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**From:** Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>  
**Sent:** 28 January 2022 11:03  
**To:** Tracy Gilmartin  
**Subject:** Raising awareness / promotion videos – Community and Town Councillors

**Raising awareness / promotion videos – Community and Town Councillors**

Dear Chair and Clerk to the Council

One Voice Wales - with assistance from Welsh Government - has published a video to promote and encourage individuals to stand for the local community and town council elections in May 2022. The video, is available here in Welsh and English:

Welsh [Hafan - One Voice Wales - Welsh \(unllaiscymru.org.uk\)](https://unllaiscymru.org.uk)

English [Home - One Voice Wales](https://onevoicewales.org.uk)

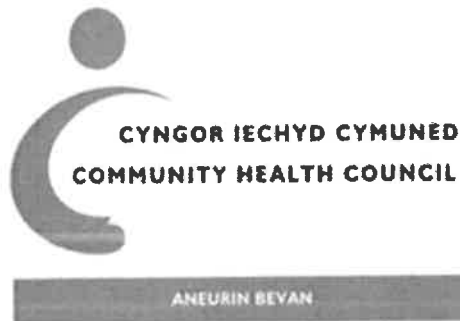
The video:

- Raises awareness of the role and contribution community and town councillors make to society
- Shows how community and town councillors are well placed to know the priorities and needs of their local area and how councils can collaborate with local partners to achieve positive change
- Explains the importance of diversity in local government
- Explains the challenges councillors face and the support available to them e.g., through training programmes provided by One Voice Wales
- Outlines the skills, knowledge and experience gained through the role and their wider application in other aspects of life and employment, the exposure to a range of unfamiliar issues and a greater understanding of how local democracy works
- Explains that everyone has skills to bring to the role of Councillor from their daily life e.g. organisation, communication, problem solving etc.

I hope you can draw attention to these videos e.g. by publishing the link to them on your website.

Thanks very much  
Yours sincerely  
Catrin

Dr Catrin Jones  
Policy Officer, One Voice Wales.



NANTYGLO & BLAINA

31 JAN 2022

TOWN COUNCIL

Item no. 2b.  
CIC Aneurin Bevan  
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Aneurin Bevan CHC  
Raglan House  
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## MEETING OF ANEURIN BEVAN COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

A Planning Meeting of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council will take place at 10.30 am, via Teams, Tuesday 8 February 2022.

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council is a statutory organisation representing the public who use the National Health Service. Our meetings are open to the public and local people are invited to attend. There will be an opportunity for people to raise issues of concern directly.

Members of the public also have the right to inspect or be given copies of agenda papers which are available at the meeting. If you would like to receive a copy of the papers in English or Welsh prior to the meeting or if you would like to attend and require simultaneous Welsh translation, please contact the address below within 7 days of the meeting.

If you would like to know more about our work, please contact us at:

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Cwmbran  
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**Jemma McHale**  
**Chief Officer**

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It is with great reluctance  
for me to resign from the  
Town Council as from the  
above date.

Thank you all.

Heley Emanuel (Mrs)

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

31 JAN 2022

TOWN COUNCIL

**Tracy**

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**From:** Kevin Rowland [krowland43@bt.com](mailto:krowland43@bt.com)  
**Sent:** 31 January 2022 14:33  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** My Apologies.  
**Attachments:** LetterofResignation.rtf

Hello Tracy,

Hope all is well, I've attached a text document with this email that is my letter of resignation from Blaina and Nantyglo Town Council. The last few weeks have been really difficult with my mother and I just don't have the time to commit to the role as it should be given. If theres anything else I need to do please let me know, I'll try get it done as soon as possible so not to get in the way of the more important things.

I have to say a massive thank you to yourself, you've been welcoming and Mike was right when he said the Clerk and Assistant were brilliant at what they do. Its been a mostly enjoyable experience and perhaps one day its something I'll seek to do again, but for now its just not possible.

Thanks again and if theres anything else I need to do just let me know.

Kevin Rowland.

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

31 JAN 2022

TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Blaina and Nantyglo Town Council,

Firstly, I would like to thank each member of the Council for allowing me to join you in doing what we believe is best for the area, especially in trying times during this pandemic. I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to seeing what you're able to achieve going forwards. With restrictions of the pandemic easing I fully expect to see more positive steps taken by the Town Council to improve the area we all feel so passionately about.

Secondly, I would like to thank the Town Clerk and her Assistant for the great work they do in the running of everything that goes on. You made me feel welcome and it was easy to see just how much amazing work you do behind the scenes. You are both such a credit to the Town Council.

As you may now have guessed, I have decided to resign from the Blaina and Nantyglo Town Council. While I still feel passionately about trying to make a difference in the area that I will always call home, I am just unable to put the time and dedication into the role as it deserves. I am sure that I will see some of you in the future and perhaps even work with you in some capacity.

Again, thank you to all involved at the Town Council and I wish you all the best as you continue your roles.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Rowland.



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Salem Baptist Church  
Blaina Institute & Library  
High Street  
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NANTYGLO & BLAINA

31 JAN 2022

TOWN COUNCIL



Customer ID 90601

Tender ID 2183165

Contact Number 0800 3894466

Email Address SMEDirectSales@sse.com

Date 16 December 2021

Dear Customer

## Your SSE Business Energy contract is ending – Your options

We understand that powering your business can be one of the most significant costs you have to pay. It's essential you pick a deal that supports you and your business with all your energy needs.

**Your current SSE Business Energy electricity contract for the supply at the address above is due to expire on 28 February 2022, so we are writing to you to let you know how to renew your contract.**

The offer we have enclosed on page 3 is for SSE Protect, our fully fixed price tariff, that guarantees all existing charges\*, including current non-commodity costs (excluding VAT and Climate Change Levy), for the duration of your contract. So, if these costs rise during the life of the contract, the amount you pay won't – we'll simply cover any increase.†

Here are just some of the benefits you'll enjoy on signing up to SSE Protect:

- **Certainty:** Provides price certainty for the duration of your contract
- **Price continuity:** Removes the need to manage mid-contract price increases
- **Price stability:** Protects you from the price fluctuation of current non-commodity costs

**The contract enclosed is for a period of 24 months.**

If you would like to hear about the other energy tariffs we have available, we would be happy to discuss these with you – just use the details overleaf.

Our renewal offer is subject to our amended standard terms and conditions (you can view the schedule of amendments on page 5 and you can see the original terms and conditions by visiting this page on our website <https://www.ssebusinessenergy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/3114-Elec-TC8-including-MBC-terms-1.8h-Amendments-16.3.pdf>).

We also have other contract lengths and product options available and would be happy to discuss these with you directly.

[ssebusinessenergy.co.uk](https://www.ssebusinessenergy.co.uk)

SSE Business Energy is a trading name of SSE Energy Supply Limited, registered in England and Wales number 03757502 which is a member of the SSE Group. The registered office of SSE Energy Supply Limited is No. 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH.

**Return address:** SME Direct Sales - No. 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH

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## You can accept our offer by:



Sending an email to [SMEDirectSales@sse.com](mailto:SMEDirectSales@sse.com)



Post to SME Direct Sales - No. 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH



Calling us on 0800 3894466

**You will need to confirm your MPAN and supply address to complete your renewal.**

This renewal offer is only available until 1 February 2022 and is subject to availability.

If you would prefer not to renew your contract with us at this time, you should provide written notice of termination to us by 29 January 2022 and move to a new supplier by 1 March 2022. Any such notice should be sent by email to [sortnotices@sse.com](mailto:sortnotices@sse.com), or by post to SSE Business Energy, Business Energy Sales, Contract Administration, 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH.

If you choose not to renew your contract and do not provide us with written notice of termination, we will apply Variable Business Rates (VBR) from 1 March 2022, for so long as you remain on our supply or until you agree a new contract with us. Once VBR rates are applied, you must give us 30 days' notice of your intent to move to a supplier of your choice.

If SSE Business Energy receives a written notice of termination from you, but you do not appoint a new supplier and continue to use our supply after 1 March 2022, you will be placed on a Deemed Rates from this date, for so long as you remain on our supply or until you agree a new contract with us.

## Ways to pay: Direct Debit

Your offer will be based on direct debit payment and includes a 0.5p/kWh discount against our standard unit rate. Direct Debit reduces your risk of debt, as it's paid automatically. If your payment method is fixed/budget direct debit, the set amount will be taken each month on your elected date. If your payment method is variable direct debit, you'll have 5 days after receiving your bill to let us know any issues before your payment is completed 14 days after billing.

Please note that if you renew your contract without a Direct Debit in place, or later cancel or recall the Direct Debit, your prices will increase by 0.5p/kWh.

Find all the information you need on the SSE website [www.ssebusinessenergy.co.uk/help-and-advice](http://www.ssebusinessenergy.co.uk/help-and-advice) from Deemed and Variable Business Rates to energy efficiency advice. You can also find details on bills, the fuel mix disclosure and submission of meter readings to make everything simpler for you.

If you would like to talk any of this over with us, please give us a call on 0800 3894466 and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

*SME Direct Sales*

SME Direct Sales  
SSE Business Energy



**Your offer:**

Please note the following prices exclude Climate Change Levy and VAT

**Customer: Salem Baptist Church**

| Quote ID                                                                                 | MPAN Prefix | MPAN          | Annual Consumption |                      |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 31902264                                                                                 | 03220200    | 2199990204380 | 418 kWh            |                      |                          |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    | Description          |                          |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    |                      |                          |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    | Current Rates        | Renewal Rates            |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    | Week Day Units       | 14.823 p/kWh28.846 p/kWh |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    | Quarterly Charge     | £27.61£82.54             |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    | Non Week Day Units   | 12.914 p/kWh23.312 p/kWh |
|                                                                                          |             |               |                    | FiTs Recovery Charge | 0.62 p/kWh0.706 p/kWh    |
| Site Address: Salem Baptist Church - 69 High Street, Blaina, Abertillery, Gwent NP13 3BN |             |               |                    |                      |                          |



**Statement of Renewal Terms applicable to a Micro Business Customer contract****Customer:** Salem Baptist Church**Tender ID:** 2183165

We classify you as a Micro Business Customer. A Micro Business Customer is identified as, and only needs to meet, one of the categories identified below:

1. an annual consumption of electricity below 100,000 kWh\*
2. an annual consumption of gas below 293,000 kWh\*
3. a business with fewer than ten employees or part time equivalent, and an annual turnover or balance sheet not exceeding €2 million

\* Consumption values relate to the total annual consumption of your business across all of your sites.

If you do not meet any of the above criteria for a Micro Business Customer, please let us know and we will amend our records accordingly. This will not affect the rates being offered.

The fixed term period for this Agreement is due to end on 28 February 2022 (the Termination Date) and the Relevant Date will be 29 January 2022 (30 days prior to the Termination Date).

At any time on or before this Relevant Date, you may notify us in writing that you do not wish to renew your Agreement from the Termination Date. This notification will be accepted as your notice to terminate your contract at the end of the current fixed term period. Written notice of termination may be sent by email to [sortnotices@sse.com](mailto:sortnotices@sse.com), or by post to Business Energy Sales, Contract Administration, 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH.

If you send us a termination notice, it will be your responsibility to put in place a new contract either with us or an alternative supplier of your choice. Please also note that it will be necessary for us to have received, and have an effective registration in place, from the supplier of your choice which confirms you have contracted with them and the registration will take effect at midnight on the Termination Date.

If on the Termination Date a valid agreement is not in place with us, or your new supplier does not have an effective registration in place, we will continue to supply you with energy on our Deemed contract terms and rates, or on the appropriate Domestic tariff if applicable. Whilst we continue to supply you on a Deemed contract, you will be free to appoint us or an alternative supplier of your choice at any time.

If we do not receive a termination notice from you on or before the Relevant Date and we have not agreed the terms of a new agreement with you, we will continue to supply you with energy on the same terms and conditions however you will be charged our Variable Business Rates (or on the appropriate Domestic tariff if applicable) from the Termination Date, until such time as you appoint a new supplier or agree a new contract with us. If you are transferred onto our Variable Business Rates, you must give us 30 days' notice of intent in order to be able to move to a supplier of your choice.

Further information on our Deemed and Variable Business Rates, is available on our website <https://www.ssebusinessenergy.co.uk/help-and-advice/out-of-contract-rates>.



**Subject: SSE Protect, Schedule of amendments to standard T & Cs. Amendment to Clause 4. Price and payment.**

**For**

#### **4. Price and Payment**

Clause 4.2 (E) of TC8 shall be amended to:

Any amounts payable under this Agreement are subject to the remainder of this clause exclusive of any applicable United Kingdom tax, duty, levy, tariff, for which you shall be additionally liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, SSE's forecasted position for Renewables Obligation, CfD, FiT charge and Capacity Mechanism will remain fully inclusive and fixed for the duration of the contract

Clause 4.3 of TC8 shall be amended to:

**4.3** We shall be entitled by notice in writing to you to add any new charges as introduced by a third party to SSE

Clause 4.3 (B) of TC8 shall be amended to

**4.3 (B)** to reflect any inclusion of any new element of the costs to us of providing the supply of electricity which is not within our reasonable control, including but not limited to:

Clause 4.3 (B) (i) of TC8 shall be amended to

**4.3 (B) (i)** The introduction of any new use of system charges made by National Grid Company plc or the relevant Distributor;

Clause 4.3 (B) (ii) of TC8 shall be removed

Clause 4.3 (B) (iv) of TC8 shall be removed

Clause 4.3 (D) of TC8 shall be removed

You can view a copy of the original terms and conditions by visiting this page on our website:  
<https://www.ssebusinessenergy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/3114-Elec-TC8-including-MBC-terms-1.8h-Amendments-16.3.pdf>

Gwent Public Services Board

# Upper Ebbw Fach well-being assessment

A Blaenau Gwent local area well-being assessment

Document reference BG03  
December 2021

Item no. 2f.

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## 1 Description of the area

Brynmawr, Nantyglo and Blaina are based in the Upper Ebbw Fach part of Blaenau Gwent, which is named after the river that starts at it's northern boundary. These areas have two town councils, Brynmawr Town Council, and Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council with a total of nine ward councillors/members.

These areas consist of many natural landscapes which provide members of the community with areas to view and explore. These include Brynmawr Lakeside, Welfare Park, Cwmcelyn Woodlands and Pond, and Banna Park in Nantyglo. Blaina is also the home to the only welsh medium school in Blaenau Gwent with the nearest after that being in Torfaen.

Recently, development work has started on the industrial site opposite Lakeside in Brynmawr with large companies such as, McDonalds and Lidl purchasing plots to open stores on the site.

One of the Nantyglo areas named Coed Cae is a base for one of the Flying Start programme's as it is in the catchment area, of which is indicted by levels of deprivation. This service provides support and guidance to families and parents to be to help them give their children the best start in life.

There are community hubs in Blaina Library that is open 10am - 5pm, it's closed: 1pm - 2pm and it takes place on a Monday. Also in Brynmawr Library 9am - 5pm, it is also closed between: 1pm - 2pm and, it's open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, where residents are able to seek advice and information on different council and local services.



Figure 1: Market Hall Cinema, Brynmawr



Figure 2: Blaina Library & Institute.

2 About Upper Ebbw Fach

**Area**      **21.1 km<sup>2</sup>** – approximately **19%** of the total area of Blaenau Gwent at 109km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**       The estimated population is **15,069** – approximately **22%** of the total population for Blaenau Gwent at 70,020.

**Population density**      The population density is **7.14** persons per hectare, with most people living in Brynmawr 1 and Blaina 2. There are 6.42 people per hectare in Blaenau Gwent.

**Dwellings**       The dwelling count is **6,416** – approximately **21%** of the total number of dwellings in Blaenau Gwent at 30,416.

**General**      Upper Ebbw Fach consists of 2 Medium Super Output Area (MSOA), containing 10 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). By looking at smaller geographical areas, we can see any differences that can impact on well-being.

| LSOA         | MSOA              |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Brynmawr 1-4 | Blaenau Gwent 002 |
| Nantyglo 1-3 | Blaenau Gwent 005 |
| Blaina 1-3   |                   |

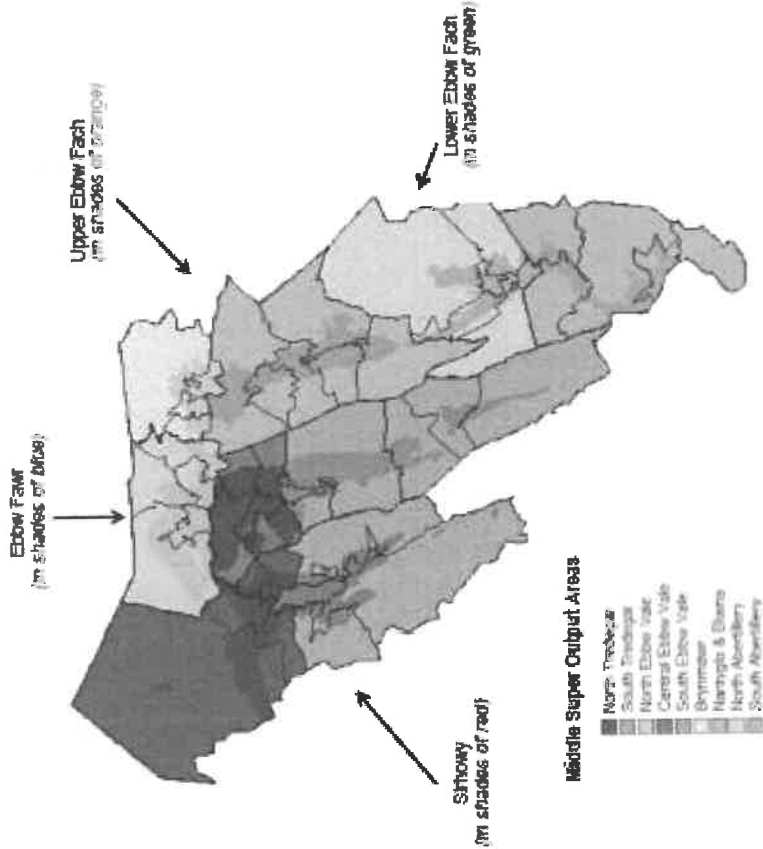


Figure 3 Map of Blaenau Gwent showing Upper Ebbw Fach

## 3 Social Well-being

### 3.1 About the community

The overall estimated population of Upper Ebbw Fach has **increased** by approximately **113** residents from **14,956** in 2011 to **15,069** in 2020 (+0.8%), compared to Wales (+3.5%). 6 LSOAs in Upper Ebbw Fach have seen an increase in population over this period, while 4 LSOAs have seen a fall, with the largest net in-flow of residents in Brynmawr 1 (+107).

Understanding how the population might change in the future can help us think about key well-being challenges and opportunities.

The overall population in Blaenau Gwent decreased from 71,292 in 1998 to 69,547 in 2015. Since then though, the overall population is expected to have increased back up to 70,020 in 2020. Blaenau Gwent was the only Local Authority area in South East Wales to experience negative population growth over the 2008 – 2018 period. The population is projected to decrease by a further -1.1% between 2020 – 2043.

**A steady, stable population has encouraging implications for life expectancy, climate change and our natural environment, as well as allowing more women to pursue education, employment and highly skilled careers.**

In 2020, there were 2,761 people aged 0 – 15, 9,289 people aged 16 – 64, and 3,019 people aged 65 or over living in Upper Ebbw Fach.

The number of people aged 0-15 or over living in Blaenau Gwent is projected to decrease by 9.3% between 2019 and 2043, well above the Welsh average 3.8%. For Upper Ebbw Fach, this could mean **246** fewer people in this age range.

The number of people aged 16-64 or over living in Blaenau Gwent is projected to fall by 5.5% by 2043.

The number of people aged 65 or over living in Blaenau Gwent is projected to increase by 22.7% between 2019 and 2043, slightly below the Welsh average. For Upper Ebbw Fach this could mean an extra 687 people in this age range.

### 3.2 Getting around



People travel for a range of reasons both within the town and beyond; for recreation or to meet with friends and family, to attend education or work, for the movement of goods or the delivery of services, or to access services themselves. There are also travellers to the town including for tourism or those enjoying the greenspace.

The area is connected to neighbouring areas in the north by the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road, which has been recently upgraded to a dual carriageway. The road carries approximately **24,251** vehicles per day. The A467 runs north to south, as a bypass for the towns

and settlements, connecting to the south to Abertillery. The road carries approximately **12,816** vehicles per day

The town does not have a direct train connection. However, in neighbouring Ebbw Vale and Abertillery there are three train stations which connect to Newport and Cardiff. The main bus provision is the X4 which connect westward to Ebbw Vale, Merthyr Tydfil and Cardiff, and eastward to Abergavenny, and Hereford in England. Additionally, the X1 connects Brynmawr to Cwmbran, and the X15 connects Brynmawr to Newport.

In 2021, Upper Ebbw Fach has three public electric vehicle charging points installed. Much of the housing stock in Upper Ebbw Fach is terraced and doesn't have access to off-road parking. This could limit future take up of electric vehicles as charging could be problematic.



The most common job sector for Upper Ebbw Fach residents is Wholesale and Retail 18.3%, 763 jobs.

Safe active travel routes particularly those which provide commuting potential can help support **health lifestyles**, however parts of the town and surrounding area are very steep which can present mobility challenges for some.

**In the future more people might choose to travel actively so that they can keep healthier into old age.**

**Future generations might use electric bikes to navigate the steep gradient of the town and beyond, connecting with public transport links.**

Covid-19 has seen many of us walking and cycling more and appreciating the value of our local green spaces. Upper Ebbw Fach is on the national cycle route has an abundance of public rights of way and open access land, which is one of the reasons it is so popular to visitors.



Before the pandemic, just over **49%** of people in employment in Upper Ebbw Fach worked in Blaenau Gwent.

Covid-19 has seen more of us working from home and accessing services on-line, but there are certain types of work that can't be done remotely or digitally.

**Future generations may not travel as much for work.**

**Broadband access** Nearly all households in Upper Ebbw Fach are able to access broadband with a minimum speed of



30Mb/s, less than 1% of households not having access.

Being able to access broadband isn't the same as having it. Affordability and/or digital literacy can be a barrier to parts of the community.



3.3 Access to services



Although there are visitors to the area, it mainly serves the local population. A core number of services and facilities are available, particularly in and around Brynmawr. For others services, residents need to travel to Ebbw Vale, Merthyr Tydfil, Abergavenny or elsewhere.

There is one bank in Brynmawr and any of the three the Post Offices in Brynmawr, Nantyglo and Blaina can also provide some banking services. The nearest hospitals are the new Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan hospital in Ebbw Vale, Prince Charles in Merthyr Tydfil (with Accident and Emergency facilities) and Nevill Hall in Abergavenny.

There are 6 primary schools in the area, one of which Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg is Blaenau Gwent’s only Welsh medium language school. The five remaining primary schools are Blaenycwm, St. Mary’s Roman Catholic, St Mary’s Church in Wales, Coed-y-garn and Ystruth. Brynmawr Foundation School is an English medium mixed 11 to 16 school with approximately 750 pupils.

The Upper Ebbw Fach area is served by the Brynmawr Wellbeing Centre and Blaina GP practice and has two dental practices. There are three community pharmacies located across the area, and one optometry practice. These services all fall under the Blaenau Gwent East Neighbourhood Care Network operated by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

| Type of Asset                                                           | Theme          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2 x libraries (Ebbw Vale and Cwm)                                       | Local Service  |
| 3 x post offices                                                        | Local Service  |
| 6 x primary Schools and 1 secondary school                              | Local Service  |
| 2 x Electric vehicle charging points                                    | Infrastructure |
| 3 x Local Nature Reserves (Cwmcelyn, Terry Rowson and Parc Nant Y Waun) | Greenspace     |

Figure 4: Key assets in Upper Ebbw Fach

**Local demand will affect the provision of services and facilities in the future, as agencies and businesses assess whether provision will be cost effective.**

3.4 Housing, households and health

**A key consideration for the future of the Upper Ebbw Fach is ensuring there is the right sort of housing to support the needs of the community.**



The median cost of a property in Upper Ebbw Fach during 2020 was just under £100,000, in line with the Blaenau Gwent median, but well below the Welsh figure of £170,000.

**Housing stock** The majority of housing is older 19th and 20th Century stock with poor energy efficiency and is lacking range and variation.

**Council tax band** Over half of the housing in Upper Ebbw Fach, **52.8%**, is rated as council tax band A, the lowest valued housing category with the Blaenau Gwent average 58.4%, but Wales average 14.5%.

**Tenure** A third of housing in Upper Ebbw Fach is owned outright (**30%**) and **29.8%** is owned with a mortgage of loan. **40.3%** rent in the private or social sectors.

WIMD data, which is based solely on two factors: overcrowding and central heating, shows that three of the ten LSOAs in Upper Ebbw Fach are in the bottom quartile for housing deprivation (Blaina 1 & 3 and Brynmawr 2). There are several issues, outlined below, that are not considered.

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) is the Welsh Government’s official measure of relative poverty. It identifies those communities, at a LSOA geography, with the highest concentrations of several different types of deprivation. WIMD ranks all LSOAs in Wales from most to least deprived.

|                            |                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Overall deprivation</b> | Nantyglo 3 is in the top <b>10%</b> most deprived LSOAs in Wales and Nantyglo 1 & 2, Brynmawr 2 and Blaina 1 are in the top <b>20%</b> most deprived. |
| <b>Income deprivation</b>  | <b>21.5%</b> of people living in Upper Ebbw Fach are in income deprivation.                                                                           |
| <b>Education</b>           | Nantyglo 3 is in the top <b>10%</b> of most deprived areas in Wales.                                                                                  |
| <b>Community safety</b>    | Nantyglo 1, Brynmawr 3 and Blaina 1 are in the <b>10%</b> most deprived areas in Wales.                                                               |

## Upper Ebbw Fach Well-being Assessment

| MSOA Name         | LSOA       | WIMD    | Income  | Employment | Health  | Education | Access to Services | Community Safety | Physical Environment | Housing |
|-------------------|------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Brynmawr          | Brynmawr 1 | 40%-50% | 50%-60% | 40%-50%    | 30%-40% | 30%-40%   | 80%-90%            | 20%-30%          | 20%-30%              | 50%-60% |
|                   | Brynmawr 2 | 10%-20% | 10%-20% | 10%-20%    | 10%-20% | 10%-20%   | 20%-30%            | 30%-40%          | 50%-60%              | 20%-30% |
|                   | Brynmawr 3 | 20%-30% | 30%-40% | 10%-20%    | 30%-40% | 40%-50%   | 90%-100%           | 10%              | 40%-50%              | 30%-40% |
|                   | Brynmawr 4 | 20%-30% | 20%-30% | 10%-20%    | 20%-30% | 30%-40%   | 70%-80%            | 10%-20%          | 40%-50%              | 60%-70% |
| Nantyglo & Blaina | Blaina 1   | 10%-20% | 20%-30% | 10%-20%    | 10%     | 10%-20%   | 60%-70%            | 10%              | 70%-80%              | 20%-30% |
|                   | Blaina 2   | 20%-30% | 20%-30% | 20%-30%    | 20%-30% | 10%-20%   | 50%-60%            | 20%-30%          | 20%-30%              | 60%-70% |
|                   | Blaina 3   | 30%-40% | 40%-50% | 20%-30%    | 20%-30% | 40%-50%   | 70%-80%            | 20%-30%          | 80%-90%              | 10%-20% |
|                   | Nantyglo 1 | 10%-20% | 10%-20% | 20%-30%    | 10%     | 10%-20%   | 20%-30%            | 10%              | 70%-80%              | 30%-40% |
|                   | Nantyglo 2 | 10%-20% | 20%-30% | 10%-20%    | 10%-20% | 10%-20%   | 50%-60%            | 10%-20%          | 60%-70%              | 30%-40% |
|                   | Nantyglo 3 | 10%     | 10%     | 10%        | 10%     | 10%       | 20%-30%            | 10%-20%          | 70%-80%              | 50%-60% |

Figure 5 WIMD 2019 Upper Ebbw Fach

## 4 Economy

### 4.1 Education, skills and work

**Childhood experiences can determine long-term development and overall life achievements.**

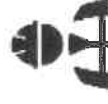
The WIMD data tells us that Nantyglo 3 is in the top **10%** of most deprived areas in Wales in terms of education. It also has a high concentration of several different types of deprivation. The data tells us the social-economic factors could be contributing to attainment gaps between communities.

The data shows that less pupils are entering higher education in Upper Ebbw Fach (24%) than the average for Wales (30%). It also shows that 29% of adults aged 25 – 64 have no qualifications, this is significantly higher than the average figure for Wales (19.4%).

There are approximately **6,902** economically active residents in Upper Ebbw Fach, of these:

- **5,922** are employees
- **606** are self-employed
- **767** are unemployed.

#### Employment



#### Skills



|                   | No.   | %    |
|-------------------|-------|------|
| No Qualifications | 4,388 | 36.1 |
| Level 2           | 1,910 | 15.7 |
| Level 3+          | 3,077 | 25.3 |

**Industry of employment**  
The largest industry of employment in Upper Ebbw Fach is wholesale and retail – **18.3%** of all jobs. This more than the Wales average (15.7%). A far lower proportion of residents of Upper Ebbw Fach work in manufacturing than in any other area of Blaenau Gwent.

#### Main employment sites

Barleyfield Industrial Estate, Lakeside Retail Park (Asda Superstore), Rising Sun Industrial Estate (Tai Calon Community Housing), Roseheyworth Business Park

**Repeat school absenteeism** Repeat absenteeism of school pupils in Upper Ebbw Fach is **6.3%**, being higher than Blaenau Gwent (5.7%) and Wales (5.4%).

**Pupils not entering higher education aged 18-19** **76%** of pupils in Upper Ebbw Fach do not enter higher education aged 18 to 19, which is higher than Wales (70%).

## 5 Environment



Our air, land, water, wildlife, plants, and soils provide our most basic needs, including food, timber, fuel and recreation, they also provide less visible services including water management, supporting pollinating insects, and carbon storage.

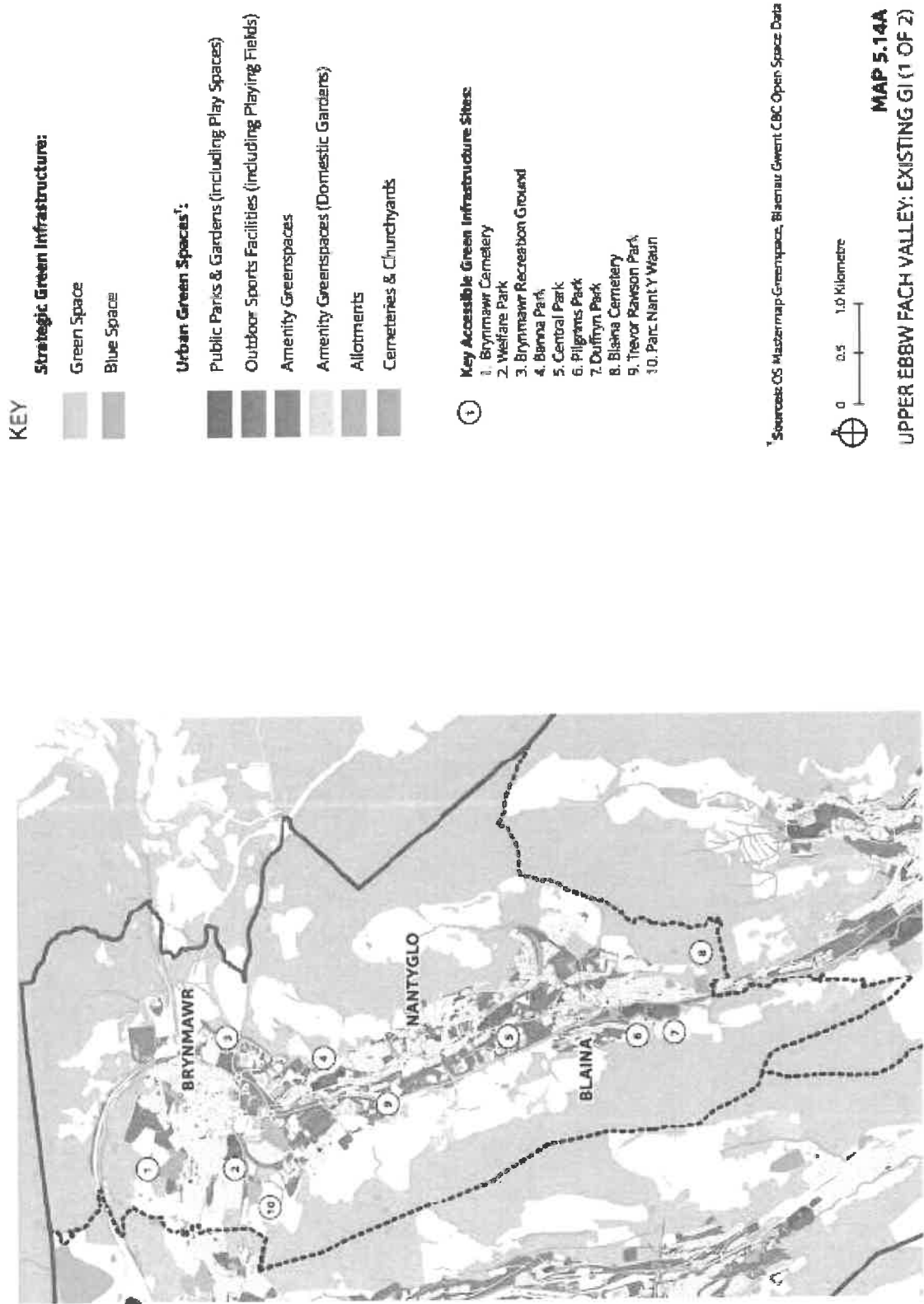
- Notable features**
- Welfare Park
  - Brynmawr Recreation Ground
  - Banna Park
  - Central Park
  - Pilgrims Park

- Notable species**
- Kingfisher, barn owl, stonechat, noctule bat, common toad, Bogbean.

- Key nature conservation designations**
- Trevor Rowson Local Nature Reserve
  - Cwmcellyn Ponds Local Nature Reserve
  - Parc Nant Y Waun Local Nature Reserve

| Urban Green Space                                    | No. | Area  | Key examples                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Public Parks & Gardens                               | 2   | 5ha   | Welfare Park, Pilgrim's Park                                    |
| Play Spaces                                          | 16  | 0.6ha | Welfare Park                                                    |
| Outdoor Sports Facilities (including Playing Fields) | 11  | 18ha  | Central Park Playing Field, Duffryn Park Playing Field          |
| Amenity Greenspaces                                  | n/a | 195ha | n/a                                                             |
| Amenity Greenspaces (Domestic Gardens)               | n/a | 121ha | n/a                                                             |
| Allotments                                           | 6   | 3.2ha | Henwaun Street, Caddicks Row                                    |
| Cemeteries & Churchyards                             | 9   | 12ha  | Brynmawr Cemetery, Nantyglo & Blaina Cemetery, St Mary's Church |

Total tree cover in 2013 for the urban area of Upper Ebbw Fach was 19.2% in 2013. Outside the urban areas are some small blocks and belts of woodland on the lower valley slopes, including a small area of accessible woodland to the east of Cwmcellyn.



| Countryside Access Networks                                  | Total Length (km) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| NCN Routes                                                   | 10.2km            |
| Footpaths                                                    | 47.3km            |
| Bridleways                                                   | 6.5km             |
| Restricted Byways                                            | 10.2km            |
| Byways Open to all Traffic                                   | 0.6km             |
| <b>Total PRoW (Footpaths, Bridleways, Byways &amp; BOAT)</b> | <b>65.9km</b>     |

**Parc Nant y Waun Local Nature Reserve**

A 22ha site situated between the towns of Nantyglo, Brynmawr and Beaufort. It is owned by the Council and managed by the Council in partnership with the local community in partnership with Friends of Parc Nant y Waun, maintaining paths, bridges and fences, clearing litter and planting areas with trees and shrubs. A bird island has been created on the Pond to increase the area available for nesting birds.

The site supports a mosaic of habitats. The majority of the site is dominated by unimproved grassland, with the remaining area consisting of mire and swamp vegetation, scrub and young broad-leaved plantation woodland. Further interest is added by the open water habitat of Machine Pond (a large reservoir) and the smaller Mustard Pond, both of which are fed by several small streams and ditches. The site also supports a rich variety of plants, mammals, birds and insects. Over 132 species of plant have been recorded at the site including bogbean, protected under The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and listed as a key species in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan. 38

bird species have also been recorded at the site including the kingfisher, which is protected under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended.

**Trevor Rowson Local Nature Reserve**

Covers an area of 9.3ha on land reclaimed since its use for industry and the construction of a school in the area of Nantyglo.

A number of habitats can be found on the site including grassland, woodland, scrub and open water. The river Ebbw Fach is culverted through the majority of the site but opens up for a small section at the southern end. These habitats support a range of species including the barn owl, stonechat, meadow pipit, wood warbler, common pipistrelle and noctule bats, common toad and wood bitter vetch – all of which are Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) species. Some of these species are also protected by National and European legislation.

The site is owned by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and leased to Nantyglo Action Group (NAG) in addition to 2 other individuals. NAG has undertaken a significant amount of work to manage and enhance the site. Improvements have included hedgerow planting, pond creation, refurbishment of dry stonewalls, installation of picnic benches and interpretation. The site is now part of the Ebbw Fach Trail project and as such has benefited from improvements to car parking and enhancements of links to other areas through the creation of pedestrian and cyclist routes. The site

is well used by the local community for dog walking and other informal recreational activities.

#### **Cwmcelyn Ponds Local Nature Reserve**

The site is approximately 4 ha and lies in Blaina, to the west of the slopes of Mynydd Coity, Mulfraen and James. The pond is a remnant of the sites industrial past as it was once the feeder pond for the old Blaina Iron works. The site supports a range of habitats including a large area of open water, grassland, scrub, heath and woodland. A river runs along the eastern boundary of the site. A variety of species have been recorded including pipistrelle and Daubentons bats, common lizard and common toad, song thrush and kingfisher. These

are all Local Biodiversity Action Plan species and some are also protected under National and European legislation.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council owns the site and areas are managed by the Councils leisure department. The local community are also actively involved in the management of the site – Cwmcelyn Angling club look after the pond and Tenants and Residents Association look after areas outside of the pond. These groups have undertaken works on the site including grassland management, litter picking, installation of an information panel and clearing of the pond. The site is well used by the local community for informal recreation and activities such as dog walking and fishing.



## 6 Culture

**Welsh speakers** 9% of residents in Upper Ebbw Fach can speak Welsh which is less than the Welsh average (19%).

**Country of birth** 89.8% of residents in Upper Ebbw Fach were born in Wales.

**Ethnicity** 98.3% of residents are of a White ethnicity. There are 251 people who are of non-White ethnicity.

**Religion** 51.7% of residents have a Christian based religious faith. Only 134 people have a non-Christian faith. 39% of residents have no religious faith.

The Nantyglo Roundhouse complex is a unique relic of the Industrial Revolution. It was built in about 1816 by Joseph and Crawshay Bailey, the Ironmasters of the Nantyglo Ironworks, as a defended refuge against armed revolt by their workforce. In effect, it was the last private castle built in Britain.

No other site in Wales gives so stark a reminder of the bitter conflict between Ironmasters and workforce. The towers symbolise the social upheaval which gave birth to the Chartist Insurrection and which would eventually create the modern Labour movement.

The Nantyglo Roundhouses and the associated agricultural range are Grade II\* listed buildings. The site is privately owned.

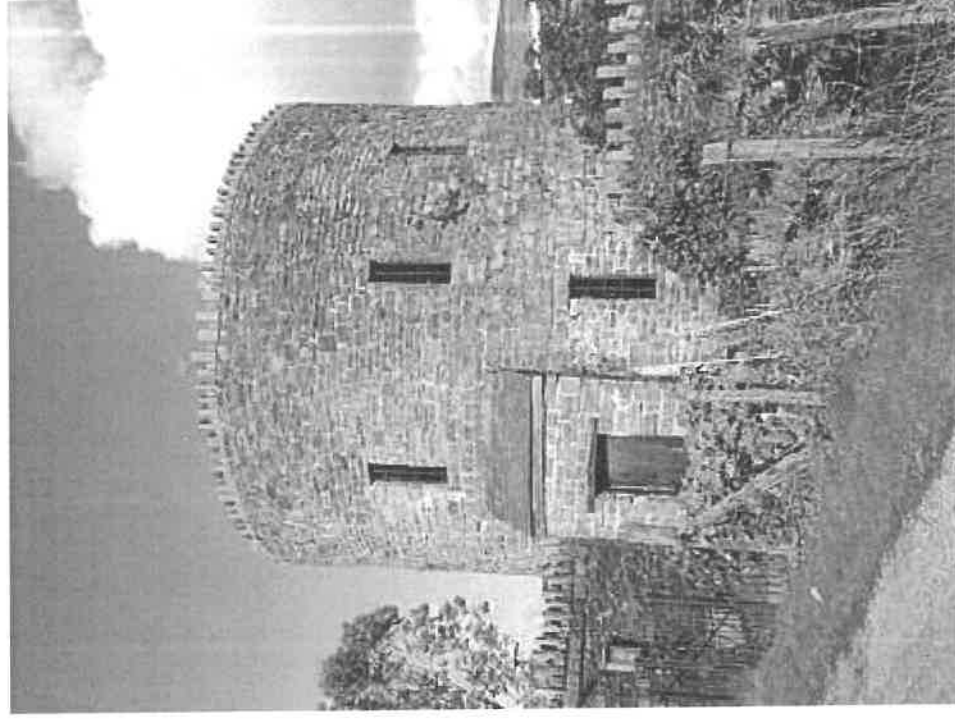


Figure 6 Nantyglo Roundhouse

### Blaina Heritage Action Group Museum

The museum is located at the Blaina Institute, one of Wales' many historical buildings created for the children of Minders as a place of learning and recreation. It now houses the museum, the Town Council chambers, a library and a place for group learning.

The Heritage museum includes displays on the local coal and iron industries, chapels, schools, local societies, sport and local celebrities and a fully furnished reconstruction of a Victorian Welsh kitchen. The group also has a large collection of documents available to peruse.



Figure 7 Blaina Heritage Action Group Museum

### Brynmawr & District History Museum

The museum has a varied collection of everyday artefacts, including a collection of Brynmawr furniture, manufactured by one of the small industries set up by the Quakers in the Brynmawr Experiment. There are a lot of items in the museum from Brynmawr's Past.

Exhibits include: School Photographs, Medical Equipment, Church & Chapel China, Police Uniforms, Scout & Guide Uniforms, Sporting Cups & Equipment, Civic Shields, WWI & WWII photographs, children's toys, church artefacts and many other items. It's also good to visit on Thursday mornings, for the coffee morning, which allows visitors and members to get together and have a chat, about the past, present and future.



Figure 8 Brynmawr & District History Museum

**Key attractions** Nantyglo Roundhouse, Brynmawr & District Heritage Museum, Brynmawr Market Hall Cinema

**Key heritage designations** Blaina Heritage Action Group Museum, Brynmawr Heritage Walk

### Brynmawr Market Hall Cinema

The Market Hall building opened in Brynmawr in February 1894. As the name implied, it was to be a centre of buying and selling, the hall had been designed to serve the double purpose of a wholesale market and a public hall for concerts, theatricals and other entertainment. It is now Wales' oldest cinema.



Figure 9 Brynmawr Market Hall Cinema

The hall, with the gallery and platform, will accommodate about 1,200 people. Today it is run by the Market Hall Cinema and Arts Trust and continues to show new films at an affordable price.

The Brynmawr Heritage Trail starts at the Market Hall Cinema and takes walkers on a route that demonstrates the industrialisation of the Valleys, growing as a dormitory town around a criss-cross of tramways and turnpike roads that served the Ironworks in Nantyglo.

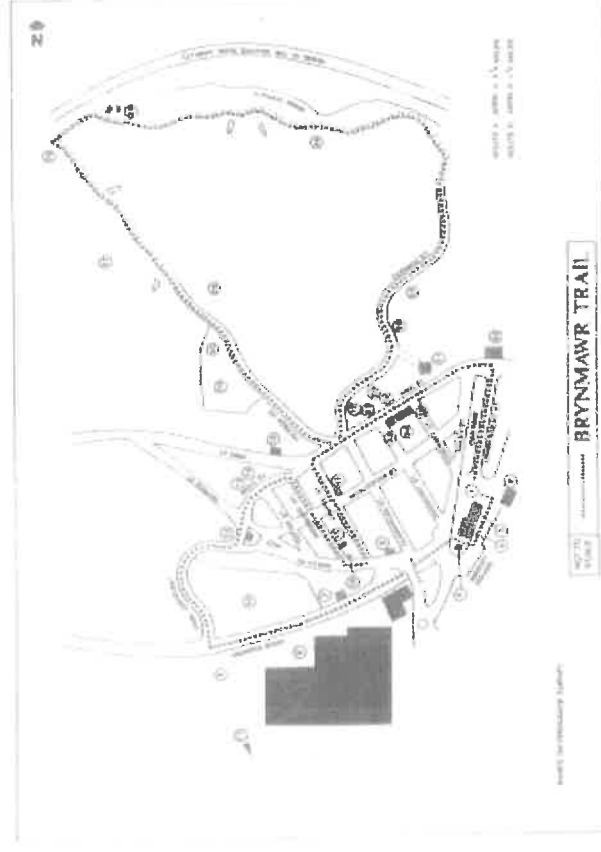
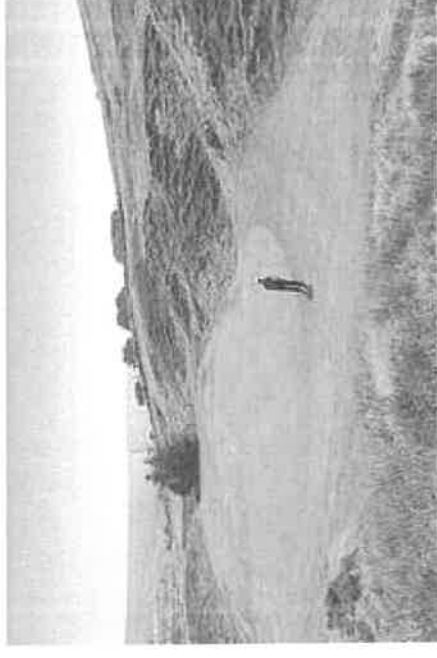


Figure 10 Brynmawr Heritage Trail map

The Trail enables walkers to experience the heritage and culture of the area by passing the town's War Memorial, the remains of a MTA

(Merthyr, Tredegar & Abergavenny) Railway viaduct, Welfare Park and much more.

Up at West Monmouthshire Golf Club in Nantyglo, you can play a round at the UK's highest Golf Course – don't take our word for it, check out the Guinness book of record



*Figure 11 West Mon Golf Course*

## Data Sources

|                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ONS Mid-year (30 June) estimates of the usual resident population for 2011                                                   | Welsh Government Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (full Index update with ranks): 2019                                |
| Census Output Areas (OAs) in Wales.                                                                                          | Nomis WD102EW - Population density Census 2011 MSOA                                                                      |
| ONS Standard Area Measurements (2011) for 2011 Census Areas in England and Wales (MSOA)                                      | Stats Wales Population estimates by local authority and year                                                             |
| ONS Standard Area Measurements (2011) for 2011 Census Areas in England and Wales (LSOA)                                      | Nomis Welsh language skills KS207WA MSOA Census 2011                                                                     |
| ONS Lower layer Super Output Area population density 2020 (National Statistics)                                              | Nomis QS203EW - Country of birth (detailed) MSOA Numbers and Pct Census 2011                                             |
| Stats Wales Population estimates by lower super output area and age group - 2019 (within MSOA) - Stats Wales                 | Gov.UK House prices by Admin grographies Dec 1995 to year ending Dec 2020 (incl LA and Wales)                            |
| Nomis Population estimates - small area based by quinary age by year                                                         | Stats Wales Middle Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) Analysis                                                               |
| Stats Wales Population projections by local authority and year (2018 based) All Ages                                         | Health Map wales All Deaths, Death Rates (Age-standardised) per 100k pop, Persons, All Ages                              |
| Stats Wales Population projections by local authority and year (2018 based) 0-15                                             | Nomis KS601EW to KS603EW - Economic active employed unemployed and self employed Census 2011 by MSOA                     |
| Stats Wales Population projections by local authority and year (2018 based) 16-64                                            | Nomis KS501EW - Qualifications and students Census 2011 By MSOA                                                          |
| Stats Wales Population projections by local authority and year (2018 based) 65 plus                                          | Nomis WP605EW - Industry (Workplace population) Census 2011 By MSOA                                                      |
| Nomis KS208WA - Welsh language profile (Census 2011)                                                                         | Nomis WP605EW - Industry (Workplace population) Census 2011 Wales                                                        |
| Nomis KS204EW - Country of birth Census 2011                                                                                 | Nomis Population estimates - Wales by five year age band 2020                                                            |
| Nomis KS201EW - Ethnic group - Nomis - Census 2011 MSOA                                                                      | Stats Wales Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 by decile Lower-layer Super Output Area (LSOA)                      |
| Nomis KS209EW - Religion - Nomis - Census 2011 - MSOA                                                                        | Stats Wales WIMD 2019 Indicator data by Local Authority - All Domains                                                    |
| Nomis KS605EW to KS607EW - Industry - Census 2011 - MSOA                                                                     | Stats Wales Proportion of council tax dwellings, by band and year (per cent)                                             |
| WIMD (Stats Wales) Indicator data by Middle Layer Super Output Area - All Domains Includes Broadband Speed -WIMD 2019 - MSOA | ONS via Uk Data Service Household composition by Number of bedrooms (England and Wales) 2011 - Middle Super Output Areas |
| Nomis WU03EW - Location of usual residence and place of work by method of travel to work - Census 2011 - (MSOA level)        | Stats Wales Pupils eligible for free school meals by local authority, region and year By LA                              |
| BRES via Nomis Business Register and Employment Survey 2019 - Employed - Broad Industry Group - MSOA                         | Blaenau Gwent Public Service Board Blaenau Gwent Green Infrastructure Strategy. March 21                                 |
| Nomis KS402EW - Tenure - Census 2011 - MSOA                                                                                  | Blaina Institute                                                                                                         |
| ONS Median price paid by MSOA, England and Wales, year ending Dec 1995 to year ending Dec 2020                               | Brynmawr Market Hall Cinema                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                              | Brynmawr Heritage Society                                                                                                |

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# Financial Grants Policy

Revised and adopted by Council: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Town Mayor – Councillor K Jones JP

Signed:

Revised: March 2021

## **Guidance for Members:**

The Council is empowered to distribute grants under:

- s137 of the Local Government Act 1972.<sup>1</sup>
- Power of Well Being, s2 Local Government Act 2000 and s126 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.<sup>2</sup>
- Other powers including the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.<sup>3</sup>
- It is unlawful to award grants to individuals under s137 but may be given under the Power of Well Being. All applications for funding must conform to legislation.
- The Welsh Assembly reserved powers to impose limitations on the Power of Well Being and this is effectively the amount that can be spent under this power which is limited to the same criteria used to calculate the amount that can be spent under s137.<sup>4</sup>

Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council makes grant funding available to all local associations in Nantyglo and Blaina and sets aside annually agreed amounts as part of its annual budget. As grants are made out of money provided by the council tax payers of Nantyglo and Blaina, the Council has a responsibility to satisfy itself that grants will provide benefit to the local community.

## **Guidelines for the consideration of grant applications:**

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<sup>1</sup> A local authority may incur expenditure which in the members' opinion will "be in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, some or all of the inhabitants." It cannot therefore be given to an individual.

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Schedule 2 amended this power to state that the benefit obtained must be commensurate with the expenditure incurred. The Council must therefore consider whether the expenditure is reasonable in relation to the benefit derived therefrom.

s137 also enables the Council to give grants to National Charities and contribute to public appeals made by Mayors and Chairs of Principal Authorities.

<sup>2</sup> The Power of Well Being enables councils to do anything that is aimed at promoting and improving the environmental, economic or social well-being of its area.

<sup>3</sup> s19 of this Act enables a Council to spend money to promote and provide recreational facilities and give grants to organisations providing such facilities.

<sup>4</sup> The amount for 2021-2022 is £8.41 x the number of electors in a council area.

- Members will have to declare a personal interest in any organisation in which he/she is involved.
- Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council will only make grants to bona fide volunteering associations and organisation and / or individuals.
- Grants will only be made to associations based in Nantyglo and Blaina or to those which make a provision or are of benefit to Nantyglo and Blaina.
- Applications from organisations based outside of Nantyglo & Blaina but with membership consisting of persons from Nantyglo & Blaina will be considered but evidence may be required (e.g. names and addresses).
- All grant applications must be submitted in a written format, this includes e-mail applications. In all cases, only requests made via a completed Town Council application form will be considered.
- Each association must specify the reason for the grant application and supply additional information as applicable either to Finance and General Purposes Committee or the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council.
- All projects must acknowledge Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's financial contribution. If the association's application is successful they must agree to indicate the sponsorship from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council on their literature, i.e. Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's logo included on the association's headed paper or in a match programme/poster, website banner.
- The Town Council will request in the letter to successful grant applicants that their support is recognised by participation in Town Council Events
- Only one grant will be given to an association in each financial year.
- Grants will not be awarded to individuals or to regional or national charities unless it is for a specific project in the Nantyglo & Blaina area where there are obvious benefits to the residents within the Council's area.
- The organisation or group should supply information that the Town Council requests regarding the impact of the project on the Town Council's area.
- Organisations which apply for grants must demonstrate that the awarded money is going towards a specific project and not just for capital gain.



- No grant will be awarded to or for any commercial venture or private gain or business activity.
- The application pack will consist of an application form and a Guidance for Applicants.

As of May 2018, the proposed authorised grant amounts are: £25, £50, £75 & £100. The amount of the grant award will be at the discretion of the Town Council. In order to provide a more accountable and fair system, it is proposed that the following criteria be considered:

To be considered for **£100**:

- A charity or voluntary organisation that is of significant benefit to our residents within the community (Nantyglo and Blaina).

To be considered for **£75**:

- A charity or voluntary organisation that benefits our residents within the community (Nantyglo and Blaina).

To be considered for **£50**:

- A group of individuals doing well in Nantyglo and / or Blaina (including the promotion of Nantyglo & Blaina in a wider area). This is subject to proof provided of the benefit for Nantyglo & Blaina.

To be considered for **£25**:

- Can be a national charity or voluntary organisation that is of general benefit to our residents within the community (Nantyglo and Blaina).

Please note that an application will not automatically qualify for the above amounts but will be considered on an individual basis at the discretion of the Town Council. The above criteria are for guidelines only.

### **Guidance for Applicants:**

**Please read this carefully before completing your application.**

To be successful, the applicant must:

- Be a charity or voluntary organisation or individual acting for the wider benefit of the local community in Nantyglo & Blaina.

A project must:

- Address a community issue or support a local community initiative and/or personal initiative which provide benefits to the local community.

### **Successful applications:**

1. Applications are welcomed from groups including: local community, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities) or individuals acting for the benefit of the local community, whose primary focus falls easily into one of the following categories:

- a) Children/ Education, e.g. school groups
- b) Health and wellbeing
- c) Arts and Culture, e.g. community music festivals
- d) Environment, e.g. promoting a healthy/clean environment
- e) Elderly
- f) Active lifestyles, e.g. encouraging sport/fitness/exercise
- g) Other

2. An independent reference may be required for applications. We strongly advise that you obtain permission from your chosen referee before providing their details.

### **Exclusions:**

1. Groups other than community, self-help and voluntary groups.
2. Groups which use their surplus for the benefit of an individual.
3. Overseas charities.

### **Excluded activities:**

1. Non-community projects
2. Overseas activities

3. Religious Activities (unless evidence can be provided that other community activities are provided e.g. playgroups or lunch clubs etc.)
4. Core activities of statutory services – Statutory services seeking grants for core activities such as a school library or essential hospital equipment are excluded. However applications relating to special projects for the benefit of local communities & our residents will be considered.
5. Party political activity – Applications to support fundraising, campaigning or any other activity associated with any political party will not be accepted.
6. Requests to assist with accommodation are excluded.
7. Multiple applications – Only one for the same event or one application per person/organisation may be supported in a calendar year.
8. Ongoing running costs – The Town Council will not be liable for any additional running costs incurred as a result of purchases funded by any grant awarded.

#### **Grants Terms and Conditions:**

- Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may ask you for extra information to support your application.
- The amount we provide is final and we will not increase it if you overspend or have worked out your costs incorrectly.
- If you do not spend the full grant provided, you must return any unspent money to us within six months of receipt of the grant.
- Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council will not be responsible for any expenditure (on assets, equipment, or your project) you have incurred before you receive our letter confirming details of the grant provided.
- From time to time, Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may use relevant details in any publicity about the grant. We may also choose to advertise the award of community grants on our website or in the press, please advise the Town Clerk if you are unwilling to agree to this.
- Subject to our approval you may have the opportunity to promote the grant in all publicity relating to your project.
- If requested, successful applicants may be asked to provide a report on how their community grant was used and the benefits experienced by the local community as a result.

- Projects being carried out with help from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may be required to be verified.
- You must agree to co-operate with us on any follow-up visits if requested by the Town Council.
- Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council can ask you to return the grant in full if we find that you have used it for a purpose other than that set out in your application.
- Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's decision on your application is final and they may choose not to answer any of your questions about the decision.
- Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may withhold all or part of the grant, or recover all or part of any payment from you, if we discover that:
  - you have broken any part of this agreement
  - any information in the application form or a supporting document was incorrect or misleading.
  - your group or the project ends for any reason.

**Guidelines for a successful application:**

**Please read the following carefully before completing and submitting your application.**

1. Applications must be made at least 4 weeks prior to when the grant is required. This time scale allows your application to be submitted to the committee and for their decision to be actioned if a grant is to be awarded.
2. If you require any guidance or assistance in completing this form, please contact the Town Council Offices or see below.
3. Please feel free to supply any additional information which you feel is relevant to and will support your application.
4. If your application is unsuccessful, if appropriate you should consider re-applying at a different time.

Application packs are available from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

**Please contact the Town Clerk or Assistant Officer if you require any assistance in completing the application form (contact details on the front cover).**

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## **Community Grant Application Form 2021/22**

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

### **Section 1: Contact Information**

Applicant Name/Group Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Address:

Contact Email Address:

Daytime Telephone Number:

Your position in the group:

### **Section 2: Tell us about your group**

What category does your project fall into (please tick all relevant boxes):

Children/Education

☐

Arts & Culture

☐

Health & Wellbeing

☐

Elderly

☐

Environment

☐

Active Lifestyles

☐

Other

☐

**Please provide a brief description of the activities you/your group undertake:**

In what year was the group founded?

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the registered number:

**If your application relates to sport**

Is the team a member of /or affiliated to a recognised sporting body?

Yes

No

If yes, which one?

**If your application relates to a children's group**

Have all the relevant DBS checks been completed?

Yes

No

### Section 3: Tell us about the community activity you wish to support

Are you applying for, or receiving funding from another source?

Yes

☐

No

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If so, where from and how much?

Please explain what the community grant support will be used for?

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

## Section 4: Independent Reference Details

Please give the name of someone who can provide an independent reference on behalf of you/your group:

Job title/occupation of referee:

Referee contact address:

Email address:

Daytime phone number:

Relationship to the group

(if any):

## Section 5: To be completed for all applications

Please tick here to confirm that you have read and accepted the grant selection criteria: ☐

Signed on behalf of (if you are applying on behalf of a group)

Signature:

Date:



**Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel**

**Inspection of Salem Chapel – January 2022**

| <b>MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK</b>            | <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Report of any defects And action taken</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Main Hall of Chapel                  | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     | Dry rot detected & floor part lifted. Investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Organ supports re-enforced Sept 2016.                                                                                  |
| Fire Alarm                           | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     | Inspected 19/01/2022                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Emergency Lighting                   | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     | Inspected 19/01/2022                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Stairways to Balcony                 | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     | Stair lift not working, evidence of damp on walls                                                                                                                                               |
| 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 02/12/20                                                                                                                                                      |
| Observations/<br>Other Comments      | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     | J Dyer opinion is fungal rot. Valuation survey carried out by J Dyer 3/11/21. Issue with alarm sounding since 15/12/21, inspected and reset possibly due to rats. R Dunham asked to lay poison. |
| <b>ANNEX BUILDING</b>                |                       |                        |                        |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Ground Floor                         | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Kitchen                              | ./                    | ./                     | ./                     | ./                     | Mould/rot on floor. Floor rotten through. 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/<br>Other Comments      |                       |                        |                        |                        | General deterioration evident.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Statutory annual Inspections:</b> |                       |                        |                        |                        | Dragon Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 02/12/2020. Dragon Fire & Security Systems (Intruder & fire alarms) 19/06/2022.                                                             |

**Signed:** *T Hughes*

Town Clerk

**Date:** 08/02/22

Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee