



Agenda

Full Council – Thursday 24th July 2025 @ 6pm (Hybrid Meeting)

Presiding Member: Cllr C. Thomas

Town Mayor: Cllr C. Morgan

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of Members interests.

To receive disclosures of personal interests from members.

Note: Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter to which their interest relates and to signify the nature of the personal interest; and where Members withdraw from the meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a personal interest, they must notify the Chair when they leave.

3. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

To note the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 imposes a duty on public bodies including the Town Council to carry out sustainable development in accordance with the sustainable development principle and to act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

4. To allow the public (if present) to speak on any item on the agenda or ask questions (3 mins max).

5. Minutes.

To approve the following minutes:

Council Meeting – 26th June 2025

Regeneration, Events & Museum Committee – 7th July 2025

Policy and Finance Committee – 10th July 2025

6. Town Mayor Announcements.
7. Chief Executive's Report (pages 1-11)
 - 7.1 Community Development Team Update
8. Planning Applications (pages 12-17)
9. Correspondence (pages 18-20)
 - Pontypridd Town Centre Footfall Report Quarter 2 April – June 2025
 - Thank you/Diolch – Osian Rowlands
 - Rhydyfelin Community Group thank you letter



Tony Graham
Chief Executive/Town Clerk
17th July 2025

***The zoom link for the meeting is available on request by emailing
info@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk***

Please Note

If there are any specific details you wish to raise regarding, for example, background information or require additional detail, it would greatly assist if you could contact the office in advance so that the information and answers can be made available at the Meeting.

Any members of the public wishing to ask questions, may do so by setting out their questions in writing and sending it to the Council at least 3 clear days prior to the Council meeting.



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Chief Executive's Report

Council – 24th July 2025

1. Community Development Team Update (pages 2 - 11)

Members may be aware that a report was provided to the Environment, Land Use & Planning Committee earlier in the year setting out the work carried out by the Community Development Team at Meadow Street Community. A copy of that report is attached.

The Chief Executive has asked HW to present an update to Members setting out the work carried out across the Town Council by her team. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments after the presentation.

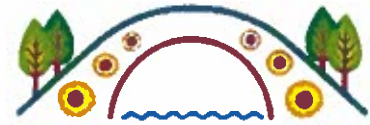
DECISION REQUIRED:

To note the report.

2025

Meadow Street Community Garden and Woodland update.

January – May



MEADOW STREET
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It's been an exceptionally busy few months at Meadow Street Community Garden and Woodland. We have initiated new projects, welcomed enthusiastic volunteers, and observed an increase in visitors, and hosted some very special guests from the Royal Household.



**We are part of the National Forest for Wales and have Green
Flag Status**

Events and Projects



Easter Trail

We are pleased to announce that our site is now fully accessible to everyone, complete with a baby changing area. This allows us to promote seasonal events more effectively. This Easter, we organised an Easter egg hunt on two Thursdays during the holiday, which received great community support, attracting over 150 attendees.

USW - Therapeutic Arts

The Creative and Therapeutic Arts Department at USW makes excellent use of the site as a significant learning resource. They create a variety of installations that are both artistic and functional, many of which are situated in the garden, offering engaging activities for visitors.

Additionally, they hosted a garden party at the site, drawing in numerous visitors and newcomers to the garden.



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Artwork left by
the students

Camau Gwyrdd

We are participating in the Camau Gwyrdd Project and have been chosen as a Champion site. This initiative is managed by Social Farms and Gardens, with funding from the National Lottery, and aims to get people to take the first steps to take climate action. We will be running several workshops over the next two years, which will be funded by the Camau Gwyrdd Project.



RCT Youth Engagement were the first group to take part in the Camau Gwyrdd Project, we hope to organise many more.

School and Young People's Engagement

An invitation has been extended to all schools in Pontypridd to participate in a session at MSC, which can be customised to align with their current classroom learning.

We have received a positive response from several schools; however, many find it challenging to cover transportation costs to our site. We are excited to welcome Coedpenmaen and Park Lewis in June and are awaiting responses from additional schools. Our partnership with YEPS continues to strengthen, as they regularly bring a group of young people during each holiday.



Archway sculpture and Start of Nature trail



Next Developments

The busiest part of the year is upon us now, and we hope to welcome new visitors over the summer season, in particular families looking for something FREE to do. We will also be working towards:

- Maintaining the garden and woodland
- Trialling selling flowers and vegetables
- Producing enough produce to share with the food bank, volunteers, and potentially our community projects
- MSC to support other projects in the local community, such as the implementation of the Keep Wales Tidy garden at the Graig Community Centre
- Launching the nature trail in time for the summer holidays
- Running a weekly session along with drop-in sessions as part of the Tymor yr Haf Programme
- Delivering workshops as part of the Camau Gwyrdd project
- Encouraging volunteers to take more responsibility to allow longer opening hours
- Gathering feedback on what benefits/value this project brings to both the wellbeing of the local community and the Town Council
- Investigating more ways to make the project sustainable
- Establishing a Forest School - at MSC and possibly other venues
- Researching the possibility of utilising other open spaces for the community

May Half term Family opening times



COME AND VISIT

Meadow Street Community Garden and Woodland

Opening Times Summer 2025

Tuesday 10am - 4pm
Wednesday 10am - 4pm
Thursday 10am - 7pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

FREE Facilities

- Natural play area
- Picnic benches
- Toilets with baby changing
- Wildlife ponds
- Nature trail



Find us at the end of
Meadow Street,
Treforest, CF37 1UD
01443 490 740

info@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk

Volunteers week celebration Party



EIN GYMUNED

**FOCUS ON PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY
AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK**

Community Development Update

July 2025



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KEY OBJECTIVES SET OUT FROM THE FORWARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Work towards a cohesive
'Ein Cymuned' community
programme

Continue partnership working on
young people's projects

Set out plans for an older person's
project either as partnership or
stand-alone project

Continue the development of
Meadow Street and Green week

Explore feasibility of a community
farm and/or other community
project(s) at Llandraw site

Review use of The Common and/or
Oaklands as potential location for
schools' environmental trails

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1) WORKING TOWARDS A COHESIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Community Projects and Recent Events:

- Monday Meet-up - Museum
- Wednesday Meet-up - Graig
- VE Day Celebrations
- Dig For Victory Visits & Berw Allotments
- Continued partnership with Men's Shed - Mike Oliver
- Parti Bach Ponty & Green Week
- Tymor Yr Haf - Roadshows

Small Grants Received

- Food Fund £1,000 - Graig & Museum
- Food Fund £1,000 - Meadow Street
- Dementia Friendly £2,000
- Keep Wales Tidy Starter Package - Graig Community Centre



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Volunteer Week

A volunteer pizza party was held at Meadow Street during Volunteers Week and included:

- Meadow Street volunteers
- Monday/Wednesday Meet-up Volunteers
- Museum Volunteers

We were donated pizza from 'Phat Pattis' Pizza shop in Trefforest and enjoyed live music while sharing volunteer stories.



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2) CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP WORKING ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECTS

We have successfully engaged with young people over the past few months:

- Half-term event at Taf Meadow community centre aimed at ages 11+
- Young Volunteers programme established to support Tymor yr Haf and future events.
- Regular YEPS sessions held at Meadow Street.
- SPF Funding - Sam from Eggseeds was commissioned to work with ILAN Youth Club and created a sign and a wooden bench with the young people.



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3) SET OUT PLANS FOR AN OLDER PERSON'S PROJECT EITHER AS PARTNERSHIP OR STAND-ALONE PROJECT

We are currently working in partnership with Cwm Taf Health Board, Alzheimer's UK, RCT, and the 50+ Forum to establish weekly dementia-friendly sessions at Pontypridd Museum.

While these sessions have been held monthly, they have lacked consistency. Starting in September, we will be collaborating with our partners to run these sessions weekly.

Certain staff members have undergone Dementia Friendly training, and we are proactively seeking volunteers to assist with these sessions.

We supported Turning Ponty Blue and held an event at the museum.

A Virtual Reality (VR) taster session was held at Pontypridd Museum - work taking place in local care homes.



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4) CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEADOW STREET AND GREEN WEEK

Here are a few key highlights:

- Visitor numbers have significantly increased.
- We have been awarded the Green Flag.
- We are part of the National Forest of Wales.
- We are finalists for the BBC Make A Difference Award for Green Projects.
- We partnered with Pont to establish a Keyhole Garden, which will serve as a valuable learning resource for both our organisation and the Mbale community.
- There are over 40 registered volunteers.
- We have welcomed several schools and community groups, alongside corporate volunteering days.
- Money raised from selling produce, crafts, and the Camau Gwyrdd project.
- Nature and biodiversity are flourishing onsite.

PLEASE SEE THE REPORT SHARED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE IN JUNE FOR FURTHER DETAILS



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5) EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF A COMMUNITY FARM AND/OR OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECT(S) AT LLANDRAW SITE

This location has been recognized by our outdoor initiatives officer as a promising site for a Forest School. With a modest investment, this area could become accessible for schools to implement their outdoor curriculum.

Further consultations on this matter will take place in October / November.



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6) REVIEW USE OF THE COMMON AND/OR OAKLANDS AS POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR SCHOOLS' ENVIRONMENTAL TRAILS

An expression of interest has been put forward to the Woodland Investment grant for the improvements at Coedpenmaen Common. This application has been successful and we have been invited to submit a full application by August 19th.

Main Project Goals:

- Develop an accessible circular footpath
- Create a long-term woodland management plan, Assess the existing environment, then protect, regenerate, and care for the current trees and woodland
- Plant new native trees and hedgerows in suitable areas. Monitor and enhance biodiversity and species habitats
- Thin wooded areas as needed
- Integrate the rich history of the Common with a woodland nature trail and interpretation boards
- Add a boardwalk and pond to further promote biodiversity
- Run an inclusive bilingual engagement program featuring workshops, community events, and outreach activities targeting a diverse audience



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FUTURE PROJECTS – THOUGHTS

- Long-Term Community Development Plans
- Engaging the Community: Consultation and Feedback
- Staff Capacity: Collaborate with partners to enhance delivery capabilities.





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Planning Applications

July 2025
Ward: Cilfynydd

Planning Number	Proposed Development and Proposal	Location	Applicant's Name and Address	Agent's Name and Address
25/0652/CNEI	Install and operate electrical infrastructure and associated connection, including a grid connection (Consultation from neighbouring authority)	Land at Cilfynydd Substation Craig-evan-leysion Common Road Llanfabon	Caerphilly County Borough Council	



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Planning Applications

July 2025 Ward: Hathorn and Lower Rhydfelen

Planning Number	Proposed Development and Proposal	Location	Applicant's Name and Address	Agent's Name and Address
25/0647/FUL	Householder Development. Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a new single storey rear extension.	90 Ynyslyn Road Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5AR	Mr Julian Allen	Huw Williams
25/0679/CPRO	Extension and conversion of existing garage, new roof over existing extension, front porch and turning area to driveway.	80 Cardiff Road Hawthorn Pontypridd CF37 5AA	Miss Yin Sum Lee	

Planning Applications

25/0689/FUL	Householder Development. Raise ridge of dwelling to form two storey dwelling.	Danygraig Heol-Y-Bwnsy Upper Boat Pontypridd	Mr Robins	Mr Ian Parsell
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Planning Applications

July 2025 Ward: Pontypridd Town

Planning Number	Proposed Development and Proposal	Location	Applicant's Name and Address	Agent's Name and Address
25/0687/FUL	Householder Development Construct first floor dormer extension to front elevation.	77 Whiterock Avenue Graigwen Pontypridd CF37 2EY	Mr Mark Sheehan	Mr Roger Evans



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Planning Applications

July 2025
Ward: Trallwng

Planning Number	Proposed Development and Proposal	Location	Applicant's Name and Address	Agent's Name and Address
25/0701/FUL	Minor Dwellings (C3) Change of use from office to domestic residence.	Office, 4 Bonvilston Road Pontypridd CF37 4RD	Mr Andrew Hennessy	Mr E Rolley



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Planning Applications

July 2025
Ward: Treforest

Planning Number	Proposed Development and Proposal	Location	Applicant's Name and Address	Agent's Name and Address
25/0694/FUL	Householder Development Removal and replacement of unsafe front boundary wall. Creation of additional parking area with raised decking/car port over. Drop kerb to access new parking area.	58 Llantwit Road Treforest Pontypridd CF37 1TY	Mr Colin Dyer	Ms Grace Allin
25/0718/FUL	Minor Dwellings (C3) Change of use of lower ground floor area from retail occupation to residential.	Broadway Convenience Store – Premier 65 Broadway Treforest Pontypridd CF37 1BD	Mrs Anju Ramnani	Mr Roger Evans

Rhondda Cynon Taf Town Centre Footfall Quarter 2 2025



Pontypridd



Monthly Report

Cluster	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Pontypridd	229,861	216,559	239,079	250,245	248,348	233,501	1,417,593
Pontypridd 110 Taff St	41,423	44,073	59,772	68,867	68,089	67,042	349,266
Pontypridd 56 Taff St	46,443	46,419	58,805	58,341	59,132	55,892	325,032
Pontypridd 72 Taff St	126,927	111,224	101,020	101,004	98,093	88,403	626,671
Pontypridd Mill St	15,068	14,843	19,482	22,033	23,034	22,164	116,624
Total	229,861	216,559	239,079	250,245	248,348	233,501	1,417,593

2024 Quarter

Cluster	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Pontypridd	488,929	548,651	863,142	749,959
Pontypridd 110 Taff St	146,344	155,877	223,297	142,972
Pontypridd 56 Taff St	119,453	173,999	201,892	154,999
Pontypridd 72 Taff St	191,122	186,109	382,862	411,160
Pontypridd Mill St	32,010	32,666	55,091	40,828
Total	488,929	548,651	863,142	749,959

2023 Quarterly Report

Cluster	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Pontypridd	800,258	942,590	1,005,049	786,831
Pontypridd 110 Taff St	224,375	318,017	317,602	217,577
Pontypridd 56 Taff St	233,003	264,307	257,741	201,003
Pontypridd 72 Taff St	326,648	343,883	410,953	349,179
Pontypridd Mill St	16,232	16,383	18,753	19,072
Total	800,258	942,590	1,005,049	786,831

From: Iolo Roberts <ioloroberts70@gmail.com>
Sent: 07 July 2025 10:43
To: pontypriddtowncouncil@gov.uk
Cc: Osian Rowlands <osianrowlands@menteriaith.cymru>
Subject: Thank you / Diolch

English below

Fel Cadeirydd Eisteddfod Pontypridd, rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch i ddiolch yn fawr iawn i chi am y nawdd ariannol a roddwyd gennych ar gyfer yr eisteddfod eleni. Drwy eich caredigrwydd a'ch haelioni chi, roedden ni'n gallu cynnig gwobr deilwng iawn i'r corau buddugol - rhywbeth sydd wedi'i werthfawrogi yn fawr, ac a oedd yn ffordd wych o ddenu corau o safon i'r achlysur.

Roedd yr eisteddfod yn llwyddiant mawr, gyda channoedd o bobl wedi ymweld yn ystod y dydd ac wedi cystadlu. Clywais ganmol i'r wyl ac i'r lleoliad gan niver fawr o bobl yn ystod y dydd - yr wyf yn gwbl sicr ei bod wedi gwneud cyfraniad mawr at ddelwedd Pontypridd.

Diolch eto,

As Chair of Eisteddfod Pontypridd, I am writing to you to sincerely thank you for your financial sponsorship of the eisteddfod last week. Your generosity and kindness meant that we were able to offer excellent prizes for the best choirs at the festival - and that is greatly appreciated by the committee and by the competitors. We were able to attract great choirs to the eisteddfod because of this sponsorship.

The eisteddfod was very successful, with hundreds of people visiting and competing. There was a great deal of praise for the festival and for the town itself, and I am certain that we contributed to the excellent image of Pontypridd.

Thank you again

Iolo Roberts
Cadeirydd / Chairman
Eisteddfod Pontypridd

1/07/25.

Dear Leader / Chief Executive,

We, d like to take this opportunity to thank Pontypridd Town Council for supporting Rhydyfelin Community Groups Summer Fun Day. Your continued support financially and on the ground enables us to do so much more for our community and the wider Pontypridd area .Just for clarity, your logo didn't appear on any of our signage as they had been ordered prior to us knowing we had received funding from you, and we would never presume we were going to get it or indeed take it for granted. We really appreciate your help and continued support. We ensured that we promoted the fact you did support us through various other channels. It demonstrates the strong links we have with you and most of the Town Councillors in the area Please be assured if you require our help at any of your organised events we would be more than happy to assist, as some of us have done and will continue to do. The event was again a huge success attracting nearly 1600 attendees. We think that demonstrates that partnership working gains results. Once again Diolch Yn Fawr.

Maureen Webber

M. Webber.

Chair Rhydyfelin Community Group