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Dyddiad/Date: Monday, 29 June 2026

Dear Councillor,

TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

A meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 6 July 2026 at 16:00.**

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

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

To receive for approval the Minutes of 03/12/25

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6 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.

Note: This will be a Remote meeting and Members and Officers will be attending Remotely via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be recorded for subsequent transmission via the Council's internet site which will be available as soon as practicable after the meeting. If you would like to view this meeting live, please contact cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk or tel. 01656 643148 / 643694 / 643513 / 643159.

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Chief Officer, Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy

Councillors:

H T Bennett

S J Bletsoe

C Davies

C L C Davies

M J Evans

N Farr

P Ford

J Gebbie

RM Granville

P W Jenkins

M R John

M Jones

JC Spanswick

I M Spiller

JH Tildesley MBE

MJ Williams

R Williams

E D Winstanley

T Wood

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

M J Evans

N Farr

J Gebbie

Present Virtually

H T Bennett
R Williams

S J Bletsoe
T Wood

RM Granville
M Williams

I M Spiller
E Caparros

Officers:

Michael Pitman
Louise Connolly
Jason Frowen
Oscar Roberts

Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Community Asset Transfer Officer
Town and Community Liaison Officer
Temporary Democratic Services Officer – Committees

43. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Davies, Councillor E Winstanley, Councillor P Ford and Councillor M John.
Date Decision Made	3 December 2025

44. Declarations of Interest

This document is available in Welsh / Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg

Decision Made	<p>The following declarations of interest were made:-</p> <p>Councillor N Farr – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As Porthcawl Town were awarded funding from the grant.</p> <p>Councillor M Williams – Personal Interest – As Chairman of Coity Higher Community Council.</p> <p>Councillor J Spanswick – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Brackla Community Council, who are mentioned in the report.</p> <p>Councillor J Gebbie – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As the Chair of Newcastle Higher Community Council.</p> <p>Councillor I Spiller – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Laleston Community Council and Bridgend Town Council.</p> <p>Councillor H Bennett – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Newcastle Higher Community Council</p> <p>Councillor E Caparros – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Brackla Community Council and as the Chair of Coychurch Lower Community Council</p> <p>Councillor T Thomas – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Ynysawdre Community Council and as the Vice-Chair of St Brides Minor Community Council</p> <p>Councillor S Bletsoe – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Bridgend Town Council and Coity Higher Community Council</p> <p>Councillor M Evans – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Pencoed Town Council</p> <p>Councillor R Williams – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Pencoed Town Council</p> <p>Councillor R Granville – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Cornelly Community Council</p> <p>Councillor T Wood – Personal Interest – Item 4 – As a member of Bridgend Town Council</p>
Date Decision Made	3 December 2025

45. Approval of Minutes

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Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That the minutes of the 29 July 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	3 December 2025	

46. The Town and Community Council Capital Grant Fund

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Community Asset Transfer Officer, was to inform the Town and Community Council Forum of a new model of delivery for the Town and Community Council (T&CC) Capital Grant Fund.</p> <p>Members posed questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criteria stipulated for funding Community Projects. • The goals of the Grant Fund in supporting communities and complying with agreed-upon objectives. • Whether a line can be added to the policy allowing for further changes where required. <p>These questions were addressed by the Community Asset Transfer Officer.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the Town and Community Council Forum:</p> <p>(A) Noted the changes outlined to the T&CC Capital Grant;</p> <p>(B) Noted that Cabinet will receive an annual information report at the end of each financial year on the delivery of the T&CC Capital Grant.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 December 2025

47. Communication Between BCBC & Town & Community Councils

Decision Made	There were no urgent items.
Date Decision Made	3 December 2025

The Chairperson posed a question to the meeting around the timing and attendance to the meeting from non-Borough Councillors, seeking input for future input through relevant Officers.

Members provided input, suggesting that the Town and Community Liaison Officer contact clerks and Councillors to enquire about reasons for not attending and what times and dates may suit them best. Another suggestion was made by Members of polling Town and Community Councils around their preferences for best times of meetings of the Town and Community Council Forum. The Town and Community Liaison Officer agreed to ask these questions to the Town and Community Councils.

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 13:39.

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Meeting of:	TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM
Date of Meeting:	6 JULY 2026
Report Title:	BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL & TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member	CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES
Responsible Officer:	HEAD OF SERVICE - PUBLIC REALM
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	THERE IS NO EFFECT UPON THE POLICY FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURE RULES.
Executive Summary:	This report is to inform the Town & Community Council (T&CC) Forum of the work undertaken since the engagement of the Town & Community Council Liaison Officer (T&CCLO) by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to work with the Town and Community Councils (T&CCs).

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Town and Community Council (T&CC) Forum of the progress achieved to date in respect of the Council's aim to build upon the Council's relationship with T&CCs and to outline the challenges encountered to date. The period covered by the report is 16 September 2025 to 31 March 2026.

2 Background

- 2.1 A Town and Community Council Liaison Officer (T&CCLO) took up post on an initial two-year basis, in September 2025. The T&CCLO's primary role is to act as the principal point of contact between BCBC and T&CCs.

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 Overall Town & Community Council Liaison Activity

- T&CCLO established as a principal contact for T&CC enquiries through consistent communication with both BCBC departments and clerks.
- Recording system developed to track issues, follow up, monitor and aid report production. Two case studies are included at **Appendices A and B**.
- Live funding database for T&CCs, sport clubs and community groups specifying eligibility criteria and deadlines maintained. These are included at **Appendices C and D**.
- Welsh Parliament's Local Government and Housing Committee's 2025 publication "Role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector", combined with the appointment of a T&CCLO and a request from fourteen out of the twenty T&CCs for a Service Level Agreement, provides an opportune time to update BCBC's T&CC Charter. It was put forward at the T&CC Forum in September 2025 that a group consisting of clerks and the T&CCLO should take this forward.
- A Task and Finish Group (T&FG) established, comprising of a diverse range of clerks. The Group has commenced a review of the T&CC Charter. The first draft will be presented to the T&CC Forum on 28 September 2026. The T&FG Terms of Reference are attached at **Appendix E**.
- The T&FG has also developed a Town and Community Council Communication Protocol, setting out a standardised procedure to apply to all T&CCs and has been shared with all T&CC clerks.
- At the T&CC Forum in September 2025, the Chair posed consideration for the development of a protocol for items to be included on the T&CC Forum agenda.
- Future Forum items for inclusion on the T&CC Forum agenda will be nominated via the
 - (i) Clerks & Chairs' meeting
 - (ii) Clerks' meeting

both of which will take place at least one month before each T&CC Forum. Guidance has been issued and is attached at **Appendix F**.

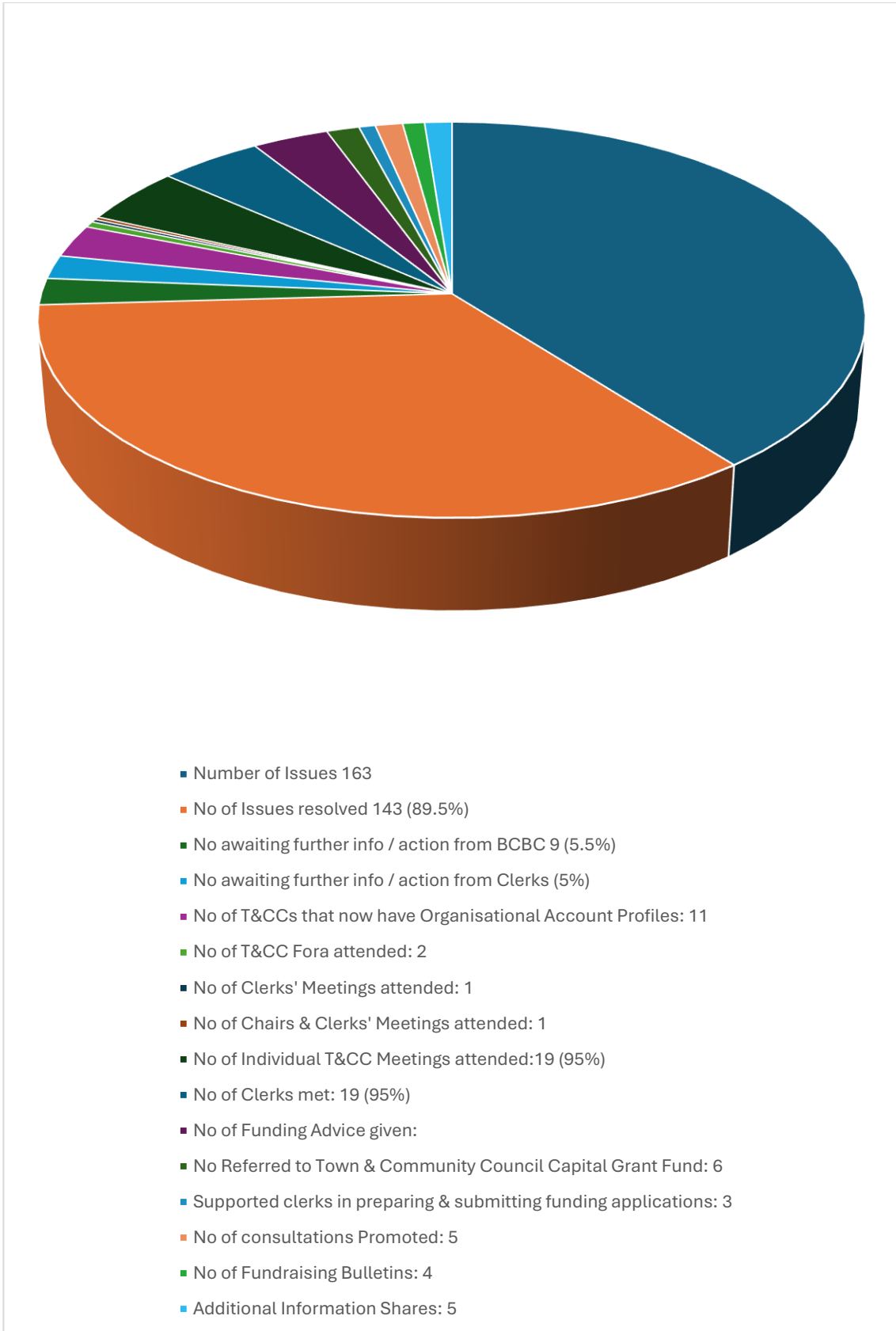
- The T&CCLO has worked with external organisations and BCBC departments to achieve maximum benefits possible for groups involved in Community Asset Transfers as well as the wider community. For example:

- Consultation & Engagement team to disseminate consultations to T&CCs and community groups to encourage broad and early contribution to consultations. Examples are shown below:



- The Resilient Communities (REACH) Team
- Funders, including with the Co-op regarding their funding opportunities.
- Facilitated applications to a social value initiative. An example is attached at **Appendix G**.
- A proactive approach has been taken to establish connections with counterparts in Caerphilly and Rhondda Cynon Taff and staff at the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW).
- 11 T&CCs now have BCBC 'Organisational Account Profiles' where common issues such as potholes, street lighting, fly-tipping, dog fouling etc. can be reported by the clerk (where it is not possible for residents to report it themselves). Clerks are able to track and monitor the status of the issue.
- The T&CCLO attained Carbon Literacy Certification and is supporting T&CCs in line with Bridgend 2030 Net Zero Carbon Strategy.

- The following activity summary illustrates the work successes for the period 16/09/25 – 31/03/26



3.2 Challenges:

While the post has been universally welcomed and significant advancement has been made, the implementation of the initiative has not been without challenges.

- Initial resistance from some departments, overcome by building relationships.
- Capacity of departments impacts on response timeframe.
- Instances where T&CCs contacted multiple departments in hope of obtaining alternative guidance from colleagues.
- Instances where T&CCs contacted BCBC Officers directly, those issues not being logged on T&CCLO's monitoring system, precluded them from being tracked and followed up. The adoption of the Communications Protocol **Appendix H** has improved efficiency, as noted in the Clerks' survey results in **Appendix I**.
- Instances of reporting through 'fix my street' which has been addressed by the implementation of the Communications Protocol.
- Cases requiring additional information from the Clerk for their enquiry to proceed have been delayed due to the timeframe in which the additional information has been provided.
- The capacity of the T&CCLO has been predominated by the T&CC workload, which has had a significant impact on the ability to undertake the Community Asset Transfer area of work.
- T&CC status ineligible for many funding streams available. Work will be undertaken in 2026/27 to explore funding opportunities with more T&CCs.
- Attendance at the T&CC Forum could be improved. The data attached in **Appendices I and J** is provided to facilitate a discussion at the T&CC Forum.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been

considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. The activity of the T&CCLO contributes to the achievement of the following Well-Being of future Generations (Wales) Act objectives, both directly and indirectly:

- A prosperous Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- Cohesive communities

5.2 The activity of the T&CCLO contributes to the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives both directly and indirectly:

A Prosperous Place with thriving communities – Protecting our landscapes and open spaces and providing opportunities for culture, leisure and play.

Modernising - creating modern, seamless public services – Improving how we engage with people, listening to views, acting on them, modernising, and becoming a more efficient council, as well as improving partnership working with partners, the third sector and T&CCs. Any future collaborative working between the Authority and T&CCs would need to consider and be based around the achievement of the Council's Well-being Objectives.

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

6.1 There are no negative climate change or nature implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, however any future collaborative working between the Authority and T&CCs may need to consider the budget implications for both parties.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 Members of the Town & Community Council Forum are recommended to note the report and the updated Communications Protocol.

Background documents

None

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Appendix A Cast Study 1

The T&CCLO was contacted by the Clerk of & T&CC, who'd been approached by residents. The issue concerned trees encroaching on properties along a watercourse which flowed behind the residents' homes and residents wanted BCBC to cut back or remove the trees.

Through liaising with Corporate Landlord and Terrier, the T&CCLO ascertained that the land was unregistered and that the trees were subject to tree preservation orders. The Clerk was advised that the householders would be responsible to the centre of the river as riparian owners. The T&CCLO was able to supply Guidance from Natural Resources Wales. The T&CCLO also advised the Clerk of the TPO and that planning permission would be required to undertake any pruning or removal and that BCBC's Policy is to only remove trees that are diseased, dying or dangerous.

The Clerk was able to inform the residents and advised to retain a copy of the guidance so should a similar situation arise again; they could refer the details.

Subsequent to this, the Clerk contacted the T&CC, having been approached once more by residents. They requested a site visit with BCBC Officers and stated that the issue had previously been pursued with NRW.

Following further discussions with both the Highways Network Manager and with the Group Manger Flooding & Costal the T&CCLO was able to advise the Clerk. It was reiterated that as BCBC do not own the land and it is not registered with the land registry, the owners of the adjacent properties would be responsible as riparian land owners.

Unless otherwise identified in deeds, the watercourse would be the responsibility of the landowners either side up to the centre of the watercourse. Responsibility would include the need to keep the watercourse free of obstructions; which the NRW document *A guide to your rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership in Wales* explained further.

BCBC's responsibility would be if the authority were informed that there is a blockage in the watercourse, the authority would contact the landowner (which may be the residents themselves) and require them to remove blockage.

Planning permission would be required for any work to the trees, as the trees have tree preservation orders in place. BCBC does not have responsibility for maintaining trees on private land and for BCBC land only remove trees that are diseased, dead or dangerous.

It was clarified that there was an occasion in the past where BCBC removed a tree that had fallen near to a culvert. While BCBC did not have any statutory duty to intervene, it did so to prevent a blockage to the culvert for 'good will'. Similarly, the Cleaner Streets & Waste Operations Manager had involvement regarding waste collection around a culvert in the past, however, unfortunately, due to BCBCs current financial and service restraints the authority is not in a position to remove private waste.

The T&CCLO confirmed that as BCBC's advice would not change from that which has already been given, a site visit would not be necessary.

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Appendix B Cast Study 2

The T&CCLO was contacted by the Clerk of & T&CC who wanted to renovate a memorial garden. They had been awarded £10K in grant funding from the REACH resilient communities capital grant scheme, on the condition that the project be completed by the end of January 2026.

Initially they were going to use a Mini digger in the construction of the proposed pathway, which they had been advised by the Planning Department would require planning permission as it constituted engineering works.

The T&CC refuted the need for permission and mid concerns that obtaining the required planning permission would cause a delay and risked the completion taking place by the end of January 2026, which would have resulted in the grant offer being withdrawn.

The T&CCLO worked with the Clerk, the REACH Team and Planning, the result of which was that the contractor that the T&CC had engaged agreed to use a turf cutter instead of a mini digger. This was deemed as Permitted Development rights afforded to Local Authorities, (including town and community councils) to carry out construction, maintenance and improvement works, thus enabling the project to be completed within an agreed extension.

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From: Jason Frowen
Sent: 16 January 2026 15:05
Subject: 2nd: Funding Bulletin & Information Share
Attachments: Partner Toolkit (English) (C).pdf; Partner Toolkit (Welsh) (C).pdf; Funding Bulletin January 2026.pdf; CRT Webinar Upcoming Events.png; TCCF APPLICATION FORM 2025-26 ROLLING PROGRAMME - BLANK.doc

Dear Clerks,

There's one additional attachment about upcoming webinars & and I've also attached the T&CC Capital Grant application form. You've got to be in it to win it!

& I'm resending the email I sent on Wednesday from the CAT email account to all T&CCs and community groups, because it bounced back from some recipients and I want to make sure you've all received the information.

Have a good weekend!

Best wishes,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 January 2026 17:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Funding Bulletin & Information Share

Happy New Year to all Town & Community Councils and Community Groups & Sports Clubs!

Please find attached: Our latest Funding Bulletin – It's quite lengthy as it's the start of the year. Subsequent bulletins will be shorter and focused.

Small Charities Week 2026:

<https://community.biggive.org/charities/s/login/>

Information on the how to participate in the consultation to share your views in relation to funding decisions influence as this affects the amount paid towards policing as part of Council Tax are also attached:

Below is information on two consultations which BCBC are currently running:

Active Travel and Climate Change Survey – closes 28/02/26

English - <https://beinvolvedbridgend.uk.engagementhq.com/active-travel-and-climate-change>

Welsh - <https://cymerwch-ranpen-y-bontarogwr.uk.engagementhq.com/arolwg-teithio-llesol-a-newid-hinsawdd>

Time to Talk Budget 2026-2027 – closes 27/01/26

English - <https://beinvolvedbridgend.uk.engagementhq.com/shaping-bridgend-s-future-2026>

Welsh - <https://cymerwch-ranpen-y-bontarogwr.uk.engagementhq.com/llunio-dyfodol-pen-y-bont-ar-ogwr-2026>

Recruitment:

[Porthcawl Town Council](#) are recruiting a locum clerk:

For more information, contact Porthcawl Town Council on: [REDACTED]

[BAVO](#) has a drop in to meet with the lottery on the first Weds of each month 10.30am - 13.00pm at BAVO's Offices, Commercial Street, Maesteg CF34 9DL It's a perfect opportunity to discuss your plans with the lottery and BAVO staff are also on hand! Please note the new time!

Training & Networks Update: January 2026 onwards

Please see below a list of both our training & networks planned for December onwards. If you'd like to book onto any of these please booking using the Eventbrite link. If a course is full – please contact us to be added to a reserves list, in the case that we get some cancellations.

BAVO – Training

Date	Session	Times	Over-view
13 Jan (BAVO Office)	Basic Equality Diversity & Inclusion Awareness	12:30-15:00	An in-person introductory session covering protected characteristics, Equality Act, discrimination & more! Book here
13 Jan (on line)	Bitesize: Trustee Roles & Responsibilities	18:00-19.30	An overview of a Trustees Role & their associated responsibilities – great as a refresher or for those new to the role or considering becoming a Trustee Book here

19 & 26 Jan (on line)	Safeguarding Group “B” (Zoom)	09:30- 13.30	Need to complete both sessions Group B practitioners are those who spend time with people in a group setting or on a one- to-one basis . They will have a particular responsibility in relation to the people they work with and will need a higher level of knowledge than those in group A because of their direct involvement with people. Book here
21 Jan (BAVO Office)	Health & Safety in the Workplace	09:30- 16:00	Accredited training delivered by ALW. FREE for volunteers, £30 for paid staff. Book here
6 Feb (BAVO Office)	Fire Safety Lvl 2	09:30- 16:00	Accredited training delivered by ALW. FREE for volunteers, £30 for paid staff. Book here
5 Feb (BAVO Office)	Introduction to Demonstrating Impact	12:30- 16:00	An introduction on how to demonstrate the value of your work! Book here
10 & 11 Feb (BAVO Office)	Mental Health Lvl 1	09:30 – 15:00	2 day accredited training delivered by ALW FREE for volunteers £30 for paid staff Book here

<p>12 Feb (BAVO Office)</p>	<p>Basic Safeguarding Awareness</p>	<p>12:30-15:30</p>	<p>A basic in-person awareness session suitable for Group A/touching on Group B practitioners. Covers both children & adults at risk</p> <p>Book here</p>
<p>9 Feb (BAVO Office)</p>	<p>Cyber Escape Rooms</p>	<p>10:30 – 11:30 Or 12:30-13:30</p>	<p>An interactive session run by SW Police’s Tarian Department, preparing you to work together as a team, crack codes/solve puzzles & learn the fundamentals of cybersecurity and good digital awareness.</p> <p>Morning session book here Afternoon session book here</p>
<p>25 Feb (BAVO Office)</p>	<p>Group “B” Safeguarding</p>	<p>09:30-16:30</p>	<p>Group B practitioners are those who spend time with people in a group setting or on a one-to-one basis. They will have a particular responsibility in relation to the people they work with and will need a higher level of knowledge than those in group A because of their direct involvement with people.</p> <p>Book here</p>

26 Feb (BAVO Office)	Funding Essentials	13:00-16:00	Ideal for those new to fundraising or as a refresher. Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit for Funding • Diversifying Income • How to write a great funding application Book here
4 Mar (BAVO Office)	Food Safety Level 2	09:30-16:00	Accredited training delivered by ALW. FREE for volunteers, and just £30 for paid staff. Book here
5 Mar (BAVO Office)	First Aid in the Workplace Level 3	09:30-16:00	Accredited training delivered by ALW. FREE for volunteers, and just £30 for paid staff. Book here
10 & 11 Mar (BAVO Office)	ADHD Awareness Level 2	09:30-15:00	Must attend both sessions Accredited training delivered by ALW FREE for volunteers, and just £30 for paid staff Book here
11 Mar (On Line)	Bitesize: Trustee Roles & Responsibilities	18:00-19:15	Ideal for new trustees or as a refresher session – delivered on line via Teams Book here
12 Mar (BAVO Office)	“Do No Harm” Trauma Informed Practice	09:30-16:30	Explores the wider impacts of trauma & enables you to better understand & support those affected Book here

17 & 18 Mar 2 Day course (BAVO Office)	Health & Safety in the Workplace Lvl 2	09:30- 16:00	Accredited training delivered by ALW FREE for volunteers, just £30 for paid staff. Attendance needed on both days to achieve accreditation. Book here
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Development Team Networks

Date	Session	Times	Over-view
Thurs 22 Jan	Veterans Network (on line via Teams)	10:30- 12:00	A network for any organisations supporting veterans across Bridgend County. Book Here
Thurs 22 Jan	Trustee Network “On Line”	18:00- 19:00	A chance for shared learning for trustees, updates on good governance and info share Book Here
Tues 20 Jan	Joint Community Venues & Trustee Network “in person”	10:30 -13:00	For anyone running a community venue – eg: sports club/church/community centre etc. The second half of our session will be for trustees to share info on good governance, shared peer learning and more! This in person session will kindly be hosted at the Bryncethin Community Centre Book Here
Thur 22 Jan	Trustee Network on line	18:00- 19:00	A chance for trustees to share and learn from each other, and catch up on the latest governance updates. Book Here
Thurs 12 Feb	Croeso Bridgend Network (on line via teams)	10:00- 12:00	A network for any organisations who support refugees/asylum seekers, or minority groups within Bridgend county. Book Here

BAVO would ask that you familiarise yourself with their updated Training Costs Policy which became effective from 1 Sep 25 - click [here](#).

For BAVOs own courses (non accredited), places are FREE but if you fail to attend and don't cancel your place more than 36 hours before you will be charged a minimum £25 cancellation fee (depending on length of course and membership status). If you find you cannot attend, BAVO are happy for you to send someone else from your organisation.

For courses delivered by Adult Learning Wales - if you are a paid staff member you will need to contact them directly regarding payment of the course costs. Details will be sent out to you with joining instructions, prior to the date of the training.

Any queries on any of the above, please get in touch, and BAVO directly: [REDACTED];
[REDACTED]

Here is the info:

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust are able to offer free lunch time sessions for all community groups and organisations who are managing a community asset.

Please see below for information on the webinars and the links to book on to the webinars that The Coalfields Regeneration Trust will be running throughout January/February with expert presenters:

Managing Utilities Webinar - Thursday 15th January Managing your Utilities 12pm-1pm
<https://bit.ly/4qgx5r3>

Delivered by Touchstone Energy Management Services and will cover:

- Competitive electricity, gas and water contracts
- New connections & renewables
- Metering & billing
- Discounted VAT & Climate Change Levy
- and much more!

Grants and Support Webinar- Thursday 22nd January - National Churches Trust 12pm-1pm
(Funding information) <https://bit.ly/4j1jilH>

Delivered by National Churches Trust and will cover:

- The Cherish Project, available support, and what our grants fund
- Choosing the right grant and what you need before applying
- How to apply, key deadlines, and what makes a strong application
- What happens after you submit your application ?

How to Improve your Energy and Carbon Efficiency Webinar - Thursday 29th January How to improve your Energy and Carbon Efficiency 12pm-1pm <https://bit.ly/4s2GVOZ>

Delivered by Rounded Developments Enterprises Limited and will cover:

- The risks of energy and carbon upgrades
- How to minimise those risks using the whole building approach
- Balancing efficiency with local climate, heritage and more!
- Practical tips for sustainable retrofit

Fit For Funding Webinar - Thursday 5th February Fit for Funding 12pm-1pm <https://bit.ly/4qg1mGs>

Delivered by Coalfields Regeneration Trust and will cover:

- Getting ready to apply for funding
- Top tips for Capital and Revenue Projects
- Match Funding
- Support available
- Funding available from Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Please click the links to register

I have also attached a poster advertising all the Webinars, although the book on links are not included.

If you have any queries or need any assistance please contact GemmaConway, Development Officer at the Coalfields Regeneration Trust on: 07821 646136

Please feel free to share any of this information with your networks! If you have anything you'd like to share, please let me know.

Best wishes,

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Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr | Bridgend County Borough Council

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg. Rhwch wybod i ni os yw eich dewis iaith yw'r Gymraeg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Please let us know if your language choice is Welsh.



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Website/Gwefan: www.bridgend.gov.uk

Architectural Heritage Fund - Project Viability Grants

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Top 30% WIMD. These grants can help you to develop your proposals from feasibility through to the start of capital works To support the conservation and sustainable re-use of historic buildings for the benefit of communities, particularly in economically disadvantaged areas. In general, your project will be eligible if all of the following apply: RIBA Plan of Work stage 0 – 2
£ Available:	£10K<
Project Length:	Up to 1 year
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Your organisation must be one of the following not-for-private-profit organisations or lowest tiers of local government: • Unincorporated charities (for Project Viability Grants only) • Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) • Charitable Companies Limited by Guarantee • Community Benefit Societies • Not-for-private-profit Companies Limited by Guarantee • Community Interest Companies (CICs) Limited by Guarantee • Co-operatives • Parish, Community and Town Councils • Independent secular organisations seeking to take ownership of a place of worship that will retain some religious use.
Application Process:	Two-stage application process. You can submit an Expression of Interest anytime. (Stage 1) will be invited to submit a full application. (Stage 2)
Application Deadline:	£7,500< anytime >£7,500 Ongoing Quarterly 19/01/2026
Outcome Notification:	(Stage 1) within 2 weeks. (Stage 2) 2 - 3
Notes:	Discuss any potential application with the Wales Team before submitting an application.
Links:	https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/wales/

Architectural Heritage Fund - Project Development Grants

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Project Viability. Top 30% WIMD. We want to support the conservation and sustainable re-use of historic buildings for the benefit of communities, particularly in economically disadvantaged areas. In general, your project will be eligible if all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your project involves an historic building, which we define as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o nationally listed – Grade I, II*, IIo locally listedo unlisted but in a Conservation Area and/oro highly valued by the local community for its demonstrable historic interest;• your project is being led by a not-for-private-profit organisation• your project involves the building changing its use and/or a change of ownership• your organisation already has or seeks to acquire the freehold or a long lease (usually for a minimum of 25 years) on the building RIBA Plan of Work stage 2 – 4
£ Available:	£20K<
Project Length:	Up to 1 year
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Your organisation must be one of the following not-for-private-profit organisations or lowest tiers of local government: • Unincorporated charities (for Project Viability Grants only) •

Application Process:	Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) • Charitable Companies Limited by Guarantee • Community Benefit Societies • Not-for-private-profit Companies Limited by Guarantee • Community Interest Companies (CICs) Limited by Guarantee • Co-operatives • Parish, Community and Town Councils • Independent secular organisations seeking to take ownership of a place of worship that will retain some religious use. Two-stage application process. You can submit an Expression of Interest anytime. (Stage 1) will be invited to submit a full application. (Stage 2)
Application Deadline:	£7,500< anytime >£7,500 Ongoing Quarterly 19/01/2026
Outcome Notification:	(Stage 1) within 2 weeks. (Stage 2) 2 - 3
Notes:	Discuss any potential application with the Wales Team before submitting an application.
Links:	https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/wales/
Arnold Clark Foundation - Community Fund	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Details of 2026 Programme Coming Soon!
Organisation Type:	Registered charities & community groups
Notes:	Must be within 50 Miles of Branch
Links:	https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund
Arts Council of Wales - Create (National Lottery for the Arts)	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	Development & Creation of arts experiences to help creative organisations connect with the public
£ Available:	£500 - £10k
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	At least 10%
Organisation Type:	Organisations & Individuals
Application Process:	Online Application Form
Application Deadline:	14/01/26
Outcome Notification:	6 Weeks
Notes:	Ends March 2026
Links:	https://arts.wales/create
Arts Council of Wales - Creative Communities Fund	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	1 off projects which inspire people to get involved in creative activity. Organisations embedded in their communities. Applications from areas of limited arts provision or under represented.
£ Available:	£500-£1,500
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community Groups
Application Process:	Online Application Form
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	8 Weeks
Notes:	Apply minimum 8 weeks before start of project.
Links:	https://arts.wales/creative-communities
Arts Council of Wales - Major Productions Fund	
Type:	Large Grants

Relevant Priorities:	Major Productions funds the development and presentation of exceptional, large scale, high-quality, live arts experiences for audiences in Wales. It supports organisations creating unique and innovative work that has the potential to engage with significant audiences in Wales and beyond, showcasing the best of Welsh and Wales based talent. Your proposal will strongly demonstrate how it will support one or more of our principles as set out in corporate plan: Creativity; Equalities and engagement; Welsh language; Climate justice; Developing talent; Transform; Everything supported through this Fund will be expected to demonstrate commitment to the principles of the Welsh Government's Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.
£ Available:	£100K-£300K
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	0.25
Organisation Type:	Company Limited by Guarantee; Registered charity; CICs; ;Local Authority, University, Health Board or other Public Body
Application Process:	Online Application Form
Application Deadline:	26/01/26 1PM
Outcome Notification:	8 Weeks
Notes:	Jan 26 & 2nd phase tba April 26
Links:	https://arts.wales/major-productions
Arts Council of Wales - Create (National Lottery for the Arts)	
Type:	Large Grants
Relevant Priorities:	Development & Creation of arts experiences to help creative organisations connect with the public
£ Available:	£10k - £50,000+
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	At least 10%
Organisation Type:	Organisations & Individuals
Application Process:	Online Application Form
Application Deadline:	14/01/26 1PM
Outcome Notification:	9 Weeks
Notes:	Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 1pm
Links:	https://arts.wales/create
Arts Council of Wales - Arts, Health & Wellbeing	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Partnership bids which tackle 1 or more: Nature, mental health, health inequalities, physical health & wellbeing, staff wellbeing.
£ Available:	"Groundwork & Test" £500-£15K "Invest" £15001-£35K "Scale up" >£50K
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	10%, 25%, 40%
Organisation Type:	Partnerships between arts, health & nature organizations
Application Process:	Online Application Portal
Application Deadline:	Opens 19/11/25 & Closes 1pm 21/01/26
Outcome Notification:	£50K< 8weeks >£50K 12 weeks
Notes:	Register with portal at least 5 days prior to applying. 1pm on Wednesday 21 January 2026.
Links:	https://arts.wales/funding/organisations/arts-health-and-wellbeing
Arts Council of Wales - Llais y Lle	
Type:	Project

Relevant Priorities: Develop the creative use of Cymraeg within communities: creative activity that contributes to these outcomes:

- engaging with people within communities to develop the use of Cymraeg locally.
- research possibility & need for creative developments involving Cymraeg within communities.
- develop creative work, in co-operation with the community.
- use relevant participatory approaches to allow community to find their voice through Cymraeg.
- support individuals from community to develop own ideas & actions through mentoring & placing ownership over action in their hands.
- develop partnerships, exchanges and artistic co-operations within your community.
- create a bridge between community networks through the arts.
- develop local creative skills and opportunities.
- give consideration and opportunities for new Welsh speakers on any step of their language journey and offer support to individuals at the beginning of their creative careers.
- long-term community ownership of the developments.
- assess the effect and adjust ideas throughout the project timeline, and record them in detail in the project diary

£ Available: £40K<

Project Length: All projects will start by the end of April 2026 and finish by the end of March 2027.

Match Funding Required? 10% 'In Kind' from community organisation.

Organisation Type: Community organisation

Application Process: Before you start online application, you must check eligibility with: einir.sion@celf.cymru

Application Deadline: Closes at 12pm on Monday, 2nd February 2026.

Notes: Organisation must be based in the community it will be working in.

Links: <https://arts.wales/llais-y-lle-community-organisations>

Ashley Family Foundation -

Type: Project (Excl. Capital)

Relevant Priorities: Wales: Arts; Crafts; Education; Rural; Community; Sustainability; Small Charities

£ Available: £10K<

Project Length: Up to 3 Years

Match Funding Required? 0.9

Organisation Type: Registered charities, CIOs & CICs

Application Process: Phone/email to discuss suitability.

Application Deadline: **Now open for March 26 round**

Outcome Notification: Awards made 3 times a year following Trustee meeting

Notes: If unsuccessful, can't reapply for a year.

Links: <https://www.ashleyfamilyfoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply-for-a-grant-from-the-ashley-family-foundation>

Association of Independent Museums (AIM) - Collections Care Audit

Type: Project

Relevant Priorities: The funding is awarded to pay for the cost of an accredited conservator to audit the museum and stores conditions, and produce a report that takes into account the ten agents of decay.

£ Available: Grants of £1,200 plus travel and VAT (if applicable) are available to cover the cost of a fully accredited conservator undertaking a three day audit. The grants are paid retrospectively.

Organisation Type: AIM membership; UK registered charity or; An organisation with exempt charitable status or, A recognised public body i.e. Local Authority

	Museum; Small or Medium sized museum (fewer than 50,000 visitors p.a.).
Application Process:	Online application
Application Deadline:	Spring Round - Last Friday in March; Autumn Round - Last Friday in September
Notes:	These grants are a good starting point for smaller museums to understand their collection care needs and to develop future grant applications based on the recommendations of a conservator.
Links:	https://www.aim-museums.co.uk/
Aviva - Aviva Community Fund	
Type:	Crowdfunding & Aviva Match Funding
Relevant Priorities:	Financial Wellbeing & Climate Action (with Save our Wild Isles Community Fund)
£ Available:	Up to £50k
Match Funding Required?	Yes - Crowdfunding
Organisation Type:	Charity, CIO, CIC, Ltd Company, CASC or Constituted Community Group
Application Process:	Online Application Portal
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Rolling
Links:	https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/
Barbara Ward Children's Foundation	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	Serving disadvantaged children worldwide
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Small, non-religious charities
Application Process:	Contact info@bwcf.org.uk or send a written application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Links:	https://www.bwcf.org.uk/
BBC Children in Need - Project Costs	
Type:	Project (Excl. Capital)
Relevant Priorities:	Working with disadvantaged children & young people under 18 in communities.
£ Available:	Up to £15k (per year); May consider over £15k
Project Length:	Up to 3 Years
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Charities, Not for Profits & CICs
Application Process:	Contact local team in first instance. Attend pre-application advice session. Stage 1 - Expression of Interest Form Online Stage 2 - Full Application Online
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Funding for Primarily Under 18s
Links:	https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/project-costs-funding-stream/
BBC Children in Need - Core Costs	
Type:	Revenue
Relevant Priorities:	Working with disadvantaged children & young people under 18 in communities.
£ Available:	Up to £15k (per year); May consider over £15k
Project Length:	Up to 3 Years

Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Charities, Not for Profits & CICs
Application Process:	Contact local team in first instance. Attend pre-application advice session. Stage 1 - Expression of Interest Form Online Stage 2 - Full Application Online
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Funding for Primarily Under 18s
Links:	https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/core-costs/
BBC Children in Need (in partnership with Family Fund) - Emergency Essentials Programme	
Type:	Items
Relevant Priorities:	Children and young people up to and including the age of 17 who are experiencing a crisis or emergency and live in the UK Accept one application per household within a 12 month period
£ Available:	Can deliver or fund critical items such as: Cookers; Furniture; Kitchen equipment and small appliances; Children's beds and bedding (including cots); Washing machines and tumble dryers; Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers; Baby equipment; Clothing for an emergency.
Organisation Type:	All applications must be made by a registered referrer and the programme has limited funding.
Application Process:	Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.
Notes:	Please read Emergency Essentials Referrer Guidelines for more details. For more information, contact us via email: emergencyessentials@familyfundservices.co.uk or call us 01904 550011, between 9.30am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.
Benefact Trust - Community Impact Grants	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Projects making a positive and transformative impact on lives & communities. Poverty, Mental Health, Climate Change, Vulnerable People and Children/Young People
£ Available:	Up to £10k; £10k+
Match Funding Required?	70-90%
Organisation Type:	Christian Organisations, including churches, cathedrals & schools
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Small grants £10K< 2 months. Larger grants > £10K 4-6 months as decided by grants committee
Notes:	Grants Committee (January, April, July, September and November) Board (March, May, June, September, November) One application every 2 years
Links:	https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/community-impact-grants/
Benefact Trust - Building Improvement Grants	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Support to protect & enhance churches & Christian Charity Buildings
£ Available:	£750-£100K
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	30% Must have been secured before applying.

Organisation Type:	Churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies, & christian charities.
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Small grants £10K< 2 months. Larger grants > £10K 4-6 months as decided by grants committee
Notes:	Grants Committee (January, April, July, September and November); Board (March, May, June, September, November) One application every 2 years
Links:	https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/building-improvement-grants/
Benefact Trust - Roof Alarms Grant	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Churches - prevent roof metal theft
£ Available:	£2,500<
Match Funding Required?	0.5
Organisation Type:	Churches
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Not Defined
Notes:	Must be provided by alarm approved by church's insurers. Church must agree to maintain alarm for 5 years. Can still apply if had other grant within 2 years.
Links:	https://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/grants/roof-alarm-grants/
Benesco Charitable Trust -	
Type:	Not Defined
Relevant Priorities:	Education, Medicine & Welfare
£ Available:	Not Defined
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	Not Defined
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities
Application Process:	Apply in writing to: Joanne Cowan, Benesco Charity Ltd, 8/10 Hallam Street, London W1W 6NS
Notes:	Telephone: 02070792506
Links:	
Bernard Sunley Foundation - Community Grant	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Projects supported are those that make a positive contribution to their neighbourhood and create a sense of belonging. These projects provide greater opportunities for families, the elderly, young people and children to get involved in sport and social activities. Churches are considered if their improvements benefit the wider community. Funding Priorities Churches/Community Centres/Rescue Services/Sport/Uniformed Groups/Village Halls/Youth Clubs
£ Available:	3 levels, but amounts not specified
Organisation Type:	Charities, CIOs, Churches
Application Process:	Online Eligibility checker & Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Small Grants - Up to 3 Months; Others - Up to 6 Months

Notes:	10 years + on lease required, do not fund CASCs, CICs, unregistered groups or town/parish councils Trustees meet March, July & November. Can't re-apply for a year if rejected.
Links:	https://bernardsunley.org/
Boost Charitable Trust - Boost Charitable Trust	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	To champion the disabled & disadvantaged through sport: Physical & Learning Disabilities; Mental Health; Social Exclusion
£ Available:	Small Grants - up to £750; Large Grants >£750 (average £2K-7K)
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Charities/Not for Profit with a focus on Sport
Application Process:	Email/letter (see website)
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Shorter £750< Up to 3 Months >£750
Links:	https://www.boostct.org/
Bridgend County Borough Council - Community Asset Transfer Fund	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Building Refurbishment Pitch Improvement & Drainage Pitch Maintenance Equipment
£ Available:	£0 - £50k, £50k + £5k - £25k £5k - £10k
Project Length:	Various
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Capital Projects Pitch Improvement & Drainage Pitch Maintenance Equipment
Application Process:	Application Form via CAT officer
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Not Defined
Notes:	
Links:	CAT@bridgend.gov.uk
Bridgend County Borough Council - Town & Community Council Capital Grant Scheme	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Capital Projects
£ Available:	£5k - £20k
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Capital Projects
Application Process:	Email jason.frowen@bridgend.gov.uk for form
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Town & Community Councils Only
Bridgend Lions - Charity Fund	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	Local Good Causes
£ Available:	Up to £500
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Groups, Organisations, Individuals
Application Process:	Email (enquiries@bridgendlions.org.uk), Call 0845 833 9582 or send a Facebook message stating what you are requesting funds for

Application Deadline:	Considered Monthly
Outcome Notification:	Monthly
Links:	https://www.bridgendlions.org.uk/contact.html
Bridgend Town Council - Grant Aid Scheme	
Type:	Revenue & Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Promoting a healthy & cohesive community
£ Available:	Revenue (Small) Grants; Capital Grants - one third of costs up to £10k
Project Length:	Various
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Not for Profits
Application Process:	Complete & email application form to btcfinance@bridgend.gov.uk
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Grant must be claimed by 31/03 of awarding year.
Links:	https://www.bridgendtowncouncil.gov.uk/your-council-town-council/financial-information/grant-funding/
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust - CharityFund	
Type:	Not Defined
Relevant Priorities:	Provision of leisure activities for the disabled, including improved access
£ Available:	Not Defined
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Not for Profit Organisations
Application Process:	Online Preliminary Form, Full Application form
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Quarterly
Notes:	One award per organisation every 12 months
Links:	https://brucewaketrust.co.uk/grants/
CLA Charitable Trust - Not defined	
Type:	Revenue;Capital; Project
Relevant Priorities:	Most disadvantaged: especially disadvantaged young people, to access the benefits of the countryside. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Advancing people's physical and mental health and wellbeing through financial support of charities, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises, which are delivering access, recreational and educational opportunities within and about the countryside. To promote and encourage education in sustainable farming, food production and rural land management. Support a wide range of organisations providing activities engaging young people and communities in these areas. <p>This include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farms providing day or residential experiences for disabled or disadvantaged young people. Growing projects including horticultural therapy and community projects supporting people through outdoor activities and gardening. Forest school type activities giving people the opportunity to utilise their outdoor spaces for the benefit of their mental and physical wellbeing. Conservation and environmental projects giving people the chance to learn about the natural environment and how to care for it.
£ Available:	£5K<

Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, CICs, constituted groups or schools exclusively for children with additional needs
Application Process:	EOI online
Notes:	Not open to previous applicants for 3 years.
Links:	https://www.cla.org.uk/news/apply-for-clact-funding/
Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Coalfields Cymru Kit Grant	
Type:	Sports Kit
Relevant Priorities:	Encouraging young people to play sport (13-19)
£ Available:	Up to £500
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	New and existing community sports clubs.
Application Process:	One Stage Process
Application Deadline:	Open 1st April 2026
Outcome Notification:	20 days
Notes:	Welsh coalfield communities (specific wards in Bridgend - see website)
Links:	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wales_support/funding-wales/
Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Coalfields Community Capital Grant	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Support community & voluntary organisations, who manage community facilities, to access funding required to: safeguard; maintain; and/or improve their community facility.
£ Available:	£500-£7K
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community & voluntary organisations in Welsh coalfield communities with an appropriate governing document
Application Process:	Complete Capital Grant application form & email it to wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	12 weeks
Notes:	Eligible coalfield areas in Wales. Can be outside an eligible coalfield area if can demonstrate project will benefit people from coalfield areas. (specific wards in Bridgend - see website)
Links:	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/grants
Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Breaking Barriers Fund (McMillan)	
Type:	Capital or Revenue
Relevant Priorities:	Development of services for people affected by cancer to enable & test solutions to improve cancer outcomes and access to cancer support services at a local level.
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community & voluntary organisations in Welsh coalfield communities with an appropriate governing document
Application Process:	Submit project outline & proposed area by email to: wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Eligible coalfield areas in Wales. (specific wards in Bridgend - see website)
Links:	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/grants

Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Surveys & Professional Fees

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Professional surveys & assessments to help organisations plan for the future. E.G. Building Condition Survey with 5-Year Maintenance Plan; Asbestos Survey; Energy Efficiency Survey; Damp or Structural Survey
£ Available:	Up to 2 surveys per organisation.
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community & voluntary organisations in Welsh coalfield communities with an appropriate governing document
Application Process:	Online application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Up to 2 surveys per organisation
Links:	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/grants

Codi Trust (Formerly Pobl Trust, Formerly Gwalia Trust) -

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Ways in which they can help their communities to help themselves Connecting Communities Physical and Mental Health Environmental protection and human wellness Efficient Living
£ Available:	£1K<
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community Group
Application Process:	Online application
Application Deadline:	Funding Round open (1st to end of each of the following months) January, May and September Applications Review, voted on and agreed with trustees February, June and October
Outcome Notification:	Funding Awarded March, July & November
Notes:	<u>Cannot</u> be used towards match funding.
Links:	https://codigroup.co.uk/codi-trust/application-and-guidance

Community Foundation Wales - Fund for Wales

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	improving chances in life; building stronger communities; improving rural & urban env.; enc healthier/active; preserving heritage & culture
£ Available:	£500-£2K
Project Length:	Up to 3 years
Organisation Type:	Community groups, charities, income less than £100K<
Application Process:	Online
Application Deadline:	Ongoing until 09/03/26 Mid day
Outcome Notification:	Panel meet end of each month.
Notes:	6 Aps. Will be for 3 years. Priorities groups who've not previously had grant.
Links:	https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants/fund-for-wales/

Community Foundation Wales - Principality Building Society's Environmental Fund

Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Retrofit to make community accessible buildings more env. Friendly/efficient
£ Available:	£20k

Project Length:	1 year
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community groups, charities, income less than £500K<
Application Process:	Online
Application Deadline:	Throughout January 2026
Outcome Notification:	Not Defined
Notes:	Must be spent within 1 year.
Links:	https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants/principality-building-society-retrofit-for-the-future-fund/
Cymru Football Foundation - Fit for Future Facilities Programme	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Grants available supporting capital projects from grass pitch improvements to changing room developments.
£ Available:	Up to £500K
Project Length:	1 Year
Match Funding Required?	Yes - Min 30%
Organisation Type:	Community Groups, Charities, CASC, CIOs, unincorporated associations, town/community councils
Application Process:	Complete EOI initially.
Application Deadline:	ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Not Defined
Notes:	Capital Projects (e.g. grass pitch improvements, facilities improvements, building access upgrades, new facilities) 21 years' security of tenure is required for grants of >£300,000.
Links:	https://faw.cymru/cff/fit-for-future-facilities-programme-eoi/
Cymru Football Foundation - Stadia Improvement Fund	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	The Fund will support Clubs affiliated to the Football Association of Wales ("FAW") by: Enhancing infrastructure, to make stadia more welcoming, accessible and inclusive; Boosting Matchday Experiences, enabling increased spectatorshi & advancing playing environments; Implementing League License Criteria, enabling Clubs to progress; Improving Environments for Match Officials, supporting the development of refereeing.
£ Available:	Up to £50K
Match Funding Required?	Yes - Min 20%
Organisation Type:	Eligible applicants are any Football Clubs that are currently participating in any of the following leagues: Cymru Premier / Cymru North & South / Ardal Leagues / Area Association Premier Leagues (Men's Tier 4) / Adran Premier / Adran North & South / Area Association Premier Leagues (Women's Tier 3)
Application Process:	Email application form
Application Deadline:	Men's Tiers 1, 2, 3 & 4 Cymru Leagues, Ardal Leagues, Area Premier Leagues (those that have not applied for a Tier 1 License) Thursday 30th April 2026 20:00 Women's Tiers 1, 2 & 3 Adran Leagues and Area Premier Leagues (those that have not applied for a licensee)
Notes:	See website for more details: https://faw.cymru/cff/guidance/

Dulux - Community Repaint

Type: Paint
Relevant Priorities: Reusing paint to colour the community, affordable paint
£ Available: Paint
Match Funding Required? No
Organisation Type: Community Groups, Individuals etc
Application Process: Online
Application Deadline: Ongoing
Links: <https://communityrepaint.org.uk/>

Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water - Community Fund

Type: Small Grants
Relevant Priorities: Community/Environmental/Wellbeing Initiatives
£ Available: i£1K< ii £5K<
Project Length: One Year
Match Funding Required? No
Organisation Type: Not for Profit Organisations
Application Process: Online Application Form
Application Deadline: Please see panel dates below, when to submit your application and when we'll they'll let you know the outcome of your application.
1st January 2026 - 28th February 2026
1st May 2026 - 30th June 20256
1st September 2026 - 31st October 2026
Outcome Notification: 4 Weeks
Links: <https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/community-projects/community-fund>

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - Our Natural World, A Fairer Future & Creative, Confident Communities

Type: Core, Project & Unrestricted
Relevant Priorities: Restoration of space for nature, access to nature, sustainable & ethical food, youth-led projects, underprivileged young people, supporting diverse communities, community driven enterprise & regeneration & communities working together
£ Available: £30k+
Project Length: 3 - 5 Years
Organisation Type: Registered Charities, unregistered charities, CICs and Not for profit Ltd Companies
Application Process: Eligibility Quiz, EOI & Full Application
Application Deadline: Ongoing
Outcome Notification: 4 Weeks - 6 Months
Notes: Must have income >£100k
Links: <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>

Filco/Nisa - Making a difference locally

Type: Revenue
Relevant Priorities: Investing in building stronger local communities
£ Available: Typically up to £2k
Project Length: Not Defined
Match Funding Required? No
Organisation Type: Registered Charities/Voluntary Organisations within 10 miles of a Nisa/Filco store
Application Process: Contact local store directly
Application Deadline: Ongoing

Notes:	Must be within 10 miles of a Nisa/Filco store
Links:	https://www.nisalocally.co.uk/community/
Figurative - Arts & Culture Impact Fund	
Type:	Loan Finance
Relevant Priorities:	Organisation has to demonstrate clear social mission. Core operations or activity: arts / culture / heritage.
£ Available:	LOANs between £150k & £1M
Organisation Type:	Must be registered charity or CIC.
Application Process:	Initially Complete online Enquiry Form
Notes:	Must operate & beneficiaries must be in UK.
Links:	https://figurative.org.uk/
Forces in Mind Trust - Forces in Mind	
Type:	Projects
Relevant Priorities:	Supporting the psychological wellbeing and successful and sustainable transition of veterans and their families into civilian life - 7 Programme areas (Employment, Health, Housing, Criminal Justice, Relationships, Finance and Enabling)
Organisation Type:	Not for profits, charities, universities.
Application Process:	Online Portal & Cover Letter
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Up to 12 Weeks
Links:	https://www.fim-trust.org/apply/
Ford - Ford Britain Trust	
Type:	Capital Projects
Relevant Priorities:	Projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and community projects
£ Available:	Small Grants - up to £250 Large Grants - £250 - £3k
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, non-profit organisations, Schools/PTAs
Application Process:	Download, Complete & Email application form
Application Deadline:	Small grant £250< three times a year during: 1 April to 30 June; 1 August to 31 October; 1 December to 28 February Large grant £3k< twice a year during: 1 March to 31 July; 1 September to 31 January
Outcome Notification:	Up to 8 weeks
Links:	https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/news/ford-britain-trust
Forte Charitable Foundation - Small Grants/Major Grants	
Type:	Revenue & Project
Relevant Priorities:	Small - Community Support; Large - Family Support
£ Available:	Small Grants - £2k - £10k; Large Grants - £10k - £100k
Project Length:	Small - 1 Year; Large - Up to 3 Years
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Charities inc CICs, not for profits & voluntary organisations
Application Process:	Complete Eligibility Checker first. Online Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Small - 8 Weeks; Large - Quarterly
Notes:	Check the WIMD deprivation rank of your organisation's postcode - you'll need this information to know whether you are eligible
Links:	https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants

Garfield Weston Foundation - Major Grants Programme

Type:	Capital, Revenue & Project
Relevant Priorities:	Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Faith, Health, Museums. Heritage, Welfare & Youth
£ Available:	Over £100k
Project Length:	1-3 Years
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, CIOs
Application Process:	Online EOI & typed proposal
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Four Months
Notes:	If applying for £100k, annual income should exceed £1million, Capital grants typically 10%-15% of total costs. Must have secured at least 50% capital funding before applying. Can't reapply for one year after outcome email.
Links:	https://garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants/major-grants/

Garfield Weston Foundation - Regular Grants Programme - Various Categories

Type:	Capital, Revenue & Project
Relevant Priorities:	Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Faith, Health, Museums. Heritage, Welfare & Youth
£ Available:	Up to £100,000
Project Length:	1-3 years
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, CIOs
Application Process:	Online Portal & typed proposal
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Four Months
Notes:	Can't reapply for one year after outcome email.
Links:	https://garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants/how-to-apply/

Graham Kirkham Foundation - Graham Kirkham Foundation

Type:	Trustee Discretion
Relevant Priorities:	Education, Poverty Relief, public recreational facilities and sites of historical interest
£ Available:	Up to £20k
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities & Voluntary Organisations
Application Process:	Telephone for details 01302 573301
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Links:	https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?subid=0&regid=1002390

Glamorgan Bird Club - Small Grants Scheme

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	engaging, enthusing and inspiring local people on understanding, enjoying and conserving birds, identifying, recording and monitoring birds and their habitats e.g. through surveying, habitat management to benefit birds. Small Grants Scheme, offering support for projects directly or indirectly benefiting any Birds of Conservation Concern in Wales which can be found in East Glamorgan
£ Available:	£250<

Application Process:	Email application to: treasurer@glamorganbirds.org.uk
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	21 days
Notes:	Grants of up to £250 can be applied for by GBC members and non-members, using the application form to be found here [displays a downloadable pdf info sheet and application form]. Projects delivered in partnership and shown to be sustainable are especially
Links:	https://glamorganbirds.org.uk/gbc-small-grants-scheme/
Historic Houses Foundation -	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Demonstrate a sustainable and long-term commitment to the care, management and public access of the historic country houses in their care. there is a compelling need for the work, usually within 2 to 3 years the work will enhance our historic environment there will be appropriate public access there is a financial need for the grant the work can proceed within a reasonable time frame (usually 1 to 2 years) the work is sustainable with a suitable conservation and/or business plan the building or structure is listed however, we may make grants that involve an unlisted building, particularly in a conservation area the structure is rural, either in the countryside or where it has been overtaken by urban or suburban development
£ Available:	Minimum £1K £250K< (Average Circa £50K)
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, institutions, local authorities and individuals
Outcome Notification:	Pre-application 28 days. Following site visit as soon as possible.
Notes:	Grants for projects which either do not qualify for funding from any of the mainstream sources or have been awarded only partial funding. Also consider making grants to kick start a project but will expect further funding to be in p
Keep Wales Tidy - Local Places for Nature	
Type:	Equipment & Plants
Relevant Priorities:	Free Garden Packages to create, restore & enhance green spaces
£ Available:	Starter & Development plants & materials
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community groups
Application Process:	Online
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Closed, but if you apply now, you can be put on the waiting list for April 2026!
Links:	https://keepwalestidy.cymru/our-work/conservation/nature/
Kelly Family Trust - Not defined	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, eg practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit

	Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment
£ Available:	£5K<
Project Length:	Not Defined
Organisation Type:	Charities (National charities only regional projects will be considered)
Application Process:	Downlad application from website and email it to: mail@kfct.org.uk
Application Deadline:	1st March & 1st September
Notes:	Check application criteria on web site before applying. Unsuccessful applicants must wait for 1 year before reapplying.
Links:	https://kfct.org.uk/
Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust - Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust	
Type:	Trustee Discretion
Relevant Priorities:	Sports/Recreation; Community Development
£ Available:	£1k - £3k; Potential £25k+
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Sports/Recreation, Young people's welfare
Application Process:	Written Applications Only - contact charities@rftrustee.com
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Trustees consider twice a year
Notes:	Contact charities@rftrustee.com
Links:	https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/3970779/what-who-how-where
Little Lives UK - Technology Programme	
Type:	Equipment
Relevant Priorities:	Children's support groups and organisations (e.g. sports classes), disabled and disadvantaged children
£ Available:	Device Donations
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Schools/Youth Clubs
Application Process:	Online Application Form
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	If not heard within 30 days, presume unsuccessful.
Links:	https://www.littlelives.org.uk/our-campaigns/our-technology-programme/
Lord's Taverners - Various Programmes	
Type:	Various Opportunities
Relevant Priorities:	To increase opportunities for regular participation in sports for the disabled and disadvantaged under 25s, promoting healthy lifestyles and social inclusion and increasing confidence and self-esteem
£ Available:	Youth Sports Kit , Cricket Hubs, Table Cricket
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Charities
Application Process:	Online
Notes:	Opportunities for individuals to participate in wheelchair rugby/basketball/cricket/table cricket
Links:	https://www.lordstaverners.org/
Masonic Charitable Foundation - Early Years (0-5); Domestic Abuse; Special Edicational Needs & Disabilities	
Type:	Revenue & Project

Relevant Priorities:	For Early Years applications beneficiaries must be aged 0-5 years. For Domestic Abuse and SEND applications beneficiaries must be children and young people aged 0-18, or up to the age of 25 years for beneficiaries with SEND. This may also include family or carer support as long as the ultimate beneficiaries are the children and young people.
£ Available:	Small Grants - £1k - £5k; Large Grants - £10k - £60k
Project Length:	Up to 3 years
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Registered charities
Application Process:	Online; EoI & invitation for Large Grants
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	Level of grant applicable depends on Charity income Small £25K-£500K Large >3500K -£5M
Links:	https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/
Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Projects with a positive impact on communities, people or the environment (Excl. Sports Clubs)
£ Available:	Up to £5k via a trustee vote
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Local Community Groups, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise
Application Process:	Online Form
Application Deadline:	16 December – 15 March; 16 March – 15 June; 16 June – 15 September; 16 September – 15 December
Outcome Notification:	16 December – 15 March Applications for funding announced in May/June 16 March – 15 June Applications for funding announced in August/September 16 June – 15 September Applications for funding announced in November/December 16 September – 15 December
Notes:	Charity income should be below £50,000 per annum & they do not fund sports groups
Links:	https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/
McCarthy Stone Foundation - Core Cost Funding; Project Funding	
Type:	Revenue, Project & Unrestricted
Relevant Priorities:	Community Grants, Dementia Action Week, Small Community Grants (Invitation Only) supporting people over 65
£ Available:	Core: Up to £7,500
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Grassroots community groups & voluntary organisations with a governing document.
Application Process:	Expression of interest
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	12 Weeks
Links:	https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/
Monmouthshire Building Society - Charitable Foundation	

Relevant Priorities:	Tackling poverty, community development, advancement of arts, culture, heritage, science, environmental protection, youth, disability & animal welfare
£ Available:	Modest donations
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Organisations in CF postcodes, voluntary & community groups, constituted clubs or groups, charities
Application Process:	Download & Complete the Application Form & Email/Post
Application Deadline:	Quarterly
Outcome Notification:	Up to 28 days
Notes:	March, June, September and December. Applicants notified within one month of the meeting. Can't reapply for 3 years if successful.
Links:	https://www.monbs.com/about-us/monmouthshire-building-society-charitable-foundation/
Morrison's Foundation - Grant funding	
Type:	Capital & Project
Relevant Priorities:	Tackling poverty and social deprivation. Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services. Improving health and wellbeing.
£ Available:	up to £10K
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities Sports-based only if objectives include improving the lives of vulnerable/disadvantaged people
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Up to 3 months
Notes:	Please read "what we do not fund" carefully. Can't reapply for a year if unsuccessful.
Links:	https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/
Motto Foundation - Not defined	
Relevant Priorities:	The Trustees encourage applications from: • Organisations within a 15-mile radius of a Moto site • Organisations who have the endorsement of a Moto colleague
£ Available:	Average £1K
Organisation Type:	Charity, school, not-for-profit or CIC
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Not Defined
Outcome Notification:	Not Defined
Notes:	Must be within 15 miles of a Motto & must be supported by someone employed by Moto Hospitality Ltd. Our closest are: Cardiff West M4 Junction 33 Swansea M4 Junction 47
Links:	https://moto-way.com/about-us/moto-foundation/grant-process/
National Churches Trust - Large Grant	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	i Urgent Structural repairs >£80k ii Installation Kitchen & Accessible Toilets >£30K
£ Available:	Up to £50K

Project Length:	Up to 2 years
Match Funding Required?	At least 50% Match funding required.
Organisation Type:	listed & unlisted Christian places of worship
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Midnight 03/03/26 You'll be informed of 2nd deadline if you pass stage 1
Notes:	Must have secured at least 50% of funding before applying.
Links:	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants

National Churches Trust - Medium Grant

Type:	Capital & Project
Relevant Priorities:	Up to £10K towards urgent / essential maintenance / repair: projects >£80K Also project development & investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for major project / developing to the point to approach major grant funder.
£ Available:	Up to 10K
Match Funding Required?	At least 50% Match funding required.
Organisation Type:	listed & unlisted Christian places of worship
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Tuesday 14 April 2026
Outcome Notification:	Not Defined
Notes:	Works must cost >£80K
Links:	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/medium-grants

National Grid - Community Grant Programme

Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Projects with social, economic or environmental benefits
£ Available:	Up to £10k; Up to £20K
Project Length:	1 year
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Registered charities, social enterprises and non-profit organisations
Application Process:	Online Application Form
Application Deadline:	Annual timeline Q4 Jan – Application window opens; Feb - Applications reviewed against criteria; Mar - Panel session/ decisions
Notes:	Aimed in areas where works are affecting local people through operations/construction Existing up to £10K New works up to £20K 1 Application per time & 1 award per fiscal year. Project must be £40K<
Links:	https://www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme

National Lottery - Awards for All Wales: Small Grants

Type:	Capital & Revenue
Relevant Priorities:	Bringing People Together, Improving Spaces & Places, Helping people to reach their potential, support organisations with the cost of living crisis.
£ Available:	£300 to £20k
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Voluntary/Community Organisations, charities, constituted club/group, not for profits, CIC and schools
Application Process:	Online Application Form

Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	12 Weeks
Notes:	Existing grantholders cannot apply. Can reapply, but maximum allowed in any year is £20K Apply at least 12 weeks before you need the funding.
Link:	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-wales
National Lottery - The UK Fund	
Type:	Capital & Revenue
Relevant Priorities:	Better connected society & Bringing communities together
£ Available:	£500k - £5m
Project Length:	2-5 Years
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Registered Charity, CIC, CIO, Co-Op, Constituted voluntary/community organisation, town & community councils, not for profit ltd companies
Application Process:	Register for Webinar, Book for a chat session, then issued with application if suitable.
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	6 Weeks
Notes:	Must work across the UK
Link:	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund
National Lottery - Heritage Fund	
Type:	Projects
Relevant Priorities:	Connecting people & communities to heritage in the UK, promoting inclusion & widening participation, wellbeing, resilience
£ Available:	£3k - £10k; £10k - £250k; 250k +
Project Length:	Up to 1 Year; Up to 5 Years; Up to 5 Years
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, Community groups, T&CCs, LAs, CICs faith-based or church organisations; private owners of a heritage asset, for example a building, land, object or collection
Application Process:	Application Portal
Application Deadline:	£10k £250K Ongoing. £250K to £10m Quarterly: Noon on 26/02/26; 28/05/26 & 06/08/26
Outcome Notification:	£10K-£250K 8 weeks >£250K 12 weeks
Notes:	Inc. historic buildings, natural environment, collections, stories & traditions
Links:	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding
National Lottery - People & Places: Large Grants	
Type:	Capital & Revenue
Relevant Priorities:	People and communities working together and using their strengths to make positive impacts on the things that matter to them the most. Help adapt to change or challenges; buy land, buildings, vehicles or pay for refurbishments
£ Available:	£20,001K - £500K
Project Length:	Up to 5 Years
Match Funding Required?	None
Organisation Type:	Voluntary/Community Organisations, charities, constituted club/group, not for profits and CICs
Application Process:	2 Stage Application Form

Stage 1 available on website

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Outcome Notification: Stage 1 - 6 weeks; Stage 2 - 16 weeks

Notes: Applications should be people led, strengths based and connected. Contact for chat before applying.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-large-grants>

National Lottery - People & Places: Medium Grants

Type: Capital & Revenue

Relevant Priorities: People and communities working together and using their strengths to make positive impacts on the things that matter to them the most.

£ Available: £20,001K - £100K

Match Funding Required? None

Organisation Type: Voluntary/Community Organisations, charities, constituted club/group, not for profits and CICs

Application Process: Contact Local Funding Officer (wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk), who will issue a form

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Outcome Notification: 12 Weeks

Notes: Applications should be people led, strengths based and connected

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-medium-grants>

National Lottery - Supporting Great Ideas

Type: Capital & Revenue

Relevant Priorities: Helps organisations bring bold ideas to life. Should lead to positive and lasting change in Wales: are innovative; enable organisations to work in new ways; enable more people to reach their potential by tackling problems early

£ Available: £2,001-£500K

Project Length: Up to 5 Years

Match Funding Required? None

Organisation Type: Voluntary/Community Organisations/CICs

Application Process: Contact Local funding Officer
Stage 1 - Project Outline; Stage 2 - Full Application Form

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Outcome Notification: Stage 1 - 2 weeks; Stage 2 - 12 weeks

Notes: Speak before applying Applications should be people led, strengths based and connected

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/supporting-great-ideas>

One Stop - Community Partnership Programme

Type: Small Grants

Relevant Priorities: Tackling food poverty
Supporting the vulnerable
Supporting the elderly
Supporting low-income families
Supporting local sports teams
Improving the local environment
Reducing Waste in the community

£ Available: Up to 1K

Notes: Must be within 2 miles of a OneStop store

Links: <https://www.onestop.co.uk/community-partnership-page/>

Persimmon Homes - Community Champions 2023

Type: Small Grants

Relevant Priorities:	Local Community Initiatives
£ Available:	Up to £2000 a month
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Community Groups & Charities
Application Process:	Online Form
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Links:	https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions/
Porthcawl Lions - Charity Fund	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	Local Good Causes
£ Available:	Up to £500
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Groups, Organisations, Individuals
Application Process:	Email enquiries@porthcawllions.org.uk or send a Facebook message stating what you are requesting funds for
Application Deadline:	Considered Monthly
Outcome Notification:	Monthly
Links:	https://porthcawllions.org.uk/index.html
Rhondda Cynon Taf Council - Welsh Church Act Fund	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Refurbishment of community buildings or places of worship, purchase of capital equipment and other purposes beneficial to the wider community.
£ Available:	Small Grants - up to £3K Medium Grants - up to £15K Large Grants - up to £50K
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	Small - None Medium - 10% Large - 20%
Organisation Type:	Churches, Chapels, constituted community groups & charities in Bridgend
Application Process:	Email regeneration@rctcbc.gov.uk for an application form
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Business/BusinessandThirdSectorGrants/WelshChurchActFund.aspx
Rentrust Foundation -	
Relevant Priorities:	General Charitable Purposes; Education/training; The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty; Religious Activities
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities
Application Process:	Email Foundation for details: cf@nuententerprise.co.uk
RJM Charity Trust -	
Relevant Priorities:	Check with organisation for your eligibility.
Application Process:	Contact RJM: JR@broomwell.com Tel: 01617208787 RJM Charitable Trust 84 UPPER PARK ROAD SALFORD M7 4JA
Sainsbury's Family Charitable Trust - Various Programmes	
Type:	Various Opportunities
Relevant Priorities:	Arts & Heritage, Cathedrals & Churches, Parish Churches, Education, Health & Social Welfare
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Registered charities or activities with a clearly defined charitable purpose

Application Process:	Enquiry Form - https://sfct.powerappsportals.com/onlineapplication/
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Notes:	The Jerusalem Trust (Sainsbury's) Christian charities and organisations usually on a regional or national scale. Priority areas include evangelism and mission in the UK and overseas, Christian education and Christian media. Strategic priorities and criteria
Links:	https://www.sfct.org.uk/how-to-apply/
Scott (eredine) Charitable Trust -	
Type:	Not Defined
Relevant Priorities:	General Charitable Purposes; Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency; People With Disabilities; Other Defined Groups
Match Funding Required?	Not Defined
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities
Application Process:	For information on how to apply, contact: Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust Wises Farm House, Ampney St. Mary, Cirencester Gl7 5SN 01284851244
SLOANE ROBINSON FOUNDATION -	
Relevant Priorities:	Education/training; Children/young People
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities
Application Process:	Contact Sloane Robinson Foundation organisation for information on how to apply: Email: info@fisherlegal.co.uk Tel: 01508480100 Sloane Robinson Foundation, Unit 4 Hill Farm, Kirby Road, Kirby Bedon, Norwich, NR14 7DU
Social Investment Cymru (SIC) - Bridge & Build Loan Scheme	
Type:	Loan Finance
Relevant Priorities:	Bridging loans £150K< to bridge the gap when a property is being sold to reduce costs or as part of a restructure. The loan will be repaid from the sale of the property. Build loans £100K< to support cash flow while trading or operating models are being changed. The loan will be repaid once the more profitable operating approach is in place. 3.5% interest for first year, 7% for year two.
£ Available:	Bridging loan £150K< ; Build loan £100K<
Organisation Type:	A trading voluntary organisations or one that's developing its trading offer. A suitably constituted organisation with a qualifying governance structure.
Application Process:	Eligibility questionnaire & registration on WCVA's Multipurpose Application Portal (MAP).
Application Deadline:	TBA
Outcome Notification:	TBA
Notes:	Details TBA soon. In meantime contact if interested in applying: sic@wcva.cymru or 0300 111 0124
Links:	https://wcva.cymru/funding/social-investment-cymru/bridge-and-build-loans/
Social Investment Cymru (SIC) - Energy Efficiency Scheme	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Outcome – savings reduction of the energy bills; Impact – importance financially achieving a reduction in energy costs; Commitment to action – organisation doing something to address the problem.
£ Available:	£1K< towards an energy survey

Organisation Type:	Constituted with a recognised governance structure; Own freehold property or leasehold (minimum 25 years); Annual energy bill of at least £10K
Application Process:	Applications are via WCVA's Multiple Application Portal (MAP)
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Panel sits December & January
Links:	https://wcva.cymru/funding/social-investment-cymru/energy-efficiency-scheme/
SONY Pencoed - Community Support	
Type:	Small Grants
Relevant Priorities:	Fundraising/Raffle prizes for local organisations
£ Available:	Modest products
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	charities, community organisations & youth groups within 30 miles of Sony UK Technology Centre
Application Process:	Online Application Link
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Up to 4 Weeks
Notes:	Must be within 30 miles of a Sony UK Tec Centre
Links:	https://www.sonypencoed.co.uk/community-engagement/
Sport Wales - Be Active Wales Fund (Beicio Cymru)	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Road Cycling Equipment; Mountain Bike Equipment; BMX Equipment; Coaching Equipment; Go-Ride Accredited Clubs Essential Equipment; Coach Education; Additional Items: Venue Hire, Storage container, Floodlights
£ Available:	£300 - £50K
Match Funding Required?	£10K <minimum 10% contribution; £25,001 and £50k 10% contribution The new funding structure is as follows: Some high-value items capped at 50% of cost or limited to a specific financial cap Additional Items Capped at 50% (max. £20,000)
Organisation Type:	Not for profit sports clubs or community organisations
Application Process:	Online Application Portal
Application Deadline:	Window 3: 5/11/25 – 14/01/26
Outcome Notification:	20 days
Notes:	EOI Must be submitted 5 days before window closes. YProjects between £300 and £25,000: Up to 90% funding Projects between £25,001 and £50,000: Up to 80% funding Some high-value items will continue to be capped at 50% of cost or limited to a specific fina
Links:	https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/beactivewalesfund/
Sport Wales - Be Active Wales Fund	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Equipment to help more people take part in sport Coaching courses (up to level 2) that upskill coaches and volunteers Entry-level training courses, such as First Aid or Officiating. Venue hire for new teams only (for a maximum of ten weeks) Pitch improvement projects
£ Available:	£300 - £50K

Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	£10K <minimum 10% contribution; £25,001 and £50k 10% contribution The new funding structure is as follows: Some high-value items capped at 50% of cost or limited to a specific financial cap Additional Items Capped at 50% (max. £20,000)
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Links:	https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/beactivewalesfund/
Sport Wales - Crowdfunder - a place for sport	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Community Sports Groups, off-field improvements inc. renovations, storage, disabled access, solar panels, generators, boilers & fencing
£ Available:	Match Fund up to £15k
Project Length:	6 months
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Not for Profit, voluntary, community based Organisations that deliver/enable sport
Application Process:	Set up a crowdfunding page and select option to be considered for A Place for Sport Support.
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	Depends on time taken to achieve 25% of target goal
Notes:	Sport Wales match fund 30% - 50% of total up to £15k
Links:	https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/crowdfunder/
Sports Foundation for the Disabled -	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Assisting people with physical disabilities and visual impairments with participation in sporting activities and obtaining equipment & training courses
£ Available:	Upto £1K; Up to £5K
Project Length:	Not Defined
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Not for profits - Individuals, Local community groups & clubs, Town Councils
Application Process:	Online
Application Deadline:	Ongoing
Outcome Notification:	1 month
Notes:	Check eligibility criteria before applying. Complete the application form and send attaching any supporting documents requested at least six weeks before start date of activity / equipment purchase. The Sports Foundation for the Disabled is no longer ac
Links:	https://www.sportsfoundationforthedisabled.org

Stanley Grundy Foundation

Type: Project
Relevant Priorities: Research, Innovation & Young People
£ Available: £2k - £5k
Organisation Type: Registered Charities
Application Process: Email a brief description of your project to:
 admin@grundyfoundation.uk
Application Deadline: Ongoing
Outcome Notification: Twice a year
Links: <http://grundyfoundation.uk/about.php>

Taff Ely Windfarm Community Fund -

Type: Project, Revenue, Capital
£ Available: £500<
Organisation Type: Registered charities & community groups
Application Process: Contact the Community Advice Team at
 communityadvice@interlinkrct.org.uk
Notes: Areas in Bridgend County Borough are: Evanstown & Heol y Cyw

Tesco - Stronger Starts

Type: Small Grants
Relevant Priorities: Children & Young People
£ Available: Up to £1500 (via a Vote)
Project Length: Not Defined
Match Funding Required? None
Organisation Type: Registered Charities & Not for profits
Application Process: Online Eligibility checker & Application Form
Application Deadline: Ongoing
Outcome Notification: Up to 12 Months
Notes: Eligibility checker 1st. Quarterly
Links: <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

THE ADLARD FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION -

Relevant Priorities: General Charitable Purposes; Environment/conservation/heritage
Organisation Type: Registered Charities and Community Groups
Links: <https://funding.ludlowtrust.com/>

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - The General Fund

Type: Project
Relevant Priorities: Must meet at least one of: Victims of modern slavery: to provide facilities for and support to victims on their journey back to independent living, better mental health and employment.
 Victims of domestic abuse: to provide emergency safety and to support victims through associated poverty and mental health issues.
 Ex-offenders and their families: to support the ex-offenders back to work and contributing positively to society and to support their families whose lives can be severely impacted.
 Homelessness: to provide facilities for and support people, especially young people, on their journey back to independent living, better mental health and employment.
 Medical research: to support research that could lead to preventing or slowing the onset of a condition or to lessen the symptoms.
 Support for people with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers: to provide hospice care to support individuals and give

	<p>respite to their carers to assist them with their mental health and other ambitions.</p> <p>Drug and substance misuse: to support rehabilitation and the journey back to independent living and work.</p> <p>Support for people with intellectual disability: to provide support with personal care, job skills and supported living.</p> <p>Care leavers: to give them a chance to succeed on a par with other young people.</p> <p>Worship and associated community outreach: to ensure places of worship are energy efficient and watertight with an emphasis on wider community use of church halls or Church buildings where those buildings are redundant or too large and where the parish has a focus on non-conditional outward facing work.</p> <p>Amateur sport: to improve physical and mental health with a focus on sport provision for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Care for the elderly: to allow quality care for those who cannot afford private care or continue living at home.</p>
£ Available:	£5K<
Project Length:	1-3 Years
Match Funding Required?	Yes
Organisation Type:	Registered Charity
Application Process:	Complete eligibility Checker first. Online
Notes:	Check website for eligibility and exclusions.
Links:	https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/applications/
The Allen Lane Foundation -	
Relevant Priorities:	<p>Programmes which:</p> <p>will make a lasting difference to people’s lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems;</p> <p>aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and;</p> <p>encourages or enables groups that experience marginalisation and/or discrimination to share in the life of the whole community.</p> <p>Asylum seekers & refugees; Gypsy, Roma & Traveller communities; Offenders & ex-offenders; Older people; People affected by violence or abuse; People with mental health issues; Young People</p>
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities, Constituted community groups, see website for CICs
Application Process:	Complete eligibility checker first.
Application Deadline:	All applications received now, until early April 2026 are likely to be considered in the lead up to the following Trustee meeting in June 2026.
Notes:	Check website for eligibility and exclusions.
Links:	https://allenlane.org.uk/applying-for-funding/
The Architectural Heritage Fund - 1. Project Viability Grant 2. Project Development Grant	
Type:	1. Feasibility 2. % Project
Relevant Priorities:	1. Viability of bringing building back to use. 2 % of cost of developing & managing to start on site
£ Available:	1. £6,861 -£15K 2. £13,286-£30k
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	T&CC, charities, Not for Profit
Application Process:	Check eligibility. Complete EoI
Application Deadline:	19/01/26

Outcome Notification:	01/03/26
Notes:	Contact team before making submission.
Links:	https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/wales/
The Ashely Family Foundation - Grants to individuals & organizations	
Type:	Revenue/Project Preferable
Relevant Priorities:	Arts, Community & small charity projects, particularly rural areas
£ Available:	Up to £10k
Project Length:	Up to 3 Years
Match Funding Required?	No
Organisation Type:	Charities, unincorporated organisations and community groups with a constitution or terms of reference and a charitable purpose
Application Process:	Online Application
Application Deadline:	Ongoing (Next funding round considered 28th July 2023)
Outcome Notification:	Three times per year
Notes:	Unlikely to fund sports-related projects, welcome community museums, organisations, farms and gardens
https://www.ashleyfamilyfoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply-for-a-grant-from-the-ashley-family-foundation	
The Asda Foundation - Young Futures Fund	
Type:	Project
Relevant Priorities:	Improving mental health and wellbeing for teens (13-18 years) to help build better futures
£ Available:	£500-£1K
Organisation Type:	Communiyt Groups, Registered Charities
Application Process:	Online. Check eligibility first.
Application Deadline:	Applications open from 6th January, 2026 & Close on 20th January (10am)
Outcome Notification:	Within 12 weeks
Links:	https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/young-futures-fund/
The Asda Foundation - Local Community Spaces Fund	
Relevant Priorities:	Repair, renovate and develop community spaces,
£ Available:	£10K-£20K
Application Deadline:	Applications open from Spring 2026
https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/local-community-spaces-fund/	
The Asda Foundation - The Foodbank Fundamentals Fund	
Relevant Priorities:	Organisations whose core purpose is to distribute food and alleviate food poverty in their local community.
£ Available:	£750<
Application Deadline:	Applications open Autumn 2026
https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/foodbank-fundamentals-fund/	
The Banister Charitable Trust	
Type:	Capital
Relevant Priorities:	Conserve, improve, promote & protect physical & natural environment
£ Available:	>£2K-£50K<
Organisation Type:	Registered Charities
Application Process:	Online Application
Links:	https://funding.ludlowtrust.com

<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CIId=168&Year=0>

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/community-asset-transfer/>

<https://www.bridgendreach.org.uk/>

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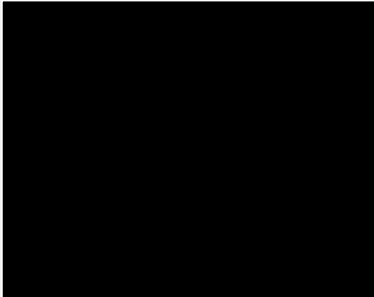
Communications Protocol / Charter Review / Memorandum of Understanding / SLA Task & Finish Group

Terms of Reference

Membership

Four Clerks came forward from the informal 'Chairs and Clerks' meetings to represent the Town & Community Councils on this task and finish group.

BCBC Officers will attend meetings as necessary to advise and assist discussion.

Name	Designation
	Town & Community Council Liaison Officer
	Democratic Services Manager
	Clerk: Coity Higher Community Council Garw Valley Community Council St. Brides Major Community Council
	Clerk: Pyle Community Council
	Clerk: Newcastle Higher Community Council
	Clerk: Maesteg Town Council

Role of the Task & Finish Group:

The formation of the Communications Protocol / Charter Review / Memorandum of Understanding / SLA Task & Finish Group has been established as a direct response to:

- ✓ The recent appointment of the Town & Community Council Liaison Officer (T&CCLO).
- ✓ A request made through a single letter from 14 of the Town & Community Councils to formalize and standardize communication between BCBC and themselves.
- ✓ Recommendations in the 2025 the Welsh Parliament's Local Government and Housing Committee publication Role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector, namely:

Recommendation 5. The Welsh Government should work with local government to explore mechanisms to enable the town and community council sector to access support from local authority monitoring officers and HR services. Page 29

Recommendation 7. The Welsh Government should engage with the town and community council sector to explore greater opportunities for clustering and to

encourage the sharing of good practice.

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Recommendation 8. The Welsh Government should support both tiers of local government to ensure a review of the model charter between principal and Page community councils can be undertaken.

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Recommendation 10. The Welsh Government should work with the WLGA and One Voice Wales to encourage local authorities to:

- provide IT support to town and community councils through service level agreements, and
- share facilities for use by town and community councils to hold hybrid meetings.

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The task and finish group will provide an opportunity for the discussion of issues of common interest, identified by BCBC and the Town & Community Council representatives in order to provide strategic direction in respect of the Communications Protocol / Charter Review / Memorandum of Understanding / SLA.

Items of relevance are likely to be those which:

- ✓ Have direct impact on all, or a significant number of T&CCs
- ✓ Support an effective working partnership between the two tiers of local government
- ✓ Relate to the T&CC Charter / MoA / SLA
- ✓ Where a collective view from T&CC representatives would be helpful

Items that are not likely to be relevant include:

- ✓ Those that relate to a single, or small number of T&CCs
- ✓ Those for which other effective channels of communication exist (including issues that are already the subject of detailed consultation)

The Task & Finish Group is to:

- ✓ Ratify a Communications Protocol for recommendation to the T&CC Forum

- ✓ Review the Charter / Memorandum of Understanding / SLA for the T&CC for recommendation to the T&CC Forum

Reporting & Term of Appointment:

The Task & Finish Group will report to the T&CC Forum.

The T&CCLO ensure that the T&CC Forum is updated on a regular basis regarding progress.

It is envisaged that the Task & Finish Group should be in a position to submit recommendations by TBC

The Task & Finish Group is to:

- ✓ Ratify a Communications Protocol for recommendation to the T&CC Forum on 3rd December 2025
- ✓ Review the Charter / Memorandum of Understanding / SLA for the T&CC for recommendation to the T&CC Forum on 13th April 2026

Conduct of Meetings

The Task & Finish Group may delegate activities to individual members of the working group, provided that the extent of this delegation is made clear to the group members concerned and shown in the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes will be taken of any actions at each Task & Finish Group meeting by the T&CCLO, who will act as Secretary.

Draft minutes will be circulated to Group members within one week of each meeting.

The agenda for the next meeting will be set by the group at the end of the current meeting and prepared and circulated with the minutes to Group members.

Working arrangements

The number of meetings, frequency and length of each meeting will be discussed at the first meeting on 17th December 2025 and will need to be flexible to accommodate the requirements of the work being undertaken and take consider the other commitments of the Clerks representing the T&CCs on the Task and Finish Group.

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Appendix F: Protocol for Items to be Considered for Inclusion on the Town and Community Council Forum Agenda

Introduction & Objectives

At the Town and Community Council (T&CC) forum held on 22/09/25 it was identified that several T&CCs would value the opportunity to have items included for discussion at the T&CC Forum.

There has historically not been a formal mechanism for potential agenda items to be put forward by Town and Community Councils (T&CC) or clarity as to the nature of items.

The Chair posed consideration for the development of a protocol for items to be included on the T&CC Forum agenda. Cllr Melanie Evans, Cabinet Member for Resources suggested that the newly appointee Town & Community Council Liaison Officer (T&CCLO) could take it forward.

Purpose & Mechanism

The Chairs and Clerks' meeting and the Clerks' meeting provide an ideal opportunity for the discussion of issues of common interest and to determine issues which could be put forward for a strategic level debate at the T&CC Forum.

T&CCs have been asked for the T&CC Forum to be a standing item on each Full Council meeting so that the Chair could take it to the Chairs & Clerks meeting.

The Chairs and Clerks' meeting has been invited to have potential T&CC Agenda Items on their Agenda so that they could determine whether it's a collective issue that could be put forward to the Forum.

The Clerks meeting has been encouraged to also have potential T&CC Agenda items the Clerks' meeting can discuss and decide whether it's a collective issue that could be put forward to the T&CC Form.

The following direction should be considered by the Chairs and Clerks' meeting and the Clerks' meeting in determining the suitability of putting agenda suggestions forward.

Items of relevance are likely to be those which:

- ✓ Have direct impact on all, or a significant number of T&CCs
- ✓ Support an effective working partnership between the two tiers of local government
- ✓ Relate to the T&CC Charter
- ✓ Where a collective view from T&CC representatives would be helpful

Items that are likely to be irrelevant include:

- ✓ Those that relate to a single, or small number of T&CCs
- ✓ Those for which other effective channels of communication exist (including issues that are already the subject of detailed consultation)

The items resolved for inclusion should be sent to the T&CCLO by no later than four weeks prior to the T&CC Forum, so that they could be assigned with Democratic Services who provide the secretariat for the T&CC Forum.

BCBC Contacts

T&CCLO	Jason Frowen	Jason.frowen@bridgend.gov.uk
CAT Officer	Louise Connolly	louise.connolly@bridgend.gov.uk

Appendix G: Work undertaken at Kenfig Hill & Pyle bowls Club by Griffiths civil engineering contractor as part of their social value initiative. The contractor was introduced to the club by BCBC Officers, demonstrating continued support post CAT.



First game of the season.

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Communication protocol

Introduction & Objectives

Effective communication and engagement underpin a positive working relationship between Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and Town and Community Councils (T&CCs).

Through efficient and transparent communication, we aim to foster strong, collaborative partnerships that support community initiatives, particularly those linked to the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Programme.

Purpose & Target Audience

The purpose of this protocol is to:

- Ensure consistent and timely communication between BCBC and T&CCs
- Promote mutual understanding, respect and accountability
- Strengthen local collaboration and shared decision-making

This protocol applies to all T&CCs within the Bridgend County Borough.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Town & Community Council Liaison Officer (T&CCLO) - the primary BCBC contact for T&CCs.

T&CC Clerks - each Clerk will serve as the contact point for their respective council & will liaise directly with the T&CCLO.

All contact from T&CCs must go through the Clerk, which helps to ensure a clear co-ordinated approach and consistent record keeping.

Initial Procedure

The T&CCLO will make initial contact with the Clerk of each T&CC to introduce the role and establish relationships.

The T&CCLO will then visit each T&CC to outline the purpose of the role and discuss the communication processes and any suggestions made for its implementation.

Response Times & Frequency of Contact

For common issues such as pot holes, street lighting, fly-tipping, dog fouling etc. are not deemed 'a *referral*' and should be reported by the constituent directly via the BCBC website - [Report an issue](#)

Where the above type of issue needs to be reported by the T&CC, the Clerk should use the Organizational Account profile for T&CC Clerks on the BCBC website to report the issue. <https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/council/customer-services/report-an-issue/>

For other enquiries from Clerks sent directly to the T&CCLO, these will be acknowledged upon receipt.

Straight forward enquiries that can be answered easily will be answered directly at the earliest opportunity.

If the enquiry requires a more complex answer or involves more than one BCBC department, it is aimed to provide a response to the requesting Clerk within two weeks. If the request is multifaceted or requires further exploration with additional departments, and the enquiry is likely to take longer than two weeks, the T&CCLO will update the Clerk on a fortnightly basis of the progress of the enquiry until it has been resolved.

Where the same (or very similar) issue has been reported on more than two occasions and BCBC's position is unchanged, following consultation with the relevant officer(s) within BCBC, the T&CCLO will inform the Clerk that the matter is deemed as resolved. The report will still be recorded for monitoring purposes.

If additional information regarding the enquiry is required, the T&CCLO will request further information from the Clerk. In order for the initial enquiry submitted by the Clerk to proceed as efficiently as feasible, it is essential that the requested additional information be provided at the earliest opportunity. If it is

likely to take longer than two weeks for the additional information requested in order to advance the Clerk's enquiry, it would be helpful if the Clerk could update the T&CCLO of the progress. Ideally on a fortnightly basis, until the additional information needed to progress the initial enquiry has been provided.

Communication Goals:

- Establish strong working relationships with Town and Community Councils.
- Act as first point of contact to the Clerks for queries.
- Facilitate clear, two-way communication to support effective partnership working.

Ongoing Communication

Beyond responding to individual enquiries, the T&CCLO will maintain regular contact with Clerks as required, based on need, available capacity and BCBC priorities.

The T&CCLO will produce and circulate a monthly bulletin to notify Clerks of relevant news, funding opportunities and CAT updates, which will be emailed in a PDF.

In addition to responding to enquiries from the Clerks, the T&CCLO will:

- Represent BCBC at the T&CC Forum and Clerks' meetings and will ensure feedback from meetings in relation to non-cabinet committee functions is captured and actioned.
- Receive agenda items submitted by Clerks for inclusion in the T&CC Forum.
- Attend T&CC meetings as required.
- Provide follow-up reports to the CAT Officer and relevant BCBC directorates where required.
- Support T&CCs in funding and project development, including appraising project ideas and assisting with applications.

- Support T&CCs with project planning and signpost to assistance with business cases, feasibility studies and governance and identify potential training opportunities for the Clerks.
- develop a funding guidance pack for BCBC's funding streams e.g. the Town & Community Capital Grant Fund, the CAT Capital Fund and any other funding opportunities which arise and provide guidance in preparing and submitting bids.

Statutory Reporting

Some matters fall outside the remit of the T&CCLO, which are noted below:

Shared Regulatory Services (SRS)

Shared Regulatory Services (SRS), serves Bridgend County Borough, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, delivering services which safeguard the health, safety and economic wellbeing of consumers, businesses and residents covering the main areas of environmental health, trading standards and licensing.

If your concern is in relation to these areas, it should be reported to SRS directly and not the T&CCLO.

You may also notify the T&CCLO of your referral for record-keeping purposes, although it is not required.

You can contact Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) in a variety of ways:

Phone [0300 123 6696](tel:03001236696)

Online <https://www.srs.wales/en/Home.aspx>

Office Opening Hours: **Monday - Thursday:** 8.30am – 5.00pm

Friday: 8.30am - 4.30 pm

Weekends: Closed

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

The Bridgend Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, or MASH, provides safeguarding services from both BCBC and our partners across the community in one place.

MASH is the single point of contact for all new safeguarding concerns.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, or need to contact the Bridgend MASH, please contact:

MASH Children's Services

Telephone: [01656 642320](tel:01656642320)

Email Address: mashcentra@bridgend.gov.uk

Adult Safeguarding Team

Telephone: [01656 642477](tel:01656642477)

Email Address: adultsafeguardingMASH@bridgend.gov.uk

Early Help

The Early Help Screening Team is made up of one senior practitioner and three screening officers. The Early Help Team can offer a number of support services to children and their families with a range of support needs.

Email Address: earlyhelp@bridgend.gov.uk

South Wales Police MASH (Public Protection Unit)

Telephone: [01656 815808](tel:01656815808)

You can find out more about MASH on the web page:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/social-care-and-wellbeing/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash/>

You do not need to inform the T&CCLO of referrals to MASH or the Early Help Team.

The Role of the Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer is employed by BCBC and will endeavor to provide support and guidance to Clerks, which may include the provision of training.

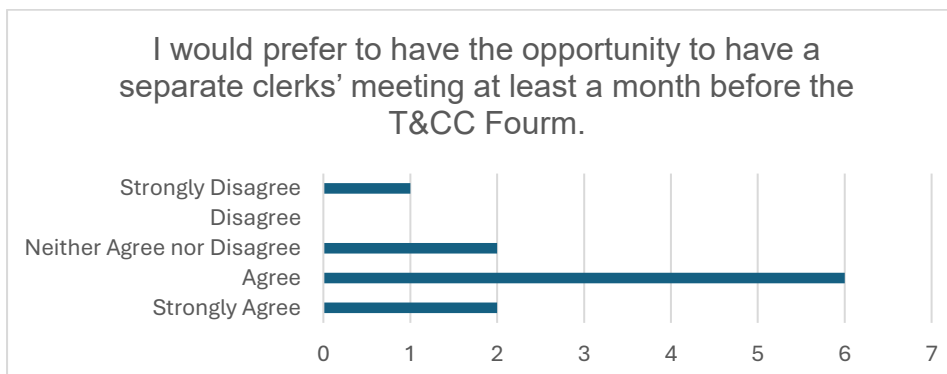
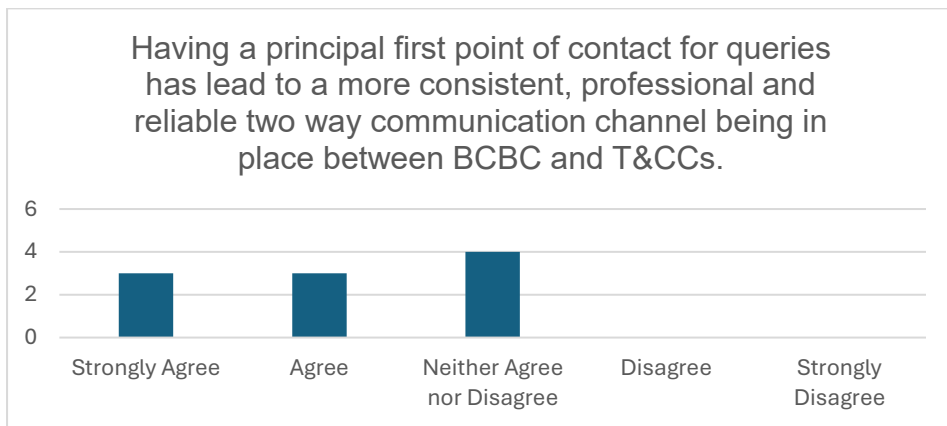
Any guidance must be requested by the Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

BCBC Contacts

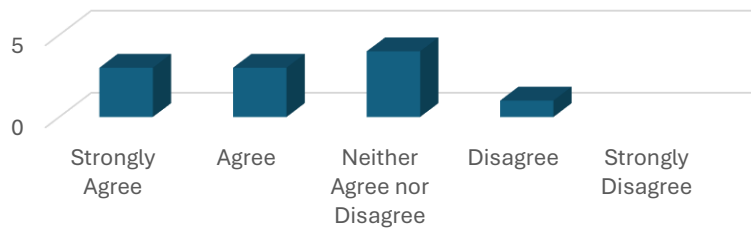
Monitoring Officer	Kelly Watson	Kelly.watson@bridgend.gov.uk
T&CCLO	Jason Frowen	Jason.frowen@bridgend.gov.uk
CAT Officer	Louise Connolly	louise.connolly@bridgend.gov.uk

Appendix I: Clerks' Questionnaire March / April 26

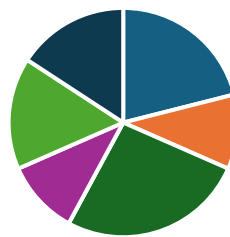
11 out of the 20 Clerks completed the questionnaire to provide much valued feedback. The results are as follows:



A separate Clerks' meeting would provide a safe space where I could speak honestly and openly with other clerks.



The best day / time to attend a Clerks' meeting would be:



- Tuesday PM
- Wednesday AM
- Wednesday PM
- Thursday AM
- Thursday PM
- Friday AM
- Friday PM

A Clerk representative who could speak on behalf of all clerks at the T&CC Forum would create value by enabling Clerks to have a voice at the T&CC Forum.



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I feel encouraged by my T&CC to attend and participate in the T&CC Forum.

- Strongly Agree 2
- Agree 2
- Neither Agree nor Disagree 2
- Disagree 1
- Strongly Disagree 4



I feel encouraged by the T&CC Forum to attend and participate in the T&CC Forum.

- Strongly Agree 1
- Agree 1
- Neither Agree nor Disagree 3
- Disagree 2
- Strongly Disagree 4

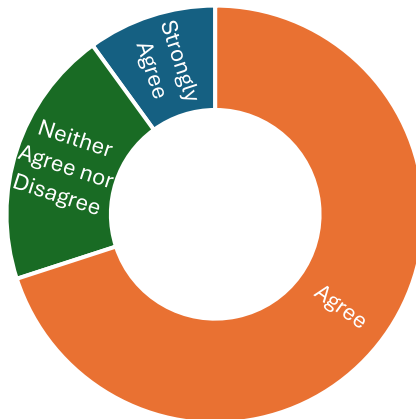


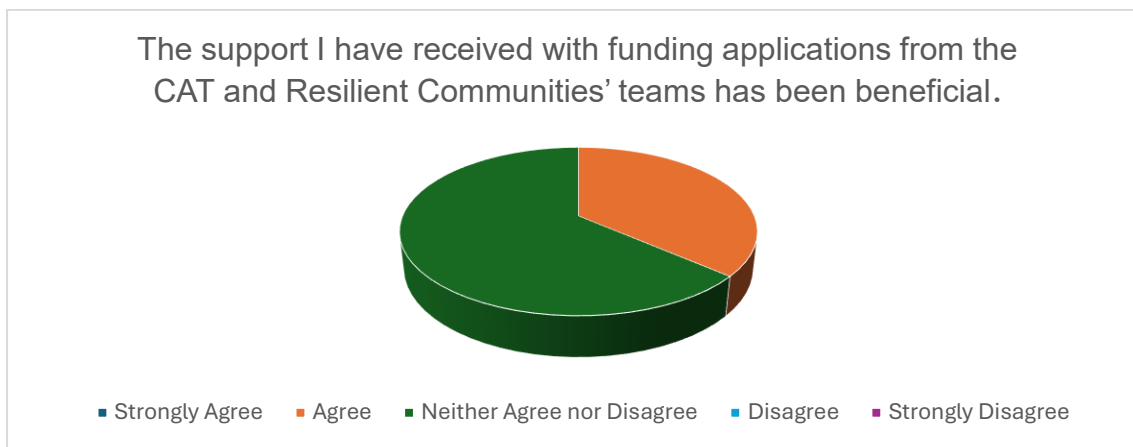
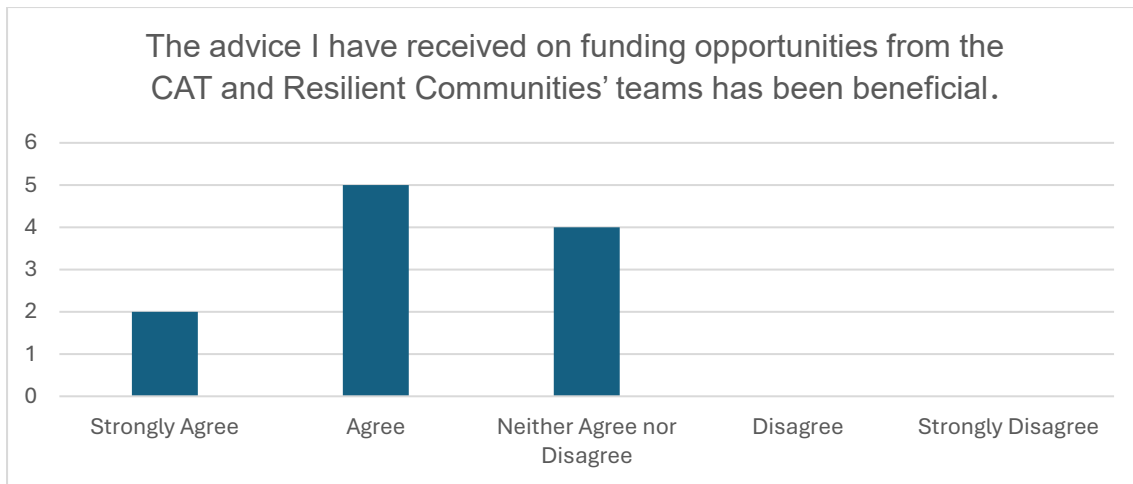
There should be (number of) Town & Community Council Fora each year:



- There should be Town & Community Council Fora each year. (select number)
- Zero
- Two
- Three
- Four

The funding information circulated by the CAT and Resilient Communities' teams has been beneficial.





What would improve access to the Town & Community Capital Grant Fund?

Clear guidelines on the required information at the start

Less bureaucracy

nothing to add at this stage

Nothing I think it works perfectly fine and I've had quite a bit of success in obtaining funding through this fund; it's even better now it's a rolling fund.

Nothing I think it works perfectly fine and I've had some success with obtaining funding through the fund; it's better now it's a rolling fund.

Nothing I think it works perfectly fine and I've had some success with obtaining funding through the fund; it's better now it's a rolling fund.

Removal of requirement to provide match funding.

Councils have assets that are not subject to CAT for which the T&CC Capital Grant Fund may be useful but the Fund has been tied to the CAT process.

To remove the requirement for it to be solely on CAT projects. Although from other discussions I have had, this has happened in the past. I think more flexibility and a consistent approach

Which kinds of services do you think you could provide collaboratively with other T&CCs, if any?

Shared resources on policies/procedures/contractors/suppliers

Sports equipment, footpath maintenance

All services provided by BCBC

nothing to add

I work for 3 so they work collaboratively anyway by sharing costs of training, conferences, photocopier, storage, some of my travel etc. The Chairs & Clerks meeting has also given us the opportunity to learn what other T&CCs have achieved and this has resulted in GVCC being part of two working groups to look at collaboration on two projects

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Sharing resources, sharing contact details, audit support, contract support, contract merging

Which kinds of services would you like to be able to purchase from BCBC, if any?

N/A

NONE

IT support

I would like to be able to access IT support, HR support, legal support and access to a department that can provide basic plans for licences and funding applications rather than hit and miss google earth or google maps, however I'm not sure whether the council would want to purchase it rather than working in partnership to achieve an end goal...

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Grounds maintenance/Grass cutting

Street cleaning

Emptying of litter bins

Maintenance of floral displays

Grass cutting for sites that have been subject to CAT

Litter bin collections for sites that have been subject to CAT

The following suggestion could work towards improved communication and enable further collaborative working.

N/A

More joined up working within BCBC

Access to a directory of BCBC Officers,

BCBC Staff who are no longer employed by BCBC having a message on their email saying they've left and who to contact.

Basic A4 sheet of what do I need to do or how do I... ? Arrange Christmas lighting, floral displays, install a bin or a bench etc. for new Clerks.

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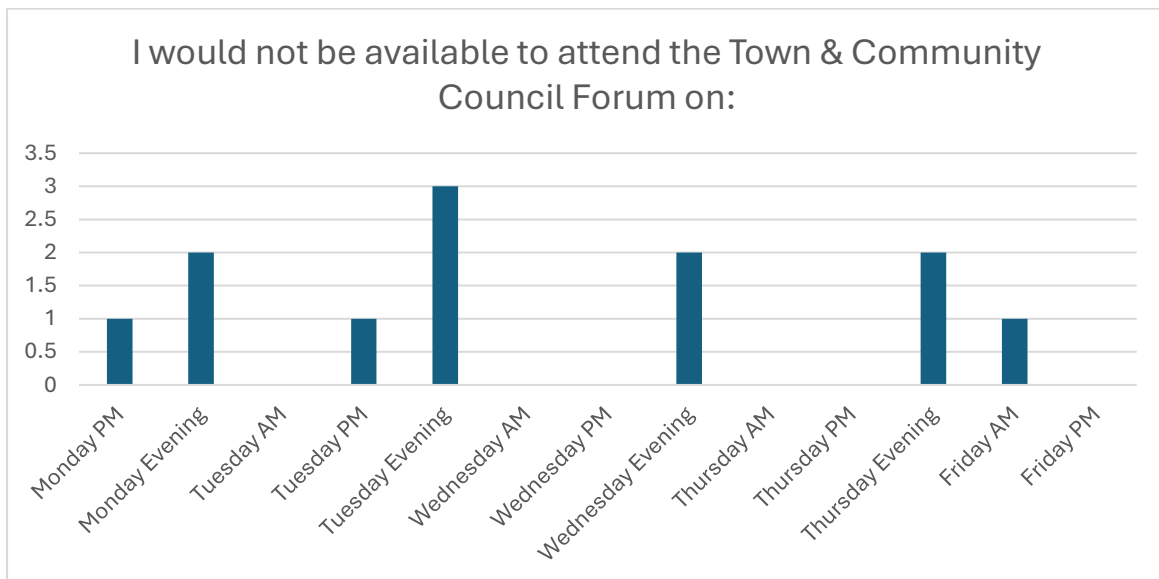
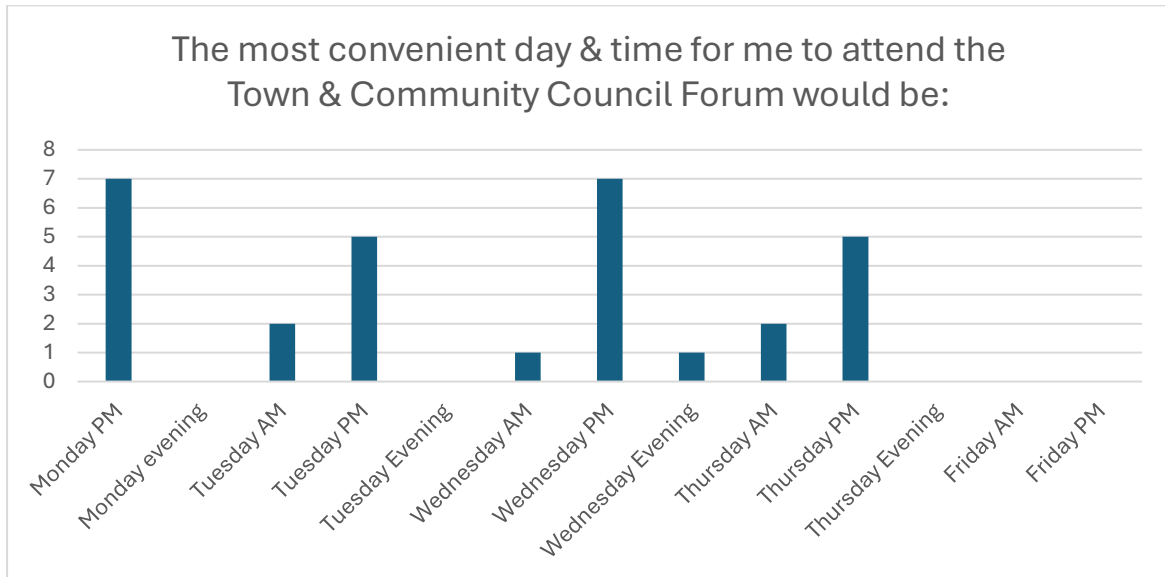
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Appendix I: Results of the poll of Town & Community Council Forum Members.

12 Responses were received.



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Meeting of:	TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM
Date of Meeting:	6 JULY 2026
Report Title:	FUTURE PARTICIPATION OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY CLERKS AT THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member	CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES
Responsible Officer:	HEAD OF SERVICE - PUBLIC REALM
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	THERE IS NO EFFECT UPON THE POLICY FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURE RULES.
Executive Summary:	This report is to inform the Town and Community Council Forum of the evidence captured in a recent clerks’ survey and to facilitate a discussion as to whether Members would like to invite a clerks’ representative, nominated by the clerks to attend the T&CC Forum in an advisory capacity going forward.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Town and Community Council (T&CC) Forum of the evidence captured in a recent clerks’ survey and for Members to decide on the future involvement of T&CC clerks in the T&CC Forum.

2 Background

2.1 The T&CC Forum is a member led Forum with representatives from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the T&CCs across the County Borough. Under the current Terms of Reference for the Forum, clerks are not members of the Forum.

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 A recent anonymised survey was completed by eleven out of the twenty T&CC Clerks and is attached as **Appendix A**. It identified a split response to feeling encouraged by their T&CCs to attend and participate in the T&CC Forum, while it found that clerks do not feel encouraged by the T&CC Forum to attend and participate in the Forum. There was a positive response to a Clerk representative who could speak on behalf of all clerks at the T&CC Forum.

3.2 This was further discussed at the clerks' meeting on 2nd June 2026. It was noted that BCBC Officers were invited to attend the Forum in order to provide updates, while there was no reciprocal opportunity for clerks. It was agreed for a request to be put forward as an agenda item for the next meeting of the T&CC Forum.

3.3 It is therefore proposed that Members of the Forum consider whether they want to invite a Clerks' representative to attend future meetings of the Forum in an advisory capacity only. The clerks could then nominate a representative at their next Clerks meeting.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. The participation of Clerks in the T&CC Forum would contribute to the achievement of the following Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act objectives, both directly and indirectly:

- A prosperous Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- Cohesive communities

5.2 The involvement of Clerks in the T&CC Forum would contribute to the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives both directly and indirectly:

A Prosperous Place with thriving communities – Protecting our landscapes and open spaces and providing opportunities for culture, leisure and play.

Modernising - creating modern, seamless public services – Improving how we engage with people, listening to views, acting on them, modernising, and becoming a more efficient council, as well as improving partnership working with partners, the third sector and T&CCs. Any future collaborative working between the Authority and T&CCs would need to consider and be based around the achievement of the Council's Well-being Objectives.

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

6.1 There are no negative climate change or nature implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

9. Recommendation

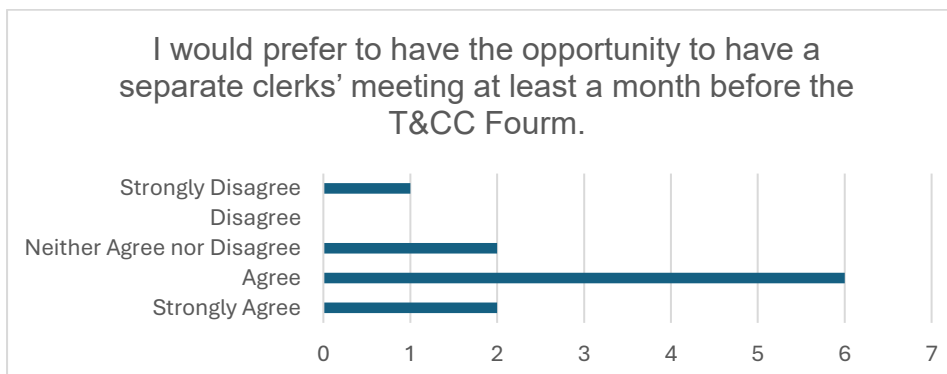
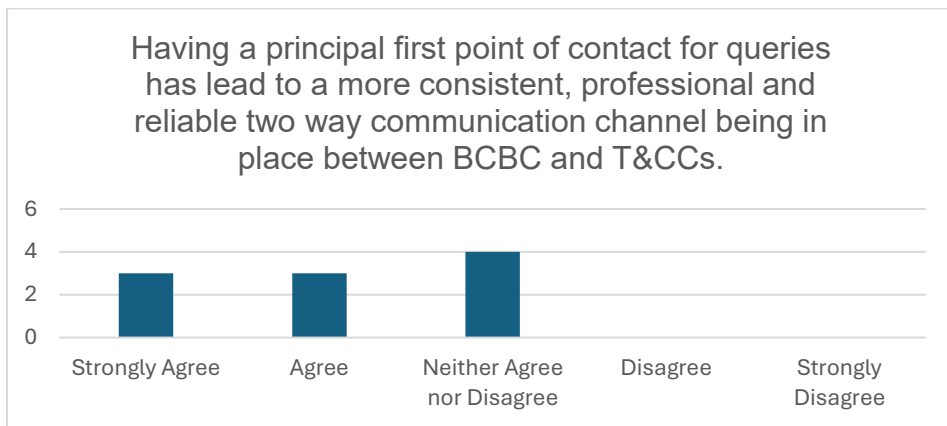
9.1 It is recommended that the Forum note the content of this report and determine whether they wish to consider a Clerk representative being invited to attend future meetings of the Forum in an advisory capacity.

Background documents

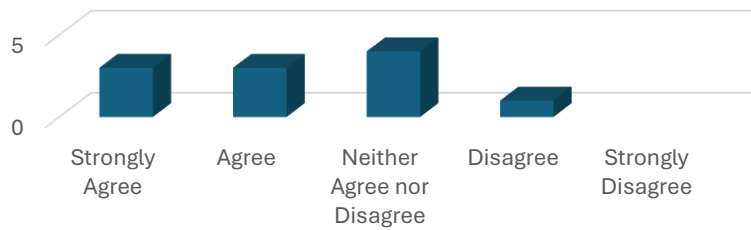
None

Appendix H: Clerks' Questionnaire March / April 26

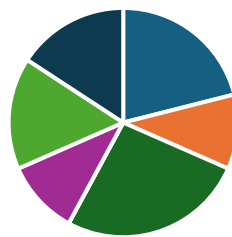
11 out of the 20 Clerks completed the questionnaire to provide much valued feedback. The results are as follows:



A separate Clerks' meeting would provide a safe space where I could speak honestly and openly with other clerks.



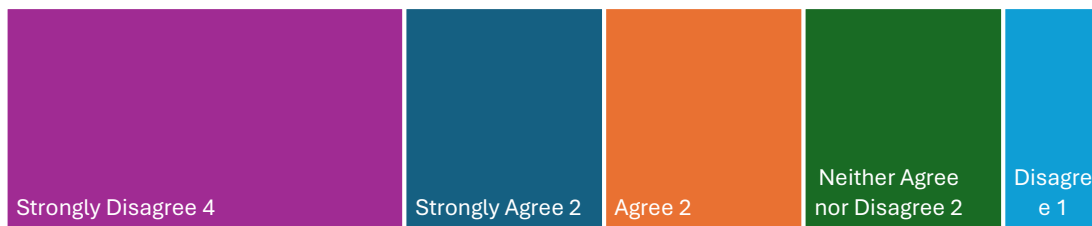
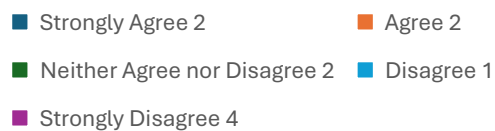
The best day / time to attend a Clerks' meeting would be:



A Clerk representative who could speak on behalf of all clerks at the T&CC Forum would create value by enabling Clerks to have a voice at the T&CC Forum.

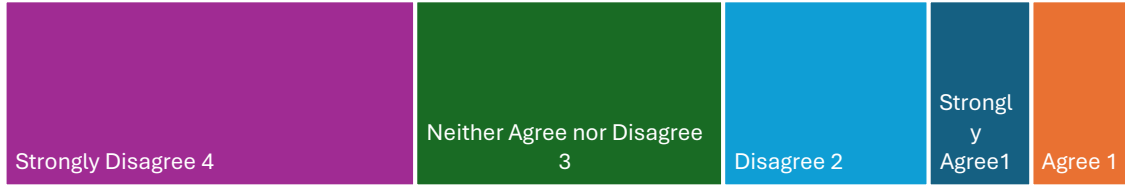


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- Strongly Agree 1
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- Neither Agree nor Disagree 3
- Disagree 2
- Strongly Disagree 4

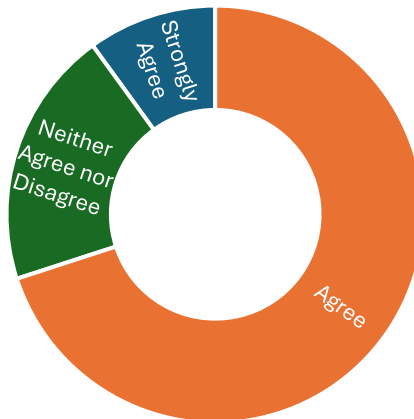


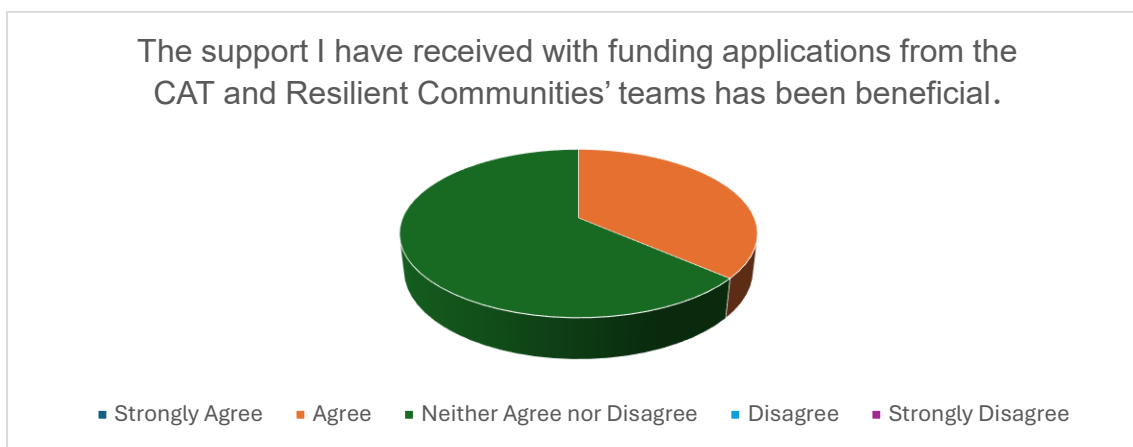
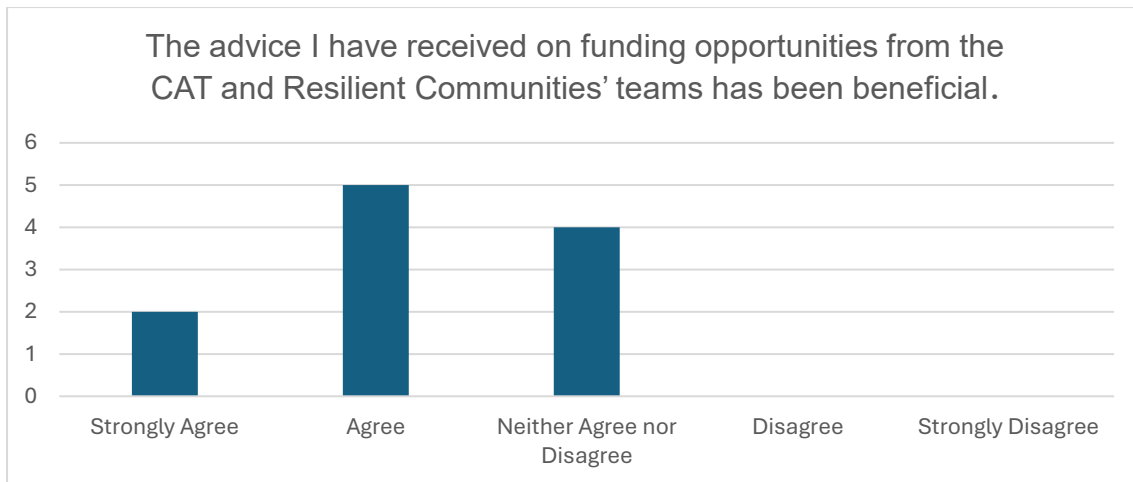
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- Zero
- Two
- Three
- Four

The funding information circulated by the CAT and Resilient Communities' teams has been beneficial.





What would improve access to the Town & Community Capital Grant Fund?

Clear guidelines on the required information at the start

Less bureaucracy

nothing to add at this stage

Nothing I think it works perfectly fine and I've had quite a bit of success in obtaining funding through this fund; it's even better now it's a rolling fund.

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Removal of requirement to provide match funding.

Councils have assets that are not subject to CAT for which the T&CC Capital Grant Fund may be useful but the Fund has been tied to the CAT process.

To remove the requirement for it to be solely on CAT projects. Although from other discussions I have had, this has happened in the past. I think more flexibility and a consistent approach

Which kinds of services do you think you could provide collaboratively with other T&CCs, if any?

Shared resources on policies/procedures/contractors/suppliers

Sports equipment, footpath maintenance

All services provided by BCBC

nothing to add

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Sharing resources, sharing contact details, audit support, contract support, contract merging

Which kinds of services would you like to be able to purchase from BCBC, if any?

N/A

NONE

IT support

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Grounds maintenance/Grass cutting

Street cleaning

Emptying of litter bins

Maintenance of floral displays

Grass cutting for sites that have been subject to CAT

Litter bin collections for sites that have been subject to CAT

The following suggestion could work towards improved communication and enable further collaborative working.

N/A

More joined up working within BCBC

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