

Revised budget proposal for 2025-26
St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

February 26, 2025

Employee Costs	£13,100
Clerks' salary, Employers National Insurance, pension, working from home allowance, training	
Note: There is currently no Clerk employed by the Community Council, so the council are managing uncertainty.	£12,500
Clerk and RFO training (ILCA, FILCA, Code of Conduct, Creating Accessible Word and PDF Documents)	£400
SLCC Membership	£200
Office Services	£1,500
Telephone, website, postage, stationary, IT hard and software, Clerk's email address, Scribe subscription	
The council needs to be aware that it may be required to purchase a laptop for the Clerk, and would need to replace the phone should it be lost or stolen.	
Does the council wish to continue to subscribe to Scribe?	
Member Costs	£4,300
Remuneration and allowances, expenses (travel), training	£3,600 £100 £600
Note: Member training is voluntary, but encouraged	
Services and Subscriptions	£5,100
Audit fees	£900
Legal fees	£4,000
One Voice Wales	£200
Legal fees are a contingency fund	

Meeting Costs	£800
Room hire, equipment, Zoom, etc.	
Costs for printing may be placed here or under Office Services.	
Insurance	£500
Public liability, assets, employee indemnity	
The council must have an insurance policy.	
Financial Assistance	£1,500
Grants made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972	
The Community Council has supported Basket Ball Wales, Forces Fitness, and Value in the Vale from this fund.	
Community Services and Maintenance	£10,250
Planters and planting,	£1,000
Christmas Trees,	£3,000
Village Green maintenance and enhancement,	£2,500
Remembrance	£2,000
General clearance (support for Community Payback)	£750
Memorials	£1,000
Christmas Trees budget subject to resident consultation.	
Remembrance includes pipers on November 9 and 11 at £420, playing of Last Post, 15 wreaths at various prices, printing, lamppost poppies.	
Memorials is a contingency towards cleaning and the necessary work to preserve the Memorial in Bonvilston.	
Community Events	£11,100
The Events Calendar includes Coffee Mornings, VE Day 80, Bonvilston Walk and Afternoon Tea, St Nicholas Walk and Afternoon Tea, VJ Day 80, Community (family) Day.	
Purchase of carnival games	£2,500
Events incur the following costs: Live music (£600-£1500), covered stage hire (£800+), toilet hire (£220). Tables (£6.50 each and chairs (£2.55 each) Miscellaneous costs (tea, scones, etc.)	
Issues include organisation time and availability of artists.	



School Opening	£1,000
A fund to support the opening of St Nicholas CIW Primary School	
Newsletters and fliers	£800
Community Engagement	£6,000
Community surveys for Christmas Trees, activities and "Bible of Evidence" to support future activities	
£6,000 was the expenditure when a survey and community workshop were last run.	
Public Health	£1,500
Maintenance of defibrillators, training and contingency for repairs or replacement.	
Community Projects	£25,000
Projects planned are – bus stop upgrades with grant funding	£15,000+
Phone box renovation	£2,000
Relocation and repair of Haunted Fields Walk sign at top of Duffryn Lane	£800
Public Right Of Way improvements	£####
Improvement of verge on Duffryn Lane	£14,000
New Community Council noticeboard at bus stop	£2,000
Others...	£##,###
Grants are available for a short-period of time for bus stop upgrades in St Nicholas.	
The phone box at St Nicholas is grade ii listed and in urgent need of renovation.	
The Community Council has invested in the improvement of some Public Rights Of Way. Members may wish to invest in further improvements.	
Total Budget	£82,450

£82,450 precept results in a levy on Council Tax of £106.39

