of their actions on our history.

After the service, a Veterans Coffee Morning provided a warm and welcoming space for veterans and their families to share stories and memories. This gathering fostered a sense of community and offered an opportunity for younger generations to learn from the veterans' rich histories.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to St. Gwladys' Church for hosting these events, to Fish Kitchen 1931 for their generous support, and to the students and teachers from Heolddu Comprehensive School for their participation in the church service. Your support made this day truly memorable for all who attended.



Easter Trail 2024

The Easter Egg Hunt returned to Bargoed in 2024, bringing joy to the community. From 22nd March to 8th April, residents searched for twenty wooden eggs and rabbits hidden in shops throughout the town. Funded by Bargoed Town Council and delivered by Caerphilly County Borough Council, the trail was a success. Participants picked up maps and activity forms from Morrisons, Bargoed Library, and Bargoed Post Office, eagerly setting off on their quest. The chance to win Creme Eggs added extra excitement. The event provided a great opportunity for families and individuals to explore the town, fostering community spirit and spreading Easter cheer throughout Bargoed.



Dementia Action Week

To mark Dementia Action Week, 13th to 19th May 2024, we proudly supported a Musical Tea and Coffee Morning at St. Gwladys' Church Hall's Dementia Cafe.



With connections to local dementia-friendly groups, the event featured engaging musical performances that delighted attendees and inclusive activities designed for all abilities.



**1 in 3 people
living with
dementia do not
have a diagnosis.**

A diagnosis is vital to give people access to the care, treatment and support they desperately need.

Guests also enjoyed delicious refreshments throughout the morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and support those affected by dementia.

Pirate Party

On 29th August, the Parent Network hosted a lively Pirate Party at Angel Lane Field in Gilfach for children up to age 11. Funded by Bargoed Town Council, the event invited kids to dress up as their favourite pirates and enjoy a fun-filled adventure. The Pirate Party was a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, creating treasured memories for all 126 children who attended. We look forward to more family-friendly events in the future.



 **Bargoed Town Council
Community Sport Scheme**

Summer Sport Scheme

Unfortunately, our plans for sports delivery across the two venues in Aberbargoed and Bargoed were scuppered by the delay to repairs at the Hangar in Aberbargoed. However, the scheme was a huge success at Heolddu Leisure Centre in Bargoed with Town Council funding 450 free spaces over the six weeks.

**Ages
7-12**

Free



Festive Treats

Acknowledging the difficulties faced by many families, and in an attempt at maintaining one of those long-standing festive traditions, Members once again supplied every primary school aged child with a chocolate selection pack as a festive treat. Supplies were also given to the two local foodbanks to add to Christmas food parcels so a small treat was provided to those in need.



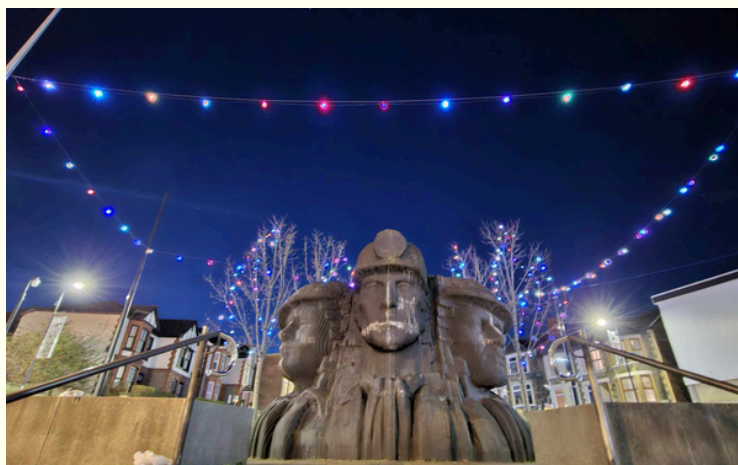
Aberbargoed Fire Station Santa's Sleigh

Our community is very fortunate to have an actively engaged team at Aberbargoed Fire Station who enjoy getting out into the community to engage with residents. This festive season saw Santa's sleigh stopping at Lowri Plaza, the Hangar in Aberbargoed, and the Community Centre on the Park Estate. Members supported the Fire Station team by supplying selection packs that were distributed across the community. Thank You, Aberbargoed Fire Station Santa & Helpers!

Festive Lights

Once again, our community festive lighting schemes were a big hit across all four wards! Sadly, the Christmas tree at St Peter's Church in Aberbargoed didn't quite survive the wet weather. However, the new tree lights in Aberbargoed and Hanbury Square were a real highlight, as were the cheerful new figurines welcoming people into Bargoed, and the refreshed layout at the Capel Interchange in Gilfach.

We're already looking forward to carol singing in Hanbury Square in 2025!



Christmas Party & Christmas Day Lunch

Members financially supported the delivery of two charitable festive events this year. Firstly, the volunteers at St Gwladys Church Hall delivered a tremendously successful party for service users at Llamau, which was attended by the Mayor and his wife. Secondly, the Christmas Day lunch, hosted by Thriving Communities at Bargoed Community Centre, supported by Bargoed Town Council, was also a success, with twenty-three attendees from the Bargoed area. The event was filled with joy and camaraderie, and residents left with goodies, including selection boxes. This event exemplifies the spirit of community in Bargoed.

Biodiversity & Environmental Activities

Bargoed in Bloom

A vibrant celebration of community spirit and creativity. From July 15th to July 26th, Bargoed Town Centre was transformed into a colourful display of floral artistry. Local businesses and residents came together to adorn the town with stunning flower arrangements, living displays, and intricate crochet and knitted floral decorations. The event featured a variety of activities, including a photo opportunity at the flower wall in Pop-Up Wales (the old Spar building). Bargoed in Bloom 2024 not only beautified the town but also fostered a sense of community pride and collaboration. It was a testament to the dedication and creativity of Bargoed's residents and businesses, making it a memorable event for all who participated and visited. Let's continue to celebrate the beauty and community spirit of Bargoed!



***"I like the flowers in Bargoed town,
there's lots of lovely colours"***

Year-Round Displays

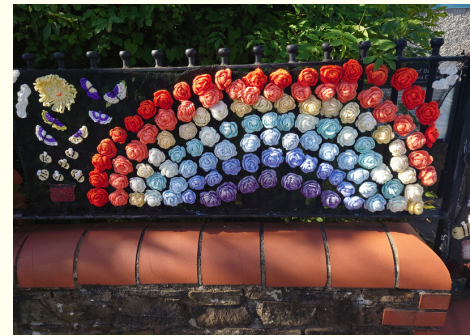
In response to residents' feedback, Members opted to trial a NEW planting regime and offer Year Round Floral Displays in line with seasonal availability. Autumn/Winter saw the arrival of delicate pansies, cyclamen and primulas, followed by an array of multi-coloured spring bulbs, daffodils, tulips, and crocus, which brought extra colour to our town and lifted residents' spirits after those long Winter months.



***"The lovely array of colour on the flowers on Lowri Plaza brought a huge smile to
my face when I walked by the Miners' Heads this morning"***

Craftwork Displays

Our Resident Crafters simply astound the community with their displays of crochet and knitting that all add to the amazing colour through the town centre while drawing children's attention to the natural world and environment in which we all live.



Self-Watering Octagonal Planters

These new planters complete the town council's move to increased use of self-watering planters and greater use of pollinator friendly shrubs.



The donated purple flowering shrubs in memory of Councillor Dianne Price (RIP) gave an array of colour on Hanbury Square during the Bargoed in Bloom festival attracting huge numbers of pollinators.

New Plantings in Our Parks

Local Parks Update

Bargoed Town Council, in partnership with the Caerphilly County Borough Council's Parks Department, is pleased to share some exciting updates to our local parks. These enhancements not only beautify our community but also foster togetherness and strengthen biodiversity resilience.

Yew Street Park Orchard

We've added new plantings to the Yew Street Park Orchard, giving it a fresh look and making it an even nicer place to visit. This project was significantly supported by our dedicated councillors who actively participated in the planning and planting processes throughout the year. The new plantings include a variety of fruit trees and native plants, which will provide habitat for local wildlife and contribute to the ecological health of our area.

New Orchard in Bargoed Park

We've also planted a new orchard in Bargoed Park. This new addition aims to create a peaceful and beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. The orchard features a diverse range of fruit trees, which will not only offer a serene environment for relaxation but also support local biodiversity by attracting pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Community Effort

These projects were made possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, including our councillors, whose contributions were invaluable. The collaborative effort of our community members has been instrumental in bringing these improvements to life. By working together, we have created spaces that promote social interaction, community spirit, and environmental stewardship. We invite all residents to come and see the changes for themselves. Our parks are now more inviting than ever, offering a place where people can connect with nature and each other. These enhancements are a testament to what we can achieve when we come together as a community, fostering a sense of belonging and resilience.



COMMUNITY ORCHARDS



What Our Residents Say is Special about our Community

We have a great community with great people. Free music, free events, keep doing what you're doing!



Our People are some of the friendliest, most welcoming in the world

I love the Community Spirit in Aberbargoed

The People Friendship Events

Love the community events provided by the Town Council and we have a fabulous library service



People try to help each other where they can

What is done for Older People

Our community is quiet and peaceful without the worry of any gangs

Bargoed Park is a nice place to walk. We have a good library. People are friendly and helpful



The community is trying to be more inclusive by putting on events such as the St David's Day Lunch

A Good Community Spirit, very friendly and supportive

We have wonderful green spaces within and surrounding us. Aesthetically, our environment is much nicer than ever

Grants & Donations

Bargoed Town Council runs a small grants scheme that supports community activities and projects. A maximum of £250 can be applied for under this scheme.

In the 2024-25 financial year, Members awarded the following organisations £250:

Platfform

East View
Allotment
Association

Aberbargoed
Community
Action Team
x 2

Bargoed
Male Voice
Choir

Oakland
Hall
Allotment
Association

Margaret
Street
Allotment
Association

St Gwladys
Church Hall
(Llamau Childrens
Party)

The
Parent
Network

Knit and
Natter Club

Tarraggan
Educational
Gardens

Bargoed
Community
Choir

Aberbargoed
Ladies' Choir

Bargoed
Amateur
Boxing Club

Eisteddfod
Y
Cymoedd

Cerebral
Palsy
Cymru

YYFM
Hospital
Radio

Llamau
Bargoed

**24 Bargoed residents were supported by the
Christmas Day lunch at Gilfach Bargoed
Community Centre**



**Operation Santa helps make Christmas
special for hundreds of Children who
may not otherwise receive a gift**



Each year, Members assign a budget for discretionary donations supporting charitable causes, community venues and cultural activities that benefit local people.

In 2024-25 donations were made to:

Kids
Cancer
Charity

Cartref
Community
Hall

Operation
Santa

Wales
Air
Ambulance

Hospice of
the Valleys

Hengoed
Happiness and
Wellbeing CIC

St Gwladys
Church Hall

Gilfach
Bargoed
Community
Centre

SSAFA -
Soldiers, Sailors
Air Force
Association

Rhymney
Valley
Foodbank

Gilfach
YMCA

St Gwladys
FareShare
Foodbank



**Hospice of the Valleys was one
of the Cancer Charities that
benefitted from the Mercedes
Thomas Memorial Tractor Run.**

Financial Information

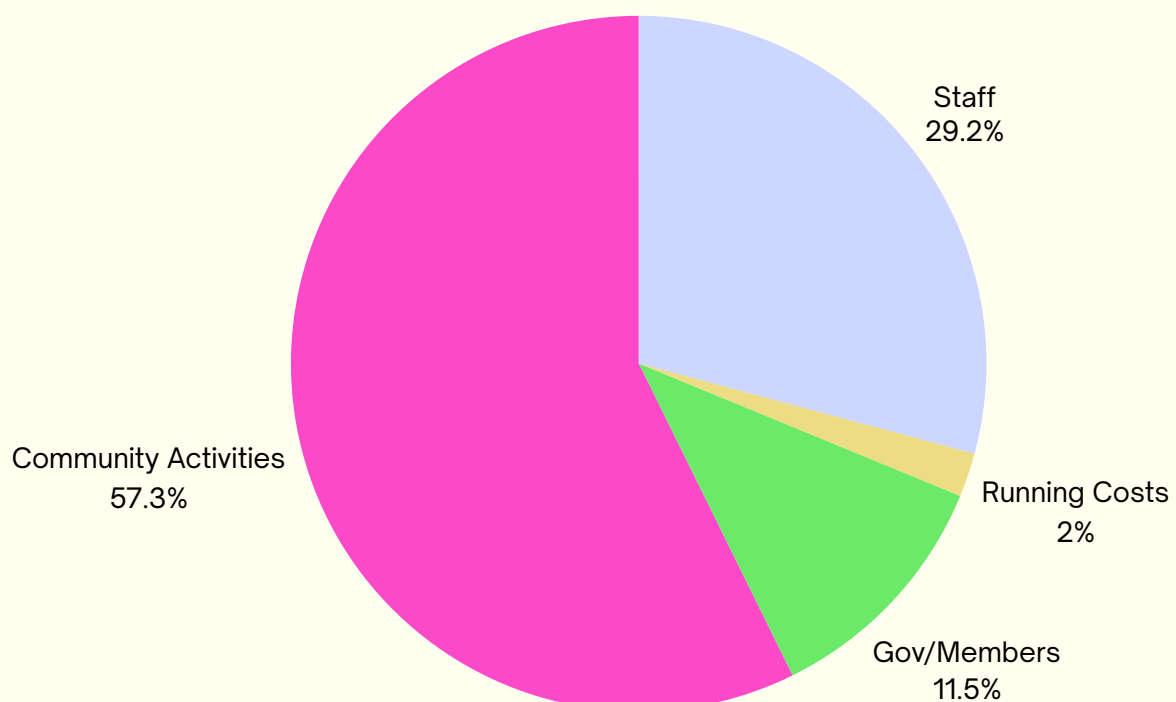
As of 31st March, 2025

Town and Community Councils' primary means of income is through the 'precept.' This is the proportion of annual council tax that is paid by the electorate towards supporting the local council sector. In addition to the precept, councils may have income from investments, fees for services, grants and donations, or refund of VAT payments from HMRC.

For the 2024-2025 financial year, the precept was £193,552

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Bank Interest	3,660	Governance/Members	19,693
Precept	193,552	Staff Costs	50,048
HMRC VAT Recovered	6,147	Community Events & Activities	98,263
Donations	500	Running Costs	3,497
Total Receipts	203,859	Total (net) Payments	171,501

Almost 60% spent on Community Activities



** Reduction from 2023-24 for reasons beyond Town Council control:
e.g. weather related event cancellations which are reflected in Earmarked Reserves

Audit and Reserves

Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 requires community and town councils in Wales to make up their accounts each year to 31 March and to have those accounts audited by the Auditor General for Wales.

Regulation 14 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 states that smaller local government bodies, i.e. those with annual income and expenditure below £2.5 million, must prepare their accounts in accordance with proper practices.

Why is it important that Town Council has reserves?

- To support opportunities for growth and development of new projects and services in the community.
- To manage unexpected occurrences.
- To spread the cost of planned renewal of big items such as festive lights.
- For invoices not yet received



Bargoed Town Council currently holds the following reserves:

Elections	Project completion	Outstanding Invoices	Care Costs	Environment	Youth
Events	Contingencies	Running Costs	Noticeboards	I.T.	Festive Lights

2024-25 PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS

Total Work From Home	Total Consumables	Senior Role Total	Mayor's Personal Payment	Deputy Mayor Personal Payment	Total Financial Loss Payments	Total Travel Costs	Total Care Costs	Total Attendance Allowance	Grand Total	No. of Members declined WFH	No. of Members Declined Consumables
1,456.00	485.32	0	0	353.00	0	0	0	0	2,285.66	3	3

“There are many beautiful places in the world and we are lucky enough to live in one. We are very proud of our mining heritage and our beautiful landscape is reclaimed from that....A visitor to our wonderful library remarked on the view across the valley to Aberbargoed, taking in the wonderful Bargoed Country Park”

Members' Information

In accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Bargoed Town Council produces a Training Plan, which is updated annually. During the 2024-25 fiscal year, Members undertook training as follows:

- New Councillor Induction:** Cllrs BissexFoster, McCarthy
- The Council:** Cllrs BissexFoster, McCarthy
- The Councillor:** Cllrs BissexFoster, Y Price, McCarthy
- Code of Conduct:** Cllrs BissexFoster, McCarthy
- The Council Meeting:** Cllrs BissexFoster, McCarthy
- Introduction to Planning** (Planning Aid Wales): Cllrs BissexFoster, McCarthy
- Introduction to Community Engagement:** Cllrs M IngramJones, McCarthy
- Community Engagement Part II** Cllr M IngramJones
- Understanding the Law:** Cllrs BissexFoster, D IngramJones, Y Price, McCarthy
- The Council as an Employer:** Cllrs Y Price, McCarthy
- Information Management:** Cllr Davies
- Devolution of Services / Community Asset Transfer:** Cllrs Collins, Davies
- Wellbeing of Future Generations Act/Sustainability:** Cllrs Collins, Davies
- Health & Safety:** Cllrs Andrews, Carroll, McCarthy
- Finance & Governance Toolkit:** Cllrs Andrews, Llewellyn
- Local Government Finance:** Cllrs Andrews, D IngramJones, McCarthy
- Chairing Skills:** Cllr McCarthy
- Equality & Diversity:** Cllrs Andrews, Bissex, BissexFoster, Carroll, Davies, HamerThomas, McCarthy, Y Price

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Town Council meets monthly at **6pm on a Wednesday**, except August when council is in recess. A list of monthly meeting dates can be found on the town council website. Meetings take place on a **hybrid basis using the Microsoft Teams platform** from the Courthouse building at Bargoed Police Station. The public is entitled to attend most meetings of council. If you would like to attend a meeting, contact the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to discuss options and obtain a meeting agenda. The table below indicates Member attendance records for 2024-25.

	CA	JB	CBF	RC	PC	JD	SHT	D I J	M I J	HL	JM	RP	YP	DW
F	11/12	11/12	7/7	12/12	12/12	12/12	10/12	9/12	6/12	12/12	7/7	7/12	9/12	2/3
EE		1/5		5/5	5/5		4/5	4/5			1/2	0/5	4/5	
EW	2/2	0/2					1/2	1/2	1/2	0/2		0/2		
PR	7/9	7/9	3/6	9/9	8/9	6/9				5/9				
HR	4/5			5/5	4/5	4/5				3/5				

KEY :

F = Full Council Meeting; EE = Events & Environment Committee; EW = Engagement & Wellbeing Committee; PR = Policy & Resources Committee; HR = Human Resources & Staffing Committee.

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