

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF**



**LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**REPORT OF THE CLERK**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ACROSS LLANTWIT FARDRE  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is for Members to consider the introduction of Christmas lights and festive decorations within the Community Council wards for the first time, following feedback and requests received from residents through social media, community engagement activities, and direct correspondence with Councillors.
- 1.2** Over recent years, residents have increasingly expressed a desire to see festive lighting and decorations installed within the community during the Christmas period. Feedback received through social media platforms, local events, community groups and direct contact with Councillors has highlighted a strong level of public support for the introduction of Christmas lights across the Community Council area.
- 1.3** Residents have commented that festive lighting would help create a sense of community spirit, improve the appearance of local centres and public spaces during the Christmas season, and provide a focal point for residents and visitors alike.

**1.4** As the Community Council has not previously provided Christmas lights within its wards apart from the front of the Carnegie Parish Hall. Members of the Leisure and Amenities are asked to consider the initiative and explore the way forward.

**1.5** Feedback received from residents have included:

- Creating a more festive atmosphere with the wards
- Recognising the positive impact that Christmas lights can have on a community wellbeing and civic pride
- Uniting the residents to enjoy festive celebrations.

## **2. CONSIDERATION**

**2.1** Should Members agree to proceed with the proposal a number of factors would require further investigations, including :

- Suitable locations for festive lighting display
- Ownership of lighting columns
- Electrical supply requirements and ongoing energy costs
- Installation, maintenance and removal arrangements
- Public Liability, health and safety and inspection requirements
- Opportunities for partnership working

**2.2** Within the 2026/27 Budget the Community Council has set a budget for street furniture of £25,000 which could be used as an initial phase of a three-to-five-year plan.

**2.3** Potential costs may include:

- Purchase of lighting displays and decorations
- Installation and removal
- Electrical connections and energy consumption
- Annual testing, maintenance and storage costs

**2.4** Attached at Appendix 1 is feasibility plan identifying potential locations. Members may wish to commence a working group to look more closely at locations and report back to the Committee and Council when complete.

## **3. RECOMMEDATIONS**

**3.1** Note the feedback received from residents regarding the introduction of Christmas Light within Llantwit Fardre Community Council Areas

**3.2** Agree in principle to explore the feasibility of installing Christmas Lights for the first time within the Community Council area

**3.3** Agree to establish a working group to review potential locations and associated costs or alternatively agree that officers may exercise their discretion to identify the most suitable locations to commence the process.