

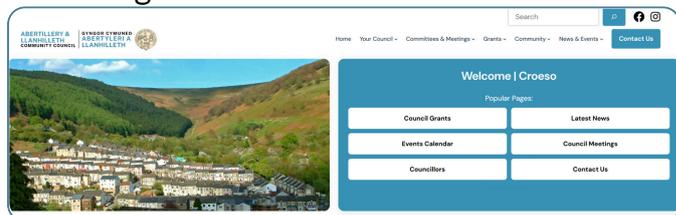


New Website

We recently launched our brand new Council website!

The new site meets WCAG2.2 regulations and has a stronger focus on accessibility and usability.

This site was designed by Her Web Solutions, a Cardiff-based company specialising in sustainable and accessible website for public sector organisations.



Grants Awarded

We awarded **£2,260** of grant funding to **3** organisations between October-December, including Roseheyworth PTFA and Abertillery Excelsiors.

Youth Reps

In November, Council appointed Jackson and Riley as its new Youth Representatives.

Annual Report

In November, we published our 2024-25 Annual Report on our website.

Defibrillators

We recently took over guardianship of the defib on Bethany Chapel, Six Bells. The pads and battery have been replaced.

We also installed a new defib at Shore MMA in Llanhilleth. We now maintain 15 24/7 accessible AEDs.



2026-27 Budget

In January, Council set a budget of £503,400 for 2026-27. The precept request will be £445,611.

Remembrance Day

The Chair of Council attended the service at Abertillery War Memorial to lay a wreath. Councillors also laid wreaths in Llanhilleth, Swffryd, Bournville & Blaenau Gwent Village.



We also created and printed programmes for the RBL Remembrance Concert, and helped Abertillery Knit 'n' Natter hang their poppy cascade again.



The Deal

In December, we met with Dave Leech, Deputy Chief Executive for BG and Torfaen Council, to learn more about the Blaenau Gwent 'Deal'.

Scare in Jubilee Square

We provided grant funding for Ffrindiau Tyleri's 'Scare in Jubilee Square' event.



Christmas with ALCC

- Our Community Carol Concert in St. Michael's Church raised £1011.10 for our Chair's nominated groups - AYDMS & The Mitre.
- We provided Christmas lights in Abertillery and Six Bells, and awarded grants to groups in Swffryd, Llanhilleth, Brynithel, Aberbeeg and Cwmtillery to provide lights.
- Unfortunately, we experienced issues with some of our Christmas lights this year. We apologise for this and are working hard to ensure these issues are resolved for 2026.
- We awarded a £1,000 grant to Llanhilleth Miner's Institute to host four Christmas parties for the pupils of St. Illtyd's.
- Ebenezer Baptist Church hosted their Messy Christmas event, supported by a grant from ALCC.
- We gifted 86 bags of sweets to the young performers at AYDMS.
- We sponsored the Hospice of the Valleys Christmas Concert.
- We provided lanterns for Llanhilleth TRA's Carol Service.
- We provided funding for Ffrindiau Tyleri's Winterfest.

