



THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERTYLERI A LLANHILEDD

Welsh Language Policy/ Polisi Iaith Gymraeg

Although community councils are not subject to the Welsh language standards deriving from the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, they are expected to uphold the main principle of the Measure and treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English¹

Document History	
February 2026 – Initial draft policy reviewed & amended by Council 25/02/26	Sentence added - The Council also wishes to support and promote opportunities for the learning of Welsh within the community, recognising the importance of the language to the cultural heritage and future of Wales. Minute no. 172

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The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils, Chapter 2, 2.14

Aims and Objectives of the Policy

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council has adopted the principle that in the conduct of public business in Wales, it will treat Welsh and English based on equality so far as it is appropriate and reasonably practical.

The Council also wishes to support and promote opportunities for the learning of Welsh within the community, recognising the importance of the language to the cultural heritage and future of Wales.

We aim to encourage the use of the Welsh language in the community wherever possible.

Delivering Services

Staffing

At present, the Council has no Welsh-speaking staff. To date, this has not presented any difficulties.

Public Meetings and Translation

To date, no demand has been made for any of our meetings to be translated into Welsh. There is no budget for a translation service. However, we will consider such a request if made 14 days before the meeting, provided it is financially viable and practical (a list of Full Council meeting dates can be found on our website www.abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)

Council Policies

Should model policies be provided to us bilingually (English and Welsh), the Council will publish the bilingual/Welsh version.

The Council's Public Image

The Council's name, address, and other standard information used on its letterhead, newsletters, and emails will be bilingual.

Telephone Communications

As there are currently no Welsh-speaking staff members, all telephone calls will be answered and dealt with in English.

Website and Digital Services

The Council website is maintained in English. Wherever possible, certain sections will be bilingual, within the constraints of available cost and expertise.

Publishing and Printing Materials for the Public

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council's agendas and minutes are currently available in English. The cost of providing a Welsh-language version of these documents is considered prohibitive. However, we will consider such a request wherever practical.

Advertising and Publicity

Statutory notices will be published in both languages in accordance with the Act.

Monitoring

This policy will be monitored and reviewed biannually by Full Council.