



Cyngor Tref Glynedd Glynneath Town Council

**The Clerk summons all Councillors to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council
To be held online and at Bethania Community Centre
On Wednesday the 7th of May 2025 at 7 pm**

*The meeting will be held on a hybrid basis in accordance with the provisions of
The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.*

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AGENDA

1. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED
4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES – S/O 3E)
5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 9th 2025
6. MATTERS PERTAINING TO FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE
 - a. TO NOTE INTERNAL AUDIT SUBMISSION AND ADVANCE NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL MEETING
 - b. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ANNUAL RETURN AND CONSIDER INCREASED REMIT OF FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
 - c. TO CONSIDER ONGOING PROVISION OF SKIPS AT WELFARE PARK AND CEMETERY
 - d. TO APPROVE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AND SLA
 - e. TO APPROVE ICCM RENEWAL OF £150
 - f. TO APPROVE ONE VOICE WALES SUBSCRIPTION OF £870.00 BASED ON 43P PER DWELLING
 - g. TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT OVW ETHICAL FRAMEWORKS
7. TO CONSIDER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR UKSPF FUNDING
8. MATTERS PERTAINING TO COMMUNITY AND WARD REQUESTS
 - a. TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MERTHYR ROAD (CLLR. J BLOWER)

- b. TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO AID FUNDRAISING FOR THE URDD EISTEDDFOD
- 9. MATTERS PERTAINING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
 - a. [P2025/0224](#)Details to be agreed in association with condition 4 (construction method statement) of planning application P2024/0586 determined on 17.12.2024.
 - b. [P2025/0223](#)Details to be agreed in association with Condition 8 (Written Scheme of Historic Environmental Mitigation) of planning permission P2024/0586 dated 17.12.2024.
- 10. MATTERS PERTAINING TO WELFARE PARK
 - a. TO CONSIDER PARK OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES AND RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS AS TO OPERATION THEREOF
 - b. TO CONSIDER TENNIS COURT OPENING AND CLOSING PROCEDURES
 - c. TO CONSIDER TENDER OPTIONS FOR FIXED-TERM CATERING PROVISION DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS (VERBAL PENDING INSTRUCTION)

Item 5 – Minutes from 9th of April 2025



Cyngor Tref Glynnedd Glynneath Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY THE 9TH OF APRIL 2025

HELD ON THE 9TH OF APRIL 2025 AT BETHANIA COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ONLINE

PRESENT: MAYOR
COUNCILLORS

CLLR. J BULMAN
CLLR. M COWLEY
CLLR. H DAVIES
CLLR. S KNOYLE
CLLR. P PENDRY

CLLR. J DAVIES
CLLR. C EDWARDS
CLLR. D MORGAN
CLLR. T PITMAN

IN ATTENDANCE:

MX. C WILLCOX (CLERK)
1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

APOLOGIES:

CLLR. J BLOWER
CLLR. J GREGORY
CLLR. S LANE

CLLR. P EVANS
CLLR. E HARRIS

1. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayoral Announcements.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received as recorded above.

3. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

Cllr H Davies and Cllr Knoyle declared an interest as a County Councillor in Item 9 – Matters relating to planning.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES – S/O 3E)

There were no public questions.

5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12TH 2025

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes from March 12th, 2025

6. MATTERS PERTAINING TO FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a. TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INTERNAL TRANSFERS IN MARCH 2025

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to approve this item.

b. TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS (ITEMS CAN BE TAKEN AS ONE)

- i. UNITY CURRENT ACCOUNT**
- ii. TSB CURRENT ACCOUNT**
- iii. UNITY SELAR ACCOUNT**
- iv. UNITY SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

The Clerk apologised to Members that due to a technical issue, the reconciliation for the TSB account was not provided in the pack and would be able to be considered at the next meeting.

c. TO NOTE INTERNAL AUDIT SCHEDULE AND ANTICIPATED DATES FOR ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

The Clerk appraised Members of the plans for the schedule for Internal Audit. This would take place over the weekend of the 26th of April which would mean that the bulk of the Clerk's workload from the 23rd of April would be orientated towards that. The Clerk asked Members for consideration in this time frame.

The External Audit documents could be considered at a meeting in May for submission before the 30th of June 2025.

d. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022 – 2023

Members received the Annual Report for 2022 – 2023. Members thanked the Clerk for their work on this item and document.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Report for 2022 – 2023.

7. TO CONSIDER VE DAY PLANS

Members were reminded that information regarding this item had been circulated through separate emails. A Member asked about street parties and was advised that this would be within the remit of the County Council due to highways concerns.

Cllr Pitman advised Members that she would be happy to consult with the local vicar regarding the ringing of church bells.

Members decided that the Town Council would be happy to support other groups and initiatives throughout the town and would promote this message through social media channels.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to purchase a small wreath and observe a local moment of reflection at the cenotaph within the Welfare Park on VE Day at 6 PM.

ACTION: Clerk to promote messages through social media and advise the public of the small gathering at the cenotaph with an open invitation for all to attend.

8. MATTERS PERTAINING TO TOWN HALL

a. TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF SCREENING CURTAIN FOR RAISED SEATING AREA

Members were advised that the most recent items put at the top of the Town Hall were not placed there by Town Council staff or councillors and was therefore unauthorised. Members agreed that the area was unsightly and chose to clear the area instead of cover it.

The Clerk advised that they had limited time and scope to begin any projects in this fashion in the immediate future but that the item would be put onto a future work plan as soon as possible.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to initiate plans for obtaining access to the area and clearing it.

b. TO CONSIDER MINOR CLEANING WORKS TO SIDE AND FRONT ELEVATIONS

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to obtain quotes for professionally cleaning the elevations.

The Clerk advised that these quotes would not be able to be brought before the May meeting due to time constraints.

c. TO CONSIDER EASTER WEEKEND OPENING TIMES

Members were advised of the differing situation with group access this Easter. After a short discussion, it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that Councillors would open, close, and clean the Town Hall for the groups.

ACTION: Clerk to provide Councillors with opening and closing time details along with a key.

9. MATTERS PERTAINING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a. [P2025/0112 | Shed building to house a robotic bagging plant | Aberpergwm Colliery B4242 From Rheola To Glynneath Glynneath Neath Port Talbot SA11 5AJ](#)

There were no objections.

10. MATTERS PERTAINING TO WELFARE PARK

a. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AFTER PROGRESS MEETING

Cllr Knoyle updated Members on the latest progress meeting. The formal completion date was discussed with an Opening Ceremony planned for the 22nd of April. A detailed completion programme has been provided by the contractors.

A further meeting was planned for tomorrow, the 10th of April to discuss detailed snagging lists and final plans.

Some Members were concerned about the size of the mound at the toddler area and it was felt a written confirmation of conformity with safety regulations should be sought from Sutcliffe.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Sutcliffe for written confirmation that the mound in the toddler park conforms to their spec and therefore safety regulations.

The Mayor chose to take items in another order than that on the agenda. The Minute numbering shall reflect this.

c. TO CONSIDER VERBAL UPDATE ON CCTV PROVISIONS AND SYSTEM UPDATES – TEMPORARY PROVISION AND PERMANENT

The Clerk advised that they had been in conversations and on-site visits with representatives from NPTCBC regarding CCTV provision and the possibility of monitoring the site. The Clerk advised Members that there was currently limited infrastructure at the site and that any new installations would take time and potentially a considerable spend of up to £10,000.

Main issues outlined regarding new CCTV systems was the lack of electrical supply, the lack of a suitable station to place a camera on, and the potential need

for planning permission should the cameras need to be sited on a taller pole. However, the Clerk and NPTCBC were still working together on a solution for this with the aim or prioritising the teen play area and courts first.

Members were concerned that instances of ASB or vandalism may take place once the full park was opened. Members were advised that there had been minimal damage to one trampoline recently and that though the teen shelter had been open and used longest, there wasn't graffiti on site as might be expected.

The Clerk asked Members to formally consider whether they wanted a monitored system or a reactive system, as the next steps in procuring secure CCTV would need to be guided on this basis. Members also committed to pursuing offenders as fully as possible.

Members considered the matter in detail and after discussion it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to pursue a reactive system with NPTCBC and to initiate investigation into a system of up to £10,000.

The Clerk advised that there were a number of smaller systems that could be pursued in the meantime on a temporary basis.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to pursue smaller CCTV systems and deterrents while work with NPTCBC was ongoing.

d. TO CONSIDER ALN SIGNAGE OPTIONS AND DELEGATED SPENDING OF UP TO £1500

The Clerk advised that signage could be procured on a bespoke basis without going through playgrounds providers. This would mean that the signage itself could be purchased without the posts or display containers at a substantially reduced cost.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to delegate spending of up to £1,500 for each sign required to the Clerk with a full report of any expenditure to be considered at the next meeting.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to move Standing Order 3(c). The Mayor thanked any members of the public and the meeting moved into closed session.

f. TO CONSIDER SITE HANDOVER AND CONTRACT COMPLETION PROCEDURE

The Clerk advised Members of the particulars of the contract with Sutcliffe Play. In particular, this related to completion dates and remedy for overrunning of contracts. To comply with terms, it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to formally request a Notice of Delay from the contractor so that it could be considered, Minuted, and receive a formal resolution from the Council.

The Clerk also advised Members that from a large snagging list, there were items that were still awaiting replacement due to damage while being erected or stored on site. As the damage caused to the trampoline took place before the site had been handed over, it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that a formal request for a replacement of the trampoline net be sent to Sutcliffe.

c. TO CONSIDER OPENING CEREMONY PLANS

Cllr Pendry advised Members of the intended proposals for an opening ceremony. Members were advised of expenditure on proposed items such as a marquee, catering, commemorative items, and sundry items necessary for the event.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the Opening Ceremony take place on the 22nd of April 2025 at the Welfare Park with a limited number of dignitaries. A running programme for the day was presented.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that an overall budget of £5,000 be set aside for the event to include: marquee hire, entertainment, catering, and sundry items. Commemorative items were not approved and would be incorporated into future events.

Members were reassured that the park, once officially opened, would be open to all and that invited dignitaries were kept to a smaller number only for the tours, ribbon cutting, and initial refreshments.

e. TO CONSIDER TENDER OPTIONS FOR FIXED-TERM CATERING PROVISION DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS (VERBAL PENDING INSTRUCTION)

Members were asked to consider the provision of catering services at the park during the summer holidays. The Clerk advised that timescales for working on the tender were tight but hoped that, given instruction, tender packages could be considered at an additional meeting in May with intended immediate publication and consideration in an additional meeting for June.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** to initiate the process of investigating options for fixed-term catering for a full report and discussion at the May Full Council meeting, which would lead to a formal resolution.

Item 6.b

The Annual Return now has a new section after the usual accounts entries. Where Council used to tick boxes to declare that they had followed certain procedures throughout the year, the new end sections follow these paragraphs.

Council should note the new layout with reference to the toolkit now included. Glynneath Town Council **has** worked closely with the Finance and Governance toolkit and has had the fortune to have some Members who were working with One Voice Wales on the pilot scheme.

However, this change reinforces the need to look even more closely at these documents in the future. While the Community Plan and Projects Committee has considered the toolkit in the past, it may be time to ask the Finance and Audit Committee to consider the document on a page-by-page basis and to recommend to Council ways that different sections might be allocated to different committees or working parties.

On this basis, the Clerk would like to ask the Full Council to consider delegation of this task to one or more committees with a full review to take place when possible.

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council:	Toolkit
	Yes	No*		
1. In consultation with the community, we have developed a vision and purpose for the Council and used this vision to inform the Council's plans, budget and activities.			Has consulted with the community and focussed its activities to meet the community's needs	A, C
2. We have adopted a Code of Conduct for members and officers and implemented an appropriate training plan for members to ensure all councillors understand their role and responsibilities.			Ensures that councillors understand and are equipped to deliver their roles and responsibilities.	B
3. We have ensured that we electronically publish the information the Council is required to publish by law, on its website at [insert name of website].			Is transparent about its activities and provides the public with all information required by law	A, C, D, E
4. We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the Council complies with relevant laws and regulations when exercising its functions, including employment of staff and payment of allowances to members.			Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it does so	
5. We have adopted standing orders, financial regulations and terms of reference and ensure that these are followed when conducting business including functions delegated to committees.			Has adopted rules and procedures to govern how the Council conducts its business including procurement of goods and services.	B, E
6. We have put in place arrangements for: - Effective financial management including the setting and monitoring of the Council's budget - Maintenance and security of accurate and up to date accounting and other financial records - Identifying potential liabilities, commitments, events and transactions that may have a financial impact on the Council.			Calculated its budget requirement in accordance with the law and properly monitors its financial position throughout the year	D
7. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control and management of risk, including: - measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption including clearly documented procedures for authorising and making payments - assessment and management of risks facing the Council - an adequate and effective system of internal audit and reviewed the effectiveness of these arrangements.			Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge including arranging for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	D, E
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.			Considered and taken appropriate action to address weaknesses /issues brought to its attention by internal and external auditors.	D, E
9. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.			Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit issued by the Auditor General.	E
10. General power of Competence – The Council has resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence set out in Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021			Meets the eligibility criteria to exercise the general Power of Competence	E

Item 6c – Ongoing provision of skips at Miners's Welfare Park and Cemetery

Council has provided two skips at the above locations for a number of years. These see regular use and they are operated by Derwen, a local reputable company. As with all provisions of services to the Council, their prices have increased slightly in the new financial year and their quotes are presented in the following pages.

Council are being asked to approve or reject continued provision of the skips as per the new prices. This should amount to an increase in price of £30 per skip. FYE 2025 we used 10 skips at a cost of £2524.00



Skip Prices 2025



01792 815855 sales@derwengroup.co.uk		Area 1	Area2	Area 3
Mixed/General Waste				
Light Mixed Waste	4yd Midi	£170	£180	£195
	Builders	£240	£250	£260
	12yd	£330	£340	£350
	16yd Maxi	£355	£365	£375
	Inert Brick Soil			
Clean Inert(Brick,Soil,HC)	Builders	£133	£143	£153
	20 RoRo	£225	£235	£245
Wood Skips	Wood Skips			
	Builders	£160	£170	£180
	12 yd	£245	£255	£265
	16 yd Maxi	£275	£285	£295
Transport Only Charges	Roll on Roll off Transport Charges			
	20 yd	£110	£120	£130
	40 yd	£110	£120	£130
	Chain skips Transport charges			
	All sizes 4-16yd	£70	£80	£90
	Disposal Rates in Roll on Roll off			
MIN CHARGE GENERAL WASTE 20 YARD 2 TONNES 40 YARD 3 TONNES	CD Mixed	£147.00		
	Plasterboard	£87.00		
	Wood	£70.00		
	Soil & Stones	£11.50		
	Enclosed skips £20 surcharge			

Item 6g – OVW Ethical Frameworks Invitation

Email invitation received for:

JOINT ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT on ETHICAL FRAMEWORKS IN ENGLAND and WALES– Wednesday 14 May 2025 – BOOK YOUR PLACE

One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are arranging a remote joint event to be held on Wednesday 14 May 2025.

This event is an especially important one for councils given that it focuses on the ethical frameworks in England and Wales covering the following subject areas:

- Gain insights into civility, respect, and ethical standards in local councils
- Hear from legal experts, policy leaders, and council representatives
- Understand the role of monitoring officers and standards committees
- Learn about the impact of poor ethical behaviour on democracy
- Engage in discussions on tackling bullying and harassment

We will have speakers from the office of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Welsh Government, Monitoring Officers and from One Voice Wales and the SLCC.

The cost to book a place is £65 plus VAT and the event is open to councillors and clerks.

In conclusion, I would strongly encourage your council to take up this opportunity and subscribe to the event which I feel certain will enlighten all in attendance on the latest developments affecting the sector in relation to ethical frameworks.

Yours faithfully,
Lyn Cadwallader
Chief Executive

Item 7 – To consider expressions of interest for UKSPF Funding

The following paragraphs link mostly to the documents here:

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/business/strategic-funding-programmes/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-2022-25/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-2025-26/>

There is a **very** limited timeframe on this funding but there are a few considerations Council may wish to make if they are minded to apply for funding. The following information is picked out from the documents along with some recommendations.

- The Town Council **is** eligible for funding.
- There are a number of different streams for this funding of which the Council can access:
 - Community Prosperity
 - Place Prosperity
- All projects must be completed by the 31st of January 2026
- It is not clear whether the town council can have multiple projects running or access simultaneous streams of funding

Community Prosperity Fund:

- Targeting UKSPF Investment Priorities (Improve health and wellbeing, Reduce crime and the fear of crime, Bringing communities together, Tackling homelessness, Tackling poverty, Access to Services, Community Safety, Environment and Green Community Initiatives)
- Grants between 5K and 50K
- Funds capital and revenue costs
- Time line:

Fund opens with a time limited open call for Expressions of Interest and Full Applications	1st April 2025
Closing date for Expressions of Interest	Friday 9th May 2025
Closing date for Full Applications	Friday 30th May 2025 (midday)
Assessment of Applications	Following 30th May deadline
Funding Panel (decisions made)	End June 2025
Delivery period	July - 31st December 2025

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Place Prosperity Fund

- Two strands
 - Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Events
 - Regeneration Capital Projects
- Up to £250,000 grant award
- To support projects that invest in our local heritage and culture (including the arts), which have a positive impact on wellbeing, social cohesion, tackling isolation and facilitating access to services.
- Timeline:

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Considerations:

- Which asset?
 - Town Hall
 - Welfare Park (sports pitches?)
 - Events?
- Who to help draft the EOI?
- July is the **earliest** the works will be able to start and **must** be completed by January 2026.
- The HTCE has, in the past, required a legal charge to be placed on the asset in favour of NPTCBC

Item 8b – Funding Request



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13eg o Fawrth 2025

Annwyl Gyngor Tref Glyn-nedd,

Ysgrifennaf atoch yn rhinwedd fy swydd fel Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Apêl Glyn-nedd a'r cylch sydd wedi dod ynghyd i godi arian er mwyn croesawu Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, Parc Margam a'r Fro yn 2025.

Fel y gwyddoch, rwy'n siŵr, mae mudiad yr Urdd yn fudiad cenedlaethol sy'n rhoi cyfleoedd arbennig i bobl ifanc Cymru i rannu eu doniau neu i fagu profiadau – o fyd chwaraeon i berfformio, ac o wersylloedd gweithgareddau awyr agored i deithiau tramor a phrentisiaethau. Mae Eisteddfod flynyddol sy'n teithio Cymru yn un o uchafbwyntiau calendr yr Urdd a bydd yn dod i Barc Margam ym mis Mai 2025.

Mae disgwyl y bydd yr Eisteddfod yn dod â £6 miliwn i'r economi leol a thua 90,000 o ymwelwyr yn ymweld â'r Maes ar ddiwedd mis Mai 2025.

Yn ystod yr ŵyl, bydd dros 15,000 o blant a phobl ifanc o bob cwr o Gymru a thu hwnt yn cystadlu ar lwyfan y pafiliwn, yn ogystal â chystadlaethau amrywiol eraill i bobl ifanc gan gynnwys celf a dylunio, trin gwallt a harddwch, stand yp, creu ap a choginio. Bydd hefyd ŵyl Triban ar y penwythnos olaf lle bydd bandiau byw yn perfformio – mae'n chwe diwrnod llawn o ddathlu diwylliant Cymraeg a Chymreig a bydd yma yn ein hardal ni am y tro cyntaf ers 2003. Caiff plant lleol hefyd y cyfle i fod yn rhan o'r sioeau, prosiectau a digwyddiadau fydd yn arwain at yr Ŵyl.

Y mae swm sylweddol i'w godi ar draws yr ardal ac mae ein pwyllgor ni yn gweithio ar draws tref Glyn-nedd a phentrefi Resolfen a Blaengwrach gan drefnu a chynnal digwyddiadau amrywiol a hwyliog er mwyn cyfrannu at yr apêl. Ein gobaith yw y bydd y Cyngor Tref Glyn-nedd yn barod i gefnogi ein hymdrechion a'r nod o gynnal Eisteddfod lwyddiannus a fydd yn ffordd wych o arddangos ein hardal fendigedig i Gymru a'r byd yn 2025.

Gofynnwn yn garedig i'r Cyngor ystyried cyfrannu swm o arian tuag ein hapêl.

Yn gywir iawn

Christine Evans

Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Apêl Glyn-nedd
Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, Parc Margam a'r Fro



YGG Cwmnedd
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13 March 2025

Dear Glyn-neath Town Council

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairperson of the Glyn-neath Area Appeal Committee which has been formed to raise money in order to welcome the Urdd Eisteddfod to our region, specifically to Margam Park, in 2025.

As I'm sure you know, the Urdd is a national organisation that gives young people in Wales incredible opportunities to share their talents and gain experiences in the world of sport and performing arts, by providing access to outdoor activity residential centres, trips abroad and apprenticeships. An annual Eisteddfod that travels Wales is one of the highlights of the Urdd calendar and it will be coming to Margam Park in May 2025.

It is expected that the Eisteddfod will bring £6 million to the local economy and around 90,000 visitors will visit the Maes (the festival field) at the end of May 2025.

During the Eisteddfod, over 15,000 children and young people from all over Wales and beyond will compete on the pavilion stage, as well as in various other competitions including art and design, hairdressing and beauty, stand up, app design and cookery. There will also be a Triban festival on the last weekend where live bands will perform - it's six full days of celebrating the Welsh language and Welsh culture and it will be here in our region for the first time since 2003. Local children will also have the opportunity to be part of the shows, projects and events that will lead up to the Eisteddfod week.

There is a significant amount to be raised across the region and our committee covers the town of Glyn-neath and the villages of Resolven and Blaengwrach and we have already started organising and holding various fun events in order contribute to achieving the target. Our hope is that Glyn-neath Town Council will be ready to support our efforts and the aim of holding a successful Eisteddfod which will be a fantastic way to showcase our wonderful area to Wales and the world in 2025.

We kindly invite the Council to consider donating a sum of money towards our appeal.

Yours sincerely

Christine Evans

Chairperson of the Glyn-neath Area Appeal Committee
Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr, Parc Margam a'r Fro