

Agenda

Full Council – Thursday 26th June 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).
- Minutes.

To approve the following minutes:

Council Meeting – 22nd May 2025 Environment, Land Use & Planning Committee – 2nd June 2025 Policy and Finance Committee – 12th June 2025

- 6. Town Mayor Announcements.
- 7. Chief Executive's Report (pages 1-29)
 - 7.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Return and Accounts (2024-25)
 - 7.2 Social Value Evaluation Tool
- 8. Planning Applications (pages 30-38)
- Correspondence none received that hasn't been addressed or forwarded to Members

Tony Graham Chief Executive/Town Clerk 19th June 2025

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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.



Chief Executive's Report

Council – 26th June 2025

1. <u>Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), Audit and Accounts</u> 2024/25 (pages 5-19)

Following the recent completion of the internal audit, the Annual Return documentation together with the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025 are attached. This documentation is to be completed, signed and certified by 30th June 2025 to enable it to be sent to external auditors (Audit Wales) by 7th August at the latest.

Background

These papers are put before Council for consideration, approval and completion.

The Council is responsible for ensuring that its accounts are properly prepared, published and audited. The Chief Executive, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, ensures that the accounts are prepared in accordance with the appropriate Regulations and Internal Auditors (BPU) check that the Council has prepared its accounts properly and that they agree with the Council's records. As the Council's internal auditors, BPU sign a section of the report confirming all our financial activities are being conducted appropriately and in accordance with legislation and our Financial Regulations (see pages 8-10).

The External Auditor performs its statutory responsibilities through the examination of the accounts or Annual Return and by responding to any issues raised by members of the public. The Public Audit (Wales) Act gives members of the public certain rights relating to the accounts and the audit. They may inspect the accounts and related records or contact the external auditor. Audit Wales will ensure that the Town Council has effective financial checks and balances in place and prepares the accounts properly.

There are two pieces of legislation that govern the accounting of public funds managed by the Town Council and these are the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014. The requirement for local Councils to prepare accounts annually and to subject them to external audit comes

from the Act. Each year Audit Wales prepares the Annual Return for Councils to use when submitting their accounting statement.

The purposes of the statutory Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR) are to:

- report the annual accounting statement of the Council
- certify that the Council has discharged its statutory duties in relation to its financial affairs
- record the external auditor has fulfilled its statutory responsibilities

Current Position and Internal Controls

Members are referred to the Council's Internal Audit report prepared by BPU Chartered Accountants attached and noted above. Members will note that the eleven areas considered have all received a positive response.

The Annual Governance statement of the Annual Return (see pages 6-8) require Members to note the internal controls which the Council exercises over its finances. Each of these areas will be addressed in the meeting. Members will be asked to agree the Annual Governance statements in the Annual Return during the meeting so the Annual Return can be signed. This is a technical exercise that must be carried out verbally each year. All questions are based on the Finance & Governance Toolkit approved by the Welsh Government.

As Members are aware, in addition to the internal and external audits, 3 nominated Council Members undertake an internal control review. The Policy and Finance Committee receives details of the budgets against actual payments (quarterly) along with details of payments made (monthly). Further financial controls include the review of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. These were most recently reviewed by Members at the AGM in May.

If there are any questions, please let the Chief Executive know in advance of the meeting.

Completion of the Annual Return

Members are referred to the Annual Return documentation. Members are asked to specifically consider each page of this document. Members will see the financial detail, being the Council's income and expenditure balance sheet, for the financial year to 31st March 2025 (see pages 15-17). This information will be attached to the Annual Return 2024/25 once it is completed together with the comments of BPU Chartered Accountants. Once finalised and agreed by Members all papers will be forwarded to the external auditors (Audit Wales).

Members will note on the Annual Return that the Chief Executive/Responsible Financial Officer will certify the relevant part of the document, along with the Chair of Council (Presiding Member), by signing and dating the approval and certification

section on page 8. Members will also note that the internal audit confirmation has been completed by the appropriate authorised person at BPU Chartered Accountants (page 10).

DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- (a) To note the report.
- (b) To consider and note the Council's internal controls and the outcome of the Internal audit.
- (c) To consider the statements as detailed in the Annual Governance Statements and to respond to each of the questions following full consideration of the same.
- (d) Subject to the above to agree the following:
 - (i) The accounting statements including details of income and expenditure for the year ending and the balance sheet at 31st March 2025; and
 - (ii) To certify that the above have been undertaken and completed correctly.
- (e) On consideration of the Annual Return, if agreed, to authorise the Chair/Presiding Member and the Chief Executive to complete sign and date the appropriate page of the Annual Return and forward the document and any additional information requested to external auditors by the required date.
 - (f) In due course to publish details on the Council's website and any other action required regarding inspection.

2. Social Value Report (pages 20-29)

Members may be aware that the Policy & Finance Committee recently considered in detail a draft Social Value Tool that will be used to assess the value of future projects, events and where appropriate new project roles.

The attached (draft) Social Value Evaluation Tool has been developed to support Pontypridd Town Council in assessing which projects and initiatives should be supported or funded. The tool introduces a structured scoring system designed to ensure projects, events and roles align with the Council's strategic priorities and deliver clear value for the community.

In recent years, the Council has supported a range of projects and activities across the community. While many have had clear social value, decisions can sometimes rely on subjective judgment or informal comparison. As financial pressures increase and the Council's community responsibilities expand, it is important that investment decisions are underpinned by a fair, transparent, and consistent process.

The Social Value Evaluation Tool is intended to assist Members and officers in evaluating the potential impact, risk, and cost-effectiveness of proposed projects. It uses ten weighted criteria to score each proposal from 0 (very low value) to 3 (high value) across a range of indicators such as resident impact, demographic reach, volunteer engagement, strategic alignment, and delivery risk.

This tool does not replace the judgment of Members but supports better-informed decisions. It is intended to ensure proposals are considered within a shared framework and offers a clear record of how decisions have been assessed.

Members are invited to note the minutes and decisions of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 12th June 2025.

DECISION REQUIRED:

To note the decision of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 12th June 2025 in respect of the Social Evaluation Tool.

Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 Accounting statement 2024-25 for:

Name of body:

Pontypridd Town Council

		Year	ending	Notes and guidance
		31 March 2024 (£)	31 March 2025 (£)	Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances. A figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.
Stat	ement of income and	expenditure/rece	lpts and paymen	ts
	Balances brought forward	498,495	541,012	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2.	(+) Income from local taxation/levy	790,302	837,970	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
	(+) Total other receipts	242,891	193,938	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4.	(-) Staff costs	501,965	521,431	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
	(-) Total other payments	488,711	465,675	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. ((=) Balances carried forward	541,012	585,814	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
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8. ((+) Debtors	121,062	34,155	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.
	(+) Total cash and investments	439,724	572,903	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-	-) Creditors	19,774	21,244	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
	(=) Balances carried forward	541,012	585,814	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).

12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	2,320,605	2,371,641	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the Council, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

	Agr	eed?	'YES' means that the Council:	Toolkii
	Yes	No*		
 In consultation with the community, we have developed a vision and purpose for the Council and used this vision to inform the Council's plans, budget and activities. 			Has consulted with the community and focussed its activities to meet the community's needs	A, C
 We have adopted a Code of Conduct for members and officers and implemented an appropriate training plan for members to ensure all councillors understand their role and responsibilities. 			Ensures that councillors understand and are equipped to deliver their roles and responsibilities.	В
3. We have ensured that we electronically publish the information the Council is required to publish by law, on its website at [insert name of website].			Is transparent about its activities and provides the public with all information required by law	A, C, D, E
4. We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the Council complies with relevant laws and regulations when exercising its functions, including employment of staff and payment of allowances to members.			Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it does so	
 We have adopted standing orders, financial regulations and terms of reference and ensure that these are followed when conducting business including functions delegated to committees. 			Has adopted rules and procedures to govern how the Council conducts its business including procurement of goods and services.	B, E
6. We have put in place arrangements for: • Effective financial management including the setting and monitoring of the Council's budget • Maintenance and security of accurate and up to date accounting and other financial records • Identifying potential liabilities, commitments, events and transactions that may have a financial impact on the Council.			Calculated its budget requirement in accordance with the law and properly monitors its financial position throughout the year	D
7. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control and management of risk, including: • measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption including clearly documented procedures for authorising and making payments • assessment and management of risks facing the Council • an adequate and effective system of internal audit and reviewed the effectiveness of these arrangements.			Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge including arranging for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	D, E

^{*} Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

Considered and taken appropriate action to address weaknesses /issues brought to its attention by internal and external auditors.	D, E
Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit issued by the Auditor General.	Ε
Meets the eligibility criteria to exercise the general Power of Competence	Ε
	action to address weaknesses /issues brought to its attention by internal and external auditors. Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit issued by the Auditor General. Meets the eligibility criteria to exercise the general Power of

Additional disclosure notes

Include here any additional disclosures the Council considers necessary to aid the reader's understanding of the accounting statement and/or the annual governance statement

The following information is provided to assist the read Governance Statement	der to u	ınders	tand th	e accounting statement and/or the Annual
Expenditure under S137 Local Government Act 1972	2			
Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits the Council to secure council considers that the expenditure is in the interest some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is confound to incur expenditure for certain charitable and both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2024-	ts of, an mmensu other pu	nd will burate wurposes	oring dir ith the c s. The n	ect benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or expenditure. Section 137(3) also permits the naximum expenditure that can be incurred unde
In 2024-25, the Council made payments totalling £ 'Other payments' in the Accounting Statement.	NIL		under s	section 137. These payments are included within
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rust Funds				

Council approval and certification

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements and the annual governance statement in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

^{*} Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

Certification by the RFO I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return present fairly the financial position of the Council, and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2025.	Approval by the Council I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council under minute reference: Minute ref:
RFO signature:	Chair signature:
Name:	Name:
Date:	Date:

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: Pontypridd Town Council

The Council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council.

		A	greed?		Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if	
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	detailed internal audit report presente to body)	
Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	1				See Internal Auditors Report	
Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1				See Internal Auditors Report	
The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	-				See Internal Auditors Report	
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	1				See Internal Auditors Report	

^{*} Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

 Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for. 	1	See Internal Auditors Report
Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	~	See Internal Auditors Report
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with contracts/ minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	·	See Internal Auditors Report
Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	1	See Internal Auditors Report

	0 0 0	A	greed?		Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if	
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	detailed internal audit report presente to body)	
Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓				See Internal Auditors Report	
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	>				See Internal Auditors Report	
Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council has met its responsibilities as a trustee.	1				See Internal Auditors Report	

		A	greed?	Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if		
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	detailed internal audit report presented to body)	
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^{*} Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

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^{*} If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: John Huw Palin FCA

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: John Huw Palin FCA

Date: 13 h Tune 2025



^{**} If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

^{*} Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

Pontypridd Town Council Year Ended 31 March 2025 Internal Audit Testing

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Comments	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
Recommendations	None	None None	None None
Findings	Proper Accounting Records The Council's accounts (kept on Scribe) were reviewed, with the debtors, creditors, bank reconciliations and VAT control accounts all checked to ensure they agree to the trial balance at the year end, and that regular checks are made by the Council in relation to these areas.	Meeting Financial Regulations/Testing of Payments The Council's Financial Regulations were obtained. It was agreed at May 2024 AGM that no changes were necessary. Sample testing was undertaken on a number of random purchases. No issues were identified. During the year ended 31 March 2025 The Council engaged a supplier to install, de-install, and store the town's Christmas decorations. This supplier was engaged without a formal tendering process because previous research has identified that it is the only supplier able to provide all of these services. The Council is satisfied that value for money has been obtained in the use of this supplier and that its own financial regulations have been adhered to.	Managing Identified Risks The Council's minutes were reviewed and any relevant items noted. The Risk Assessment was updated and approved in May 2024.
Area (per Section 4 of Annual Return)	-	8	ന

	Internal audit reviews were completed by selected Councillors on four dates during the year ended 31 March 2025, covering the quarters to 31 March 2024, 30 June 2024, 30 September 2024, and 31 December 2024.	None	N/A
4	Annual Precept and Budget Review The Council had prepared a budget for 2024/25 in support of its precept. The comparisons of the budgeted figures to actual costs incurred had also been reported to the Council.	None	N/A N/A
ro	Income Testing The expected precept balance was vouched as having been received. Sample testing was undertaken on a number of random receipts. No issues were identified.	None None	N/A N/A
φ	Petty Cash Sample testing was undertaken on a number of random petty cash payments with all payments being supported by valid receipts, the expenditure authorised and VAT being appropriately accounted for. No issues identified.	None	N/A
7	Wages and Paye Sample testing was undertaken on a sample of employees on the payroll. Salaries were agreed as approved by the Council and to appropriate scale rates. No issues were identified.	None	N/A

	Fixed Asset Register		
	Asset registers are complete, accurate and properly maintained.	None	N/A
	The Council submitted documents to register the Community Centre and certain plots of land, as recommended before 2025, with the Land Registry Office in early 2021. The Land Registry Office has now cancelled the plan for the registration of this land. Whilst we understand that registration of this land is not compulsory, we recommend that the Council continues to review its options for registration in the future.	None	N/A
ത	Bank Reconciliation Monthly bank reconciliations were reviewed and confirmed as being properly carried out.	None	N/A
10	Year End Accounts The year-end accounts have been reviewed to ensure they have been prepared on the correct accounting basis (accruals basis), that they agree to the Scribe trial balance, that there is an adequate audit trail from underlying records and that debtors and creditors have been properly recorded.	None	ΝΑ
11	Trust Funds The Charity Commission website was reviewed to confirm that the Council had met its statutory duties as a Trustee of Coedpenmaen Common and as a Trustee of Berw Road Recreation Ground.	None	V/N
	Trust Funds Continued We have confirmed that the Charities have received less than £10,000 during the course of the year and are therefore only required to submit an Annual Update to The Charity Commission for this year.	None	N/A

N/A	
None	
Appropriate meetings have been held during the year so the Council could fully meet its responsibilities as a trustee.	

BPU Chartered Accountants 18th June 2025



Pontypridd Town Council Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2024		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2025
	Income	
13,752.45	Community Rooms (Museum)	11,439.07
10,877.91	Taff Meadow CC	8,470.00
792,986.84	Income	844,980.03
6,291.78	Museum	25,182.37
2,887.62	Wild Escape	
-350.51	Account Adjustments	50,061.90
18,443.24	Staffing	15,126.29
205.56	Meadow Street	2,935.48
52,892.39	SPF Grant	-6,360.62
1,382.35	New to Nature (NTN)	
1,009.96	Future Generation Commissioner's	ì
78,237.14	The Woodland Investment Grant (1	63,746.46
4,143.00	Allotments & Smallholdings	9,220.00
9,288.20	Events/Regeneration	10,887.76
922.00	Welsh Museums Festivals - Half Te	*
2,722.00	RCT Food Support - Monday Meet	
		1,600.00
500.00	Kids in Museums Grant	
4,100.00	Interlink - Graig Community Centre	
1,144.83	Administration	2,974.21
9,120.52	Direct Services - Support Team	1,232.82
8,275.60	Federation Grant Scheme - Small (
14,360.00	Transport for Wales Grant	293.32
	Flood 2024	10,000.00
	RCT Neighbourhood Network Fund	1,000.00
	Graig Community Centre	3,463.17
	RCT Food Support Fund - Graig Co	•
	Flood Relief Fund	7,226.68
£1,033,192.88		£1,065,678.94
	Expense	
506,404.00	Staffing	527,553.50
2,768.23	Wild Escape	021,000.00
2,244.05	Local Places for Nature - Meadow	
1,434.44	New to Nature (NTN)	
61,384.49	The Woodland Investment Grant (1	60,473,53
13.731.25	Allotments & Smallholdings	9,065.90
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41,788.92	Direct Services - Support Team	29,362,67
18,274.27	Taff Meadow CC	15,006.89
104,838.67	Events/Regeneration	107,815.11
81,985.50	Administration	64,964.19
9,786.87	Meadow Street	6,947.21
68,131.17	Museum	102,188.22
4,614.70	Account Adjustments	21,853.98
9,189.80	Federation Grant Scheme - Small 6	i 1
976.42	Welsh Museums Festivals - Half Te	
649.96	Future Generation Commissioner's	
587.53	HSBC Grant	
308.10	RCT Food Support Grant - Trivalis	66.00
49,171.07	SPF Grant	24,175.08
2,072.88	RCT Food Support - Monday Meet	
597.17	Kids in Museums Grant	307.02
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9,699.68	Transport for Wales Grant	3,287.42
36.53	Graig Community Centre	12,149.56
	RCT Food Support Fund - Graig Co	
	Flood 2024	16,780.54
	RCT Neighbourhood Network Fund	
	Community Rooms (Museum)	313.33
	Income	-248.28

Pontypridd Town Council Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2024		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2025
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	14,999.00
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	270.00
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	60.00
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	233.33
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	126.00
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	110.00
£990,675.70		£1,020,877.10
	General Fund	
334,494.54	Balance at 01 Apr 2024	376,011.72
1,033,192.88	ADD Total Income	1,065,678,94
1,367,687.42		1,441,690.66
990,675.70	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	1,020,877.10
377,011.72		420,813.56
1,000.00	DEDUCT Reserves Balance	-10,000.00
£376,011.72	Balance at 31 Mar 2025	£430,813.56

Reserves:

Earmarked Reserve Balance £155000.00

Pontypridd Town Council BALANCE SHEET 31/03/2025

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2024		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2025
£	CURRENT ASSETS	£
6,559.90	Stocks and stores Work in progress	6,515.45
75,993.23	Debtors (Net of provision for doubtful debts)	12,186.90
4,655.21	Prepayments	1,994.48
33,853.53	VAT Recoverable Temporary lendings (investments)	13,457.97
439,724.11	Cash in hand	572,903.34
560,785.98	TOTAL ASSETS	607,058.14
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
19,774.26	Creditors	21,244.58
541,011.72	NET ASSETS	585,813.56
	Represented by:	
376,011.72	General fund Balance	430,813.56
	Reserves:	
	Capital	
165,000.00	Earmarked	155,000.00
	Adjustments	
<u>541,011.72</u>		<u>585,813.56</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2025

Signed		
	Responsible Financial Officer	
Date		

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Pontypridd Town Council

Prepared by:		Date:	
	Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)		
Approved by:		Date:	
	Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)		

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/0	3/2025		<u></u>
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024			439,724.11
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025			1,169,738.44
				1,609,462.55
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025	5		1,036,559,21
A	Cash in Hand 31/03/2025 (per Cash Book)			572,903.34
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements	3		
	Petty Cash	31/03/2025	150.00	
	CCLA	31/03/2025	50,104.37	
	Petty Cash - Meadow Street	31/03/2025	50.00	
	Charge Card	31/03/2025	0.00	
	Payroll Account Commercial Call - Lloyds Bank	31/03/2025 31/03/2025	0.00 7,260.20	
	Business Account - Lloyds Bank	31/03/2025	515,338.77	
				572,903.34
	Less unpresented payments			
	Plus unpresented receipts			572,903.34
В	Adjusted Bank Balance			572,903.34
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18 June 2025

Our Ref:

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Mr T Graham Pontypridd Town Council 133 Berw Road Pontypridd CF37 2AA



Dear Tony

As you are aware some adjustments were required to the figures produced by Scribe to arrive at those reported on the Annual Return. These are summarised below.

	Figures exported from Scribe accounting software	Figures as reported on the Annual Return	Difference
Income from local taxation/levy	837,970	837,970	-
Total other receipts	227,710	193,938	33,772
Staff costs	521,431	521,431	-
Total other payments	499,447	465,675	33,772

When you set the above differences against each other they come back to zero. Further detail on the adjustments are shown below:

- Telephone rebate 2,974.21
 This is shown on Scribe as income under the 'Administration Telephone' heading. This rebate is deducted from expenditure for the Annual Return.
- Bad debt correction 14,999.00
 This bad debt provision is shown on Scribe under both income and expenditure. This has been reposted in the Annual Return to be set against the corresponding entry to bring the balance to zero.
- 3. Write off old debtors 15,798.33 In order to clear any older debtor balances from the aged debtors listing a receipt was posted from the bank. To remove this receipt from the bank reconciliation a payment was posted which is shown on Scribe under expenditure rather than income. The debtor write off has been adjusted from expenditure to reduce income.

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Social Value Evaluation Tool (Projects)

1. Purpose of the Tool

The Social Value Evaluation Tool is designed to help Pontypridd Town Council gauge the relative value of proposed or current projects, whether internally delivered or externally funded. The tool supports a more consistent, transparent and structured decision-making process that aligns with the Council's Forward Development Plan and the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

2. Methodology

It is recommended that each project is assessed using ten key criteria. The criteria are listed below in section 4 and are intended to cover a wide range of values and issues the Town Council is seeking to understand and apply which will in turn allow an assessment of the social value of what the Town Council offers to residents.

Each criterion is scored from 0 to 3, where 0 represents no value or contribution and 3 represents excellent or high-value contribution. These scores are added to provide a total score out of 30. The score acts as a guide to help prioritise projects, using the following scoring band, while still allowing councillors to apply discretion where appropriate.

In some circumstances it should be noted that scores including half points will be allowed.

Co-branding and promotion will be important and should be communicated effectively to any grant/award recipients.

3. Scoring Bands

Score Range	Rating	Suggested Action
25–30	→ Very High Value	Project is highly impactful, strategic and an excellent fit with council priorities. Strongly

		consider continuation or expansion of the project.
19-24.9	✓ High Value	Project has clear and measurable value with strong supporting elements. Recommend continuing with confidence.
13-18.9	♣ Mixed Value	Project delivers some value. May need further review.
Below 13	X Low Value	Limited impact or weak strategic fit. Consider alternative approach, restructuring, or reinvestment.

4. Scoring Rationale/Guidance

Each of the 10 categories is scored using the scale in the table below. The scoring is intended as a guide to give a value to each of the categories used in the evaluation. Clearly there is an element of subjectivity involved in the analysis, but it is intended that the values and the meaning attributed to those values will allow a fair and clear application of scores to the project being evaluated.

Score	Label	Meaning
0	Very Low / None	No contribution, potential negative impact or not applicable.
1	Low	Weak or minimal value; underdeveloped or loosely relevant.
2	Moderate / Good	Clear and satisfactory contribution. Meets expectations.
3	High / Excellent	Strong, well-evidenced and impactful contribution. Exceeds expectations or delivers significant value.

5. Evaluation Criteria

The tool evaluates each project against the following categories:

1. Cost to Council – Financial input required and whether there is match funding.

- External Resource Additional time, skills or funding brought in by other organisations.
- 3. Residents Impacted The number of residents directly benefiting from or impacted by the project.
- 4. Demographic Reach Age, socio-economic diversity, and inclusion of underrepresented groups.
- 5. Volunteer Impact Estimated number and wellbeing/value of volunteer involvement.
- 6. Visibility & Perception Impact on community confidence in the Council.
- 7. Partnering Tier Type of organisation leading the work (community, third sector, or private).
- 8. Strategic Fit How well the project aligns with Council's Five Pillars.
- 9. Well-being Goals Contribution to national well-being goals.
- 10. Delivery Risk Likelihood of disruption or failure (e.g. due to weather, lack of delivery partners).

6. Example Applications

The following table outlines how the criteria and the scoring might be combined.

Category	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
Cost to Council	Fully council funded	Majority funded by council	<50% funded by council	<25% funded or clear long-term return
External Resource	No input from others	Small support/in kind only	Shared delivery or expertise	Significant external expertise/fudning
Residents Impacted	Fewer than 100	100-499	500-2,499	2,500+
Demographic Reach	Narrow group only	Some reach	Mixed audience	Broad, inclusive reach
Volunteer Impact	No volunteers	Few (1-5) or unclear benefit	10-25 with clear benefit	25+ with strong support focus
Visibility/Perception	No visibility	Limited or indirect recognition	Moderate profile or public engagement	Strong public association with council
Partnering Tier	Private company	Informal or unclear partner	Third sector charity	Community-led group
Strategic Fit	Not relevant	Loosely linked	Aligns clearly with one pillar	Aligns strongly with 2+ pillars
Well-being Goals	No contribution	tmplied/unclear link	Clear contribution to one goal	Strong contribution to multiple goals

Risk/Fragility	Very high, no	High, some	Medium risk with	Low risk, flexible
	back up	mitigation	contingency	or low exposure

The following worked example (Rhydyfelin Fun Day) which has been used as a test shows how a project might be evaluated to determine its Social Value to the Community and the Town Council.

Category	Notes	Score (0-3)
Cost to Council	£1,500 contribution out of c.£6,500-£7,000=c.20/23% council contribution (well under 25%)	3
External Resource	Organising group sourced most funding, will deliver event; staff time for Council roadshow is modest	2.5
Residents Impacted	No specific number but community fund day in a whole area suggests medium reach (likely 500-1,000)	2
Demographic Reach	All ages in a less affluent area, free or low-cost entry, includes children	3
Volunteer Impact	20-25 volunteers, plus councillors supporting	3
Visibility/Perception	Clear co-branding plus direct presence on site via council roadshow	3
Partnering Tier	Community group (top tier)	3
Strategic Pillar Fit	Strong on pillars 2 (People and Community) and 4 (Well-being through events)	3
Well-being Goals	Strong on 'A More Equal Wales', 'A Healthier Wales' and 'Cohesive Communities'	3
Risk/Fragility	One day event, weather vulnerable but relatively low contribution	2

Total score: 27.5 / 30

Rating: Very High Value (strongly recommended for funding and support)

This example shows the value of the risk category – although the event is vulnerable, its overall exposure is low due to the relatively small investment.

The tool correctly evaluates this as excellent value for money with deep community impact

7. Conclusion

This tool is a decision support framework. It ensures proposals are evaluated fairly and consistently but does not replace councillor discretion or the need for open discussion. The total score provides a guide, not a rule, and the final decision should always reflect the wider context and strategic aims of the Council.

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Social Value Evaluation Tool (Roles)

1. Purpose of the Tool

The Community Role Evaluation Tool has been developed to support Pontypridd Town Council in assessing the value and impact of internal staff roles that focus on community engagement and social value creation. These roles, such as community garden facilitators, community connectors and schools engagement staff, are vital to the Council's ambitions of improving well-being, supporting inclusivity, and delivering services that reach deeply into local communities.

This tool (in a similar way to the social value evaluation tool for projects) offers a structured method for evaluating the return on investment of these roles and supporting informed decisions around continuation, refinement, or redeployment of resources. It ensures that the value of community-focused work is not simply assumed, but critically and fairly assessed and uses similar criteria and methodology as the evaluation tool for projects.

2. Methodology

Each role is scored against ten evaluation criteria (listed below in section 5) that cover both measurable outputs and broader community outcomes. Each criterion is rated on a scale of 0 to 3 based on evidence of contribution or impact (section 4). There are a range of bands (section 3) and the maximum score is 30. Scoring should be based on available data, qualitative feedback, and the professional judgement of the Chief Executive and political leadership.

The final score acts as a guide and does not replace councillor discretion or strategic context. The tool should be used annually, or during times of strategic review or financial pressure, to ensure each role continues to deliver value and aligns with the Council's evolving priorities.

Scoring which includes half points will be allowed.

Current roles will not be assessed using this tool.

3. Scoring Bands

Score Range	Rating	Suggested Action
25–30	▼ Very High Value	Role is highly impactful, strategic and an excellent fit with council priorities. Strongly consider continuation or expansion of the role.
19–24.9	☑ High Value	Role has clear and measurable value. Continue the role with minor adjustments or support.
13-18.9		Role delivers some value. Review the role's focus, delivery model, or resource level.
Below 13	X Low Value	Limited value or weak strategic fit. Consider redeployment, restructuring, or discontinuation.

4. Scoring Rationale/Guidance

Each of the ten criteria should be scored using the scale in the table below. The scoring is intended as a guide to give a value to each of the criteria used in the evaluation. Clearly there is an element of subjectivity involved in the analysis, but it is intended that the values and the meaning attributed to those values will allow a fair and clear application of scores to the project being evaluated.

Score	Label	Meaning
0	Very Low / None	No evidence of contribution or impact.
1	Low	Weak or minimal contribution; underdeveloped, loosely relevant or unclear.
2	Moderate / Good	Clear and satisfactory contribution that meets expectations.
3	High / Excellent	Strong contribution, well- evidenced and exceeds expectations or delivers significant value.

5. Evaluation Criteria

The role is evaluated using the following 10 criteria:

- 1. Community Engagement: Number and depth of residents directly impacted through the role's activities.
- 2. Volunteer Engagement: How many volunteers are engaged, supported, and developed through this role.
- 3. Outcomes Delivered: Tangible outputs such as events, programmes, support sessions, etc.
- 4. Partnerships & Influence: Extent of collaboration with external organisations, public bodies, and community groups.
- 5. Public Trust & Visibility: Impact of the role on residents' confidence in the Council.
- 6. Alignment with Strategic Pillars: How well the role supports one or more of the Council's five strategic pillars.
- 7. Opportunity Cost: What else could be delivered with the same level of financial resource
- 8. Role Dependency: Whether the activity would cease or be severely reduced without the role.
- 9. Sustainability: Ability to attract funding or reduce demand on other services.
- 10. Well-being Impact: Extent to which the role improves well-being and inclusion.

6. Example Application

The following table outlines how the criteria and scoring might be combined.

Category	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
Community Engagement	No local involvement or awareness	Limited or passive engagement (e.g. surveys or posters)	Active involvement with small community groups	Broad, inclusive community involvement (co-design or shred delivery)
Volunteer Engagement	No volunteer involvement	Minimal or informal support (1-5 people, unclear role)	Regular support from a defined group (5-25 volunteers)	Strong and sustained input from 25+ volunteers

				with clear outcomes
Outcomes Delivered	No measurable outcomes	Some potential or early-stage results	Clear measurable outcomes achieved	Strong delivery across multiple intended outcomes
Partnerships and Influence	No partners or external interest	Informal support or limited influence	Recognised partners contributing delivery or strategy	External strategic influence or leadership role
Public Trust and Visibility	No visibility or awareness	Limited recognition or indirect awareness	Moderate recognition or engagement (local press, events)	High visibility and public trust associated with the council
Fit with Strategic Pillars	No identifiable link to the council's strategic priorities	Weak or indirect connection to strategic aims	Clearly aligned with at least one pillar or objective	Strong alignment with 2+ strategic pillars or priorities
Opportunity Cost	High — significant loss of other opportunities	Moderate – tradeoffs required	Low – manageable within current capacity	Minimal – enhances or enables other opportunities
Role Dependency	Fully dependent on one officer or elected member	High dependency with limited resilience	Some distribution of responsibilities or succession planning	Low dependency – strong team or structural support
Sustainability	No plan for continuation	Short-term viability only	Medium-term sustainability with some funding or capacity	Long-term sustainability with clear plan or embedded approach
Well-being Impact	No contribution to well-being	Implied or minimal benefit	Clear support for one area of well- being	Strong contribution to multiple aspects of well-being

7. Conclusion

This tool is a decision support framework and does not replace Councillor/Chief

Executive discretion. The total scores are intended to provide a guide, not a rule, and the final decision will always reflect the wider needs of the organisation.

Roles should be evaluated as required by the Chief Executive with input from direct line managers and relevant councillors. Evaluation should include both qualitative reflection and supporting data such as attendance logs, feedback, volunteer rosters, or funding reports. The tool may also be used in response to specific funding pressures or restructuring exercises.

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June 2025 Ward: Cilfynydd

Planning Number	Proposed Development and Proposel	Location	Applicant's Name and Address	Agent's Name and Address
25/0604/FUL	Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with Associated Infrastructure, including Substation, Earthworks, Access, Drainage, Landscaping and Underground Cabling at land north and south of National Road, Cilfynydd.	Land north and south of National Road Cilfynydd Pontypridd	C/O Agent	Hannah Woodall
25/0619/RVOC	25/0619/RVOC Renewal and Variation of Conditions \$73. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of DNS/3272053 (construction and operation of up to 14 wind turbines and associated infrastructure)	Twyn Hywel Energy	Twyn Hywel Energy Park Ltd	Mr Jack Pugsley

Mr Scott Bailey	
V Griffiths and Son Roofing Ltd Jones Street Cilfynydd Pontypridd	
Installation of storage containers with covered area within yard.	
25/0629/FUL	



June 2025 Ward: Glyncoch

Agent's Name and Address	Mr Roger Evans	
Applicant's Name and Address	Mr Gary Diamond	
Location	Diamond Auto Repairs Ynysybwl Road Glyncoch Pontypridd	
Proposed Development and Proposal	Extend existing structure to provide an MOT testing facility.	
Planning Number	25/0547/FUL	



June 2025 Ward: Graig and Pontypridd West

and Agent's Name and Address	Mr Bobby Clayton	Mr Lee Evans
Applicant's Name and Address	Dr Sarwan Sumon	Mr Mason Pritchard
Location	Pontypridd Railway Station Broadway Pontypridd CF37 1DT	8 Gellideg Road Maesycoed Pontypridd CF37 1EJ
Proposed Development and Proposal	Listed Building. Installation of an OFF Indicator (VR497) on Platform 2 at Pontypridd Station (Listed Building Consent)	Householder development. Proposed rear extensions & detached garage.
Planning Number	25/0590/LBC	25/0634/FUL



June 2025 Ward: Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen

Applicant's Name and Address Address	nal Ltd Mr Nasir Jarjis AEW Architects	Dr Gafyn Rhys Poulton Mr Lee Evans
Location	Unit 3-4 Dutton International Ltd Main Avenue D11 Treforest Industrial Estate Pontypridd	Hawthorn Dental Practice School Lane Rhydyfelin Pontypridd
Proposed Development and Proposal	Advertisement Consent 1no. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1no. internally illuminated LED digital display screen.	Proposed side extension and additional parking to front of property.
Planning Number	25/0565/ADV	25/0576/FUL

25/0625/FUL Minor Dwellings (C3) Separation of existing end of terrace property into a 3 bedroom, two storey terraced house and provision of end of terrace studio style affordable 2 bedroom, two storey.	5/FUL Mir	Se	ten	þe	<u>o</u> d	ten	2 b
lace	nor Dwellings (C3)	Separation of existing end of	race property into a 3	bedroom, two storey terraced	use and provision of end of	terrace studio style affordable	2 bedroom, two storey.
Mr Robert Davis	4 Williams Place	Upper Boat	Pontypridd	CF37 5BH			
	Mr Robert Davis						



June 2025 Ward: Pontypridd Town

Agent's Name and Address		
Applicant's Name and Address	Mr Mark Courtnay Jacobs	
Location	42 Lanpark Road Pontypridd CF37 2DL	
Proposed Development and Proposal	Householder development. Small conservatory to the rear of property.	
Planning Number	25/0613/FUL	



June 2025 Ward: Treforest

and Agent's Name and Address	h Mr Jonathan Pritchard	Mr David Thomas
Applicant's Name and Address	University of South Wales	Ms Tara Jenkins
Location	University of South Wales Llantwit Road Treforest CF37 1DL	14 Stow Hill Treforest Pontypridd CF37 1RZ
Proposed Development and Proposal	installation of fire hydrant water tank, associated ground works, concrete slab and boundary treatments.	Householder development First floor rear extension.
Planning Number	25/0570/FUL	25/0605/FUL

Miss Jazmin Dicker
The Pink Shop 28 Park Street Treforest Pontypridd
25/0606/RVOC Renewal and Variation of Conditions s73. Variation of condition 3 extension of opening hours of planning permission 25/0069/FUL (Change of use of ground floor from A1 to mixed use A1 (sweet shop) and A3 (café/takeaway)
25/0606/RVOC

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