

April 2, 2025

## **Matters Arising – Meeting April 3, 2025**

### **Additional information**

#### **Police Matters**

Occurrences, March 2025

- 12/03/2025 (Bonvilston)  
Report of damage to fencing.  
Outcome: NO CCTV and no suspect or vehicles identified occurrence finalised.
- 18/03/2025 (Bonvilston)  
Report of a van with 3 males driving through the lanes. Refusing to pull in making other motorists reverse damage to van.  
Outcome: No CCTV, no suspects identified occurrence finalised.
- 19/03/2025 (Bonvilston)  
Report of a 2-vehicle road traffic collision.  
Outcome: 1 vehicle drove off and was later found abandoned, vehicle had previously reported stolen ongoing investigation.
- 19/03/2025 (St Nicholas)  
Report of a road traffic collision.  
Outcome: Police attended road closed for investigation 1 driver taken to hospital, further investigations ongoing.
- 30/03/2025 (Bonvilston)  
Report of a 2-vehicle road traffic collision.  
Outcome: On going investigations

## Correspondence from organisations including One Voice Wales



### Llangollen International Eisteddfod

Preparations are well underway for the 2025 Llangollen International Eisteddfod, and I am writing to you as part of our annual fundraising appeal to Local Authorities, Town and Community Councils.

We are immensely appreciative of the support we have received in the past and I am writing to ask if you would consider supporting us again in 2025.

The Eisteddfod's rich heritage extends back to the unique innovation of the founders in 1947, who saw the festival as a means of using the arts to bring different peoples together in a spirit of peace and friendship. The Eisteddfod has always been a community led initiative and continues on this basis with the support of some 600 volunteers. Bringing significant community benefits, the event attracts around 4,000 competitors each year and audiences of around 20,000 throughout the week. This brings an estimated £1.6 million in economic benefits to the area while the festival is taking place, and is an important part of the region's cultural and heritage offering, enhancing the tourism profile of NE Wales throughout the year.

2025 will continue with the strides forward we made in 2024, with the return of the town Parade, a reinvigorated Eisteddfod field with plenty of family entertainment, as well as numerous outside performance areas, workshops, celebrations of our Welsh heritage and daily showcases of cultures from around the world.

Along with our Eisteddfod week running from 8-13 July, we are also putting on a number of additional events before this, in collaboration with Cuffe & Taylor, who are part of Live Nation. This will include world-class performers such as Texas, The Script, and James.

We hope that you will continue to support us both financially and ideologically in any way that you can help us with this event which showcases the best of Welsh culture both at home and across the globe.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

**Dave Danford | Artistic Director**

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## **Vale of Glamorgan Council - Strong Communities Grant Fund**

The Strong Communities Grant Fund offers grants to community groups, voluntary organisations and Town and Community Councils of up to £15,000 towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale of Glamorgan that help to support the Council's vision of "Strong Communities with a bright future". The Fund aims to improve the resilience of organisations/groups or their activities by funding projects that add value to their current work, can demonstrate longer term sustainability and reduce reliance on grant funding in the future.

The fund is open to applications until noon on 30th April 2025. Decisions on applications will be issued in June 2025. Successful projects must be completed by NO LATER THAN 31st March 2026.

The Strong Communities Grant Fund total is £180,000 for 2025 to 2026. Grants of between £5,001 and £15,000 are available. £15,000 is the maximum grant that will be awarded to any single project.

Value for money is a key assessment factor for all applications as we expect demand to be high. Applications must have a minimum of 20% match funding in their budget total

- Undertake consultation, feasibility, design and other specialist work to develop proposals for future activity and funding bids.
- Encourage projects that include innovative ways of addressing climate change.
- Encourage projects that help Vale communities to cope with the rising cost of living.
- Where relevant support projects that address placemaking and the associated needs. Placemaking is about making public spaces better for everyone by turning them into lively, welcoming places that improve the quality of life for the community.



## **Vale of Glamorgan Council - Play in your Community**

We would like to find out what is positive and also challenging about opportunities for children, young people and families to play in their communities. By supporting better play opportunities for children and communities, we can help realise the benefits this brings in terms of areas such as positive well-being amongst children, young people and families, child development, building resilience, family and community cohesion, and community engagement.

With strong roots in the community, Town and Community Councillors/Councils are well placed to be play champions for the communities in which they live and serve – having the ability to advocate for play when talking to residents, in community meetings and when making decisions that impact on children and teenagers.

We would welcome your input with this piece of work and would like to hear your thoughts on the topics indicated in the following survey. This information will help inform the completion of the Vale's Play Sufficiency Assessment, which is part of the duty placed on each Local Authority area by Welsh Government to assess the sufficiency of play opportunities, to identify if there are any shortfalls and challenges, and identify potential actions that may help overcome these shortfalls and challenges. Whilst financial resources are scarce, previous assessments have highlighted that some improvements can be made without the need for large financial inputs, sometimes it can be as simple as raising awareness of the incredible spaces we have across the Vale which can support play or organisations working together to share resources and knowledge.

We are really keen to hear from all Town & Community Councils on their thoughts regarding play.

- **Play Wales are the national organisation supporting the child's right to play. They have offered to deliver a brief online awareness raising workshop aimed at Town and Community Councillors (around one hour). Would your Councillors be interested in attending this and if so, what are the best times to hold this and how many would be interested in attending?**
- **Would your Council be interested in meeting with a representative from the Play Team to discuss potential partnership opportunities moving forward?**



## One Voice Wales – Training Dates

Date	Day	Module	Time
07/04/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
24/04/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
30/04/2025	Wednesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
06/05/2025	Tuesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
21/05/2025	Wednesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
12/06/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
23/06/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm

22/04/2025	Tuesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
05/05/2025	Monday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
28/05/2025	Wednesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
10/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
24/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm

09/04/2025	Wednesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
01/05/2025	Thursday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
27/05/2025	Tuesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
09/06/2025	Monday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
25/06/2025	Wednesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm

08/04/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
23/04/2025	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
12/05/2025	Monday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
04/06/2025	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm



10/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
24/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm

17/04/2025	Thursday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
30/04/2025	Wednesday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
13/05/2025	Tuesday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
11/06/2025	Wednesday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
23/06/2025	Monday	Understanding the law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm

08/04/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
23/04/2025	Wednesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
29/04/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
07/05/2025	Wednesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
05/06/2025	Thursday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
17/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm

08/04/2025	Tuesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
01/05/2025	Thursday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
28/05/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
05/06/2025	Thursday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
09/06/2025	Monday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm

09/04/2025	Wednesday	Introduction to Community Engagement - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm
19/05/2025	Monday	Introduction to Community Engagement - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm
24/06/2025	Tuesday	Introduction to Community Engagement - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm



15/04/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
28/04/2025	Monday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
01/05/2025	Thursday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
06/05/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
14/05/2025	Wednesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
02/06/2025	Monday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
10/06/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
26/06/2025	Thursday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm

22/04/2025	Tuesday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm
26/05/2025	Monday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm
25/06/2025	Wednesday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm

21/04/2025	Monday	Community Engagment Part II - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm
21/05/2025	Wednesday	Community Engagment Part II - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm
30/06/2025	Monday	Community Engagment Part II - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm

14/04/2025	Monday	Equality and Diversity - Module 14	6.30-8.00pm
20/05/2025	Tuesday	Equality and Diversity - Module 14	6.30-8.00pm
04/06/2025	Wednesday	Equality and Diversity - Module 14	6.30-8.00pm

17/04/2025	Thursday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
07/05/2025	Wednesday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
15/05/2025	Thursday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
19/06/2025	Thursday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm

15/04/2025	Tuesday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm
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14/05/2025	Wednesday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm
12/06/2025	Thursday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm

16/04/2025	Wednesday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
06/05/2025	Tuesday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
29/05/2025	Thursday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
19/06/2025	Thursday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm

24/04/2025	Thursday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm
28/05/2025	Wednesday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm
16/06/2025	Monday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm

22/04/2025	Tuesday	Well-being of Future Generations/Sustainability - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm
12/05/2025	Monday	Well-being of Future Generations/Sustainability - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm
04/06/2025	Wednesday	Well-being of Future Generations/Sustainability - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm

15/04/2025	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
22/05/2025	Thursday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
17/06/2025	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm

23/04/2025	Wednesday	Finance and Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
22/05/2025	Thursday	Finance and Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
05/06/2025	Thursday	Finance and Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
30/06/2025	Monday	Finance and Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm



## Updated Payments to approve

- PR Accountancy (Gocardless) – Payroll – £20.00 (direct debit) – April
- Acrobat DC subscription – £19.97 (card) – April
- Enwau – Clerks email – £10.26 (card) – April
- Giff Gaff – phone and data – £6 (card) – April
- Scribe – accountancy package – £58.80 (direct debit) – April
- Horizon – dropping of kerb to Village Green, payment of £565 to the Vale Council for a S171 licence, concrete subbase for picnic table and removal of all arisings/waste – 4,540.90 (inc. VAT).
- Damian McKenna – Clearance of rubble from Village Green and green waste from churchyard for Community Payback – £260 + £52(VAT) = green waste removal from church and rubble = £312.
- Damian McKenna – filling planters – £395 + 70(VAT) = £474
- LGRC – Locum Clerk – 12.75 hours – £654.54 + £119.01 (VAT) = £773.55
- LGRC – Locum Clerk balance outstanding (cheque 101119 has gone astray) – £243.69
- Centrewire – 2x one-way Marlow gates, 1X Denstone bridle gate, 11x 2-way Denstone gates, 8x one-way Denstone gates – £11,385.34 - 5% = 10,816.07 Plus VAT = £12,979.29
- Cllr Ian Perry Expenses
  - Meetings (room hire, etc.): £386.79
  - Office and stationery (stamps, etc.): £30.24
  - Newsletters (coffee mornings): £164.85
  - Training: £197.29
  - Staff (recruitment): £42.60
  - Christmas (baubles, replacement lights, storage boxes): £246.29
  - Village Green (digging bars, rubble sacks, topsoil): £128.25
  - Remembrance/Memorial (printing, wreaths, etc.): £1378.46
  - Events (coffee mornings): £267.59
  - Expenses from 2021 subjected to Ombudsman investigation: £1,186.18



## Bands/musicians for forthcoming events

### May 8, Thursday - VE Day 80

Piper booked as last year, 6pm.

Beacon to be lit when the sun disappears. Wreath laid at 6/6:30?

Fish and chips from the chip shop, or from a local van. 6:30/7pm

#### Hot Gin Duo

A duo who will be familiar to residents as they perform with St Louis Express... Louise and Mark will return to St Nicholas on May 8 as Hot Gin Duo, performing the songs of wartime Britain. A one hour set taking use through the wartime songs of Britain from 1914 to 1945, with opportunity to sing-a-long or soak in the atmosphere. They will perform for us between gigs for Porthcawl and Cowbridge Town Council's and Caerphilly Council, they have agreed to perform for St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council. £30 deposit paid. Total cost of £300. Other performers were quoting between £1,000 and £1,500 - and few are available for a busy week of nostalgic events. One hour performance. 7:30 until 8:30



Stage hire: £450

Fencing: £27.65

Fire extinguisher: £7.50

Chairs: £2.55 each (can be purchased for about £25 each)

Tables: £7.50 each



## June 1, Sunday - Bonvilston Circular walk and Brass on the Green

Walk (led by Vale Ramblers or Valeways) from Bonvilston followed by scones, jam and tea at Bonvilston with music by the brilliant **Barry Brass**.

Carnival games?



<https://youtu.be/MJind88X9aM?si=sXersFvKE8ONhhWw>

Covered stage, £700, uncovered, £500

## June 29 - Sunday, St Nicholas - Circular Walk with afternoon scones and tea on the Village Green.

This event will begin with a led walk to Tinkinswood with a meet and greet by local celebrities. Scones, jam, clotted cream and cups of tea on the green too!

The fabulous **Bayside Boogiemens** have offered to perform for a special rate of £980 with 7 or 8 members.



<https://youtu.be/Fz898n9vo9U?si=qlvhjkgIMwxW6rh0>

<https://www.talkingbirdmusic.net/the-bayside-boogiemens>

Carnival games on the Village Green for younger residents - age and heart...

Stage hire: £700-£850



## August 16 (Saturday) - VJ Day 80 celebrations

On the Saturday, the 17-piece Skyliners Big Band on St Nicholas Village Green. Directed by a resident of St Nicholas.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRTSnhhV6UE>

Price: £1,100.

Stage hire: £850

## Community/Family Day, 2025

Potentially at the Amelia Trust Farm.

This would be a ticketed event, with a family/children's entertainer. Pet petting. Perhaps a musician for background music. Competitions, carnival games and more for all the family...



## Villages in Bloom Signage for planters

