

Cyngor Tref Llanelli - Llanelli Town Council

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Sgwâr Neuadd y Dref,
LLANELLI,
Sir Gaerfyrddin,
SA15 3DD.



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Your Ref:

My Ref: TC/BF.80/ALB

Date: 06.11.24

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 you are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE of LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL to be held **REMOTELY** and at **THE OLD VICARAGE, TOWN HALL SQUARE, LLANELLI** on **MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024** **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PLANNING, LICENSING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING THAT COMMENCES AT 6.00 P.M.**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arfon Davies'.

Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **To receive Members' declarations of interest**

Pro-forma to be circulated and completed as appropriate.

3. **Financial Report**

(1) Budget Review

To consider the Town Clerk's Budget Review report, including the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1st April 2024 – 31st October 2024 (copy herewith).

(2) Accounts for Payment

To approve the Accounts for Payment (copy herewith).

4. **Community Centres**

(1) Hirings

To receive the summary of hirings for the month of October 2024 (copy herewith).

5. **Parks, Playing Fields and Community Centres**

To consider the Town Clerk's report, Minute No. 47 of the Committee meeting held on 7th October 2024 refers (copy herewith).

6. **Paddling Pool and Splash Pad Provision 2024**

To consider the Town Clerk's report, Minute No. 45 of the Town Council meeting held on 31st July 2024 refers (copy herewith).

7. **Carmarthenshire Toybox Appeal 2024 and Mayoral Christmas Visits**

To consider the Principal Officer's report – Minute No. 57 of the Committee meeting held on 6th November 2023 refers.

8. **Applications for Financial Assistance**

(1) **Grants and Sponsorship**

To consider applications received from the following:

- (a) St Paul's Family Centre
- (b) Bwlch Rangers AFC
- (c) Llanelli Schoolboys Under 15/16
- (d) Seaside Community Association

(2) **Letter of Thanks**

To report a letter of thanks from CASM.

9. **Matters for Information**

- (1) **Welsh Government** – Appropriate Sum Under Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the 2025-26 Financial Year. (copy herewith).

NOTE: THE REPORTS RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL DETAILS. IF THE COUNCIL RESOLVES PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 TO CONSIDER THE ITEM IN PRIVATE, THE PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THEM.

10. **Penygaer Modular Building Changing Rooms**

To consider the Town Clerk's report – Minute No. 24 of the Committee meeting held on 15th July 2024 refers (copy herewith).

MEMBERS:- Councillors A.S.J. McPherson (Chair) A.R. Bragoli, A.A. Carter, M.D. Cranham J.P., S.A. Curry, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), J.R. Elliott, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), R. James, G.R. Lloyd, B.A.L. Roberts, P.T. Warlow (Vice-Chair).

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER: Councillor. J.G. Prosser (Town Mayor).

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AT: AELODAU'R PWYLLGOR ADEILADU A CHYLLID

Annwyl Gynghorydd,

Yn unol â darpariaethau Atodlen 12 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 a Adran 47 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru) 2021, fe'ch gelwir chi drwy hyn i gyfarfod PWYLLGOR ADEILADU A CHYLLID CYNGOR TREF LLANELLI sydd i'w gynnal **O BELL** ac yn **YR HEN FICERDY, SGWÂR NEUADD Y DREF, LLANELLI, DDYDD LLUN, 11^{fed} TACHWEDD 2024 YN DILYN CYFARFOD PWYLLGOR CYNLLUNIO, TRWYDDEDU AC YMGYNGHORI SY'N DECHRAU AM 6.00 Y.H.**

Yn gywir,

Clerc y Dref

AGENDA

1. I dderbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

2. I dderbyn datganiadau buddiant yr aelodau

Pro-forma i'w gylchredeg a'i gwblhau fel sy'n briodol.

3. Adroddiad Ariannol

(1) Adolygiad o'r Gyllideb

I ystyried adroddiad Adolygiad Cyllideb Clerc y Dref, gan gynnwys yr adroddiad Incwm a Gwariant am y cyfnod 1^{af} Ebrill 2024 - 31^{ain} Hydref 2024 (copi'n amgaeedig).

(2) Cyfrifon ar gyfer Taliad

I gymeradwyo'r Cyfrifon ar gyfer Taliad (copi'n amgaeedig).

4. Canolfannau Cymunedol

(1) Huriannau

I dderbyn y crynodeb llogi ar gyfer mis Hydref 2024 (copi'n amgaeedig).

5. **Meysydd Chwarae, Parciau a Chanolfannau Cymunedol**

I ystyried adroddiad Clerc y Dref, gweler Cofnod Rhif 47 o gyfarfod y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 7^{fed} Hydref 2024 (copi'n amgaeedig).

6. **Darpariaeth Pyllau Padlo a Pharciau Chwarae Dŵr 2024**

I ystyried adroddiad Clerc y Dref, gweler Gofnod Rhif 45 o gyfarfod y Cyngor Tref a gynhaliwyd ar 31^{ain} Gorffennaf 2024 (copi'n amgaeedig).

7. **Apêl Teganau Sir Gaerfyrddin 2024 ac Ymweliadau Nadolig y Maer**

I ystyried adroddiad y Prif Swyddog – gweler Cofnod Rhif 57 o gyfarfod y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 6^{ed} Tachwedd 2023. (copi'n amgaeedig).

8. **Ceisiadau am Cymorth Ariannol**

(1) **Grantiau a Nawdd**

I ystyried ceisiadau a dderbyniwyd gan y canlynol:

- (a) St Paul's Family Centre
- (b) CPD Bwlch Rangers
- (c) Llanelli Schoolboys Dan 15/16
- (d) Cymdeithas Gymunedol Glanymor

(2) **Llythyr o Ddiolch**

I adrodd llythyr o ddiolch oddi wrth CASM.

9. **Materion er Gwybodaeth**

- (1) **Llywodraeth Cymru** – Swm Priodol O dan Adran 137(4)(a) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 ar gyfer Blwyddyn Ariannol 2025-26. (copi'n amgaeedig).

SYLWCH: MAE'R ADRODDIADAU SY'N YMWNEUD Â'R EITEMAU CANLYNOL YN CYNNWYS MANYLION CYFRINACHOL. OS YW'R CYNGOR YN PENDERFYNU YN UNOL I ADRAN 1(2) O DDEDDF CYRFF CYHOEDDUS (DERBYN CYFARFODYDD) 1960 I YSTYRIED YR EITEM YN BREIFAT, BYDD Y CYHOEDD YN CAEL EI EITHRIO O'R CYFARFOD YN YSTOD EU HYSTYRIAETH.

10. **Adeilad Modiwlwr Ystafelloedd Newid Penygaer**

I ystyried adroddiad Clerc y Dref – gweler Cofnod Rhif 24 o gyfarfod y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 15^{eg} Gorffennaf 2024 (copi'n amgaeedig).

AELODAU:- Cynghorwyr A.S.J. McPherson (Cadeirydd) A.R. Bragoli, A.A. Carter, M.D. Cranham Y.H., S.A. Curry, D.Ll. Darkin (Arweinydd y Cyngor), J.R. Elliott, S. Greaney (Dirprwy Maer y Dref), R. James, G.R. Lloyd, B.A.L. Roberts, P.T. Warlow (Is-Gadeirydd).

AELOD EX-OFFICIO: Cyngorydd J.G. Prosser (Faer y Dref).

AGENDA ITEM 4.1

COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRINGS
MONTH: OCTOBER 2024

FACILITY	BOOKINGS	INCOME (EXCL. VAT)
		£
Glenalla	27	623.21
Lakefield	5 (plus Gym Club)	134.21 (800.00)
Llanerch	50	1,322.45
Paddock Street	38	668.79
Penymorfa	Jujitsu Club	500.00
Wesleyan	35	661.10
Penygaer	1	11.68

MONTHLY HIRINGS 2024-25

Community Centres Hirings	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Year End Total
Glenalla	20	16	32	21	13	29	27						158
Lakefield	4	5	4	4	3	2	5						27
Llanerch	43	42	46	38	16	50	50						285
Paddock Street	39	38	34	36	32	35	38						252
Penymorfa													0
St Barnabas	4	6		1									11
Wesleyan	29	27	32	33	21	27	35						204
Penygaer	1		1		1	2	1						6

MONTHLY HIRINGS 2023-24

Community Centres Hirings	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Year End Total
Glenalla	10	16	14	17	11	27	17	20	9	16	21	21	199
Lakefield	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	2	15
Llanerch	33	30	44	42	20	45	53	50	31	46	49	42	485
Paddock Street	32	34	36	51	40	30	33	39	24	32	35	35	421
Penymorfa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Barnabas	16	16	18	20	25	21	22	28	18	20	20	19	243
Wesleyan	15	11	19	17	11	20	24	27	25	23	25	29	246

AGENDA ITEM 5

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

PARKS PLAYING FIELDS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES

Further to minute 47 of the Committee meeting held on the 7th October 2024, the following provides an update on developments with the Town Council Parks, Playing Fields and Community Centres.

1. SPF Funded Project – Active Play and Sensory Play

Work is delayed on the installation of the Active Play equipment at Penyfan Park, Crown Park and Penygaer Playing Fields until the 18th November 2024. The Sensory Play equipment at Penygaer Playing Fields has however been installed.

2. Minor Work Repairs to Town Council buildings

Works have commenced on the approved minor works contracts at Glenalla Community Centre and Peoples Park Changing rooms. Works are ongoing at Llanerch Community Centre. A start date at Wesleyan Community Centre is awaited. Minute number 49 of the Committee meeting held on the 7th October 2024 refers.

3. Coronation Road Allotments

Following incidents of thefts and vandalism to allotment sheds at Coronation Road, consideration is being given to the erection of a higher fence at its boundary with Y Bwthyn. The fence would be installed by the joint Llanelli Town Council / Llanelli Rural Council Grounds Team.

RECOMMENDATION – that the report is noted and

- the actions taken and proposed be approved;

I await the Committee's instruction.

Arfon Davies
Town Clerk

October 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 6

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

PADDLING POOLS AND SPLASH PADS 2024

Further to Minute No. 45 of the Town Council meeting held on 31st July 2024, the following provides a report on the Paddling Pool and Splash Pad facility provision during the 2024 Summer period.

Splash Pads

Splash Pads at Havelock and Penyfan Parks opened in readiness for the Easter Holidays in late March with the automatic timer providing the service from 9am - 7pm. Problems have been experienced throughout the season this year with the contractor being required to attend on occasions along with regular actions by the Town Council Park Keepers to continue the provision. These issues will be looked at closely for the 2025 season.

The cost of the contract to activate and close down the splash pads along with call out, parts and repairs for the year was £7,380.

The Splash Pads remained open until the 24th September 2024.

Paddling Pools

Paddling Pools at Crown Park and Peoples' Park were opened on 22nd July in conjunction with the start of the Summer Holiday period, with Parc Howard following on the 11th August (the delay caused by delays with resurfacing works by Carmarthenshire County Council). The pools were staffed by temporary contract staff employed directly, for the first time, by the Town Council.

Each pool had an attendant working an 8am – 6pm shift pattern with a cover attendant providing for lunch breaks. The filling of the paddling pools can take around 2-3 hours with emptying taking between 1 hour and 1.5 hours depending on the pool.

Paddling Pool	Days of Operation	Estimates Users	Cost of operation (staff)
Crown Park	29	1,500	£3,842
Parc Howard	15	1,000	£1,581
Peoples' Park	27	1,200	£3,351

Health and Safety

User safety has been closely monitored during the period. Some slips, falls and small cuts were noted at each pool during the period, however, no serious incidents have been reported to the Council by users or Attendants.

Additional effort is put in place to monitor use of Peoples' Park following the issues experienced in previous years. Fewer instances of glass were experienced at Peoples' Park again this year.

Extensive arrangements involving Town Council Officers and Park Keepers have been put in place on a daily basis to support the Attendants and approve activation of each of the pools on a 7 day a week basis.

Both splash pads were inspected early every morning by Town Council Park Keepers with glass and litter noted on several occasions which was cleared prior to the sites being activated.

During 2024, provision of portable toilets were again provided at Crown Park and Peoples' Park. Some issues were experienced with the provision, however no severe problems were noted.

Conclusions

The paddling pools and splash pads remain very popular attractions in Llanelli during sunny days. The changeable weather experienced during the period does however lead to very low user numbers on a number of occasions.

From an environmental point of view the water usage with daily filling and emptying is very large with Crown Park using around 1073m³ (£4,137.76) of water and Peoples Park 1015m³ (£4,031.51) during the period. This is also the case at the splash pads with Havelock using 1,509 m³ and Penyfan 3,287 m³.

It is certainly the view of Officers that the extensive arrangements put in place to ensure as far as practical that no glass or other sharp objects find their way into the pools were necessary to enable the successful provision of the facilities in 2024. This does however present a resource implication to the Council during what is also a holiday period for the Office Team.

My thanks to all the Town Council Staff who as always made additional efforts during the summer period with these facilities.

For 2024 limited painting works were undertaken to Peoples Park pool surface (£361.50) with a full repaint carried out at Crown Park pool (£4,818), it is likely that more extensive repairs will be required in 2025 (including to surrounding slabs). The continuing difficulties with arranging necessary works at Parc Howard causes further concern as the opening of the pool has been delayed over the last 2 seasons due to issues with obtaining County Council approval for works to be carried out. It is hoped that an early meeting can this year take place to consider the works required for this pool in readiness for 2025.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the report.

Arfon Davies
Town Clerk

November 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 7

TO: LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

Toy Box Appeal 2024

Following a review in 2023, the Carmarthenshire Toy Box Appeal for 2024 is to go ahead. Increased numbers needing support has been noted. In previous years the Town Council has authorised £1,000 of toys and other products to be purchased for donating to the scheme. The appeal by Carmarthenshire County Council has been launched for 2024, for families needing support.

Mayoral Visits and support

Mayoral visits to the three Feeding Stations in Llanelli are planned for early December. The evenings will be sponsored by the Town Council with a £300 donation. Town Mayor Cllr Prosser will present the donation during the visit to these services that provide much needed support for the community.

Hospital Visit

A Mayoral visit with the Llanelli Rural Council Chair to Prince Philip Hospital is being planned for early December.

Recommendation - that the Council notes the report and authorise £1,000 of toys and products to be purchased for the Carmarthenshire Toy Box Appeal.

Delyth Jones
Principal Officer

November 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 8

GRANT GUIDELINES

- (1) Applications should be accompanied by financial information (latest audited financial accounts and / or bank statement);
- (2) Applications should be accompanied by a clear description of how any award will be utilised;
- (3) Grants are not awarded to individuals;
- (4) Organisations will not normally be awarded more than one grant in any financial year;
- (5) The guideline amount for the following categories will be £300: Other interest groups, Schools and Playgroups, Local support groups, National Bodies – local branch, Fundraising groups, Religious organisations, Armed Forces and Veterans groups;
- (6) Community / Residents / Youth Groups; the guideline amount for organisations in this category will be £300;
 - a. Consideration can however be given of an award of up to £500 where the organisation can provide evidence that it is providing activities which are made available to and benefit the wider Community;
 - b. Consideration can however be given of an award of up to £500 where the organisation can provide evidence that it is providing services or activities which benefit under represented groups;
- (7) The guideline amount for Performing Arts groups will be £500;
- (8) The guideline amount for Sports clubs without an additional section (e.g. Junior Section, Senior Section, Women's Section, LGBT Section) will be £500;
- (9) The guideline amount for Sports clubs with an additional section; (e.g. Junior Section, Senior Section, Women's Section, LGBT Section) will be £800;
- (10) Applications from National Bodies will normally be noted;
- (11) Senior Citizens' groups will normally be granted free use of the Town Council's community halls;
- (12) The guideline amounts will normally be awarded for normal running costs, if an organisation is planning a specific project it is encouraged to provide information, including costs, relating to that project;
- (13) Group affiliated to the same umbrella body can apply for funding if they are based at different locations and have separate bank accounts;
- (14) These guidelines apply to applications for grants and do not apply to sponsorship agreements agreed by the Town Council.



St Paul's Family Centre Management Committee
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11.09.24

Mr G Jones
Town Clerk
Llanelli Town Council
The Old Vicarage
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Dear Mr Jones,

I am writing to request a grant towards the costs of activities at St Paul's Family Centre.

The Family Centre aims to nurture families and strengthen the community by providing supportive services in a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere. We hope to help tackle the problems experienced by families within the community, whether they stem from poverty, isolation or the restricted life chances symptomatic of living in such a socially deprived area. In this way we hope to have a positive, empowering impact upon the individuals who attend and the community as a whole.

Our sessions are free and inclusive to all, during term time they include;

- A weekly baby group for babies under 15 months and their parent/carer which includes support with baby massage, bonding, weaning and reducing isolation for adults.
- Two lunch clubs a week providing children and families a warm space, meal & refreshments.
- Two Baby & Toddler sessions per week. These sessions give the families an opportunity to attend Language & Play courses, Actif story times, training workshops, and to take part in song times, stories, arts & crafts, sensory play and messy play. All of which are supporting the children's development, preparing them for school and strengthening family relationships.
- Daily childcare for children aged 2 -3 years old, through the Welsh Governments Flying Start programme – only these sessions are funded via WG funding.
- Co-facilitating with Flying Starts Parenting Team to deliver and provide a crèche facility whilst parents attend a variety of parenting programmes.

During school holidays we hold family sessions for parent/carers with children up to 11 years, we offer low cost/free trips and outings, healthy cookery sessions, arts and crafts, celebration days such as Easter/St David's Day, and drop in sessions. Last year the families had the opportunity to visit local parks together, to encourage more time spent outdoors, the beach, St Fagans, Porthcawl, St David's, Folly Farm and Folly Farm.

Over the past year we have worked with a number of partner organisations and community groups including, Flying Start, Hwyl Dda, The Transforming Tyisha Team, Families First, The Carmarthenshire Family Centre Network, Llanelli Multicultural Network, Llanelli Goods Shed and Actif.

The sessions and activities improves relationships between children and parents, enhances parenting skills, improves communication skills, prepares children for school and improves confidence and resilience skills. We know this because parents tell us through consultation events, informal chats, staff observations, and feedback from other professionals such as the local school, Health Visitors, Speech Therapists and Parenting Officers. Over the past year we have supported over 280 families.

There is a management committee comprising of professionals and local people within the community. These include local Councillors, local residents, a Mothers Union representative and Family Centre volunteers.

Please find enclosed a copy of our most recent bank statement so that Council members are able to assess our financial position when considering our request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Williams

Centre Manager (On behalf of the Trustees)

Hi Sion,

I've attached the statements we have since June of this year. If you need the full statements for the last three months let me know there are around 16 pages in total and I can get them sent to you physically if you'd prefer?

We would use this years sponsorship to put towards new security fencing we are installing down the field to house the brand new goals we have put up for this upcoming season.

Thanks,

Daf

Bwlch Rangers AFC

Hi Sion,

A brief outline on Llanelli Schoolboys Under 15s is written below. Many thanks.

Llanelli Schools Rugby Under 15s/16s

As an ongoing group made up from the six Secondary Schools of Llanelli, we are a very proud group with over 120 years of history.

At Under 15 level, players from all schools and clubs, regardless of ability, are able to partake in the 'Emerging Player Programme'.

This involves training once a week throughout the season with some playing opportunities based around school holidays. The emphasis

Is based squarely on skill development and enjoyment.

The following year a Llanelli Schoolboys Under 16 squad is selected to take part in the traditional Dewar Shield national competition . This

Involves two training sessions per week, a pre season preparation from June-Sept and a programme of 6-8 matches from September to December.

This competition is regional in the first instance (Scarlets region) and then expands nationally as it progresses towards the finals.

The cost implications to support these two years is forever growing with an ambition to give the players the best rugby experience they can get.

The cost of transport, laundry, rugby balls, training equipment and training and playing kit is high and we need expert first aid and physio back up. It is so important to secure the services of the correctly qualified people and, in addition, that includes the coaching groups of the two squads.

We would like to ensure the continued growth of Llanelli Schoolboys Under 15/16s and would value your support tremendously.

Yours, in sport, Nick Murphy (Chairperson/Treasurer - Llanelli Schoolboys)

SEASIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Ltd



Working Together For Our Community

3/11/24

Town Clerk, Arfon Davies
Llanelli Town Council
The Old Vicarage
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Dear Arfon,

Re: Application for Financial Assistance

Seaside Community Association members have asked me to write to you to ask for financial assistance for our Christmas tree lighting and Santa Claus event this year. Thanks to your support last year we were able to set up a Christmas tree in the Hywel Phillips Memorial Garden and hold a community event in both the garden and at The New Cornish Arms. At a recent SCA meeting the Committee decided to hold the same activities this year. We expect to have similar costs for the events as last year with the principal cost being that of a Christmas tree.

The Association would be very grateful if the Town Council could find its way to financially support these events again this year. Any help is very much appreciated and I shall thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Maria Austin
Secretary

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AGENDA ITEM 9



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Clerks of Community and Town Councils,

Directors of Finance,

County and County Borough Councils

4 November 2024

Dear Clerk,

**Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 -
Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025-26**

This is to notify you that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2025-26 is £11.10

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to incur expenditure for purposes for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure incurred. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2025-26 will be £11.10 per elector.

For the financial year 2025-26, the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) is calculated by applying the formula set out in Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act. The Retail Prices Index increased by 2.68% between September 2023 and September 2024. This means that, by application of the formula, the appropriate sum for the financial year 2025-26 increases from £10.81 to £11.10 per elector.

For clarity, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 includes provision which enables 'eligible community councils' to exercise the General Power of Competence. The power for Community and Town Councils to exercise the General Power of Competence came into force on 5 May 2022.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

The relevant **statutory guidance for community and town councils** explains the interaction between the two powers (i.e. the general power of competence and the power under s.137 of the 1972 Act). Community and town councils exercising the General Power of Competence are not subject to an expenditure limit, but other conditions apply. For all other community and town councils, the limit set out in this letter will apply.

Yours sincerely

Martin Bull
Local Government Finance Policy & Sustainability Division

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