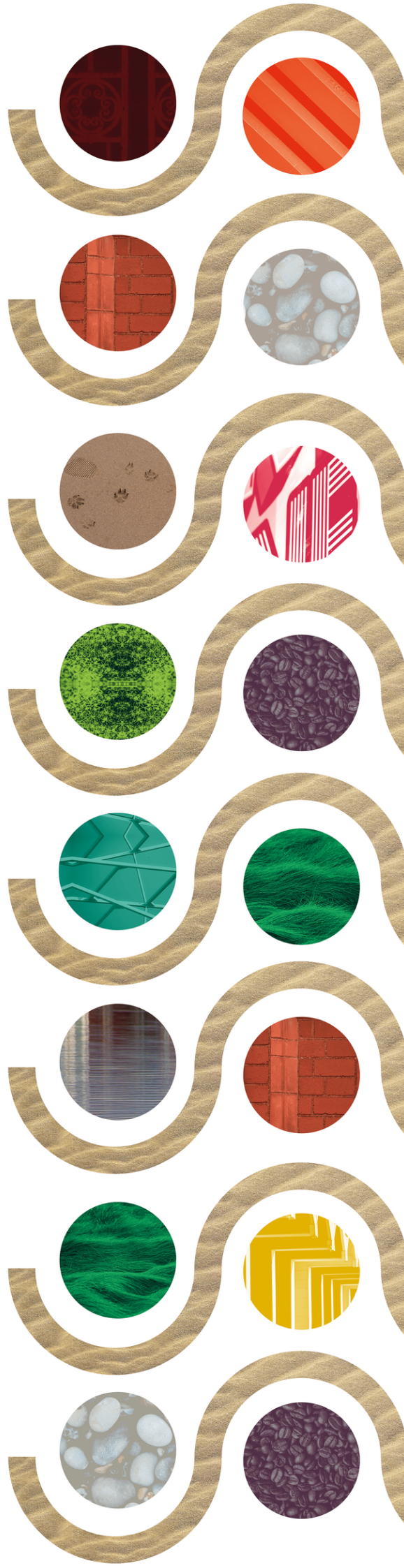


BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023



INTRODUCTION FROM THE LEADER

We have come through a challenging year at Barry Town Council, trying our best to support residents and local organisations who are facing a particularly difficult time during the current financial crisis and the impact this is having on our town.

It has been incredibly important to ensure our priorities at the most local level of democracy are at the heart of any decision making and as the Leader of the Council, have always tried to put our residents at the forefront of any decisions we have made.

This approach has ensured that our various family events, such as Christmas, Easter, Halloween and the fun day have been an enormous success, with a huge number of attendees and feedback to our events team of what a great time they've had.

I am also very proud that we have been able to support local music events Cadstock and Glastonbarry, showcasing local talent and supporting local entrepreneurship. Along with our small grant support scheme for business and traders, it has been a busy year and I never cease to be amazed at the talent of our retailers and businesses, despite them facing a really tough period.

All of this is in addition to our business as usual of running Merthyr Dyfan, Philadelphia and Porthkerry cemeteries alongside our community facilities Pioneer hall and Cemetery Approach Community Centre.

I would like to give thanks to our staff for all their hard work and commitment over the last year and to our residents who continue to engage with us for the betterment of Barry.

- Cllr Bronwen Brooks
Leader of Barry Town Council

INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report provides an update on our services, activities and achievements over the last year and meets the Council's legislative requirements as follows:

- under the new legislation of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to report annually;
- under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to set out how we contribute to the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's Wellbeing Plan, which can be found throughout the report;
- a duty called the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty, under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

Essentially then, through this Annual Report, we are able to update the public, the auditor and local and national government on how we are making a difference in our town, how we are delivering against our Wellbeing Goals, the progress we have made on our Climate Change Action Plan and how we ensure good governance. CIPFA Good Governance in the Public Sector defines Governance as comprising “the arrangements put in place to ensure that the intended outcomes for stakeholders are defined and achieved”. This means putting in place a set of systems, processes and procedures as a framework for delivering Council services. The fundamental function of good governance in the public sector is to ensure that we achieve our intended outcomes whilst acting in the public interest at all times, managing risk, safeguarding people and resources and ensuring the proper stewardship of public funds. We ensure this by working within relevant legislation, policy, regulations and our Corporate Plan framework, that we create with councillors, staff and the community.

INTRODUCTION

We will be engaging with the community even more over the next year to understand needs and ensure you are part of the decision-making process in the town. Looking ahead, during the 2023/24 year, and in accordance with the Corporate Plan, we will be focusing on:

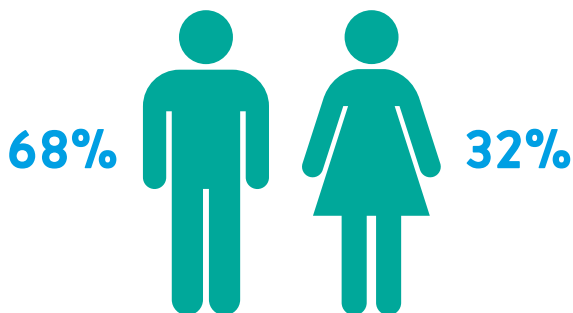
- Developing a Community Plan, listening to the community
- Increasing the wellbeing of our workforce (emotional / mental, physical and financial)
- Relaunching Barry Youth Council to increase membership as a platform for young people's voices in the town
- Completing the Wellbeing and Reflection area at Cemetery Approach Gardens
- Focusing on arts, heritage and culture
- Developing a Bereavement Service
- Continuing to work together with partners and as Team Barry, towards the 7 Wellbeing Goals for Barry

WHO IS BARRY TOWN COUNCIL?

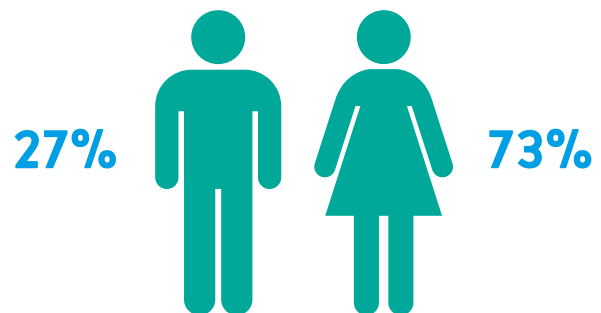
Barry Town Council is a completely separate body to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and it is the largest Town Council in Wales. The Council works to improve the community and the town we live in. Having recently moved to the Town Hall, in the centre of the town we serve, we are really focusing on improving the awareness of the Town Council, what we do and who we are.

The Council is made of 22 councillors elected by people in Barry, employing 28 staff in a range of roles to deliver its functions and services, focusing on the very local level. The gender makeup of our workforce is visualised below:

Council Staff



Councillors



"Creating an inclusive community for the well-being of all residents of Barry"

WHAT WE DO

We manage the office of the Town Mayor, civic events and mayoral activities

We manage and maintain Cemeteries in the town, creating relaxing and peaceful environments for your loved ones

We run community facilities, such as Pioneer Hall, which the public can book for birthday parties at accessible prices

We run the new Cemetery Approach Community Centre at Cemetery Approach which is available for various celebrations as well as funeral wakes

We have revitalised the entire landscape, on both sides of Cemetery Road, creating new green space in partnership with the local authority

We deliver community events, such as the Santa Fun Run, Festival of Light, and a number of Family Fun Days

We fund Christmas lights and planters/flowers in the town

We give our views to the local authority on all Barry Planning Applications

We provide grants to small businesses and community groups to enable them to grow, develop and to deliver projects in Barry

We listen to the views of young people via Barry Youth Council

We appoint representatives onto Primary School Governing bodies to ensure that local people are involved in local decision making

We provide a litter picking loan service and are now a Keep Wales Tidy - Litter picking hub

We represent the voices of communities on a number of partnerships

We help to regenerate the town

We maintain the town's Fairtrade Status

We talk to people and listen to their views about what they want to see in the town

We are a refill partner



BARRY TOWN COUNCIL'S VALUES

People

Every day we will go further to make a difference to the lives of people in Barry. We will treat colleagues, partners, customers and residents with the respect they deserve and believe only our best is good enough.



Pride

We are proud of the role we play in making Barry a success. We will accept the responsibility invested in us and rise to meet the challenges we need to overcome.



Place

We will celebrate all things Barry and strive to make our streets, communities and town even greater places to live, work and visit.

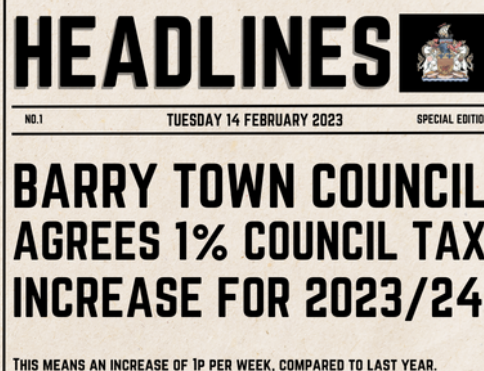


WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A More Prosperous Barry

We want to make Barry a thriving town where people want to live, work and learn. We promote local businesses and independent shops through our Shop Local campaign, trying to keep money circulating in the Barry economy. We also help schools by providing books for schools which are not part of the curriculum. We make sure our staff and councillors receive training to fulfil their roles and we have appointed a number of trainee posts to build the skills of local people.

- Shop Local has provided more than £74,000 in grants to support local businesses and community events since 2016
- Shop Local will launch a re-branding campaign in 2023, to further support local businesses and promote shopping local within Barry.
- Supported books for schools with grants, totalling £9,750
- Council Tax for Barry Town Council precept increased by only 1%
- Supported Queen's Jubilee Street Parties with grants, totalling £8,833
- Vibrant Culture grants awarded to the amount of £20,854
- Green Grants awarded to the amount of £2,283
- Small Business grants awarded to the amount of £3,000
- Voluntary & Community Groups grants awarded to the amount of £8,722



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

We are a Dementia Friendly organisation and recognise the importance of promoting physical and mental health and wellbeing. We commit to work in partnership with those delivering local services to help to promote these important messages. We want to reduce the isolation and loneliness of people in Barry through our community events, mayoral visits, coffee mornings and charity activities. We care about the wellbeing of all people in Barry and how we can help to promote this. We are working towards White Ribbon status and champion ending violence against women.

A Healthier Barry

- Family Fun Day was held on August 11 2022, offering a fun, affordable day out for the whole family.
- The Mayor of Barry, Cllr Helen Payne, attended/hosted more than 90 events across the year. These events promoted her chosen charities; Llamau, Young Minds & Vale People First.
- Barry Town Council became a Mental Health First Aid champion with members of staff taking a training course.
- Social media was used to sign post and highlight the importance of Mental Health during the annual campaign dates.
- Current plans to host a bereavement cafe at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.
- Defibrillator's installed at Cemetery Approach Community Centre and Pioneer Hall.



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A More Equal Barry

We think that our town is and should be inclusive. We already engage with a diverse range of people from a number of backgrounds and community groups, but we need to do more to ensure that we listen to all views from all communities.

By forming a Community Plan, we can find out what is missing in each community and find out what is important to our residents.

We want to ensure that young people in Barry have equality of opportunity, so we have launched Barry Youth Council to listen to young people's views.

We ensure that all our staff and Councillors can access Equality and Diversity training to make sure we can be as inclusive as possible.

- Barry Youth Council met many times over the year and gave young adults and children the opportunity to make changes and have their voice heard.
- All staff take training courses on LGBTQ+ Awareness and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Gareth Jones memorial added to Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel and an event was held to unveil, with guests including Mr Jones' nephew.
- Ukrainian ambassador visited Barry and met with the Mayor of Barry at the Gareth Jones unveiling ceremony.
- International Women's Day was celebrated with a tea and coffee morning at Cemetery Approach Community Centre



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

Often, people in Barry say it is the people that are the glue that holds our communities together; the different faces and personalities of Barry which help to give it an identity of a warm and connected community. There are areas of Barry which need more networks and connections and we want to help to engage all people across the town. We have started working on a Community Plan to identify what people need in their communities. We also want to safeguard and enhance community facilities to ensure that people can access the services and facilities they need in the town. By offering grants to local organisations, we can support a thriving voluntary and Third sector in Barry.

**A Barry of Cohesive
Communities**

- Barry Town Council attended Barry Pride with the Mayor of Barry leading the march.
- Barry Pride was awarded a grant of £1000
- Voluntary & Community Groups grants awarded to the amount of £8,722
- Family Fun Day was held on August 11 2022, offering a fun, affordable day out for the whole family.
- Allocation of FREE hiring space at Cemetery Approach Community Centre.
- An affordable Christmas event was hosted in Central Park for 10 days - "Festival of Light"



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A Barry of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

We have a rich history and culture in Barry and we want to protect this and tell others about our heritage. We are partners to the Barry: Making Waves project with the local authority to try and create a stronger sense of place and capture our heritage and story.

We want to enhance community participation in the arts, culture and history of the town and we are looking to explore a museum for Barry in the future. We promote the Welsh Language and have offered taster Welsh lessons for all our staff and Councillors.

- Vibrant Culture grants award to the amount of £20,854
- School Remembrance day held at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery on Friday 11 November 2022 with guests including a Chelsea Pensioner "Bob Wheatley"
- Scout Troup Investiture for the Mayor of Barry in 17 January 2023
- Bryan Foley Awards 2022 was held in May 2022 with Janet Davies winning the award
- Bryan Foley Awards 2023 was held in March 2023 with Dean Caldwell winning the award and Peter Evans winning Highly Commended
- NACO Civic Office of the Year award won by Barry Town Council, the FIRST Welsh Town Council to win the award



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

We believe that Barry has the potential to have an impact somewhere else in the world and we want to make sure we contribute to global wellbeing. We want to try and buy from local supply chains where possible and practical and to look at our contract management to ensure value for money. We have become a Keep Wales Tidy Litter Picking Hub which makes our litter picking equipment more accessible for members of the public. We work with local people, businesses and community groups to enhance social wellbeing and help people to feel included as part of the town and to recognise the town's place and impact in the wider world. We manage and promote the town's Fairtrade status and have a Sustainable Barry Working Party to discuss the impact of Climate Change on Barry and what the Council can do to reduce the effects.

**A Globally
Responsible Barry**

- Christmas Clothes Swap was held in Barry Town Council Mayor's Chamber in December 2022
- Fairtrade coffee morning was held in March 2023
- Barry Town Council collaborated with Dinas Powys Fairtrade with the entries travelling around the Vale in a roadshow
- Maintained the partnership with Keep Wales Tidy as a Litter Picking Hub
- Barry Town Council has introduced the first Electric Mower, and is the second council in Wales to begin adapting the fleet, with plans to have an all-electric fleet by 2030.



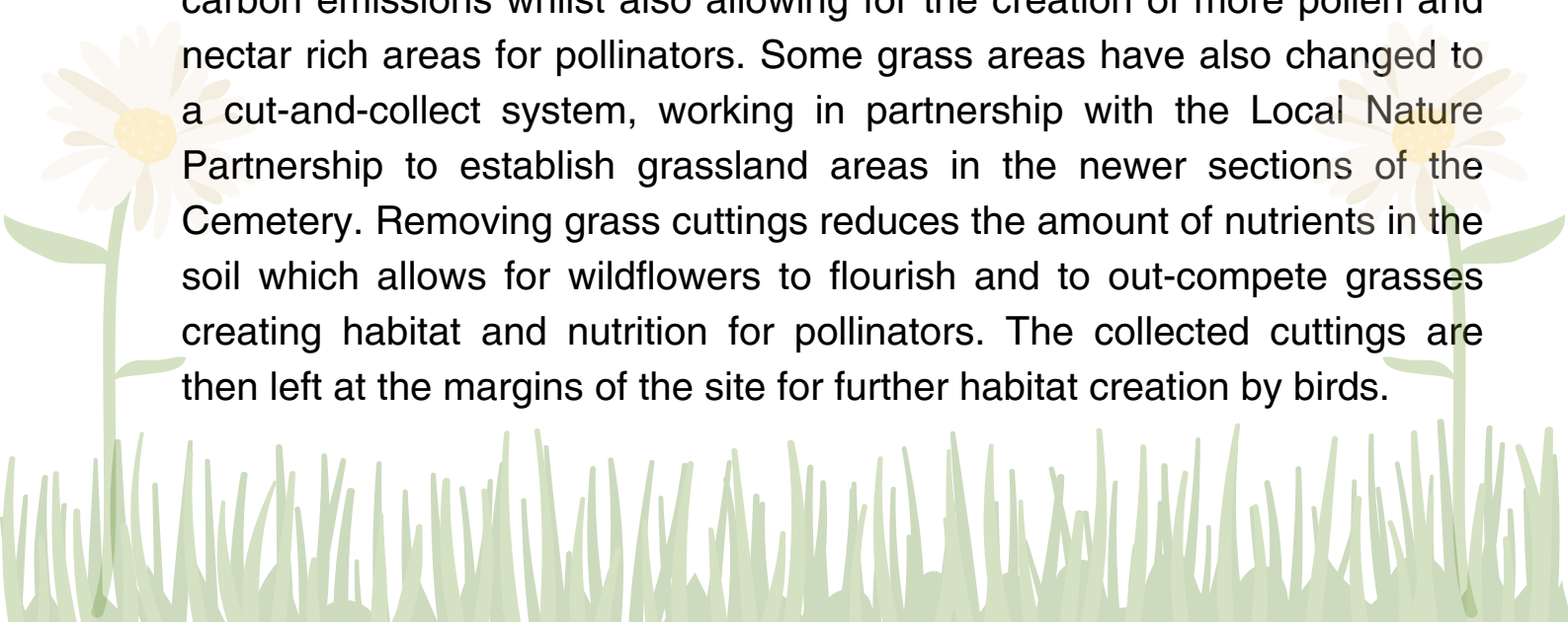
Functions and Context:

Barry Town Council's primary responsibility is as the burial authority to Barry, the largest town in Wales. It is responsible for Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Porthkerry Cemetery, Philadelphia Cemetery, Pioneer Hall and Cemetery Approach Community Centre and Gardens. Its commitments to biodiversity fall primarily within its green spaces (chiefly Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and Cemetery Approach Gardens), its community engagement activities in the town and in its role as a Planning Consultee. Every planning application considered by the Council now considers and discusses implications of environmental impact and effects on local biodiversity.

2022 - 2023

Since the last S6 Biodiversity Duty Report, Barry Town Council's full-time gardener at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery has maintained and rejuvenated established wildlife refuges and hibernacula and installed several new ones with a focus on reptiles, amphibians and hedgehogs as well as having installed living hedges and a tree tunnel. The Gardner has been instrumental in encouraging the regrowth of wild primroses, maintaining dry stone wall flower beds, planting a variety of pollen rich flora and undertaking grassland management training.

The mowing practises at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and Cemetery Approach Gardens have reduced in frequency and this has reduced our carbon emissions whilst also allowing for the creation of more pollen and nectar rich areas for pollinators. Some grass areas have also changed to a cut-and-collect system, working in partnership with the Local Nature Partnership to establish grassland areas in the newer sections of the Cemetery. Removing grass cuttings reduces the amount of nutrients in the soil which allows for wildflowers to flourish and to out-compete grasses creating habitat and nutrition for pollinators. The collected cuttings are then left at the margins of the site for further habitat creation by birds.



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

No Mow May is also being implemented this year, with signs being placed in the areas and a Social Media Campaign to highlight the movement. The benefits of No Mow May include freeing the wildflowers in the lawn soil, so they grow wild and provide a feast for pollinators, help tackle pollution, and lock away atmospheric carbon below the ground

Wildlife Corridors and woodland margins at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and Cemetery Approach Gardens have been extended and connected to allow for easy movement of a variety of wildlife.

Our three established bee hives at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery continue to be managed and monitored with a focus on the benefits of pollination in the area rather than on the productivity of the hive in creating honey. It has also been noted again during this year that the presence of the European Honeybees has not discouraged other local bumblebees as there have also been sightings of other swarms within the trees and of various bumblebees in the area.



Barry Town Council also appointed a Wellbeing Goals Project Officer (New Post) who will be engaging with residents regarding the Council's Climate Change Strategy consultation and will continue to work with schools to raise environmental awareness and initiated projects to reduce plastic at the cemetery and around Barry. The role also requires continuation of collaboration and networking with a number of organisations and groups on environmental projects: Refill, Wildlife Trust, Sustrans, Cadoxton Conservation Group, Barry Action for Nature, Local Nature Partnership, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Down to Earth, Plan-it Eco, Barry Rotary Club and Cardiff University.

WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A More Resilient Barry

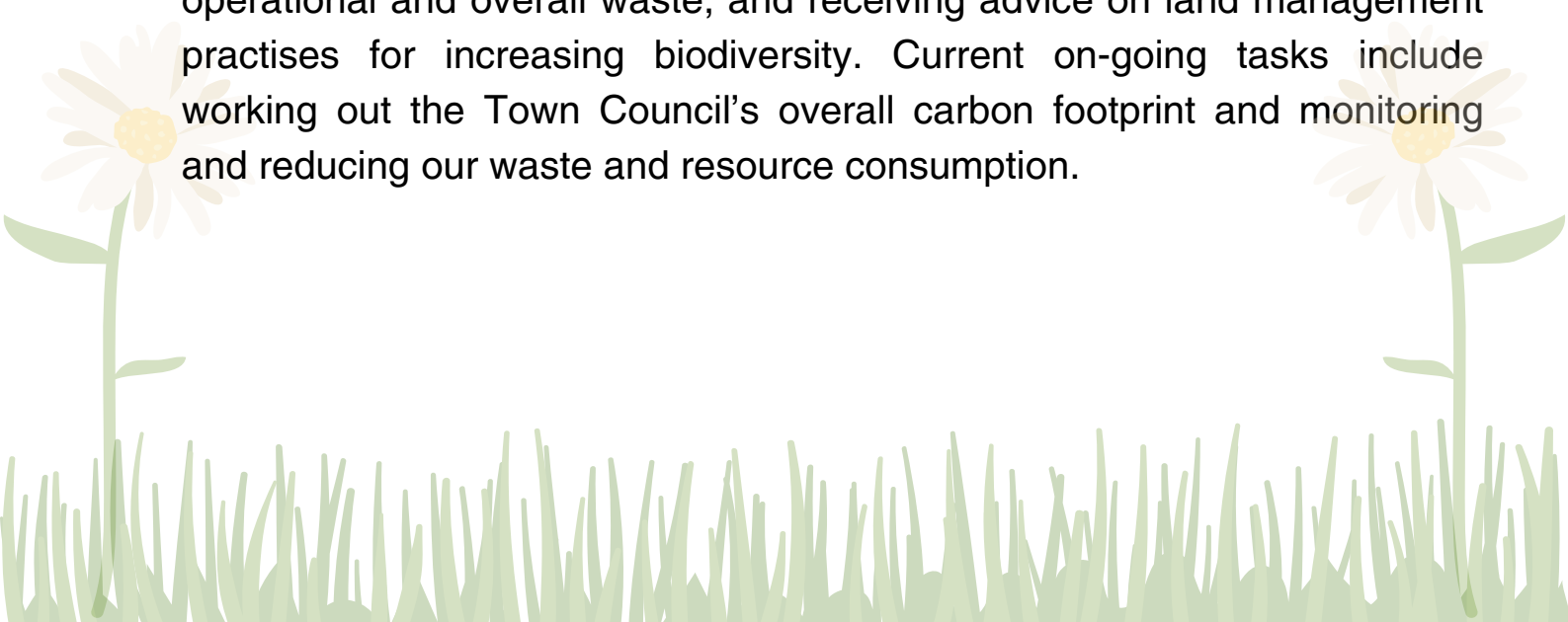
The Events team will also continue to action the Mini-Meadow project around the town, encouraging the creation of mini-meadows at schools and in residents' gardens by giving away generously donated wildflower seeds from Fonmon Castle, at future events, like the Family Fun Day on August 24th 2023

The Chief Officer of Barry Town Council also regularly shares successes and best practise at the Quarterly Larger Local Council Meetings whilst learning from other councils regarding their successes.

Climate Change Action Plan

The Sustainable Barry Working Group began to address Barry Town Council's carbon emissions, focusing efforts to be a carbon neutral Town Council by 2030. The Climate Change Action Plan was drawn up in line with net zero aspirations and is regularly monitored and updated in-line with the Town Council's and residents' needs.

During 2022/23 the Action Plan created 6 tasks which have been completed, delivered and will continue, including: holding a climate change consultation, delivering environmental awareness programmes with schools, researching the overall environmental impact of our burial operations at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, introducing a communal watering can scheme to reduce plastic usage at the cemetery, monitoring operational and overall waste, and receiving advice on land management practises for increasing biodiversity. Current on-going tasks include working out the Town Council's overall carbon footprint and monitoring and reducing our waste and resource consumption.

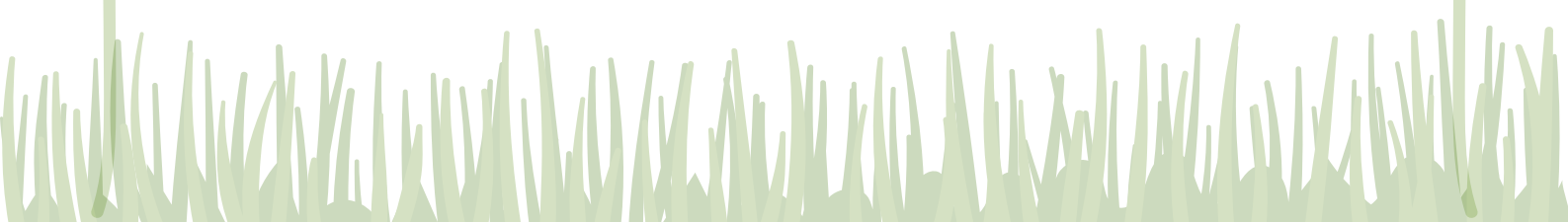


Review of S6 Plans

Barry Town Council continues to monitor its environmental impact and Biodiversity Duty through the work of the Halls, Facilities and Cemeteries Committee and the new Globally Responsible Barry Advisory Committee, which is the amalgamation of the Sustainable Barry Working Group and the Fairtrade Advisory Committee, and will continue to develop and monitor the Climate Change Action Plan as part of its biodiversity duty.

Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery

- 55 Acres / 12.6 Hectares of Land
- 700 trees (42 Species)
- 60+ Species of Wildflower
- 3 Bee Hives
- 1 Wildlife Pond
- 1 Hedgehog Hotel
- 1 Duck House
- 15 Species of Bird
- 3 types of amphibian
- 3 Species of bumblebee
- The introduction of No Mow May
- 6 species of butterfly
- 2 species of moth
- Bird and Bat boxes throughout
- Butterfly Area
- Woodland Margin extensions
- Wildlife Corridor created
- Watering Can available for reducing plastic bottles at the cemetery
- Changed Mowing practises



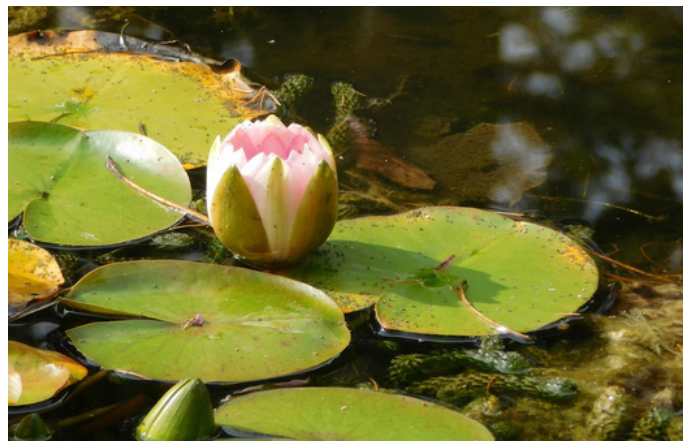
WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

Cemetery Approach Gardens

- 3 Hedgehog Hotels
- 4 Reptile/Amphibian Hibernacula
- Wildflower sections established
- Living hedges
- Hedge/tree tunnel
- Woodland margin extension
- Changed Mowing Practises

Engagement Activity

- 170+ bags litter-picked in the community
- Sponsored school trips raising environmental awareness
- Encouraging refill initiative in the town
- Increasing environmental awareness through consultations regarding climate change
- Working with schools to create mini-meadows
- Giving wildflower seeds away in the community to increase wildflower coverage in the town and increase pollinators
- Partnership working with other environmental organisations
- Green Grants for community groups and businesses to reduce waste and plastic usage and increase biodiversity

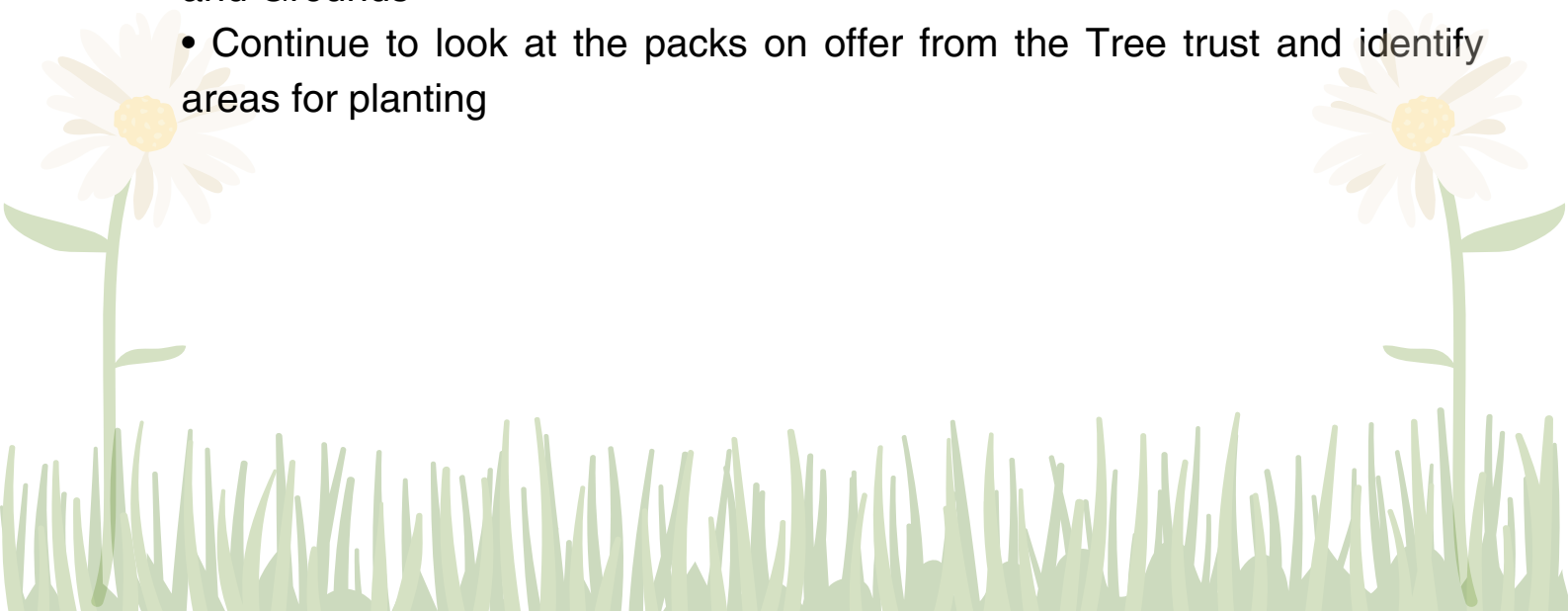


WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A More Resilient Barry

Currently Barry Town Council falls within the remit and restrictions of the Vale of Glamorgan Council as they collect the recycling, however Barry Town Council's Biodiversity Plans are further ahead and are aiming to be in the forefront of Biodiversity within the Vale of Glamorgan County. With future plans to include and not restricted to:

- Inventory to be completed against the Wildlife housing in both Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and Cemetery Approach Garden and then update and increase the number available.
- Using old Tree stumps as bug hotels and/or areas to grow flowers (depending on size)
- Continue with the cut and collect service alongside looking at the No Mow May campaign
- Plant daffodils along Path Verges/avenues
- Replace/introduce bird, bat and owl boxes
- Solar panels, looking at the CACC?
- Introduce stone crusher to reduce costs of disposal of rock and reduce the need to buy in material for head-strips
- Act upon the recommendations from the EPC IE Grants for windows and Installation for lodge etc
- Replace Skid Loader and Dumper truck with an electric version.
- Replace second Kubota with a Green Mean Mower.
- Introduce Electric buggies for use by staff and Public
- Continue with wild flowers at different points on the Cemetery Gardens and Grounds
- Continue to look at the packs on offer from the Tree trust and identify areas for planting



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A More Resilient Barry

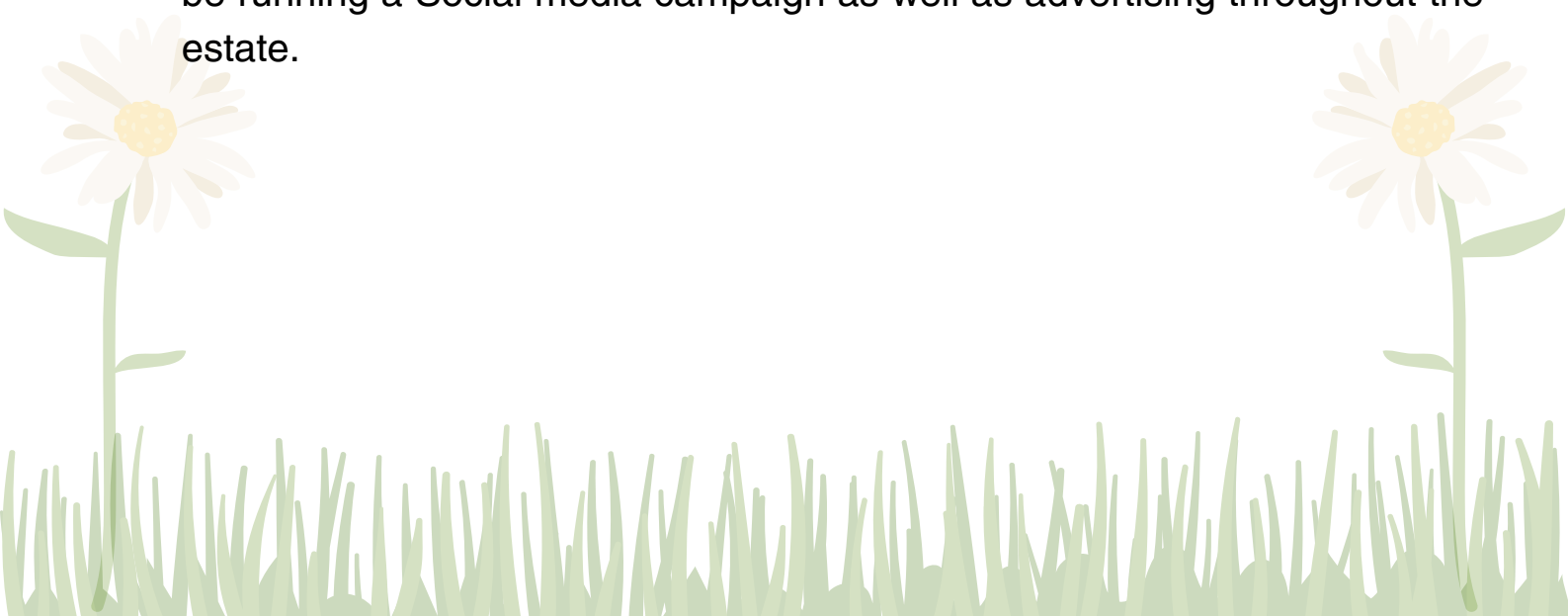
Barry Town Council will be looking at expanding the Heritage signage, and will introduce further influential and prominent figures around the cemetery – there are currently two additional people being considered.

During 2022/23 there was a plaque presented to the Chapel, which depicted Gareth Jones, who is buried at the cemetery, the Plaque had an unveiling which was attended by Local Councillors and Dignitaries, including the Ukrainian Ambassador, as Gareth Jones was instrumental in the exposure of the Holodomor Famine in Ukraine in the early 1930's.

There was also a Competition run through all local schools to include a drawing on the Timeline sign. There are plans to continue expanding information across the Cemeteries.

Orphaned Headstones (Pre-World War II) are looked after under the Heritage programme, headstones are made safe where possible and are laid down if required, as indicated above there are plans in place to continue current work with orphaned headstones and establishing information on people who are of historical, societal and local standing. A volunteer for the War commission has taken tours of the cemetery and has undertaken cleaning of the War commission headstones.

Following on from previous years, Barry Town Council is currently looking at the placement of Solar panels where appropriate. As mentioned previously Barry Town Council are implementing “No Mow May” and will be running a Social media campaign as well as advertising throughout the estate.



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

Barry Town Council has introduced the first Electric Mower, and is the second council in Wales to begin adapting the fleet, with plans to have an all-electric fleet by 2030.

All replacement trees are being replaced, now and in the future with Native variations of trees. Barry Town Council has also received 30 free trees from the Woodland Trust and this relationship will be continued if possible.

Barry Town Council have ensured that Wildflowers are grown around the estate where applicable, to encourage insects, bees and butterflies, this programme will continue throughout 2023/24.

The Cemetery receives Free Non-Contaminated subsoil that is unused from local farmers and are also part of a cut and collect scheme.



In regards to sustainability Barry Town Council is following a programme to replace benches situated around the cemetery with new benches made using recycled materials, i.e. Plastics. Within Porthkerry Cemetery Barry Town Council is currently trialling separate bins to see if this is an effective way to split the recyclable waste.

Barry Town Council have a plan to extend planting wildflowers and using native perennial plants and trees in the cemeteries and gardens.

WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

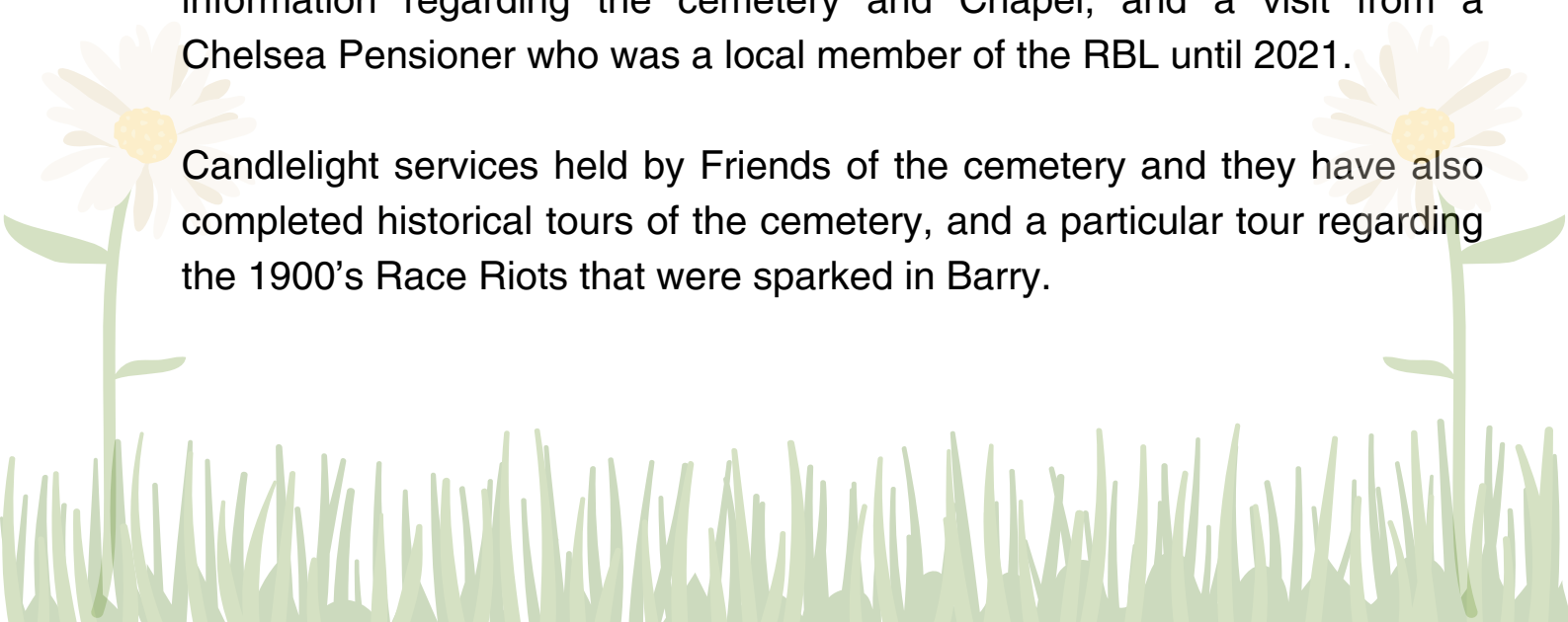
A More Resilient Barry

Cemetery waste is currently collected by Biffa, the UK's largest sustainable waste management company. Barry Town Council are looking at working with Biffa to take part in their Route to Net zero initiative, and use shared concepts, within the estate. Barry Town Council are looking to reduce if not completely finish using single use plastics where possible within the business structure, and also encourage staff to reduce their single use within work time where possible.

There were a number of events that took place during 2022/23, including the events mentioned previously, as well as a continuation of the educational tours of the cemetery to look at the biodiversity wildlife etc, which have been attended by schools within Barry, and also by Vale People first, who are a community group for adults with learning and physical disabilities. These will be carried on this year, and conducted in collaboration with Catherine Lewis, Wildlife Trust Education Co-Ordinator. Plans to continue and expand the environmental Awareness school trips, and encourage more local schools and community groups to participate in these events which will take place predominantly in the Old Cemetery region, where the classes will look at Tree identification and Bark rubbings, Mini Beast Hunt and Signs of Wildlife (Near Hedgehog hotel/surge pool area). Schools will then be asked to feedback changes and ideas from the children who have visited.

Remembrance School parade and memorial event, which also includes information regarding the cemetery and Chapel, and a visit from a Chelsea Pensioner who was a local member of the RBL until 2021.

Candlelight services held by Friends of the cemetery and they have also completed historical tours of the cemetery, and a particular tour regarding the 1900's Race Riots that were sparked in Barry.



WELL-BEING GOALS FOR BARRY

A More Resilient Barry

There was a tree planting ceremony to celebrate the free trees that Barry Town Council received from the Woodland Trust (135 trees of Native variety), and also celebrating the 100 years of the Barry Branch of Soroptimist International.

There are plans to arrange an Open day at the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery which aims to engage with the community to establish their views on the work that Barry Town Council are carrying out, all feedback will be correlated and returned to Council to help formulate future plans and ideas for further Biodiversity and sustainability workstreams within the estate. Volunteers like the Friends of the cemetery and War Commission will continue to offer historical tours and informational tours, Candle light services to commemorate different days such as Christmas and Holocaust.



Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Below is an infographic to show the Wellbeing Goals at a National, County and Local level. The last section shows Barry Town Council's newest objectives which it hopes to achieve in the next 5 years to help meet its duties under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.



A prosperous Wales

A resilient Wales

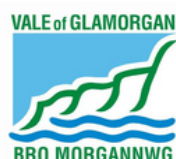
A healthier Wales

A more equal Wales

A Wales of cohesive communities

A Wales of vibrant culture & thriving Welsh language

A globally responsible Wales



A more resilient and greener Vale

A more active and healthier Vale

A more equitable and connected Vale



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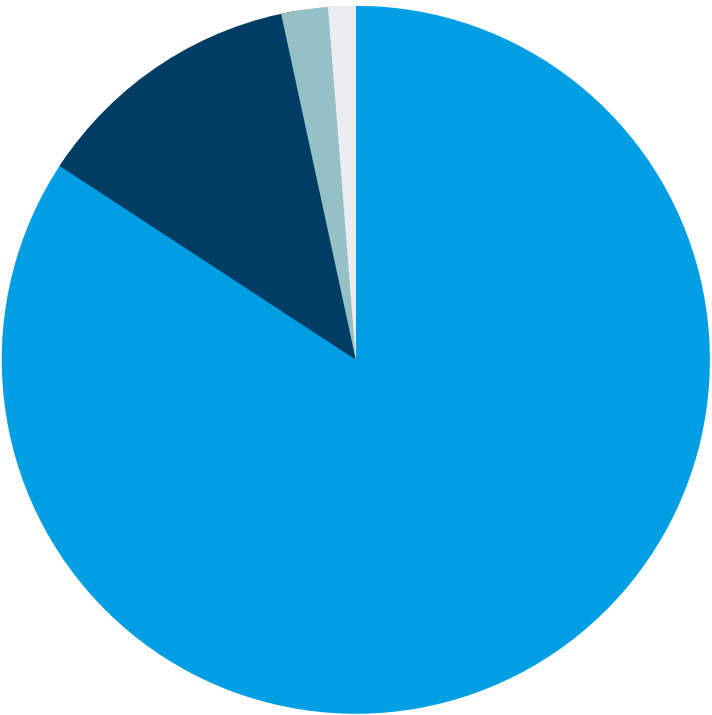
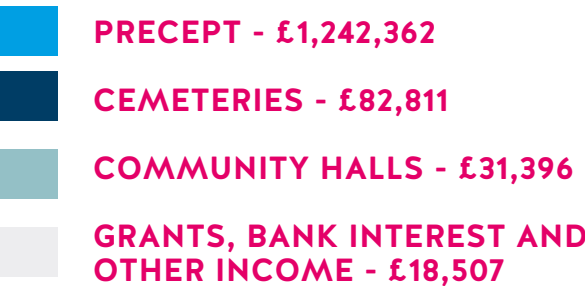
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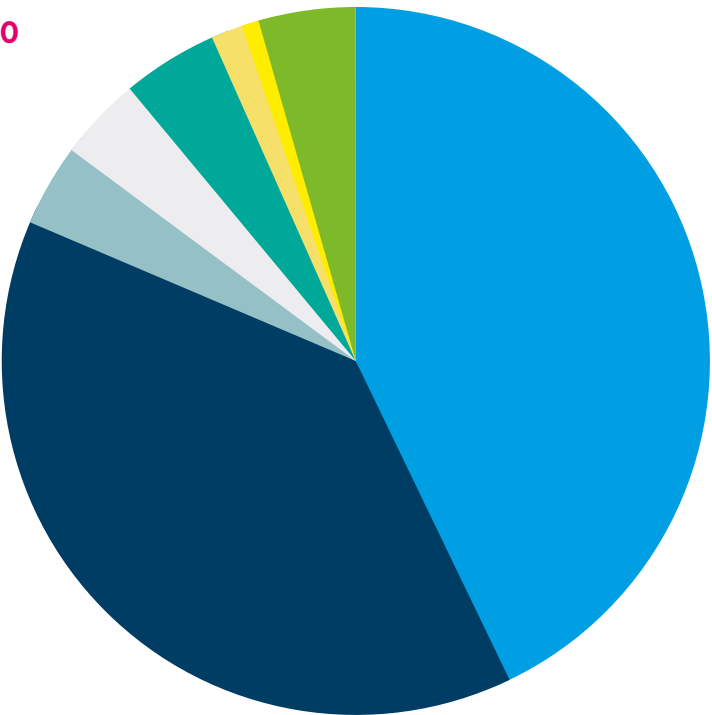
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| To provide a mechanism to support Barry residents with cost of living increases and rising bills | To work towards an all-electric fleet in our Cemeteries, exploring renewable and further improving energy resources in our Cemeteries and Facilities | To raise the profile of mental health and wellbeing across the Council's workforce and the community and signpost to additional support | To lead on Barry as a Dementia Friendly Town | To engage local people in Council decisions and decision making through webinars, virtual and face to face options | To establish a Vibrant Culture Working Group and budget to bring forward and streamline projects strategically | To create a new Globally Responsible Committee to have overarching strategic responsibility for projects such as Fairtrade / Town of Sanctuary / Sustainable Barry |
| To provide Annual Grant Programmes to support private and third sectors to be innovative and sustainable with that help to deliver Barry's Wellbeing Goals | To deliver the Council's Climate Change Strategy and report on annual progress and against the requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act | To work more closely with partners and Public Health Wales to support campaigns and public messaging through our media platforms and communication with the public | To reduce inequalities in the town by supporting more local initiatives / events which actively include more historically excluded groups | To provide an annual programme of community events which are well resourced and accessible to families and young people | To increase promotion of the Welsh Language in the community and increase opportunities for learning the language | To deliver lasting change through the Council's Sustainability agenda including wildlife and its food sources and the Council's approach to waste and purchasing / procurement. |
| To Review Shop Local and look towards floating off the Council project to become a Chamber of Commerce for the Town in its own right | To explore options to reduce Food Poverty / food or support community growing initiatives and working with partners | To enhance the Council's role in local Bereavement services – including Charter for the Bereaved and Bereavement café in Chapel | To increase support to Barry Youth Council to enable flow through to Full Council and engagement with young people | To develop a Community Plan for Barry with partners and the public to protect and further develop community facilities and access to services | To deliver a Heritage Centre / Museum Project for Barry | To pursue Council of Sanctuary and Town of Sanctuary Status for Barry |

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Income



Expenditure



A YEAR IN PICTURES



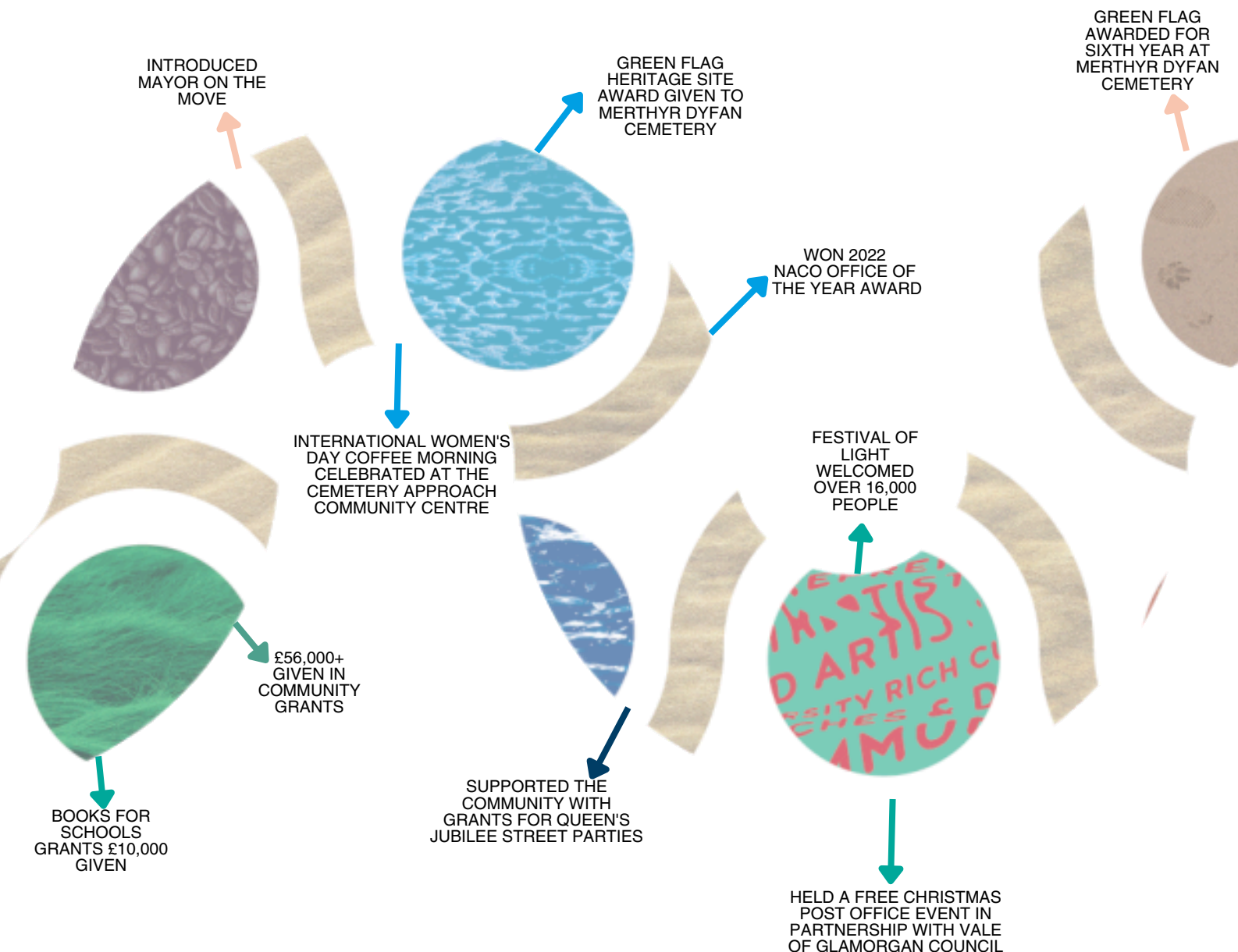
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR

The year spanning 2022 - 2023 saw many achievements for Barry Town Council, with Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery receiving the Green Flag Award and Green Flag Heritage Award for another year and the Engagement and Events Team being awarded the NACO Civic Office of the Year.

The Council also partnered with the Vale of Glamorgan Council for a second year, to present the Festival of Light and Christmas Post Office - with the events spanning 10 days instead of just one weekend. The Festival of Light saw more than 16,000 people attend coming from across South Wales.

Community Grants were offered through-out the year, including grants for street parties for the Queen's Jubilee. The community joined together to celebrate and in total we supported 4,219 friends, family & neighbours with financial support of £8,833.

The Corporate Plan was drafted and delivered to the public for consultation with 80 members of the community completing the survey with thoughts, ideas and requests. The Corporate Plan was finalised and published officially in December 2022.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

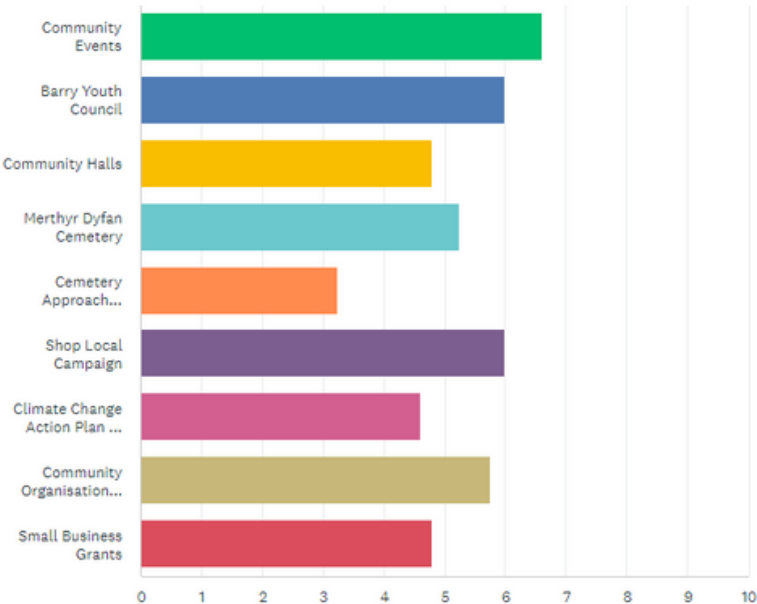
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THE FESTIVAL OF
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ASSISTED THE
MAYOR OF BARRY
IN ATTENDING 90
EVENTS

CHRISTMAS POST
OFFICE SAW 297
LETTERS TO SANTA
WRITTEN

TWO PUBLIC
CONSULTATIONS.
BUDGET
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AND CORPORATE
PLAN
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RESULTS FROM 22/23 BUDGET CONSULTATION AND THE KEY THEMES THAT MATTER TO THE COMMUNITY



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