



Annual Report 2022/23

Information on the Organisation of the Council:

Councillors: As of March 2023, your Community Cllrs were:

Hirwaun

Cllr Richard Jones
Cllr Non Thomas
Cllr Ceri Woodley
Cllr Adrian Harford
Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach
Cllr Eryl O'Neill
Cllr Zoe Goss
Cllr James Woodward

Penderyn

Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair)
Cllr Debbie Smart (Vice Chair)
Cllr Margaret Amos
Cllr Lynwen Law

Allowances: Your Cllrs opted out of receiving their Statutory Allowances for this financial year.

Sub Committees/Working Groups:

Cllrs sit on the following Community Council committees/working groups:

Finance Committee
Standing Orders Working Group
Garden Show Working Group
Hirwaun Village Improvements Working Group
Litter Champions

Cllrs attend the following external meetings:

Tower Colliery Site Liaison Committee
Tower Colliery Environmental Resource Centre Committee
A465 Heads of the Valleys Dualling Liaison Committee
Waterfalls Partnership Committee
Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group
Gigabit Project
Minor Authority Representative – Hirwaun Primary School
Minor Authority Representative – Penderyn Primary School
One Voice Wales Area Committee Meetings

Management Committee/Trustees – Hirwaun Village Hall
RCT Community Liaison Committee Meeting
PACT Meeting – Hirwaun
PACT Meeting – Penderyn
Sight Loss Champion
Save a Life Cymru Champion

Key Contact Information:

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Basic Financial Information:

Delays due to COVID mean that the reports are taking longer than usual to come back from the External Auditors. You will find information relating to this on our website.

Relationship with Principal Council:

The Community Council has signed a Charter agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council whilst recognising our respective responsibilities as autonomous, democratically elected statutory bodies which sets out how we aim to work together for the benefit of the local communities.

Resident Complaints:

Complaints from residents are brought to the attention of Cllrs at full council meetings and forwarded onto the relevant body.

Activities:

Key Council objectives for the year:

To enhance the village for its residents.

Assets and Services:

The Community Council owns The Old Fire Station which is leased to The Garden Society for the benefit of the community.

Activities:

We carried out the following activities last year:

Village Tidy Up in preparation for Weatherman Walking filming in the village	
Christmas Painting Competition	Tree Hub
Daffodil bulbs for residents	Seed Bomb making

Garden Show
Maintaining the planters in both villages
Remembrance Day Parade

Hirwaun & Penderyn in Bloom
Easter Eggs for schools

Achievements:

Spotlight on Hirwaun & Penderyn campaign
Gigabit Project
Civility and Respect Pledge

Grants applied for:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – planters for the Welcome signs – grant turned down
Tree Hub Funding - £1,500 – received
Interlink - for our Cost of Living event - £500

Grants given out:

Cylch Meithrin, Penderyn - £82.50 – Easter eggs
Hirwaun Community Events - £310 - Gazebos and selection boxes
Hirwaun Community Events - £90 – Hire of Hirwaun Village Hall for Christmas Around the Clock
Penderyn Village Group - £400 – Bus hire for the panto.

Priorities:

Planned activities:

We will continue with our environmental projects which aim to improve the village, and our environment. These include: providing flower baskets and planters, spring bulbs, Garden Show, Seed Bomb Making and litter picks.

We will continue to provide Christmas lighting, and to organise the Remembrance Day parade.

Subject to grant funding:

We aim to progress our Arcway project to install information boards and benches on the mineral line.

We aim to install new Welcome to Hirwaun and Welcome to Penderyn signs.

We aim to work with local groups to install signage and information boards directing people to the Village Green.

We hope to install additional planters at the Welcome signs.

Future budget requirements: These will be met via our precept and grant funding.

