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**Date / Dyddiad: 5 January 2016**

Dear Councillor,

**TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM**

A meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices Angel Street Bridgend CF31 4WB on **Monday, 11 January 2016 at 4.00 pm.**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence  
To receive apologies for absence (to include reasons, where appropriate) from Members/Officers
2. Declarations of Interest  
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 8  
To receive for approval the Minutes of the meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum of 21 September 2015.
4. Urdd Gobaith Cymru National Eisteddfod 2017 9 - 18
5. Community Asset Transfer Update 19 - 20
6. Schedule of Agenda Items 21 - 24
7. Urgent Items  
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully

**P A Jolley**

Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Regulatory Services

**Distribution:**

Councillors:

S Aspey  
M Butcher  
CA Green  
EM Hughes  
RD Jenkins  
CL Jones

Councillors

HE Morgan  
MEJ Nott OBE  
G Phillips  
DR Pugh  
CL Reeves  
M Reeves

Councillors

CE Smith  
RL Thomas  
HJ Townsend  
R Williams  
M Winter

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 4.00 PM

Present

M Butcher	EM Hughes	CL Jones	HE Morgan
G Phillips	DR Pugh	CL Reeves	M Reeves
RL Thomas	HJ Townsend	R Williams	

Town/Community Councillors

Councillor A Davies – Coity Higher  
Councillor R Davies – Laleston  
Councillor C R Griffiths – Llangynwyd Middle  
Councillor P W Jenkins – Maesteg Town  
Councillor M Jenkins – Ogmore Valley

Officers:

Darren Mephram	Chief Executive
Mark Shephard	Corporate Director - Communities
Lee Jones	Head of Regulatory Services
Gary Jones	Head of Democratic Services
Sarah Daniel	Democratic Services Officer - Committees

96. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Councillor H Townsend was nominated and seconded to Chair the meeting.

97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members/ Officers for the reasons so stated:

Cllr MEJ Nott MBE – Leave  
Cllr CE Smith – Leave  
Cllr L Ellis – Unwell  
Cllr D Owen – Other Council Business  
Cllr R Jenkins – Hospital Appointment  
Cllr JR McCarthy – Leave  
Cllr DBF White – Leave

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

99. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson made the following announcements to the Forum

Budget

She advised that the Town & Community Council Clerks were advised last month that the outcome of the Chancellor's Spending Review would not be published until 25 November 2015. This would impact on the Welsh Government's budget allocation and their subsequent announcement of the Local Authorities settlement for 2016 - 17. As a result it was anticipated that BCBC would receive the provisional settlement at the end of December rather than October when the draft budget was usually received.

She explained that the autonomy of the Town and Community Councils was acknowledged, but the request to provide precept information earlier than usual was made to enable Bridgend County Borough Council to action all information which would be fixed or unchangeable. This would provide some flexibility for them to establish the overall budget by the required deadlines which remained unchanged even with the delays due to the Chancellors Spending review announcement.

The Chairperson concluded that following discussions with the Town & Community Councils the deadline for precept responses had been extended to the 18 January 2016 at the latest, but it was hoped that the majority of Council's would be able to meet the original request date of 8 January 2016.

#### Membership on Town and Community Council Forum

The Chairperson asked if representatives of Town & Community Councils on the Forum could let their Clerk know if any membership details on the agenda were incorrect.

She asked if this was the case, if the appropriate Clerk would advise the Democratic Services Section of any updates/changes in time for the next meeting in January.

#### 100. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town and Community Council Forum held on 29 June 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting

#### 101. BUDGET STRATEGY AND TRANSFORMATION REPORT

The Chief Executive provided a report and presentation to update the Forum on the progress of the Council's Budget and Transformation Strategy.

He explained that the Authority would be consulting on the draft Corporate Priorities in the autumn with the focus on transforming the business to create a sustainable Local Authority, which also means a smaller Local Authority. He advised that a Medium Term Financial Strategy was being designed to support this.

The Chief Executive informed the Forum of their priorities in achieving the Budget and Transformation Strategy which were:

Priority One: Supporting a Successful Economy –

- Investment in Infrastructure in the three main towns;
- Working with local businesses to help them support once another
- Working with other South East Wales Councils to secure a Capital Deal for the Cardiff region
- Ensure appropriate high quality local education for people aged 16-24 and influence regional training opportunities more broadly

Priority Two: Helping people to be more self-reliant –

- Invest in targeted early help and intervention programmes for people
- Provide early advice to people and communities so that they can make informed choices and have earlier control over the support they receive from the Council and others
- To support carers by raising awareness of their roles, helping them to identify and design the support they need

Priority three: Smarter Use of Resources –

- To streamline internal business processes to give customers more automated and web based ways to access services
- Support communities and groups wishing to take on the running of facilities and services
- To tap into existing skills of staff to deliver change, invest in some new skills and work with staff on how the organisation changes

Members questioned if there would be funds available for much needed repairs of schools in the Borough, and stated that many of the school buildings were old and in desperate need of repair to ensure they were fit for purpose. The Chief Executive stated that there were sufficient funds available in the Schools Modernisation Programme. He added that the funds would be used to repair and replace the old school buildings with modern schools and also to re-profile schools to reduce the number of surplus places in many of the schools in the Borough.

Members questioned how the Authority would protect services with the funding cuts in Social Services until voluntary groups of support were in place. The Chief Executive stated that BCBC currently provides a higher level of care than that set by Welsh Government. He advised that the Authority would re-provision care services within the Borough and move to more cost effective solutions. He added that the Authority would ensure that the public were able to access other methods of care if they were not instilled in the Authority's care.

Members were concerned about external contracts such as Halo, V2C and the Cultural Trust and if they were providing as good a service as the Authority would if the services were kept in house. They were also concerned if the contracts provided value for money and if it would be more cost effective and beneficial to use talent that already exists within the Authority.

The Chief Executive stated that it made strategic and beneficial sense to form the external contracts that currently exist. He added that the Authority and its partners worked constructively together which was driven by a pragmatic approach, and further added that had it not been for the contracts, the Authority would not have been able to maintain the services at the current high standards.

Members questioned that in the interest of helping people become more self-reliant if the Authority had considered offering volunteering opportunities to local support groups. The Chief Executive stated that the Authority works closely with the Association of Volunteers, Communities First and Flying Start and encourages volunteers to play an active part in the community

**RESOLVED:** That the Forum noted the report.

102. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

The Corporate Director - Communities presented a report to the Forum on proposals approved by the Council's Cabinet in July 2015 to both improve the pace and extend the number of Community Asset Transfers (CAT). He stated that there had been a number of successful CATs over recent years, which included the former Bridgend Library.

The Corporate Director – Communities stated that in some cases a transfer of an asset to a Community Group or a Town and Community Council offered an opportunity to maintain and preserve valuable community services which may have otherwise been under threat; or alternatively to improve the provision that was already available. He advised that in March 2015 a task and finish group was established to review the Council's approach to CAT with the aim of increasing the pace and the number of CATs. He added that the recommendations which had been approved by Cabinet were as follows:

- The Council should draw up a list of assets which it was prepared to transfer to the community, taking account of the emerging corporate priorities and MTFS budget reduction requirements and giving an indicative timetable
- A fixed term dedicated CAT Officer post be created to work with Community Groups/ Organisations to progress CAT applications, providing a single point of contact within the Council
- The current CAT guidance should be amended in line with the new Welsh Government Best Practice Guide and best practice examples in other authorities, establishing clear roles and responsibilities including and setting out a framework for considering requests for CAT including a 4 stage process made up of, expression of Interest, development of a business plan, formal assessment of the business plan and completion of the transaction
- To facilitate CAT, a limited capital funding pot to be created to enable assets to be transferred in a reasonable state of repair and transition revenue funding to be considered, on a case by case basis, subject to a satisfactory business case being made

The Corporate Director – Communities advised that the CAT priorities would be based on the agreed current MTFS proposals and also on what was deemed to be likely to fall out of the future MTFS proposals for 2017/18 onwards. He added that up to £200,000 would be set aside in the Change Management Ear Marked Reserve to fund a 3 year fixed term dedicated CAT Officer post and to meet additional legal and property requirements. He further added that if successful, time limited funding should be provided from the Change Management Ear Marked Reserve, subject to a satisfactory business case and affordability.

Members expressed concern around the £50,000 funding from the Capital Programme that supports Town and Community Councils being re-focused to support the CAT. The Corporate Director – Communities stated that greater collaboration would be needed between the larger and smaller Town and Community Town Councils to be able to mitigate any possible issues.

Members asked if Cemetery's would be considered as part of the CAT as they generated income. The Corporate Director – Communities stated that they are not for profit and the intention is for them to break even. He added that if there was a particular interest from an organisation to take over the transfer of one, then it could be considered if there was a strong business case for it. Members questioned if there was funding in place to bring the pavilions in the Borough up to standard before a CAT would take place.

The Corporate Director – Communities stated that there was up to £1m Capital Funding available for repairs; however there were 40 pavilions to consider when allocating the funding. He added that once a CAT would take place there would be an arrangement in place with the relevant body to ensure that they were able to maintain the property going forward.

Members asked if any competency tests would be carried out before a CAT is made. The Corporate Director – Communities stated that each business case must meet the application criteria that was detailed in appendix 3 and each case would go through an approval process, and would be assessed on its own merits before it would be taken forward and approved by Cabinet.

Members queried the consultation process before a CAT would take place. The Corporate Director – Communities advised before a CAT would take place it would firstly go through the relevant procedures such as initial support of detailed finance and business plans. The final stages would be that the business case to be approved by Cabinet before the CAT would take place. He advised that the consultation would vary for each CAT but assured Members there would be clarity for Town and Community Councils and the public.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town and Community Council Forum noted:

- The recommendations at paragraph 4.1
- The prioritisation of assets for possible transfer based on MTFS proposals
- The revised CAT Guidance at Appendix 1 for consultation
- The funding proposals

**103. CHARTER BETWEEN BCBC AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

The Head of Regulatory Services provided a report to the Forum to inform them of the current Charter between Bridgend County Borough Council and the Town and Community Council of Bridgend County Borough.

He explained that in February 2015 the Welsh Government published a White Paper: Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People. He stated that it recognised that Local Government in Wales was currently under severe pressure as a result of austerity policies and a rising demand for services. He added that it was acknowledged that the existing Charter between Bridgend County Borough Council and the 20 Town and Community Councils within Bridgend County Borough was considered a useful tool but had not progressed significantly since its implementation. However, it did provide a framework to take forward existing good practice, develop common priorities and to minimise the impact that the significant budget cuts over the next few years would have on citizens within the County Borough. Therefore, it was proposed that a working group be established to:

- Review the existing Town and Community Council Charter
- Identify opportunities to:
  - Develop capacity within the communities of the County Borough
  - Minimise the impact of budget reductions to citizens
  - Extend relationships with Third Sector and other organisations

The following Members were nominated to be a part of the Working group, with the first meeting being held at 2pm on 22 October 2015 in the Civic Offices, Bridgend.

Cllr CE Smith – BCBC Representative

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Cllr HE Morgan – BCBC Representative  
Cllr H Townsend – BCBC Representative  
Cllr M Reeves – BCBC Representative  
X2 Vacancies – BCBC Representative  
Cllr RDL Burns – Bridgend Town Council Representative  
Cllr R Davies – Laleston Community Council  
Cllr M Jenkins – Ogmore Valley Community Council  
Vacancy – Maesteg Town Council  
Vacancy – Porthcawl Town Council  
Vacancy – Community Council

**RESOLVED:** That the Town and Community Council Forum:

- Noted the content of the report
- Approved the establishment of a working group as was identified in paragraph 4.11 of the report.
- Appointed representatives to the working group as proposed in paragraph 4.12 of the report
- Approved that the first meeting of the working group be held on 22 October 2015 at 2.00pm

104. **SCHEDULE OF AGENDA ITEMS**

The Head of Democratic Services presented a report to the Forum to inform them of the requests for items to be presented to future meetings.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town and Community Council Forum noted the content of the report

105. **URGENT ITEMS**

None reported

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm



## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

11 JANUARY 2016

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

#### URDD GOBAITH CYMRU NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2017

##### 1. Purpose of Report.

The purpose of this report is to inform Town and Community Councils of the decision by the event organisers to hold the Urdd Gobaith Cymru National Eisteddfod in Bridgend County Borough in 2017 and to provide further information about the event.

##### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

This report and proposal links to the following Corporate Priorities:

- Working together to develop the local economy
- Working together to raise ambitions and drive up educational achievement

The report also links directly to the Council's Welsh Language Scheme and the Welsh Education Strategic Plan 2014-17 to:

- promote the wider development of pupils' Welsh language skills through specific activities and projects, in association with a wide range of partners

##### 3. Background.

- 3.1. At a strategic level hosting the Eisteddfod fulfills a number of the Council's aims with regard to young people, developing the tourist economy and the promotional aspects of its Welsh Language Scheme.
- 3.2. The Urdd National Eisteddfod is estimated to contribute over £6m to the host's local economy and generates wall-to-wall media coverage of the host area for a whole week. It should be noted that many of the 100,000 visitors will be staying locally and also visiting other attractions in the county borough, using local transport and shopping locally. This is therefore a unique opportunity to promote Bridgend County Borough to a national audience and strengthen the local economy.
- 3.3. The support of local people will be paramount to the fund-raising effort with a broad indication that around £300,000 in funding would be required from this source and associated activities.

##### 4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Details relating to the planning and delivery of the event are attached as Appendix 1, which will form the basis of a presentation by the organisers of the event.

## **5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 This report has no effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1. There are no equalities issues associated with this report although the proposal would have a positive impact on the promotion of the Welsh Language.

## **7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 The full costs of the event are highlighted in Appendix 1.

7.2 Town and Community Councils may wish to consider funding options in relation to the local fund-raising expectations outlined in paragraph 3.3.

## **8. Recommendation.**

8.1 It is recommended that:

8.1.1 Town and Community Councils note the contents of this report; and

8.1.2 Town and Community Councils receive the presentation by the Urdd organisers as set out in Appendix 1, regarding the Urdd National Eisteddfod being held in the County Borough of Bridgend from 29th May to 3rd June 2017.

**Mark Shephard**  
**Corporate Director Communities**  
**11 January 2016**

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**Background documents**  
Appendix 1 – presentation

**URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD  
PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR, TAF AC ELÁI 2017**



**What is the Urdd National Eisteddfod ?**

The Urdd National Eisteddfod is the annual festival organised by the Urdd youth movement and is the largest youth festival in Europe. The Urdd National Eisteddfod is a cultural arts festival where Urdd members compete in 400 numerous competitions, in various aspects of singing, dancing, recitation, arts and crafts, technology, science, cookery, literature, etc. All competitions commence at the local Urdd Eisteddfod.

After winning in the local Urdd Eisteddfod, competitors proceed to the regional Eisteddfod and the winners in the region compete at the Urdd National Eisteddfod itself. Numerous competitions do not need a knowledge of the Welsh language and there are also specific competitions for Welsh learners in some sections.

The Urdd National Eisteddfod attracts up to 100,000 visitors to the six day event and 15,000 competitors. Children and young people from all over Wales and beyond, compete and benefit from the Urdd National Eisteddfod – at a local, regional and finally at a national level.

**Where is the Urdd National Eisteddfod held ?**

The Eisteddfod is a peripatetic event traditionally alternating between south and north Wales, and in 2017 it will be held in the Bridgend, Taf and Ely region. Bridgend County Borough Council will be the host authority.

**Will children and young people from your area benefit ?**

Urdd members from all over Wales compete in the Urdd National Eisteddfod by winning their way through the local and regional eisteddfodau. The Urdd has local branches in villages, towns and schools in every part of Wales, and the majority of the branches compete annually in the Urdd Eisteddfod. The Urdd National Eisteddfod is open to all Urdd members, and children from this area will compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod.

**What is the Urdd?**

The aim of the Urdd is to ensure that all the young people of Wales (between the ages of 8 and 25) are given the opportunity, through the medium of Welsh, to develop into rounded individuals; and to empower them to play a constructive role in the community, by encouraging personal and social skills. This is fulfilled by the ideal of services to Wales, to fellow-man and to Christ.

Established in 1922, the Urdd is the main youth movement in Wales, with over 50,000 members all over the country.

The Urdd Eisteddfod is only one element of a variety of different aspects of the Urdd movement, which includes three multi activity and residential centres – Glan-Ilyn, Llangrannog and in the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff – over 1,500 local Urdd branches in villages, towns and the cities all over Wales, and publishes three monthly magazines for Welsh speakers and learners.

### **Are volunteers involved ?**

The Urdd movement is a registered charity and voluntary organisation. It is based on volunteer work and it depends on volunteers from all over Wales to stage different Urdd events within their communities. The Eisteddfod is no exception and all eisteddfodau from the local, regional to the Urdd National Eisteddfod itself, depend on volunteers to organise and administer the events and the national festival.

### **Why do we apply for grants from local councils from all over Wales ?**

As the Urdd Eisteddfod is a national festival, we appeal to councils in all tiers of local government to support the event. Any grant aid will contribute to the overall costs of staging the Urdd National Eisteddfod, and any contribution will be appreciated immensely.

The Urdd National Eisteddfod receives funding from numerous sources – both public and private – including from ticket sales, sponsorship deals, broadcasting, exhibition fees and local fundraising.

We have set up a network of local appeal committees throughout the area to organise fundraising and awareness raising events. The local fund raising effort is a vital element of our funding as it accounts for approximately 15% of the total cost of staging the Eisteddfod.

### **Partnerships ?**

The Urdd National Eisteddfod is a series of partnerships between different institutions and organisations. The Eisteddfod is dependent on support both practical and financially from individuals, organisations, schools, public bodies and local councils throughout Wales. With the support of our partners, we can successfully stage the largest youth festival in Europe.

We are eager to encourage schools from both the English medium and Welsh medium sectors to participate in the Eisteddfod and to feel an 'ownership' of the event. There will be a number of opportunities to take part in awareness and fund raising activities prior to the Eisteddfod.

There will be a primary school musical/show performed in the Pavilion on the Eisteddfod 'Maes' and a secondary school show as well as numerous other opportunities for pupils and schools/colleges to become involved.

### **Urdd National Eisteddfod Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái 2017**

The event in 2017 will be held on the land at Bridgend College, Pencoed Campus during Whitsun half term 29 May - 03 June 2017. An Opening Concert, Primary Schools Show and a Youth Show will be held during the week.

Around 200 stalls and exhibitions will be on the Maes (festival site) including an Arts and Crafts Pavilion, Pentre Mistar Urdd, a Science and Technology Pavilion and many more activities.

The Urdd National Eisteddfod attracts visitors from all over Wales, both Welsh speakers and non-welsh speakers alike. It is a festival to celebrate the talents of the children and youth of Wales and is broadcast live on both television and radio.

The Eisteddfod Proclamation Event will be held within the county on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016. There will be a procession and entertainment in order to celebrate the fact that the Eisteddfod is coming to the Bridgend, Taf and Ely region.

### **How is the Urdd National Eisteddfod Administered ?**

The Urdd National Eisteddfod has a team of full time Urdd staff members based in the Glan-llyn office near Bala. The Eisteddfod is administered by local and national committees with volunteer representatives from all over Wales overseen by the Eisteddfod and the Arts Board along with the Urdd National Council.

**Aled Siôn - Eisteddfod Director**

**Morys Gruffydd - Eisteddfod Organiser**

**[www.urdd.cymru/eisteddfod](http://www.urdd.cymru/eisteddfod)**

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### **Beth yw Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru ?**

Yr Eisteddfod yw prifwyl mudiad yr Urdd a'r ŵyl ieuenctid teithiol fwyaf yn Ewrop. Mae aelodau'r Urdd yn cystadlu mewn 400 o gystadlaethau mewn meysydd amrywiol iawn o ganu, dawnsio, llefaru, cerdd dant, celf a chrefft, technoleg, gwyddoniaeth coginio a llenyddiaeth, gan ddechrau yn yr Eisteddfodau Cylch Lleol.

Ar ôl ennill yn y Cylch, mae'r enillwyr yn cystadlu yn yr Eisteddfod Sir, a'r enillwyr yno yn mynd ymlaen i'r Genedlaethol. Nid oes angen gwybodaeth o'r Gymraeg er mwyn cystadlu mewn amryw o'r cystadlaethau ac mae nifer o gystadlaethau arbennig ar gyfer dysgwyr mewn rhai adrannau.

Disgwylir hyd at 100,000 o ymwelwyr i ymweld â'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd a 15,000 o gystadleuwyr. Mae plant ac ieuenctid Cymru a thu hwnt yn elwa llawer o gystadlu yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd trwy gystadlu yn y cylch, rhanbarth ac yna yn y genedlaethol.

### **Ym mhle cynhelir yr ŵyl ?**

Cynhelir Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd mewn lleoliad gwahanol pob blwyddyn yn cylchdroi rhwng y gogledd a'r de, ac yn 2017 Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái sy'n croesawu'r Ŵyl. Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont yw'r awdurdod sy'n gwahodd yr ŵyl.

### **A fydd rhywun o'ch ardal chi yn elwa ?**

Mae aelodau'r Urdd o bob ardal yng Nghymru yn cystadlu yn yr Eisteddfodau Cylch a Sir er mwyn sicrhau eu bod yn cyrraedd Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd. Mae gan yr Urdd ganghennau mewn pentrefi, trefi ac ysgolion ar draws Gymru ac mae rhan fwyaf ohonynt yn cystadlu mewn amryw o'r cystadlaethau. Mae Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn agored i holl aelodau'r Urdd gystadlu, ac fe fydd amryw o blant eich ardal chi yn cystadlu yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd.

### **Beth yw'r Urdd ?**

Nod Urdd Gobaith Cymru yw sicrhau cyfle, trwy gyfrwng yr iaith Gymraeg i holl ieuenctid Cymru (rhwng 8 a 25 oed) ddatblygu'n unigolion cyflawn; a'u galluogi i chwarae rhan adeiladol yn y gymdeithas, gan feithrin sgiliau personol a chymdeithasol. Cyflawnir hyn trwy'r ddelfryd o wasanaeth i Gymru, Cyd-ddyn a Christ.

Yr Urdd yw prif fudiad ieuenctid Cymru a sefydlwyd yn ôl yn 1922, gyda dros 50,000 o aelodau ar draws Cymru. Un elfen yn unig yw Eisteddfod yr Urdd a cheir tri gwersyll aml-weithgaredd yng Nglan-llyn, Llangrannog ac yng Nghanolfan Mileniwm Cymru, dros 1,500 o ganghennau lleol mewn pentrefi, trefi a dinasoedd ar draws Cymru, a chynhyrchir tri chylchgrawn misol i Gymry Cymraeg a dysgwyr.

### **A oes gwirfoddolwyr yn ymwneud â'r Eisteddfod ?**

Elusen wirfoddol gofrestredig yw'r Urdd. Mae wedi selio ar waith gwirfoddol ac yn ddibynnol ar wirfoddolwyr ar draws Cymru er mwyn cynnal digwyddiadau amrywiol i'r Urdd yn eu cymunedau. Nid yw Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn eithriad ac mae pob Eisteddfod o'r Cylch, Rhanbarth ac Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd ei hun, yn ddibynnol ar wirfoddolwyr er mwyn trefnu a gweinyddu'r eisteddfodau a'r ŵyl genedlaethol.

### **Pam fod angen cyfraniadau oddi wrth gynghorau ar draws Cymru ?**

Gan fod Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd yn ŵyl genedlaethol ac yn perthyn i bawb trwy Gymru gyfan, rydym yn apelio yn flynyddol am gefnogaeth o bob haen o lywodraeth leol. Byddwn yn defnyddio eich cyfraniadau i gynorthwyo i gynnal yr ŵyl yn gyffredinol, a byddwn ddiolchgar am unrhyw gyfraniad.

Mae Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd yn derbyn cyllid oddi wrth amryw o ffynonellau gwahanol - cyhoeddus a phreifat - gan gynnwys gwerthiant tocynnau, noddwyr, darlledu, ffioedd arddangoswyr a chodi arian yn lleol. Rydym yn cynnal amryw o weithgareddau yn nalgylch yr Eisteddfod er mwyn codi arian i gynnal yr ŵyl trwy gyfres o bwyllgorau apêl lleol.

Rydym wedi sefydlu rhwydwaith o bwyllgorau apêl lleol. Mae'r targed ariannol lleol yn elfen allweddol o'n cyllid gan ei fod yn cyfrannu tua 15% tuag at y gost o lwyfannu'r Eisteddfod.

### **Partneriaeth**

Partneriaeth yw Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd rhwng sefydliadau a chyrrff amrywiol. Mae'r Eisteddfod yn ddibynnol ar gefnogaeth ariannol gan unigolion, mudiadau, ysgolion, cyrrff cyhoeddus a chynghorau trwy Gymru gyfan. Gyda chefnogaeth ein partneriaid yr ydym ym medru llwyddo i gynnal gŵyl ieuenctid mwyaf Ewrop.

Rydym yn awyddus i annog ysgolion o'r sectorau cyfrwng Cymraeg a Saesneg i gymryd rhan yn yr Eisteddfod ac i deimlo 'perchnogaeth' o'r ŵyl. Bydd amryw o gyfleoedd i gymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau codi ymwybyddiaeth a chodi arian cyn yr Eisteddfod.



Bydd Sioe Gynradd yn cael ei llwyfannu yn y Pafiliwn ar Faes yr Eisteddfod, a Sioe Uwchradd mewn theatr yn lleol, yn ogystal â nifer fawr o gyfleoedd i ddisgyblion ac ysgolion/ colegau fod yn ran o'r ŵyl.

### **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái 2017**

Cynhelir Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái 2017 ar dir Coleg Pen-y-bont, Campws Pencoed adeg hanner tymor y Sulgwyn 29 Mai - 03 Mehefin 2017. Bydd Cyngerdd Agoriadol, Sioe Uwchradd a Sioe Gynradd yn cymryd lle yn ystod yr wythnos.

Bydd tua 200 o arddangosfeydd yn llenwi Maes yr Eisteddfod gan gynnwys Pafiliwn Celf a Chrefft, Pentre Mistar Urdd, GwyddonLe a llawer iawn o weithgareddau ymylol yn cymryd lle.

Cynhelir yr Ŵyl Gyhoeddi o fewn y sir ar ddydd Sadwrn 15fed Hydref 2016. Bydd gorymdaith ac adloniant er mwyn dathlu'r ffaith bod yr Eisteddfod yn dod i Ben-y-bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái.

### **Sut y gweinyddir Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd ?**

Mae gan Eisteddfod yr Urdd dîm o staff llawn amser yn gweithio o swyddfa'r Eisteddfod yng Ngwersyll yr Urdd Glan-llyn ger y Bala. Gweinyddir yr Eisteddfod gan gyfres o bwyllgorau lleol a chenedlaethol gyda chynrychiolwyr gwirfoddol o ardraws Cymru yn cael eu harolygu gan Fwrdd Eisteddfod a'r Celfyddydau a Chyngor Cenedlaethol yr Urdd.

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## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

11 JANUARY 2016

#### JOINT REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES AND CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

#### COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER UPDATE

##### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Town and Community Councils on Community Asset Transfer (CAT).

##### 2 Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan and other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 Helping people to be more self-reliant: Taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
- 2.2 Supporting a successful economy: Showing any links to sustainable jobs and growth.
- 2.3 Smarter use of resources: Ensuring that all our resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and as efficiently as possible and supporting the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver our aims.

##### 3 Background

- 3.1 In July 2015 Cabinet approved a proposal to improve the pace and extend the number of Community Asset Transfers within the County. This was further supported by the refreshing of the Asset Management Plan 2021, in line with the Welsh Government Best Practice Guide. The CAT priorities will be based on the agreed current Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) proposals and also on what is deemed to be likely to result from future MTFS proposals for 2017/18 onwards as outlined in the table below.

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Asset type</b>
Priority 1	Public toilets Parks pavilions Bus shelters Community centres
Priority 2	Playgrounds Playing fields (excl school fields) Bowling green
Priority 3	Miscellaneous assets

- 3.2 In October 2015 two letters were sent out to Town and Community Councils which outlined the Council's intentions to accelerate the pace of Community Asset Transfer and set out the process for community organisations and Town and Community Councils to follow.
- 3.3 Since 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015, a CAT Officer has been in post to act as project manager for CAT in Bridgend, to help support the process and act as a single point of contact for local organisations wishing to pursue asset transfer.

#### **4 Current Situation**

- 4.1 Up to December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, the CAT Officer been approached by 26 organisations regarding 30 assets.
- 4.2 Five formal Expressions of Interest (EOI) to date have been received (all from Bridgend Town Council). However, more are anticipated within the forthcoming weeks, as organisations gather additional information to inform whether they wish to pursue CAT.
- 4.3 Predominantly the majority of interest at present is coming from sports clubs and associations in relation to transfer of pavilions and playing fields – 50% of the enquiries (13) have been from sports clubs.
- 4.4 Enquiries from Town and Community Councils concern various amenities including public toilets, pavilions, bus shelters and community centres.

#### **5 Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

None

#### **6. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 6.1 An EIA for individual asset transfers will be prepared as appropriate.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 There are no immediate financial implications as a result of this report.
- 7.2 The Council is forecasting a significant reduction in resources over the Medium Term Financial Strategy period and therefore Community Asset Transfer will be important to safeguard community facilities which the Council may not be able to maintain in future.

#### **8 Recommendations**

- 8.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum note the progress on Community Asset Transfer as outlined in the report

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Background documents:

Cabinet report entitled 'Community Asset Transfer' dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

11 JANUARY 2015

#### REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

##### SCHEDULE OF AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Town and Community Council Forum of any requests for items to be presented to future meetings.

##### 2. Connection to Corporate Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The report relates to the Corporate Priority working together to make the best use of our resources by improving the way we communicate and engage with citizens.

##### 3. Background.

- 3.1 As agreed at a meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum held on 29 October 2007 an information report would be presented to subsequent meetings that would:

- indicate the items requested for inclusion by the individual Town and Community Councils; and
- Provide a schedule for the presentation of those items as part of a Forward Work Programme.

##### 4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The current list of requests and schedule of agenda items to be presented are set out in the Appendix to this report.

##### 5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 There is no direct effect on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules, as a result of the provisions and recommendation of this report.

##### 6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications attached to this report.

##### 7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

##### 8. Recommendation:

- 8.1 That the Town & Community Council Forum notes the contents of this report.

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**Background documents: None**

**TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM - SCHEDULE OF AGENDA ITEMS**

The following table shows the requests for agenda items scheduled to be presented to the Forum.

<b>Topic for Consideration</b>	<b>Requested by Town/Community Council/Officer/Committee decision</b>	<b>Officer who compiles report or responds to the Town/Community Council</b>	<b>Date to be presented to Forum, or alternative recommended course of action</b>
Learner Travel proposals	Maesteg Town Council	Corporate Director – Education and Transformation	Report to be submitted to the meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum on 21 March 2016
Street Cleaning in Town Centres	Maesteg Town Council	Corporate Director - Communities	Report to be submitted to a future meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum

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