



CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A VIRTUAL MEETING
of the
EISTEDDFOD CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

will be held on
MONDAY, 29TH APRIL, 2024 at 2.00 PM

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LIST OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. MINUTES

To receive as an accurate record the minutes of the Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub Committee on the 11th March 2024.

(Pages 3 - 6)

3. UPDATE ON THE RCT NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2024

To receive the report of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services, which provides Members with an update on the work currently being undertaken in collaboration with National Eisteddfod officers in preparation for the 2024 Eisteddfod in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

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4. NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES 2024 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPATIAL PLANNING

To receive the report of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services, which updates Members on the infrastructure and spatial planning for The National Eisteddfod of Wales 2024.

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5. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any urgent business as the Chairman feels appropriate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Stanger', is positioned above the title of the Director of Democratic Services & Communication.

Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg / This document is also available in Welsh



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL EISTEDDFOD CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Virtual meeting of the Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting held on Monday,
11 March 2024 at 9.00 am.

County Borough Councillors - Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub-Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor R Lewis (Chair)	Councillor M Webber
Councillor B Harris	Councillor A Crimmings
Councillor A Morgan	Councillor M Norris

Officers in attendance

Ms L Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr S Thomas, Eisteddfod Project Officer
Ms N Lewis, Head of Community and Welsh Language Services
Mr S Treeby, Events Manager
Mr K Nicholls, Head of Leisure, Sport and Parks

Others in Attendance

Ms B Moses, Chief Executive of the National Eisteddfod of Wales.

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, there were no declarations pertaining to the agenda.

2 UPDATE ON THE RCT NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2024 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Head of Community and Welsh Language Services provided Members with an update on the Community Engagement taken forward by Council Officers in collaboration with National Eisteddfod officers in preparation for the 2024 Eisteddfod in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Members were advised of the significant progress made to date, with preparation work undertaken with the Eisteddfod's National Lottery Heritage Fund community engagement project, which was continuing to be delivered successfully, providing opportunities to engage with a small number of targeted groups to inform and pilot a new approach to National Eisteddfod engagement in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

It was advised that two Committees had been established which are seen as the driving force that brings people from across the County together and as a committed group of volunteers, they work closely with the Eisteddfod team, local communities and the Council to organise awareness-raising and fundraising events. Details of the fund-raising Committees were also provided to Members.

The Head of Community and Welsh Language Services continued to advise of

the Community Engagement and events established to date. The Officer also stressed the key messages that the National Eisteddfod needed to be inclusive for everyone in Rhondda Cynon Taf, and the importance of ensuring that people understand there is something for everyone at the National Eisteddfod and that it is not just for people who can speak Welsh.

The Committee were advised that Council Officers in partnership with Eisteddfod Officers, have developed a school strategy, highlighting opportunities for Welsh and English medium schools to engage with Eisteddfod preparations. The strategy continues to be developed as new opportunities become available, which in turn will be shared with all primary and secondary schools.

The Officer informed Members that Council Officers working with key partners such as Menter Iaith, Helo Blod (Welsh Gov) and Town Centre BIDS, have begun work developing a business toolkit. Included in the toolkit will be further information about the Eisteddfod, resources from Helo Blod and a pamphlet to help local businesses and town users to develop their conversational Welsh skills.

It was confirmed that the National Eisteddfod is a charitable organisation and its funding model requires that a contribution to the operating costs of the festival is raised by community fundraising activities in the host local authority area. Members learnt that there is already lots of effort being made by the National Eisteddfod, local communities supported by local members, voluntary groups, to fundraise across the County Borough.

The Officer concluded her report by commenting on the National Eisteddfod's aims in relation to legacy for Rhondda Cynon Taf, which focused on aspects such as promotion and increase in the Welsh language and an increase and interest in local culture and heritage.

The Chair thanked the Officer for the report and the work and efforts taken forward to date in respect of the community engagement, with local communities taking forward a sense of ownership in respect of the event. The Chair commented on the opportunities for all with this National event, commenting on the opportunities for businesses, schools, young people and residents across the County Borough and the need to ensure that the event is as inclusive as possible for all. The importance of the Legacy was also referenced by the Chair, who spoke of the aspirations to increase the use of the Welsh language within the County Borough.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- i. To note the content of the report.

3 INITIAL REPORT IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES 2024 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPATIAL PLANNING

The Head of Sports, Leisure and Parks provided Members with an update in relation to the infrastructure and spatial planning for The RCT National Eisteddfod of Wales 2024.

Members were advised that under the direction of a Council Senior Leadership Oversight Board, two Workstream groups, made up of RCT officers and partners, have been established to work directly with the National Eisteddfod to

deliver the comprehensive infrastructure and community engagement aspects of the Eisteddfod, which is to be held in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park on the 3rd August 2024.

The Committee were informed that the Infrastructure Group meets monthly to discuss:

- Highway/Traffic Infrastructure.
- Transport.
- Car Parks/Park and Ride.
- Hospitality.
- Camping, Tourism.
- Licensing.
- Town Centre liaison.

The Officer provided Members with further detail in relation to each of the above mentioned aspects, providing current position statements.

Such information included the positioning of the main Eisteddfod Site (Ynysangharad War Memorial Park), Maes B (the National Eisteddfod Youth Fringe Festival - Pontypridd High School Fields) and key park and ride sites such as Hawthorn School site. For Committee awareness, other non-council locations that are subject to separate private agreements between the National Eisteddfod and the relevant third party were also highlighted within the meeting, which included:

- Private Land off Berw Road (Caravan and Camping Site)
- The Muni (Performance and Competition Venue)
- YMa (Performance and Rehearsal venue)
- University of South Wales Sites at Glyntaff and Treforest (Trader and Staff parking, Park and Ride and Accommodation Offer)

Due to the location of the event, and the good public transport links available the RCT Eisteddfod will therefore promote a greener travel message to visitors, and a number of initiatives to promote use of the train network and wider park and ride facilities will be in place.

Reference was made to the Pontypridd Spatial Plan and the Officer provided detail of the phased release of parts of the Park in the lead up to the event to provide minimum disruption to service users.

It was confirmed that the arrangements put in place for the National Eisteddfod would be subject to further scrutiny and approval in due course by the Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG).

The Leader of the Council spoke of the localised disruption that would be witnessed by the event, however spoke of the longer term benefits that would also be witnessed through the hosting of this National Event, commenting on the positive historical and economic impact for the whole of the County Borough. The Leader referenced the positive engagement with Traders within the Town Centre and surrounding areas, although noted the traffic implications. The Leader commented on the importance to emphasise the use of public transport to access the event, although advised of the ongoing work with highways and traffic control.

The Deputy Leader reiterated the positive impact that the event would bring to the County Borough and referenced her disappointment to the negative comments that had been received by some. The Deputy Leader reaffirmed the focus on hosting the event with minimum disruption to service users and residents in the lead up to the event.

The Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services and Eisteddfod Senior Leadership Officer thanked Members for the positive comments and spoke of the lengthy discussions and work taken forward to date to establish the current position in partnership with the Eisteddfod. The Officer spoke of the challenges faced, as this was not a typical Eisteddfod location and how these had been overcome. The officer confirmed that the Committee would be provided with regular updates on the developments taken forward.

The Chief Executive of the National Eisteddfod spoke of the importance of partnership working and the role all have to play in the success of the Eisteddfod. The Officer gave thanks for the continued support provided by the Council and also reiterated the need for the Eisteddfod to be sustainable and inclusive.

The Chair thanked all for the work undertaken and the exciting opportunities that lay ahead, commenting on the opportunity to illustrate to other Local Authorities how a Town Centre setting could host such a National Event.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED**:

- i. To note the content of the report.
- ii. To approve the use of Council owned (or controlled) land identified in the Infrastructure Plan for use by the National Eisteddfod and delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services and the Director of Corporate Estates to ensure appropriate agreements are in place to secure the same.

(**N.B** Due to the need to progress the work to deliver on the National Eisteddfod of Wales, including confirmation of infrastructures and spatial planning to ensure appropriate agreements are in place, the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communications confirmed that the decision would be exempt from call in subject to the approval of the Presiding Officer.)

This meeting closed at 9.32 am

**Cllr. R Lewis
Chairman.**



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EISTEDDFOD CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

29th APRIL 2024

UPDATE ON THE RCT NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2024 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

REPORT OF DIRECTOR - PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CLLR. RHYS LEWIS, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH PARTICIPATION & WELSH LANGUAGE

Author(s): Nicola Lewis, Head of Community and Welsh Language Services

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with an update on the work currently being undertaken in collaboration with National Eisteddfod officers in preparation for the 2024 Eisteddfod in Rhondda Cynon Taf, specifically in relation to community engagement and fundraising.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Sub-Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the content of the report.
- 2.2 Considers whether further information is required.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The report is to update the Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub-Committee Members of the ongoing progress being made in engaging with communities to ensure that the National Eisteddfod 2024 in Rhondda Cynon Taf is a success, in both the lead up to and during the Eisteddfod week and that a significant positive legacy remains for the longer term.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The previous Eisteddfod Cabinet report, dated 11th March 2024, outlined the progress made over the previous twelve months with regards to the work carried out in preparation for the Eisteddfod event in relation to community engagement, events and fundraising activities.

- 4.2 The report also outlined the Eisteddfod's aims in relation to legacy for Rhondda Cynon Taf following the event and how they align with the Council's Welsh Language promotional strategy and associated action plan and gave an update on the work of the newly established community workstream group.
- 4.3 Updates will continue to be given as part of this report on the ongoing work of both the Council and Eisteddfod under the three themed areas: Community Engagement and events, Fundraising and Legacy.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

- 5.1 The National Eisteddfod has organised and held a number of events recently, with support from Council Officers, Members and local community groups to launch and promote the Eisteddfod coming to Rhondda Cynon Taf in 2024, which included:
- Local Drop-in sessions held on 20th February in the Lido, Pontypridd, to discuss requests for stands at the event and pricing, with a launch date of 1st March for expressions of interest and resulted in an overwhelming response.
 - Business drop-in sessions arranged jointly with the Council have been run in Pontypridd to engage with local businesses in and around the town centre, the most recent session being held the evening of 18th April, with another session planned in June.
- 5.2 Other recent Eisteddfod activities and engagement opportunities have included:
- Battle of the Bands competition launched on 6th March for initial submissions of online applications. The top three bands selected will appear at the Eisteddfod event, with the winner to perform at Maes B.
 - Eisteddfod volunteering opportunities launched on 6th March. The invite for applications can be accessed via an online link: [Volunteering | Eisteddfod](#), with opportunities open to non-Welsh speakers as well as Welsh speakers, with support and training being provided from July onwards.
 - A Schools art project, aimed at Primary schools across the County Borough was launched on 6th March with the winners to be announced on the 14th June at a showcase event, which is being planned at Llys Cadwyn in Pontypridd.
- 5.3 In addition to the above, there is a planned programme for the Eisteddfod to go to all secondary schools which will be scheduled to run in line with school transition days. The programme will see consist of a themed performance, showcasing the Welsh Language and support promotion of the Eisteddfod.

- 5.4 The Council and the National Eisteddfod are committed to ensuring the Eisteddfod event is as accessible as possible to everyone in RCT. In partnership with the National Eisteddfod, a proposal was developed to fund subsidised access and a voucher towards purchases at the event, aimed at targeting vulnerable families and groups, and a business case submitted to Welsh Government.
- 5.5 Welsh Government's Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles, announced on 13th March that a total of £350,0000 would be awarded to support access to the event in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 5.6 Using the principles on which the funding was based, a process for this is now being worked on with the Eisteddfod to ensure eligible families have an opportunity to apply for the free tickets in coming weeks. Eisteddfod website link: [National Eisteddfod thanks Welsh Government for supporting 2024 festival | Eisteddfod](#)
- 5.7 In addition to the above, the Council is also currently working on a proposal to enable Veterans living in the County Borough to access the event. Further details on this will be provided to Members in coming weeks.
- 5.8 The Eisteddfod will also be launching the first opportunity to gain paid access to the event with the launch of its 'Early Bird' tickets, which will go on sale from Thursday 25th April.
- 5.9 The Eisteddfod Community Workstream group continues to meet on a monthly basis, with key officers from across Council services, with the support of the Council's Eisteddfod Officers, developing a number of initiatives to support the wider participation in both Welsh and bilingual events.
- 5.10 A business pamphlet 'Give Welsh a Go' with additional resources has been developed with the aim of encouraging business staff across the County Borough to learn or improve their Welsh language conversational skills.
- 5.11 This linked with the promotion of the Welsh Government's 'Helo Blod' online translation programme and supported with local drop-in sessions for Welsh Language learners run with Menter Iaith, the aim is for businesses to be able to give customers a 'Warm Welsh Welcome' in our town centres.
- 5.12 The pamphlet will be available from Thursday 25th April with the launch of "100 days to go" to the Eisteddfod event and is included as **Appendix 1**.
- 5.13 Council Officers in partnership with Eisteddfod Officers continue to develop new opportunities for engagement in event preparations and activities, which currently include:
- Information now regularly being shared with schools across the County Borough.

- A planned programme of activities e.g. in town centres organised in the run up and following the event, which will be free to access.
- On 13th June there will be an unveiling of the Eisteddfod Chair and Crown, 'Cadair a Coron', in the Llantrisant Guild Hall.

6. FUNDRAISING

- 6.1 As outlined in the Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub-Committee report dated 11th March the funding model of the Eisteddfod requires that a contribution to the operating costs of the festival is raised by community fundraising activities in the host local authority area.
- 6.2 It was recognised that there was already lots of effort being made by the National Eisteddfod, local communities supported by local members, voluntary groups, to fundraise across the County Borough and there has been a noticeable increase in the funds raised over the past couple of months, now totalling in excess of £185,000.
- 6.3 Merchandise for the Eisteddfod is being offered to purchase at local fund raising committee events and will contribute towards the total amount of funds raised for the event in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 6.4 The National Eisteddfod will continue to take donations up to the time of the actual event in August, however, sponsorship opportunities for the event brochure will understandably have an earlier close date which will be before the end of May.
- 6.5 The Council continues to support the Eisteddfod to promote fundraising and sponsorship opportunities to communities and businesses across the County Borough and are enabling use of its venues when possible, which are approved on case-by case basis.
- 6.6 One such opportunity is the pre-Eisteddfod celebration event, which will be presented by United Choirs of Treorchy in June with all proceeds being donated to the Eisteddfod in Rhondda Cynon Taf, link: [RCT | Pre Eisteddfod Celebration \(rct-theatres.co.uk\)](https://www.rct-theatres.co.uk)

7. LEGACY

- 7.1 As reported in the Committee report of 11th March 2024, the Community Workstream group are starting to capture information as activities are being developed and delivered in relation to each of the Legacy aims.
- 7.2 This information will contribute towards the baseline when developing measurable outcomes that can be reported against and ensure that networks, activities and opportunities to engage with the Welsh language and Welsh culture continue beyond the event next year.

7.3 Interest in learning to speak Welsh from residents, businesses, Council staff and Members continues to increase and specific activities, sessions and resources will be developed and made available in the run up to the event and continue to be maintained and built upon as part of RCT's legacy aims.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

8.1 This is an information report and therefore no equality and diversity screening is necessary.

9. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 This is an information report and therefore no Welsh Language assessment is necessary.

10. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

10.1 This is an information report therefore no consultation is required.

11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

11.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

12. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

12.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

13. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

13.1 The Welsh language is a cross-cutting theme in the Council's Corporate Plan and the Council has a Strategy for the Promotion of the Welsh Language and supporting Action Plan, which includes a focus on increasing the use of the Welsh Language within communities by working with partners to deliver and/or facilitate events and activities as well as improving the number of services the Council offer through the medium of Welsh. The work undertaken in partnership with the National Eisteddfod will support this as well as contributing to [Cymraeg 2050 : A Million Welsh speakers](#) – the Welsh Government's Strategy to achieve 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050.

13.2 The Corporate Plan recognises the important role that culture and heritage plays in supporting the wellbeing of residents enabling them to be independent or maintain their independence for longer. Supporting the development of events to engage with residents of all ages will contribute to the Council's aim of increasing participation in arts and culture.

- 13.3 The success of the Rhondda Cynon Taf Eisteddfod is dependent on a partnership between the National Eisteddfod, the Council and local communities. This report highlights how the National Eisteddfod and the Council are working together to ensure that communities across the County Borough are involved in the preparations for the festival, that no one feels excluded and that they have an opportunity to shape the events and activities that will be developed so that there is a longer-term legacy after 2024.
- 13.4 The main well-being goal being addressed is goal 6 – A Wales of Vibrant Culture and thriving Welsh Language. However, as recognised in the Corporate Plan, participation in arts and culture has a positive impact on promoting health and well-being and brings people together, thereby increasing community cohesion.

14. CONCLUSION

- 14.1 The Council's Eisteddfod Project Officer and other Council Officers will continue to work closely with the National Eisteddfod team especially in relation to their work of engaging with communities across the whole of the County Borough. Our common aim is to ensure maximum involvement by communities and to promote the message that the Eisteddfod is for everyone and you do not need to be able to speak Welsh to enjoy and participate in its activities and events.
- 14.2 Preparation work and good promotion and engagement is being achieved and gaining momentum. Ongoing efforts will continue to ensure Members, residents and businesses across the County Borough are involved and engaged and fundraising is maximised.
- 14.3 The importance of this work cannot be under-estimated as it will be central to the success of the festival and its legacy in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 14.4 Further reports will be prepared for Members in the period between now and the RCT Eisteddfod, updating Members on a range of issues associated with the event in addition to the ongoing community engagement work.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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UPDATE ON THE RCT NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2024 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Background Papers:

None

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Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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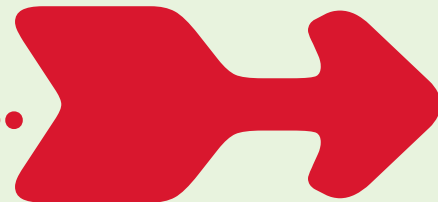
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Mae'r cynnydd cyfunol a welwyd yn y bwrdeistrefi sirol cyfagos hyn yn arwydd o dwf yn nifer y siaradwyr Cymraeg yn ein rhanbarth.

Felly, p'un a ydych chi'n siaradwr Cymraeg profiadol, newydd ddechrau neu'n chwilfrydig, dyma'r amser delfrydol i gymryd rhan a rhoi cynnig ar y Gymraeg!

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= ceg (yr afon) Dâr

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*Aberdar 1203 → Aberdaer 1348 →
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Mae 'Aberdare' yn cynrychioli'r
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Pontypridd

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Bont y prydd 1813*

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Mae'r ffurf fodern yn rhoi'r argraff bod
'y' yn golygu 'the', ond yn lleol, cyfeirir
at y dref fel Ponty (wedi'i ynganu
'Pontee'), sy'n cadw ystyr gwreiddiol y
tŷ (wedi'i ynganu 'tee').

Treorci (Treorchy)

= pentref ar (y nant)
Gorci

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*Treorki 1869 → Treorci 1875 →
Treorchy 1870*

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a ddatblygodd yn yr 1860au.

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mae enw tebyg ar afon yn y
Betws, Sir Gaerfyrddin. Mae enw'r
afon hefyd yn ymddangos yn
Abergorci, (Abergorki 1875) a
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Os ydych chi am gymryd rhan neu ddysgu Cymraeg...

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DYSGU CYMRAEG

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Cymraeg

Good morning	Bore Da boar-eh dah
Good afternoon	Prynhawn Da prin-hound-a
Good evening	Noswaith dda noss-why-tha
Good night	Nos da noss dah
How are you?	Shwmae shoe-my
Thank you	Diolch dee-olch
You're welcome	Croeso cr-oi-so
Cheers!	Iechyd da! yeah-ch-eed dah
I'm sorry	Mae'n ddrwg gen i ma-een throo-g gen ee
Goodbye	Hwyl fawr hoo-eel vour
I'm learning Welsh	Dwi'n dysgu Cymraeg dween duh-ski kum-rye-g

Helpful vocab... **NUMBERS!**

- 1 Un**
een
- 2 Dau**
die
- 3 Tri**
tree
- 4 Pedwar**
ped-oo-ar
- 5 Pump**
pimp
- 6 Chwech**
ch-oo-ech
- 7 Saith**
sigh-th
- 8 Wyth**
oo-yth
- 9 Naw**
nah-oo
- 10 Deg**
dehg



On the go phrases

GIVE WELSH A GO!



Have a go...
when you're out
and about.

Excuse me **Esgusodwch fi**
ess-giss-odd-ooch-vee

Where is the... **Ble mae'r...**
blair my

Toilet **Tŷ bach**
tee bach

Car park **Maes parcio**
ma-ees park-ee-o

Cafe **Caffi**
cafe

Pub **Tafarn**
tav-are-n

Restaurant **Bwyty**
boo-ee-tee

Which street is this? **Pa stryd yw hon?**
par stree-d ewe hon

Train / Bus Station **Gorsaf tren / bws**
goar-sav trr-air-n / b-ugh-s

Which bus / train goes to... **Pa fws / tren sy'n mynd i...**
par v-ugh-s / trr-air-n
seen mind-d ee

What time is it? **Faint o gloch yw hi?**
v-aye-nn-tt oh-rr glo-ch ew he

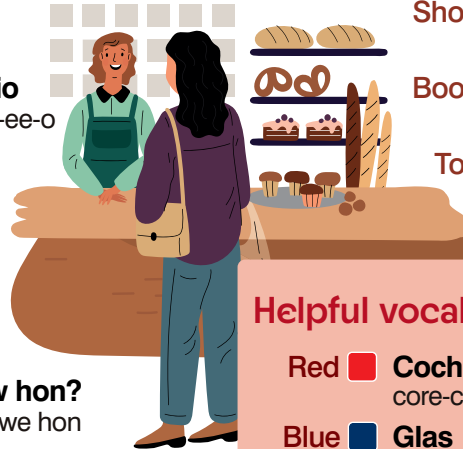
I am looking for... **Dwi'n chwilio am...**
do-een ch-wheel-yo am

Clothes **Dillad**
dee-ll-ad

Shoes **Esgidiau**
ess-gid-yai

Books **Llyfrau**
ll-ugh-vrai

Toys **Tegannau**
t-air-gan-eye



Helpful vocab... Colours!

Red  **Coch**
core-ch

Blue  **Glas**
gl-arss

Green  **Gwyrdd**
goo-eer-th

Yellow  **Melyn**
mel-in

Black  **Du**
dee

Purple  **Porffor**
pour-four

Grey  **Llwyd**
ll-o-id

Orange  **Oren**
or-wren

White  **Gwyn**
goo-in

Pink  **Pinc**
pink

Brown  **Brown**
br-own





Have a go...

at ordering your favourite items on the menu next time you're out for food or at the pub.

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Where would you recommend? **Ble fydddech chi'n argymhell?**

blair v-ugh-th-eh-
ch ch-ee-nn
arr-gum-eh-ll

Can I have...? **Ga' i...?**

gah-ee

Menu Bwydlen
boo-id-len

Beer Cwrw
coo-roo

Wine Gwin
gween

Cider Seidr
say-dr



Soft Drink Diod Meddal
dee-od
meh-th-ahl

Ice Iâ
yah

Lemon Lemon
lem-on

Coffee Coffi
coffee

Tea Te
th-e

Milk Llaeth
ll-aye-th



No sugar Dim siwgrwr
dim shoe-go-or

Sandwich Brechdan
b-rare-ch-dan

Cake Cacen
car-ken

Crisps Creision
kray-sh-on

How much? Faint?
v-aye-nn-tt

Please Os gwelwch yn dda
oss guel-oo-ch
un th-ah

Helpful vocab...

Open Ar agor
are agg-ore

Closed Ar gau
are gg-aye

Left Chwith
ch-wee-th

Right Dde
th-eh

Chwith

Dde

OR...

when you're serving your next customer.

May I help you? **Ga' i'ch helpu?**
gah-ee-ch help-ee

What do you want? **Beth dych chi eisiau?**
beth duh chee eyy-shy

Here you go! **Dyma chi!**
dumha ch-ee

Cash or card? **Arian parod neu gerdyn?**
ah-rr-yan pah-rod neu ger-din



Have a go...

at some well-known places and landmarks.

RHONDDA:

ron-th-ah

Pen Pych

pen p-ich

Rhondda Fawr

ron-th-ah v-hour

Rhondda Fach

ron-th-ah v-ach

Gelliwion

ge-ll-eww-on

Bwlch-y-Clawdd

bull-ch eugh

kl-aww-th

CYNON:

cun-on

Penderyn

pen-der-in

Penrhiwlech

pen-rr-eww-ll-

eh-ch

Rhigos

rig-aus

Penrhiwceiber

pen-rr-eww-

k-eyy-ber

TAF:

tav

Beddau

bear-th-aye

Llantrisant

ll-Anne-tris-ant

Llanwonno

ll-Anne-one-oh

Craig yr Allt

kr-eyy-g uh-rr

ah-ll-t

Give it a go...

Some providers of Welsh classes locally...



Dysgu Oedolion yn y Gymuned
Adult Community Learning

RHONDDA CYNON TAF

www.rctcbc.gov.uk/adultcommunitylearning



dysgucymraeg.cymru
learnwelsh.cymru

www.learnwelsh.cymru

Do you mind speaking Welsh with me? **Dych chi'n meindio siarad Cymraeg gyda fi?**

duh-ch ch-een May-n-dee-o sh-are-ad
kum-rye-g gee-dah vee

Could you say that again? **Allech chi ddweud hynny 'to?**

ah-ll-eh-ch ch-ee th-Wade hun-ee tour

Could you speak more slowly? **Allech chi siarad yn arafach?**

ah-ll-eh-ch ch-ee sh-are-ad
ugh-n are-av-a-ch

Have a go...

Don't be afraid to give Welsh a go!
Practice makes perfect!

Helpful vocab... You may hear...

No problem **Dim problem**
dim prob-lehm

Of course! **Wrth gwrs!**
oo-r-th goo-rs



If you're looking to get involved or learn Welsh...

MENTER IAITH

Menter iaith Rhondda Cynon Taf is a local organisation who support communities to increase and expand their use of the Welsh language.

They promote, coordinate and deliver Welsh-language activities and services across RCT. Through their work they increase opportunities for people of all ages to use the Welsh language naturally.

Find out what's going on locally:
www.menteriaith.cymru



ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

Adult Community Learning provides quality learning opportunities in your local community.

Their courses encourage learners to learn new skills, meet new people, learn at an appropriate pace and work with specialised tutors - courses are offered face to face and online. Many of the courses are accredited by Agored Cymru which will allow you to progress to higher level courses should you wish to gain qualifications.

View courses: www.rctcbc.gov.uk/adultcommunitylearning

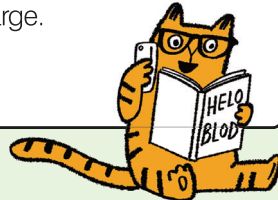


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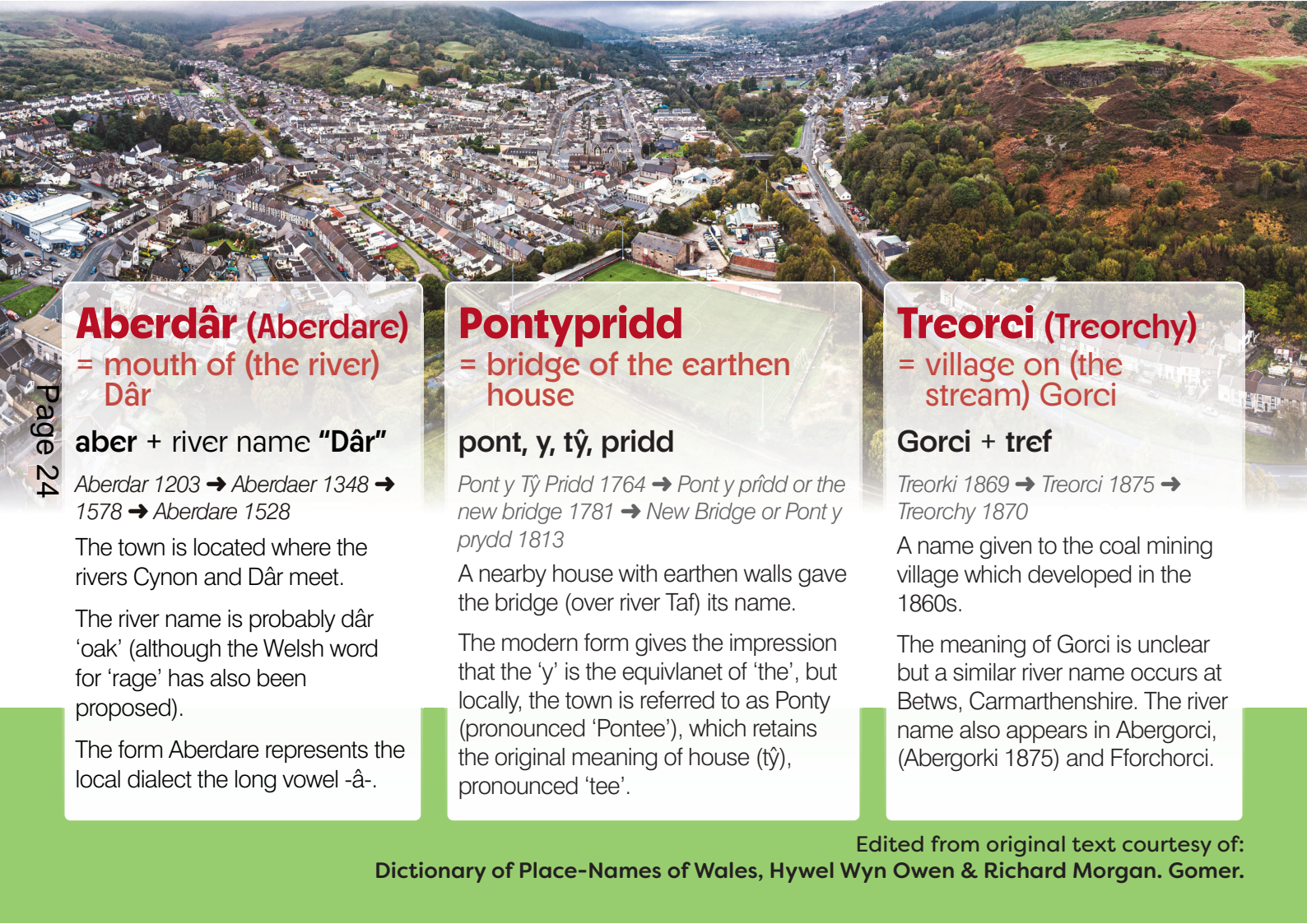
The aim of the National Centre for Learning Welsh is welcoming and supporting people to learn and enjoy the Welsh language.

The Centre is responsible for all aspects of the Learn Welsh sector, including courses and resources, tutor training and research. Learn Welsh courses are available at different learning levels during the daytime and evening, face-to-face or in virtual classrooms. You can also study independently, online.

Find a course: www.learnwelsh.cymru



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learnwelsh.cymru



Aberdâr (Aberdare)

= mouth of (the river)
Dâr

aber + river name "Dâr"

Aberdar 1203 → *Aberdaer* 1348 →
1578 → *Aberdare* 1528

The town is located where the
rivers Cynon and Dâr meet.

The river name is probably *dâr*
'oak' (although the Welsh word
for 'rage' has also been
proposed).

The form *Aberdare* represents the
local dialect the long vowel -â-.

Pontypridd

= bridge of the earthen
house

pont, y, tŷ, pridd

Pont y Tŷ Pridd 1764 → *Pont y pridd* or the
new bridge 1781 → *New Bridge* or *Pont y*
prydd 1813

A nearby house with earthen walls gave
the bridge (over river Taf) its name.

The modern form gives the impression
that the 'y' is the equivalent of 'the', but
locally, the town is referred to as *Ponty*
(pronounced 'Pontee'), which retains
the original meaning of house (*tŷ*),
pronounced 'tee'.

Treorci (Treorchy)

= village on (the
stream) Gorci

Gorci + tref

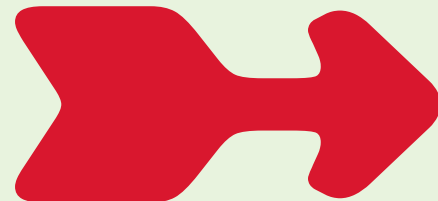
Treorki 1869 → *Treorci* 1875 →
Treorchy 1870

A name given to the coal mining
village which developed in the
1860s.

The meaning of *Gorci* is unclear
but a similar river name occurs at
Betws, Carmarthenshire. The river
name also appears in *Abergorci*,
(*Abergorki* 1875) and *Fforchorci*.

SAY IT IN WELSH...

According to the 2021 Census, Rhondda Cynon Taf was one of only four county boroughs in Wales that experienced a positive shift in the number of Welsh speakers.



2.8%

percentage increase in the actual number of Welsh speakers in Rhondda Cynon Taf

27,779 ➔ **28,556**

Increase in Welsh speakers in RCT over the past 10 years



But we want to see more!

Our 2022-2027 Welsh Language Promotional Strategy envisions a fully bilingual Rhondda Cynon Taf. We want an area where bilingualism is promoted naturally and the Welsh language is protected not only for us, but for future generations to use and enjoy.

Aligned with the Welsh Government goal of a million Welsh speakers by 2050, we want to build on the momentum shown in the 2021 Census by providing more opportunities to use and hear Welsh locally through a variety of activities through our dedicated action plan.

www.rctcbc.gov.uk/WelshServices

Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan and Merthyr Tudful also saw an increase in the percentage of Welsh speakers.

The collective increase seen in these neighbouring county boroughs signals a growing community of Welsh speakers in our region.

So, whether you're a seasoned Welsh speaker, just starting out or simply curious, now is a good a time as ever to get involved and give Welsh a go!



GIVE WELSH A GO!



Working together with RCT Town Centres

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EISTEDDFOD CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

29th APRIL 2024

**UPDATE ON THE RCT NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2024
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PARTICIPATION AND WELSH LANGUAGE**

Authors: Keith Nicholls - Head of Leisure, Sport and Parks
Chris Richards - Visitor Attractions Manager
Scott Treeby - Events Manager.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide a further update to the Cabinet Sub-Committee in relation to the infrastructure, transport and traffic, and spatial planning for the RCT National Eisteddfod of Wales 2024.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:

- 2.1 Note the content of the update report.
2.2 Considers whether further information is required.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The report is to provide the Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub-Committee the opportunity to comment on progress with the work required to deliver the infrastructure, transport and traffic, and spatial planning arrangements for the National Eisteddfod in August 2024.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

4.1 For Cabinet Members information, there are a number of changes to the spatial plan previously reported to Committee in March 2024. These changes mainly reflect the evolving needs of the National Eisteddfod (NE) customers with the aim of providing them with a greater overall experience. These changes include:

- A new plan for the Maes in YWMP. The changes relate to the way in which the NE has reconfigured the layout to enhance the experience of the festival.
- The main site for the caravan park off Berw Road, Pontypridd, has been secured by legal agreement with a private landowner and plans are being devised to maximise use of the public transport network and safe walking routes for people staying on the site.
- The NE is reviewing the proposed location for Maes B in order to improve the visitor experience and provide a safer and better experience for Maes B attendees. This follows the scoping exercise by the Eisteddfod which deemed a pedestrian bridge to connect the location to the main caravan park off Berw Road was not viable. A further update on the outcome of the NE review on location for Maes B will be provided, if available, to Members during the committee meeting.
- Plans have been developed to provide park and ride facilities (pre bookable) at Hawthorn High School, site plans will be provided once all considerations have been confirmed. Discussions are ongoing in respect of the safe traffic management requirements for the site during the week of the Eisteddfod.
- Park and Ride facilities are no longer available at the University of South Wales Treforest Campus, due to pressures on usage of the USW campus at that time for other events. The Glyntaff Campus car park and associated land will continue to be available for trader and NE staff parking. Early indications from the NE are that additional parking will not be required elsewhere but officers are continuing to review this situation and look for contingency options should they be required.
- Following engagement with South Wales Police over the safe management of people in the close proximity to the MAES entrance at (Llys Cadwyn), and use of Yma and the Muni as venues for the NE, it is being proposed that both Taff Street and Gas Road Car Park will have controlled access during the Eisteddfod week. Logistics and operational procedures will be developed to support

this and further information will be provided to Cabinet Members when confirmed.

- 4.2 Officers continue to communicate with local ward members regarding the Eisteddfod and where possible provide updates and information in a timely manner when enquiries are made. Members are also updated via the Cabinet Office and members bulletins.
- 4.3 The Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) has met on 2 occasions since March 2024 and are working through the specific event safety and licensing act requirements with the NE Team. These meetings will continue monthly and as and when required in the lead up to the event. Relevant officers and third party organisations have been given access to a file sharing platform where regular updates can be communicated in a timely manner.
- 4.4 Officers are continuing to work with existing sporting groups and organisations directly affected by the Eisteddfod to ensure any disruption is kept to a minimum.
- 4.5 Officers are working closely with the NE Team to ensure agreements are in place and operational arrangements a timeline overview of the Eisteddfod's occupation and use of land to set up and remove infrastructure.

5. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

- 5.1 The RCT Traffic Team are continuing to meet with the NE and Transport for Wales as part of a Working Group, regarding the movement of visitors around Pontypridd and surrounding areas during the festival. A traffic management consultant has been appointed to work with all partners to devise a traffic management plan. Further information will be provided when the plan has been drafted.
- 5.2 Part of the traffic management plan will involve co-ordination of a single channel of communication across all partners streams of communication (including social media channels and the NE website), working with RCT Council and Transport for Wales communications officers and NE and South Wales Police teams. A strategic communications plan will be created in the coming weeks for delivery in the weeks leading up and during the event.
- 5.3 In order to inform the traffic management and communications plans for visitors, the NE has agreed to provide customer data to the Working Group around customers' self-reported preferred transport method and geographical locations of their place of stay. This information on customers travel plans will be collected as general tickets go on sale

and this will assist in the understanding on pinch points and traffic management on our network.

- 5.4 Scoping works are currently underway on the logistical implications on traffic light sequencing in and around Pontypridd to assist with the traffic demand at the time of the Eisteddfod. Further work is also in hand regarding park and ride bus pick up and drop off points and contractual arrangements for the same, as well as work with the NE to understand the event programme in order to support coach parking requirements for those attending as day visitors for large-group competitions.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 6.1 This is an information report and therefore no equality and diversity screening is necessary.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This is an information report and therefore no Welsh Language assessment is necessary.

8. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 8.1 There is no requirement to carry out a consultation in relation to this report.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 9.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report. The National Eisteddfod is a charitable organisation and the costs of the event are met through community and corporate fundraising, income from the event (traders/ tickets) and a Welsh Government grant.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

11. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 11.1 There are significant links to both the Corporate Plan 2024-2030 (Culture, Heritage and Welsh Language priority) and the Council's Welsh Language Promotion Strategy. As a Council we are committed to promoting and enabling use of the Welsh language in our communities and the NE is a national event that is providing a platform from which we can continue to make progress.

- 11.2 The NE is being delivered in partnership with the organisers, communities, businesses, sector partners and visitors to RCT. The approach to delivering the event is an inclusive one to ensure everyone can feel part of the largest cultural event in Europe and that we derive a long term legacy from our hosting of the event.

12. STRATEGIC OR RELEVANT TO ELECTORAL WARDS

- 12.1 The Rhondda Cynon Taf National Eisteddfod, whilst based mainly in the Pontypridd and adjacent areas, will affect and benefit wards across the County Borough.

13. CONCLUSION

- 13.1 The Eisteddfod Cabinet Sub-Committee should note the significant progress being made to ensure the infrastructure, transport and spatial plan requirements of the event are delivered successfully and efficiently.

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None

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