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Dear Clark of the Council,

EISTEDDFOD Y CYMOEDD / VALLEYS EISTEDDFOD

We are delighted to be celebrating once again this year our Welsh language, culture, and heritage by holding Eisteddfod y Cymoedd this autumn. This is an annual event, this year in its 20th year, held to showcase talent from across the Caerphilly County Borough, as well as welcoming competitors from neighbouring areas.

I am writing on behalf of the Eisteddfod y Cymoedd Committee to appeal for any financial assistance that your Council may be able to contribute towards maintaining a successful Eisteddfod once again this year.

This year the Eisteddfod will be held on the evening of **Friday 16th October 2026** at the Gwyndy Campus of Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni, Caerphilly.

The Eisteddfod's objectives are as follows:

- To create an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in a community activity whilst promoting the use of the Welsh language in an inclusive setting within the County Borough.
- To strengthen the community's cultural and linguistic identity by encouraging participation by Welsh speakers, Welsh learners, and non-Welsh speakers.
- To nurture the talent and confidence of people of all ages to perform and compete.
- To encourage a varied cross section of people from within the County Borough to assist in the organisation and management of the event.

In these difficult economic times, it is important that we encourage local performing arts by providing an opportunity for them to be staged before an enthusiastic and supportive community who are very appreciative of a lively evening's entertainment. We were hoping to appeal to new competitors and attract a wider audience of all ages and linguistic background from across the County Borough and beyond. We are confident that once again all seats will be taken for several hours during the evening, with the numerous choirs from the local junior schools of the area being the highlight amongst the audience on an annual basis.

The Committee is grateful for all contributions received. We would like to make an appeal for financial assistance towards publicity, prizes, administrative costs and catering. A financial contribution will enable us to proceed with our plans to attract interest from individuals, organisations and societies/local groups as well as attracting competitors from your area by providing them with a stage worthy of competitions of the highest standards, whilst enhancing the reputation of the area as a centre for culture and local talent.

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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