

# Cyngor Cymuned Blaengwrach Community Council

## Action Plan for 2026/27

The council's vision for the upcoming period is to establish clear aims and objectives that contribute toward a comprehensive community plan, encompassing the council's core activities.

Our commitment to the community includes:

- Ensuring the cemetery, hall, and park are well-maintained.
- Providing safe environments for everyone to enjoy.
- Upholding the council assets and facilities for the benefit of the entire community.
- Empowering local organisations and groups to maintain existing programs and launch new community-led initiatives designed to enhance the overall well-being of all residents.
- Maintaining competitive rates for hall and cemetery usage to ensure the public funds entrusted to council members provide maximum value for money.

In our efforts to develop a community plan, we will focus on understanding what members of our community would like the council to accomplish during the 2026/27 period. These insights will serve as the foundation for creating a comprehensive 4–5-year strategic plan.

The following action plan details our intended initiatives for the coming year, reflecting our defined goals and steadfast dedication to accountability. We will focus on several primary areas of community council governance:

- **Projects:** one-off endeavours with a specific conclusion.
- **Assets:** Tangible items and property held by the council.
- **Facilities:** Shared public amenities provided for community use.
- **Services:** A diverse set of programs and activities aimed at supporting local residents.

Aims/Objectives	How to be Achieved	How to Monitor the Outcome
Support local organisations with Financial Assistance Funding (£1000) and help with local events/social ventures.	Provide £1000 (total fund - £200 limit to each request) in Financial Assistance Funding; help clubs and organisations with events and projects (like Party in the Park).	Monitored through quarterly budgets and feedback from those who have benefited.
Organise and fund the Remembrance Service and Christmas Celebrations (e.g., panto for the school) to provide these essential events for the community.	Fund the events, including paying for a school panto. Funds have been set aside in the budget.	Monitored through quarterly budgets and feedback from residents, groups, and organisations that attend and benefit.
Continually improve the Christmas and New Year feel of the villages by enhancing the appearance and ambiance.	Use a set-aside budget for the Christmas banner, lamppost lights, and Christmas tree; engage with stakeholders; invest in high-quality lights and trees.	Success is dependent on weather conditions, timings, support from the local community, feedback, and work from stakeholders.
Contribute to assisting the community with financial cost of living difficulties by not increasing Hall Hire or Cemetery fees and	Close and high-level budgeting; maintained a low 0.5% rise in the precept for this financial year.	Monitored and managed by the finance and audit committee (close eye on financial interest rates and budget); indicators

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maintaining a low rise in the precept (0.5%).		will be steady hall usage and income; feedback from hall users.
Maintain the Hall (including redecorating) to a high standard and ensure the safety of staff and users.	Redecorating and maintenance carried out by local firms to a high standard; safety checks and risk assessments, renewal of comprehensive insurance cover, are carried out; groups have access to the caretaker who relays messages to the Clerk. Training for staff members.	Monitored by feedback, increase and steady usage of the hall, and the income made from hire.
Maintain the Park and Cemetery to a high standard and increase biodiversity.	Dedicated, experienced groundsperson employed by the council (with additional summer help); yearly external inspection of park equipment; carry out repairs; use insect and animal-friendly products; increase areas left to grow for wildlife/pollinators. Training and adequate equipment/PPE provided for staff members and contractors/volunteers.	Monitored by budget spend, increase usage of the park, and feedback; monitor wildlife and report findings to the Welsh Government through the biodiversity policy and duties.
Pursue gifting council land to the Scouts and Rugby Club to grant them ownership and autonomy, enabling them to fulfil their objectives for the community.	Pursue gifting through legal help (solicitor).	Regular updates from the Clerk and Solicitor; feedback from the groups.
Prioritise fixing the poor state of Paths and Park Lighting (currently broken/vandalised); upgrade accessibility to the park and hall (improving disabled access and visibility).	Prioritise gaining funding; find the right people to do the work. A capital spend amount is set aside.	Successful completion of the project, solving current problems which will fulfil the wishes of hall and park users.
Remove and replace broken equipment in the park for the benefit and wellbeing of the community.	Remove broken items; community-led process to ask users what they would like to replace them with. Capital spend and funding needed. Set out priorities and goals and develop a clear framework for the work.	Monitored by the community-led process, with feedback and transparency needed to invest in the right product.

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