



# Agenda

## Regeneration, Events & Museum Committee – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 @ 5pm (via Zoom)

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1. Welcome and apologies.

2. Declarations of interest.

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.

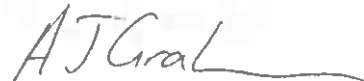
4. Chief Executive's Report. (pages 1-7)
- 4.1 WG Museum Grants – Update
  - 4.2 Ponty & Proud Board - Nominations
  - 4.3 Christmas Events 2026
  - 4.4 Calendar of Events 2026

## **Committee Members**

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Councillor L. Davies  
Councillor J. Brencher  
Councillor C. Morgan  
Councillor H. Fychan  
Councillor M. Powell  
Councillor E. Griffiths

Councillor S. Presse  
Councillor A. Kabid  
Councillor L. Tomkinson  
Councillor C. Thomas  
Councillor L. Lewis  
Councillor C. Lises



Chief Executive/Town Clerk  
24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

***The zoom link for the meeting is available on request by emailing  
[info@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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.



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# Chief Executive's Report

## Regeneration, Events and Museum – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

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### 1. Welsh Government Museum Grants - Update

Members will be aware that 2 Welsh Government grants are due to complete in March and the Chief Executive will provide an update on current progress.

In addition, there is a third grant application in progress at the moment and in light of NB's decision to leave the Town Council the Chief Executive will provide a further update regarding this grant application.

#### **DECISION REQUIRED:**

To note the report.

### 2. Ponty & Proud Board – Nominations (pages 3-5)

Members will be aware that each year in January nominations are invited from Councillors for the Ponty & Proud Board. This year 2 nominations were received by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 as follows:

- (i) Dr Geoff Lloyd (nominated by Cllr C. Roberts)
- (ii) Alyn Wallace (nominated by Cllr S. Powderhill)

It has previously been agreed that it would be usual for only one person to be added to the board each year but in exceptional circumstances this can be increased to two people. The people added to the board are expected to have been born or lived in Pontypridd and to have made a significant contribution to life in Pontypridd.

#### **DECISION REQUIRED:**

Members are invited to confirm who (if anyone) should be added to the board and whether any arrangement for a celebration event should be made.

### **3. Christmas Events 2026**

Members may recall that in a previous meeting it was agreed to take some time in a future meeting to discuss the following:

(i) To discuss the timing of the Christmas Lights switch on event at the March meeting of this Committee and to confirm the funding from RCTCBC for this event.

The date of the switch on is booked for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November to accommodate annual leave. The majority of staff prefer a Friday event but there have been 2 comments from local businesses on Facebook requesting a Saturday event as mentioned previously. The Santa's Grottos are scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. No decision on funding will be made by RCT until April, and this will be communicated as soon as possible.

(ii) To discuss a ticketing system for the Christmas Grotto's in the March meeting.

It is recommended that a ticketing system be trialled on the same day as the BID Festive Takeover (12th?) as this was the date that caused the issues in 2025. The results can then be reviewed.

(iii) To investigate the possibility of an alcohol licence for the wreath and wine night at the museum.

It has been suggested that obtaining such a licence is feasible and will cost c.£30. Members are invited to confirm whether a licence should be applied for.

(iv) To look into the purchase of replacement lights in view of the current lights starting to fail and to consider bringing a report to a meeting later in the year.

This is a significant piece of work involving overhauling the Christmas Lights offering and potentially a significant financial outlay. Members are asked to confirm whether this work should be carried out and whether a small working group should be formed to investigate the options and bring a recommendation to Members.

#### **DECISION REQUIRED:**

To provide the Chief Executive with further instructions.

### **4. Calendar of Events 2026 (pages 6-7)**

Members are invited to review the updated calendar of events for 2026 which is attached.

#### **DECISION REQUIRED:**

To note the report/calendar.

**From:** Chris Roberts [chris.roberts@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chris.roberts@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Re: Ponty & Proud Board - 2026  
**Date:** 28 January 2026 at 18:46  
**To:** Tony Graham [tony.graham@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tony.graham@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk)

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Good evening Tony, I would like to nominate Dr Geoff Lloyd for the Ponty & Proud board.

Over 20 years ago Dr Lloyd was the driving force behind the founding of the PONT- Mbale link, which was formed by building direct personal relationships between the communities of Pontypridd and Mbale, this expanded to encompass the whole of RCT.

Links were put in place which would positively impact and enrich the lives of both communities, in Mbale, health provision, Education, the environment amongst others.

From the beginning, the aim of the partnership was not to impose an agenda of our making but to facilitate and provide support practically, for the local community to develop and grow, through training, donating, through teams visiting, at their own expense, to provide practical support to local leaders. Many local and national leaders have visited Mbale, such as Carwyn Jones, Jayne Davidson and Owen Smith, they have both seen and spoken passionately of the way in which PONT has provided such an impactful and lasting imprint on the lives of many thousands of individuals in Mbale.

I could continue to provide examples of how lives have been touched by this link, I know that Councillor Brencher has visited on a number of occasions and she has spoken powerfully and publicly in endorsing the tremendous work that has been done and continues to be done amongst communities which are numbered as some of the poorest in that region.

Behind the work of PONT, there are many volunteers and unsung heroes but the beating heart of the vision is Dr Geoff Lloyd, without his tireless commitment and absolute dedication to this cause, PONT would never have been born and continues to grow. Geoff has never sought praise or recognition, for Geoff, he is simply doing what he feels is right. If any individual deserves a place on the Ponty and Proud board, I believe it is Dr Geoff Lloyd.

I would consider it a privilege, to nominate him for this award.

Best regards, Chris.

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

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**From:** Tony Graham <[tony.graham@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tony.graham@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk)>  
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**Cc:** Carol Hindley <carol.hindley@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Ponty & Proud Board - 2026

P'nawn Da Pawb / Good Afternoon All,

As you are aware we have a protocol for nominations to the Ponty & Proud Board each year which has been agreed by the Regeneration, Events and Museum Committee.

If Members wish to nominate anyone for the Board they should write to me via email by the end of January with their nominations. The e-mail should provide details of the person(s), their connection with Pontypridd and our reasoning as to why they should be included on the Board.

Any nominations would be considered at the next meeting of the R, E & M Committee (2nd March) and if there are multiple nominations a decision would be made by the Committee.

Therefore, could I ask anyone who intends to nominate an individual to let me have that nomination by 31st January please.

Regards/Cofion

Tony Graham MSc FSLCC  
Chief Executive / Town Clerk  
Pontypridd Town Council

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**From:** Steve Powderhill Steve.Powderhill@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Ponty and proud board  
**Date:** 6 January 2026 at 13:16  
**To:** Tony Graham tony.graham@pontypriddtowncouncil.gov.uk



Dear Tony,

I am writing to respectfully propose that Alyn Wallace, a young man born in Pontypridd, be considered posthumously for the Ponty and Proud Board in recognition of his extraordinary achievements and enduring legacy. Alyn travelled the world as an internationally award-winning and renowned astro photographer and author. Wherever his career took him, he never forgot his roots and consistently promoted his beloved Pontypridd and Welsh heritage. His work was instrumental in the promotion and instigation of "Dark Skies" locally, he was widely featured by the BBC, and frequently used in international advertising campaigns by multinational companies.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Alyn was an avid and inspirational tutor, guiding hundreds of budding astro photographers and leaving a lasting impact on the global community of enthusiasts. Tragically, he passed away at the age of 34 due to multi-organ failure following illness that weakened his immune system, while living and working in Istanbul.

He is survived by his parents and brother, who remain in Pontypridd. His inclusion for this award would bring immense comfort and pride to his family, myself, and the many people who continue to feel the loss of his passing. Honouring him would not only celebrate his remarkable contributions but also inspire future generations in our community.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Cllr Steve Powderhill

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## 2026 Events

Every Monday - Monday Meet Up 10am 1:30pm in the Museum Community Room, Every Wednesday Graig Meet up, Every Tuesday 'The Bridge' dementia Support Group.

<b>March 2026</b>				
1/03/26	St David's day	Meadow Street	HU	Take part in willow weaving and create a giant Daffodil
22/03/26	Get Growing session 1	Meadow Street	HU	New series of 'learning to grow your own' sessions. One in March, June and August.
<b>April 2026</b>				
April 26	Mayors Concert	Pontypridd Museum	KM/CH/NB	Organ Concert
April 2 & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt	Meadow Street	HU	Easter Egg Hunt
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	USW Garden Party	Meadow Street	HU	USW Therapeutic Art Exhibition/Trail
April	Graig Funday	Graig Community Centre	ES	Family Activities
<b>MAY 2026</b>				
8/05/26 - 10/05/26	PArt26 Weekend	Museum	TT	Display (one student) (Becky Davies, USW)
16/05/26	Start of Tymor Yr Haf 25 Choir Festival		CH	
				NB.
18/05/26 - 22/05/26	Dementia Action Week	Pontypridd Town Centre and Meadow Street	HW	Supporting Turning Ponty Blue
31/05/26	Wellbeing Weekend	Meadow Street	HU/HW	Open day supporting everything well-being
25-30 <sup>th</sup> June	May Half term Activities	TBC	HW CF	
May/June	Ponty In Bloom		CH/KM/LD	
<b>JUNE 2026</b>				
1/6/25	Volunteers Week	Museum	HW/TT/CF	Celebration events
7/6/26	Green Week	Meadow Street	Hu / HW	
13.6.26 -15.6.26	Parti Ponty		Menter Iaith	
<b>JULY 2026</b>				
Summer Holidays Tymor Yr Haf 6 weeks Holidays	Tymor Yr Haf Summer fun days	At various location across PTC areas.	HW	Details to be confirmed
24.7.26 - 26.7.26	Bandstand Celebration, Ynysangharad Park			
25.7.26	RCT Pride event		RCT Pride	
31.8.26 - 2.8.26	Jazz Festival		CH	
Nature Explorers Summer Holidays	Summer holiday Nature Explorers sessions	Meadow Street	HU/HW	Summer Holiday Provision
<b>AUGUST 2026</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b>				
4.9.26 - 6.9.26	Brass Band Festival		CH	
Christmas planning month				
17/09/26	Harvest Festival	Meadow Street	HU	Harvest meal for families
<b>OCTOBER 2026</b>				
Christmas planning month				
9/10/26 - 11/10/26	Morfydd Owen Festival 26	Museum + other venues	CF/CH	TBC
26/10/26 - 30/10/26	Half term week/Halloween activities	Museum + other venues	CF/CH/HW	Welsh Museums Festival 25 (funding)
TBC	Supplying of Christmas Trees		CH	
TBC	Christmas Card Competition		CF	
11/10/26	Apple Day	Meadow Street	HU/HW	Apple juicing and crafts
<b>NOVEMBER 2026</b>				
8/11/26	Remembrance Sunday		CH	In conjunction with RCT.
11/11/26	Armistice Day		CH	

20/11/26 4:30pm – 6:30pm	Christmas Lights Switch on		CH/KM	
<b>DECEMBER 2026</b>				
5/12/19th December	Santa's Grotto	Museum	CH KM	