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Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk/RFO Council Offices, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina NP13 3BN Swyddfa'r Cyngor, Sefydliad Blaenau, Y Stryd Fawr, Blaenau NP13 3BN

Tel: 01495 292817 e-mail: clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk

Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina to commence following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting on Tuesday 14th January 2025.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting remotely, please contact the Town Clerk at the above e-mail or phone by 3pm on 14th January 2025 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.

AGENDA

Declaration of Interest

Members are invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members are reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members are invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept.

2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters itemised on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total).

3. Correspondence:

Members are invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

- a) Society of Local Council Clerks (for consideration copy attached)
 - Renewal of subscription for 2025 membership.
- b) Kelly Louise Davies Tiny Sprouts Playgroup (for information copy attached):

Email of thanks and photos of children enjoying the selection packs purchased.

c) Mr M Knapp (for information - copy attached):

Letter of thanks and copy of receipt in respect of recent grant donation received.

d) Cllr J A Bond (for information – copy attached):

Letter of resignation as a Town Councillor.

e) Boundary Commission (for information & consideration – copy attached):

Email and information regarding the 2026 Review: Revised Proposals. *Please note that only the information relating to Blaenau Gwent has been included).*

f) Hospice of the Valleys (for information – copy attached):

Certificate of thanks in respect of recent financial grant.

g) One Voice Wales (for information & consideration – copy attached):

One Voice Wales National Awards 2025.

4. Position of Chair of Events Committee:

Following the resignation of the Chair of Events (Cllr J Bond) Members are invited to consider the appointment of the Chair of Events.

5. S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

As previously resolved, Members are invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of January 2025.

6. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) Patchwork & Quilting Group (copy attached)

7. Salem Chapel:

Members are invited to consider the attached inspection report:

December 2024 (copy attached).

8. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) may contain information that is of a confidential or personal nature and is therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960).



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Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council Council Offices, Blaina Institute High Street Blaina Gwent

Mrs Tracy Hughes

TOWN GOUNCIL

December 2024

£300 pa.

Dear Tracy,

NP13 3BN

Renew your SLCC membership online TODAY!

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your valued support and commitment over the past year. We hope that your membership has provided you with training, guidance, advice, and support so that you can develop the professional skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to best serve your council(s) and community.

Your membership has enabled us to accomplish so much in 2024, some of the highlights include:

- Updated Online Resources: Expanded advice notes, guidance, and templates, including tools to address online
 abuse.
- The Clerk Magazine: Six editions with features on playground management, community engagement, and more.
- Local Council Clerk Expo: Our first-ever free expo on 12 June, connecting officers with suppliers.
- Local Council Clerk Week: New resources to help celebrate and raise awareness of the clerk's role in 2024.
- PIALC Course: Launched a sector-specific internal auditing course, with versions for England and Wales.
- Youth Engagement Summit: A virtual event on 18 July with NALC and OVW, focusing on engaging with young
 people in councils.
- Webinars: Sessions on finance, planning, innovation and civility and respect and much more.
- SLCC Podcasts: Stories and insights from experts and fellow clerks, available anytime.

According to our records your annual membership is due for renewal on the 1 February 2025

To renew your membership please visit www.slcc.co.uk and follow the steps below:

- Login using your existing SLCC login details your username is <u>HugheT272</u> and password is <u>Reset By User</u>
- 2. Once on your 'My Account' page, within the mini menu box to the right click on 'Membership'.
- Click on the button 'Click here to renew'.
- 4. This will show the membership that is due for renewal. Click the button 'Click here to renew'.
- 5. This will take you to the form that needs to be completed. You can select to pay via cheque, bank transfer or credit or debit card. Once the form has been submitted you will receive an email with your invoice attached.
- 6. When making payment please ensure that you include the invoice number so your payment can be assigned correctly.

Please ensure the online renewal form is completed before sending payment

Please see more detailed instructions on how to renew enclosed.

For help with competing your membership renewal please email membership@slcc.co.uk

We hope that you continue to find your membership beneficial to your role and look forward to hearing from you soon. If you are no longer working for the council, please let us know so we can update our records.

Your Sincerely,

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Roxanne Langdon, SLCC Membership Officer

Tracy

From:

kellylouise Davies

Sent:

29 December 2024 20:22

To:

Clerk

Subject:

Re: Grant Donation - Tiny Sprouts Playgroup

Attachments:

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pro-yVs7Yys6.jpeg

Here is some photos to show our appreciation for the money given. And it's shows on the children faces. They was so happy..so thank u again

Kind regards

Kelly xx

Sent from Outlook for Android

From: Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk> Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 1:59:46 PM

To:

Subject: Grant Donation - Tiny Sprouts Playgroup

Good afternoon Kelly,

Please find attached a letter in respect of your recent application for a financial grant.

Kind regards

Tracy

Tracy Hughes - Town Clerk / RFO Nicola Horner - Assistant Officer Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

Tel no: 01495 292817

E-mail: clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk

Hours of business: Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm, Friday 9am - 1pm









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Dear (racey,

Please find endosed a neceipt of the grass cutter that we purchased with the cheque that was provided as a grant. We would like to thank you very much. This the proof of receipt

> Thanking you. Mrs. J. Knopp

on behalf or Mr. Midnael Knopp.

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TOWN COUNCIL

pharmacist.thpblaina@aah-n3.co.uk

Date:

09 December 2024 10:40

To: Subject:

Fwd: Order confirmed: 4in1 Multi Tool 43cc Petrol Brushauter Grass Line Hedge Trimmer Primer 2-Stroke

Janette knapp

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Date: 9 December 2024 at 10:24:28 am GMT

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Subject: Order confirmed: 4ini Multi Tool 43cc Petrol Brushcutter Grass Line Hedge Trimmer Pruner 2-Stroke



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Thanks for shopping. Your order is confirmed.

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The Clerk and Chair

Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

Subject: Resignation from Town Councillor Position

Dear Tracy,

It is with great regret that I am writing to formally resign from my position as Town Councillor with Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council, effective immediately.

This decision has not been made lightly, as serving the community of Nantyglo and Blaina has been a privilege and a source of pride for me. However, due to ongoing medical challenges and the increasing impact of my conditions on my reliability and capacity to fulfil my duties, I feel it is in the best interest of the Council and the community for me to step aside.

I deeply value the time I have spent contributing to the work of the Council, and I am proud of what we have achieved together for the people we serve. I am grateful for the support and understanding shown by my fellow Councillors and Council staff throughout my tenure.

Although I am stepping down from this position, I remain committed to the well-being and progress of our community and hope to continue supporting it in other ways when my health allows.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to be part of such important work and for the kindness and camaraderie I have experienced during my time on the Council.

Yours sincerely,

John Bond

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

John Angel Bond Town Councillor

TOWN COUNCIL

Tracy

From: Rhydian Fitter <rhydian.fitter@dbcc.gov.wales>

Sent: 17 December 2024 11:19

To: Rhydian Fitter

Subject: AROLWG O ETHOLAETHAU'R SENEDD / REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES

English below

Annwyl Syr/Madam,

AROLWG O ETHOLAETHAU'R SENEDD

Ysgrifennaf atoch i'ch hysbysu bod Comisiwn Democratiaeth a Ffiniau Cymru wedi cyhoeddi ei Adroddiad Cynigion Diwygiedig mewn perthynas â'r arolwg o Etholaethau'r Senedd yng Nghymru.

Mae'r Adroddiad wedi'i gyhoeddi a gellir ei weld ar ein gwefan.

Byddai'r Comisiwn yn croesawu unrhyw sylwadau yr hoffech eu gwneud ar y Cynigion Diwygiedig. Mae'r cyfnod ymgynghori o bedair wythnos yn dechrau ar 17 Rhagfyr 2024 ac yn cau ar 13 Ionawr 2025 a dylid anfon unrhyw sylwadau at ymgynghoriadau@cdffc.llyw.cymru neu'n ysgrifenedig at CDFfC, 4ydd Llawr, Adeilad Llywodraeth Cymru, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NQ. Bydd y Comisiwn hefyd yn derbyn cyflwyniadau drwy ei borth ymgynghori yn https://senedd2026.arolygoncymru.cymru/.

Bydd y Comisiwn yn ystyried yn ofalus unrhyw sylwadau a wneir yn ystod y cyfnod ymgynghori cyn paratoi'r Adroddiad Penderfyniadau Terfynol.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

Rhydian Fitter

Rheolwr Cyfathrebu ac Ymgysylltu

Dear Sir/Madam,

REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES

I am writing to inform you that the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has published its Revised Proposals Report in relation to the review of Senedd Constituencies in Wales.

The Report has been published and can be viewed on our website.

The Commission would welcome any comments which you may wish to make on the Revised Proposals. The 4-week consultation period begins on 17 December 2024 and closes on 13 January 2025 and any representations should be sent to consultations@dbcc.gov.wales or in writing to DBCC, 4th Floor, Welsh Government Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ. The Commission will also accept submissions through its consultation portal at https://senedd2026.reviewswales.wales/.

The Commission will carefully consider any representations made during the consultation period before preparing the Final Decisions Report.

Yours faithfully,

Rhydian Fitter

Communications and Engagement Manager

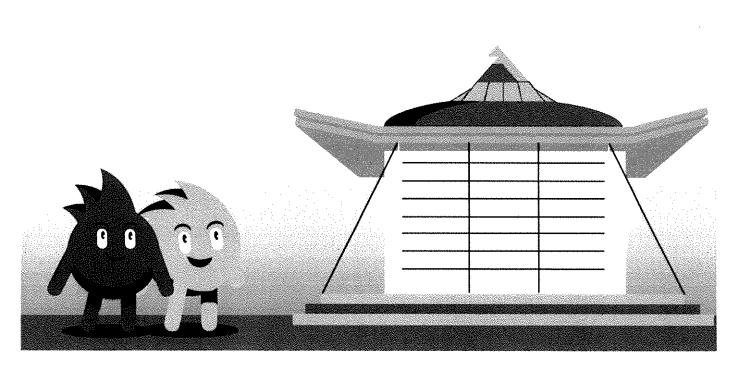


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Consultation Portal

Click here to view the interactive map and make representations on the consultation portal.

Revised proposals

- Click here to view the full report
- A number of files relating to these proposals are available to download at the bottom of this page.

The full Revised Proposals Report is available as a PDF at the bottom of this page. Below, you can find the Revised Proposals in detail.

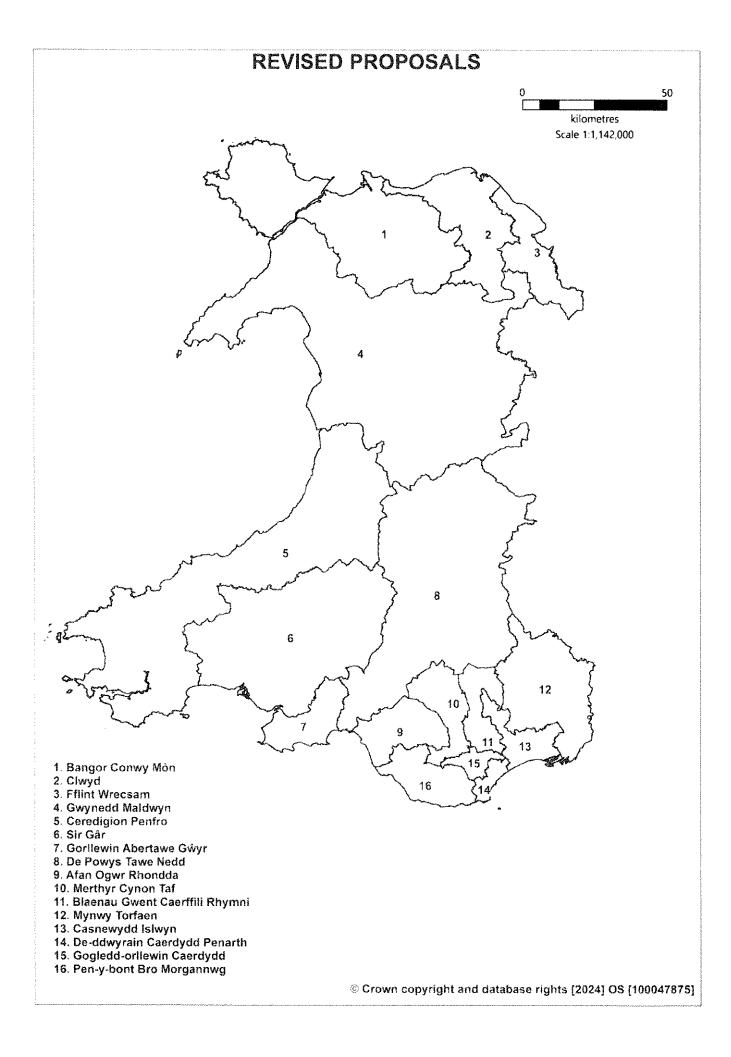
Revised proposals in detail

The Commission's revised proposals are described in detail in this chapter. For each proposed constituency, the report sets out:

- a summary of arguments made during the public consultation in support of, or in objection
 to, the Commission's initial proposals. Although not all representations are mentioned in
 this report, the Commission has considered the representations made when determining
 revisions to its proposals.
- the Commission's response to the representations and recommendations made
- an explanation of the proposed name
- a map of the proposed constituency

The following pages set out the Commission's revised proposals. The mapping key, shown below, explains the colours and lines used in each map in this chapter.

UK PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES 1. Ynys Môn Bangor Aberconwy Clwyd North Clwyd East Alyn and Deeside 6. Wrexham 7. Dwyfor Meirionnydd 8. Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr 9. Ceredigion Preseli 10. Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe 11. Monmouthshire 12. Torfaen 13. Newbort East 14. Newport West and Islwyn 15. Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney 16. Caerphilly 17. Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare 18. Pontypridd 19. Cardiff West 20. Cardiff North 21. Cardiff East 22. Cardiff South and Penarth 23. Vale of Glamorgan 9 10 31 11 30 17 27 .25 26 24. Bridgend 25. Rhondda and Ogmore 26. Aberafan Maesteg 27. Neath and Swansea East 23 28. Swansea West 29. Gower 30. Llanelli 31. Carmarthen 32. Mid and South Pembrokeshire © Crown copyright and database rights [2025] OS [100047875]



The Commission proposes that a county constituency be created from:

The Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney UK Parliamentary constituency,

and:

The Caerphilly UK Parliamentary constituency.

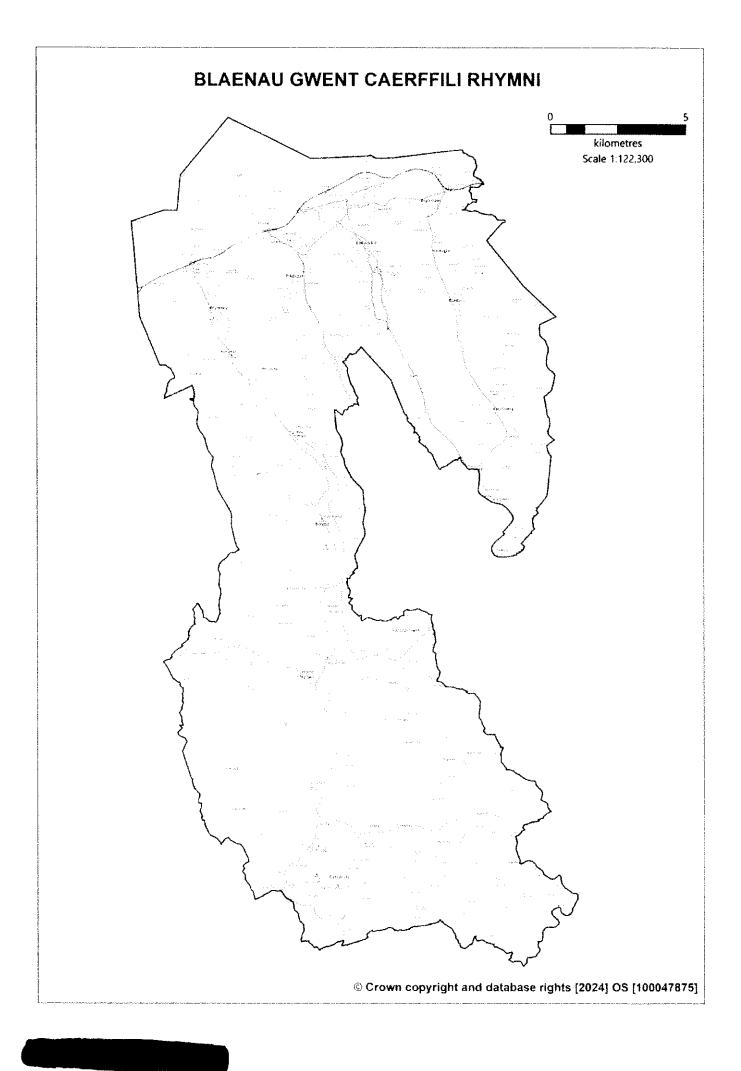
The Commission received 28 representations regarding the initial proposal to pair the UK Parliamentary constituencies of Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney and Caerphilly. Of these, 18 were in support and 10 were in opposition (with some representations offering more than 1 alternative). Among the opposing representations, 15 proposed alternative arrangements including pairing Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney with Torfaen and pairing Caerphilly with Newport West and Islwyn.

The Commission received 12 representations regarding its initial proposal that this constituency be named Blaenau Gwent, Rhymney and Caerphilly. Of these, 1 was in support and 11 were in opposition. Alternative names that were proposed include East Glamorgan, West Gwent and Rhymey, and Sirhowy ac Ebwy.

The Commission has considered the representations and proposes to retain the pairing of the Blaenau Gwent UK Parliamentary constituency and the Rhymney and Caerphilly UK Parliamentary constituency. The Commission acknowledges the counter-proposals received, however, this would have a disruptive impact on well-supported pairings in the surrounding area therefore creating a less desirable set of constituencies overall. The Commission considers that there are good road links between the 2 areas and the proposed constituency would unite areas that form part of the Caerphilly principal council area into 1 constituency, building on the established links that exist. The Commission is therefore of the view that the proposed combination creates a cohesive constituency.

The Commission proposes the single name of **Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni** for this constituency. The Commission has determined that the name is acceptable for use as a single name as it incorporates the 2 local authorities and a major valley within the proposed constituency and is likely to be recognisable to residents. The Welsh Language Commissioner has agreed with the orthography of the single name.

The Commission wishes to highlight that due to changes made as part of the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021 the electoral ward of Cefn Fforest and Pengam will be split between this proposed constituency and the proposed constituency of **Casnewydd Islwyn**.



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Wie Williams

Manager

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5TH DECEMBER

Julie Williams Business & Community Fundraising

























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Tracy

From: Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Sent: 06 December 2024 14:23

To: Tracy Gilmartin

Subject: You deserve an award!! One Voice Wales National Awards 2025 // Rydych chi'n

haeddu gwobr!! Gwobrau Cenedlaethol Un Llais Cymru 2025

Attachments: Nomination Guide 2025.docx; Application Form Awards 2025.docx; Awards

Conference 2025 Flyer.docx

Dear Member Council,

One Voice Wales National Awards 2025

I am delighted to announce that One Voice Wales will be holding its National Awards on **Wednesday 23 April 2025** at Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, LD2 3SY. *Please use this opportunity to mark this important date in your Council diaries.*

These awards are an opportunity for your Council to showcase the services it provides for its community, and an opportunity for councillors, clerks and staff to receive the recognition they deserve.

The entries will be used as an evidence base to inform Welsh Government, Unitary Authorities, the Third Sector and other key partners of the good work local councils are doing in their communities across Wales and how they can possibly support the work of the local council sector in the future.

Attached you will find a **Nomination Guide 2025** listing the award categories and details of how you can nominate your council for these prestigious awards, together with an **Application Form**.

An independent panel made up from national representative bodies will undertake the judging of the entries. There will be a shortlist of nominations in each of the categories; each of the shortlisted Councils for each category will be invited to take part in showcasing their Council's initiative.

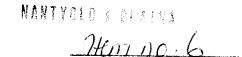
During the Awards Ceremony, the winners and runners-up will be presented with their awards and certificates. One Voice Wales will also be publishing a post-event report to be shared with local councils and stakeholder organisations throughout Wales.

The closing date for entries is Friday 28 February 2025. A judging panel will be held after this date and the shortlisted councils for each category will be informed as early as possible and invited to prepare a 10 minute (maximum) presentation in advance of the event.

Should you have any queries regarding the 2025 Awards Conference, please get in touch with Emyr John, Communications Officer: ejohn@onevoicewales.wales

I do hope that you will enter your Council for an award and help One Voice Wales to highlight and promote the innovative practices that take place in local communities throughout Wales.

Yours sincerely Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair, One Voice Wales



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Community Grant Application Form 2024/25

Please contact the Town Clerk if you require any information or assistance in completing the application form.

Section 1: Contact Information

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Safety Inspections - Salem Chapel

<u>Inspection of Salem Chapel – December 2024</u>

MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK	2 nd	12 th	19 th	AL	Report of any defects And action taken
Main Hall of Chapel	./	J	./	./	Dry rot detected & floor part lifted. Investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Organ supports re-enforced Sept 2016.
Fire Alarm	./		./		Inspected 13/01/2024
Emergency Lighting	./		./		Inspected 23/01/2024
Stairways to Balcony	./	J	./	./	Stair lift not working, evidence of damp on walls. Plaster fallen from underneath of stairs due to damp.
Balcony	./	./	./	_/	Damage to display possibly from insects/woodworm. Greater evidence of damp on walls.
Toilets	./	./	_/	./	Removed due to dry rot
High Street Entrance	./]./		/	Black mould on walls & ceilings
Office	./		./	/	Broken window secured
General Condition	./	./	./	./	General deterioration evident
Fire Extinguishers	./	./			Inspected & replaced as necessary 06/12/22
Observations/ Other Comments	./	J	./	./	J Dyer opinion is fungal rot. Valuation survey carried out by J Dyer 3/11/21. Exhibition items delivered to Westgate Hotel, Newport & awaiting to go to Blaen y Cwm Primary.
ANNEX BUILDING				1	
Ground Floor	./		./	./	Mould/rot on floor, appears very unsafe
Kitchen	J	./	./	./	Mould/rot on floor. Floor rotten through and unsafe. Kitchen units coming away from wall due to severe damp in floor of kitchen. R Dunham inspected.
First Aid Box	./	./	./	./	
Seating Area	./	./	./	./	Considerably amount of new damp on interior walls to left side of premises entering from the back entrance. Extensive rotting of wooden floor.
Stairway to upper room	./	./] /]./	
Upper Room	./]./	./	./	
Rear Entrance	./	./	./]./	Paint flaking off walls
Side Door	./		./		
Observations/			7		General deterioration evident. Alarms
Other Comments		<u> </u>	1		sounded & checked 5 th & 7 th Feb - OK
Statutory annual Inspections:					Dragon Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 06/12/2022.Dragon Fire & Security Systems (Intruder & fire alarms) 21/08/2024.

Signed: T Hughes Town Clerk Date: 14/01/25

Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee