



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Annual Report 2025-2026

The Report describes how Radyr & Morganstown Community Council is contributing to the wellbeing of its area.

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About this Annual Report

An annual report is required for the 2025-2026 financial year. It is due for publication as soon as practicable after 1 April 2026. Reports will be required annually thereafter.

This Annual Report is in two parts.

Part 1 deals with basic information about the Council, its structure, and finances.

Part 2 showcases the work of the Council during the year, reflects on the past year's activity and looks ahead to the coming year.

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PART 1

Members

[Members Contact Details](#)

(This information will be updated on our website as changes occur)

Committees and Leadership

Decisions are made by the Full Council. The Council receives recommendations from committees. Details of the committee structure are published to our website

The Council was chaired in 2025/2026 by Councillor Julia Charles
Councillor Iona Shariff was the Vice-Chair

Contacting the Council

The Clerk to the Council is: Esther Winter

The Council's main telephone number is 02920 842213. Mobile number is 07349275556.

The Council can also be contacted at clerk@radyr.wales

Financial Information

The Council has set its Precept for 2026/27 at £203,623

Income and expenditure for 2025/26 will be recorded in the Annual Return, which is to be approved by 30 June 2026. Details will be available from the Clerk.

General and Earmarked Reserves are identified in the Council's Statements of Accounts produced at year end. These will be available from the Clerk.

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This is the Council's Annual Budget for 2025/26 v Actuals 2025/26

Summary		2025/26 Budget £	2025/26 Actuals £
A	Environment	34,450	22,761
B	Old Church Rooms	50,556	49,737
C	Old Church Rooms Loan	7,500	7,221
D	Community Grants	19,080	10,435
E	Community Halls	5,050	100
F	Community Services	13,323	2,871
G	Events & Hospitality	12,350	12,447
H	Staff	61,863	63,124
I	Members	3,500	1,890
J	Insurance & Fees	16,255	10,602
K	Elections	0	0
L	Gen Admins	5,714	10,415
M	Contingency	0	0

What do you think should be our spending priorities as we plan for the future?

Audit

The Council's Accounting Statements for the year will be the subject of internal and external audit.

The Council's external auditor (Audit Wales) has issued an Qualified Opinion in relation to the Accounting Statements for 2024/25. There were no further matters drawn to the Council's attention.

Training Plan

The Council's Training Plan can be viewed on our website

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The Training Plan will be kept under review.

Biodiversity

The Council's Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Plan can be viewed on our website

General Power of Competence

The Council no longer satisfies the criteria to exercise this power. It no longer passes the necessary resolution, which has been publicised. The Council has previously relied on this power, which is a power of first resort, to implement many of the initiatives described below in previous years.

Relationships with Cardiff Council

A Charter is in place to provide a framework for relationships with Cardiff Council. We continue to enjoy good relationships and receive regular reports from our County Councillors. These reports can be viewed on our website.

We are represented on the Standards & Ethics Committee by Councillor Julia Charles.

Assets

An asset register will be produced as part of the end of year accounts. The 2025/26 register is obtainable from the Clerk. Fixed assets on 31 March 2026 amounted to £1,487,938

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PART 2

Foreword

We have embraced new ways of working but also continued with traditional forms of communications and meetings.

This report describes some of the ways in which the Council responded to these pressures, introducing new ways of working, supporting & sustaining communities as we return to ways of supporting and developing our locality.

The report also describes how the Council continued to exercise its usual functions and meet its statutory obligations.

We now want to hear your views about how we have performed and the objectives we have set.

Have we done all we can?

Would you like us to consider other ways of contributing to [local Well-being](#)?

Please let us know. You can reach us via social media or by email at clerk@radyr.wales

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Outcomes & Indicators

We have examined our performance against Wales-wide sustainability goals. This report includes an overview of our achievements in delivering on these objectives.

- A Prosperous Community.
- A Resilient Community.
- A Healthier Community.
- A More Equal Community.
- A Cohesive Community.
- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally Responsive Community.
- A Competent Council.

Our 5 Ways of Working:

We believe in.....

The Long Term: the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs

Prevention: how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.

Integration: considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.

Collaboration: acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Council meet its well-being objectives.

Involvement: the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council serves.

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“Helping to Make Radyr & Morganstown a Great Place to Live!”

In our fourth Annual Report, senior councillors describe some of our key achievements during the year.

Councillor Tyrone Davies, Chair, Finance Committee

Finance Committee

- In 2025/6 we received and awarded the grants below amounting to £10,135.95. The grants awarded are detailed below, all of which have helped provide local services and enhanced our community: -

ORGANISATION	FOR	AMOUNT
Radyr Comprehensive PTA	To support the food department with clubs & practical skills	£ 500
Bryn Deri PTA	To enhance orchestra/choir and purchase defibrillator pads/outdoor play equipment	£2,888
Radyr Comprehensive PTA	Registration fee for a Youth Enterprise Scheme	£ 560
Radyr Comprehensive PTA	Development of Bridge staging Royal Welsh College Music	£1,000
Cardiff Council Hubs & Libraries	To provide storytelling, Louby Lous sessions	£ 522
RMA	To enhance May Festival	£1,200
Cardiff City Council	To help provide the Drovers' Way light	£ 985
Cardiff City Council	To help provide a Penrhys Pilgrimage Way Gate	£2,100
Radyr schools	For vouchers - School Literacy competition	£ 381

- Regular dialogue is maintained with the Council's external auditor to ensure our accounts are in order and to identify any concerns. Our accounts are then submitted for statutory auditing as per legislation.
- The bank statements, payment schedule, all cost centre balances/expenditures and accounts are regularly checked at each full council and finance committee meeting, thus ensuring transparency and compliance.
- We have upgraded to the Scribe software system. This has helped our clerks modernise our accounts/payroll systems and allowed us to

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bring our accountancy in-house. This has ended the employment of an external accountant to help manage our accounts.

- The Finance Committee has also taken on the roll of advising the Council regarding the Independent Review Panel for Wales and their recommendations concerning Councillor payments/allowances. The Council has agreed the following for 2025/6: -

Payment Type	Agreed Amount
Extra Costs	£156
Senior Role	£150 for 4 Committee Chairs
Chair	£600
Vice Chair	£300
Attendance	£0
Financial Loss	Claim for loss
Travel/Subsistence	Claim for approved costs
Care/Personal Assistance Costs	Claim for costs
Office Consumables	£52 or full reimbursement

Any payments made to members who then leave during the financial year are to be re-paid on a pro-rata basis.

Claims to be submitted within 8 weeks of event/meeting.

Councillor Allan Cook, Chair, Environment Committee

Environment Committee.

I'm writing this in the middle of February and it's always a pleasure to drive around R&M to look at the snowdrops in Ffordd Las and in Hazel Tree Close. We have asked the County Council to rename the green area in Hazel Tree Close, Snowdrop Park, so much nicer than Pylon Park.

This year we will again be buying snowdrops "in the green" for children from the two Primary Schools to plant.

We were very pleased with the Christmas Lights and the Christmas trees, especially the new one in Pentwyn Park, and you won't be surprised to hear that we are planning a bigger and better display for next year. In other ways life goes on.

We are still troubled by Ash die back and have to take trees out from time to time. We are looking for locations for benches and one in Pentwyn Park is being actively discussed. The hanging baskets for Station Road are on order.

Don't forget than one of our two hourly buses goes all the way to Pentyrch. An ideal point on which to start a walk up the Garth. Buses are not just for

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getting into town, they'll also take you out into the wonderful countryside we have around us.

Councillor David Silver, Chair, Publicity and Communications Group

Publicity Group

After a lot of infrastructure changes in the previous year, there were few changes required this year. Scribe was introduced to replace the Sage package and is now used for all our finance systems. Staff are being trained in the use of the system. The Scribe Room Booking system was introduced to replace the previous Hallmaster package.

Clerks now only use supported packages on Microsoft 365. Councillors were all given @radyr.wales accounts and after a few teething problems they are all now using these for Council work.

- Website

We continue to use the website to publish statutory and legally required information and for the booking system to book rooms in the OCR. Training is being given so all the clerks can use it. It was decided to publish Bios of all our Councillors so the community can get to know them better, and the first four of these are now online. A monthly report has been initiated detailing usage of the site.

- Social Media

A decision was made to relaunch our Facebook site to increase information passed to the community. A new policy document was drawn up detailing how the site would be used and by whom. A consent form was also approved. The assistant clerk has started talking to businesses, and the introduction of the new site has started and will continue over the next year.

- Events

A lot of work was done in publicising events including:

Remembrance Day

The Christmas Lighting

Santas run

The Christmas Pantomime

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The Civic Service

An events diary/marketing calendar has been set up for future events, and a risk assessment system has been introduced.

***Councillor Huw Onllwyn Jones, Chair, Old Church Rooms (OCR)
Management Board***

Old Church Rooms Management Board

The Old Church Rooms continues to provide an excellent venue for a wide range of groups and societies serving the residents of Radyr and Morganstown.

As always, the Community Council aims to keep the cost for renting rooms as low as possible. We do this because we consider the OCR to be a community resource, rather than a way to generate income.

The hall has two large rooms suitable for a wide range of activities, including children's parties, choir practice, dance lessons and more. It also has a smaller room upstairs, suitable for meetings. For those who need it, the hall also has a well-equipped kitchen, suitable for everything from making cups of tea to cooking meals for a large gathering.

You can book the hall by visiting <https://radyrandmorganstowncc.org/old-church-rooms/book-old-church-rooms/>

We continue to care for the OCR - and our thanks go to our Clerks and our handy-man, Karl Craddock, for their untiring work, dealing with hall-bookings and assisting hall users - as well as keeping the hall in good order.

After installing a lift and new toilet facilities last year, we are considering applying for a Lottery grant to construct an extra room and move the children's outdoor play-area from the front of the building (next to the road) to the rear of the building (away from the traffic). A survey of residents has shown some support for those changes.

and finally, a word from the Chair of the Council, Councillor Julia Charles and the Vice Chair Iona Shariff

We were both extremely proud to be selected as Chair and Vice Chair in May 2025 for the forthcoming year. This honour was even more significant as this was the first time in RMCC history that both roles were being held by females. A very important milestone in the community council's legacy.

The year so far has been extremely busy with some memorable developments for our community along the way. Some of the highlights are:

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- Completion of the stone bench in Radyr Woods to mark the 50th anniversary of the community council
- The finalisation of the lift in the Old Church Rooms making our premises more accessible and available to all.
- As well as our number 63 bus route, the additional bus route 64 drove it's first journey through our villages in January 2026, creating more choice for our residents in public transport. We now need to keep promoting our bus services, so they become sustainable in the long run and benefit our communities
- We both attended the One Voice Wales conference in Builth Wells. The theme of this year's conference was 'Planning Ahead for a Challenging Future. This conference provided us with an insight into the new Procurement process which has now been implemented
- Further discussions are planned with Cardiff Council on a possible upgrade to Station Road and with the Co-op on the proposed improvements to their shop area. This is ongoing
- The regular events in the villages have continued – May Civic Service and Ceremony, May Festival, Remembrance Service, Christmas festivities. We have worked with and supported other local institutions like the RMA and Christ Church to bring these events to the community
- Continued to work with Transport for Wales (TFW) as the railway and Radyr Station is upgraded. It is important to maintain this relationship so we can be transparent with our residents in any work that is needed and any disruptions that may occur

We were sad to announce the retirement of one of our clerks, Julie Hopkins at the end of October 2025. Julie is well known throughout our community, and the Council would like to express its sincere thanks to Julie for her 15 years of dedicated service. Her hard work, professionalism, and commitment have made a lasting contribution both to the Council and to the wider community, and she will be greatly missed. We wish Julie every happiness and fulfilment in her retirement, and hope that this next chapter brings her time to enjoy her family and the things she loves most.

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Appendix 1

Objectives & Targets 2025-26

Objectives

The Council supports the following principles, as its long-term objectives.

To contribute towards the delivery of:

- A Prosperous Community.
- A Resilient Community.
- A Healthier Community.
- A More Equal Community.
- A Cohesive Community.
- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally Responsive Community.
- A Competent Council.

These objectives provide a framework for the delivery of specific projects, services, and programme of events during the year. They guide spending decisions. The initiatives described by Members above show how we helped deliver some these objectives during the year.

Targets

Here are some targets to guide our work. We will measure success and record our achievements in future reports.

- A Prosperous Community
To continue to provide support to all members of the community and encourage an infrastructure which supports the local economy.
- A Resilient Community
We will work with other agencies to maintain and enhance natural environments with healthy ecosystems that support social, economic, and ecological resilience and the capacity to change.
- A Healthier Community
We will promote opportunities for outdoor living and active travel.
- A More Equal Community
We will promote equality of opportunity, celebrate diversity, and encourage a fairer society.

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- A Cohesive Community

Our programme of events will provide the space for communities to come together. We will maintain dialogue with community safety partners and Cardiff Council.

We will help sustain the voluntary sector. We will work with agencies who support those coming to our community from areas of conflict. Our dialogue with community safety partners will help maintain safe, confident communities.

- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.

We will support the arts and embrace Welsh culture.

- A Globally Responsive Community.

We will continue to work with other agencies to help mitigate the impact of climate change and promote sustainability.

- A Competent Council.

We aspire to remain a Competent Council.

We will respond to legislative changes to continue to ensure that we meet our statutory obligations.

We will prepare an Annual Report and training plans for staff and Councillors.

The Council will continue to embrace principles of Sustainable Development based upon Long Term Planning, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration, and Involvement to deliver these goals.

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Statement of Well-being

This Well-Being Statement sets out the Council's commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 'the Act', defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals. In this regard the Council recognises the role it has to play. Therefore, it will promote sustainable development in how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act and when working for and with the communities that make up its area.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. These well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Council embraces these well-being goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision-making arrangements to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The Act provides a more detailed definition for each of the seven well-being goals. However, for the purposes of this statement the seven goals are:

A Prosperous Wales (1)	A Resilient Wales (2)	A Healthier Wales (3)	A More Equal Wales (4)	A Wales of Cohesive Communities (5)	A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language (6)	Globally Responsible Wales (7)
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When applying these well-being goals to the functions, activities and services provided by the Council; the Act requires the Council to think more about the long term, to work better with people and communities and also other public bodies, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach.

The Council will go about this by making the following commitments:

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COMMITMENTS

- Look to the long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.
- Involving the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where it is applicable to do so.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.
- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.
- Take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local well-being plan that has affect in its area. In this regard the Council will consider and review the local objectives contained in the plan alongside its own objectives for the year ahead.
- Form its own judgement of what steps it would be reasonable for it to take towards meeting the local objectives in its area, on the basis of its own knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area.
- Report annually detailing the progress it has made in meeting Well-being objectives.
- Supporting Sustainable Development.

ACTIONS

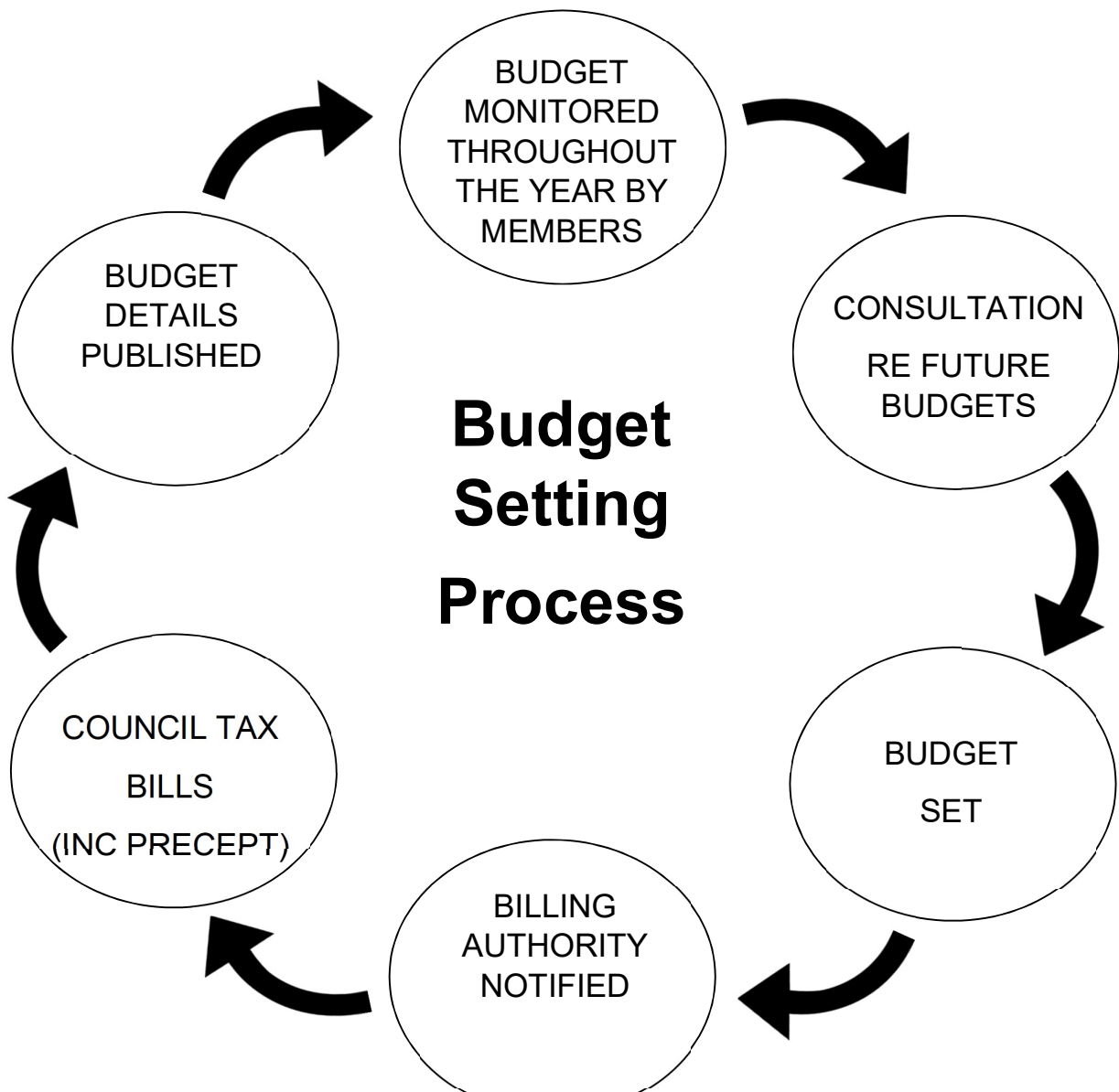
The Council commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing this well-being statement and Annual Report on its website.
- Incorporating this well-being statement into its Annual Report, which provides an overall framework to focus the Council's activities, investments, and spending priorities.
- Incorporating the well-being goals into its Strategic Planning.
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up its area. It will do this by dedicating resources to promote community development through the Council's work programme.
- To support Sustainable Development in what we do, and who we work with.
- To work with others to bring about Well Being locally.

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