

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

BUDGET REPORT 2025-2026 Approved 25th November 2024



**Full Council approved this annual budget on 25th November 2024
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Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**

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1. Introduction

This paper sets out the principles and details of the budget for the year ending 31st March 2026.

2. 2024-2025

The council tax income for the current year is £48,275..

(£60.65p per household - £1.16 per week or £0.17p per day).

In addition to the day-to-day expenditure the following were included in the current year to 31st March 2025:

Item	Budget
Fitness trail	£8,890
Bear Bins for playground	£760
Christmas Lights	£2,500
Deri woods work	£3,375
Street cleaning	£3,600
Place Making Plan (via PCC)	£17,000
Total expenditure	£36,125
Grant aid (Deri Woods & Planning)	£27,375
Net expenditure	£8,750

3. End of year balances

The expected end of year balances is set out below:

HEADING	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Cash book balances 31/10/2	£90,435	
VAT reclaim	£2,937	
Toilet grant	£5,000	
General income	£2,500	
Grant aid	£3,375	
Precept	£16,275	
Total income		£120,522
General running costs	£18,500	
Playground improvements	£2,800	

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Deri Woods expenditure	£3,375	
Christmas Lights	£2,500	
Elections	£250	
Street cleaning	£3,600	
VAT	£2,944	
Total expenditure		£33,969
Net available funds		£86,553

Funds (end of year) allocation:

Heading	Allocated to
General reserves	£45,000
Youth club	£3,000
Money available for projects	£38,553
Total funds	£86,553

4. Budget 2025-2026

The budget proposed for the ensuing year is set out below showing the various potential increases that could be applied (excluding any special projects other than those listed in no 5):

A chart showing the council tax cost to a band D household is set out below:

HEADING	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
	YEAR	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE
	5% up from 2024	NIL	3%	5%	7.50%	10%	15%
Per year	48825	48825	50289.	51266	52486	53900	56148
BAND D	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Per year	60.65	60.65	62.47	63.68	65.20	66.87	69.75
Per month	5.05	5.05	5.21	5.31	5.43	5.57	5.81
Per week	1.17	1.17	1.20	1.22	1.25	1.28	1.34
Per day	0.166	0.166	0.171	0.174	0.179	0.18	0.19

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The overall town council tax increase over the past 9 years is on average is 3.9%. The comparable council taxes in the area:

COMPARABLE

COUNCILS

BAND D

LLANDRINDOD WELLS	£83
LLANFAIR CAEREINION	£61
LLANFYLLIN	£66
LLANIDLOES	£100
MONTGOMERY	£106

What to take into account when setting precept

When setting the precept please take into account the following:

- a) The level of reserves held in excess of the annual precept.
(as set out in the Council Minutes of 27th November 2023).

The Council adopted the following policy about reserves:

The level of reserves at £45,000 is to be retained for security. The council will seek to complete projects which benefit the community over the next three years from the excess reserves. However the precept and other general income is to cover normal running costs.

The County Council has already announced the need for local councils to consider taking on more services and reserves should be held until the full extent of this is known.

- b) The inflation rate over the past year which was in excess of 4.5% average and the year prior to that in excess of 10%.
- c) The projects you wish to complete in the next financial year.
- d) The cost of staff expected over the period of the budget.

5. What is included?

The budget includes allowances for:

- i) General delivery of services including an allowance for annual repairs and maintenance.
- ii) Provision of a youth club.
- iii) The sum of £2,000 to support the Carnival.
- iv) Provision of £2,500 for delivery the Christmas Lights.
- v) A newsletter (Chronicle) 4 times a year.

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- vi) A allowance of £3,600 towards street cleaning.

Note:

There is no provision for the transfer of the Banwy Estate Road.

There is no provision for elections (will have to come from reserves if required)

There is no provision to the delivery of any further services.

5. Charts

Charts showing the various aspects of the budget are attached as follows:

- A) The annual returns from 2016 to 2024.
- B) The amount spent on projects noted grant aid 2021-2024.
- C) The charts showing income and expenditure over the years and the proposed budget. (Note years 2022/2023, 2023/2024 are actual figures, 2024/2025 are estimated end of year figures and 2025/2026 the budget proposal for that period.
- D) A chart showing the split between authorities per Band D property.
- E) The budget summary.
- F) The budget details (area by area)

6. 5 year projection

A five year projection is included at appendix G.

7. Approval

The council approved at its meeting held on 25th January 2024 this budget with the following details:

The increase to the Council Tax for the ensuring year be 10%.

The budget as set out in this report be approved.

The reserves policy to be agreed as set out in this report.

NOTE: There is a need to raise the council tax by 10%pa for the next 2 years before we start to break even each year. Any extra services will be on top of that. A report on 'what is coming' will be available for the December meeting.

NOTE A

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THE ANNUAL RETURNS OVER THE PERIOD 2022-2023, 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025

ANNUAL RETURNS									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BROUGHT FORWARD	18653	25015	35933	65970	86085	85082	109428	104423	100645
PRECEPT	30450	30450	40000	40000	40000	40000	40000	44000	46500
OTHER INCOME	13300	17181	42368	50320	19562	12417	49224	33144	29316
TOTAL	62403	72646	118301	156290	145647	137499	198652	181567	176461
SALARIES	5062	6300	5916	8094	10091	1510	7070	6883	11956
OTHER COSTS	32326	30413	46415	62111	50474	26561	87159	74039	72195
TOTAL	37388	36713	52331	70205	60565	28071	94229	80922	84151
CARRIED FORWARD	25015	35933	65970	86085	85082	109428	104423	100645	92310
GENERAL RESERVES	30450	30450	40000	40000	40000	40000	40000	40000	40000
YOUTH CLUB								3000	3000
ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS						20000	10900	6600	2800
EXCESS AVAILABLE	-5435	5483	25970	46085	45082	49428	53523	51045	46510

NOTE B

Investment in projects 2021-2024

GRANT INCOME

PCC	15000
AWFAW	10000
Awain	6600
AFAW	9950
Wildlife	250
Institute	2800
AFAW	7000
PCC	17000
PCC	3375

PROJECTS SINCE 2021

Church lighting	3000
Toilet refurbishment	4000
Deri wood improvements	2500
Pied Fly Catcher project	250
Deri Woods HLF	4700
Paths Erw Ddwr	5500
Chapel of Rest décor	200
Playground improvements	45000
Tourism project	6600
Youth Club	9950
Institute wall	5500
Lychgate & wall works	2300
Fitness trail	8800
Deri woods project	3375
Place making plan	17000

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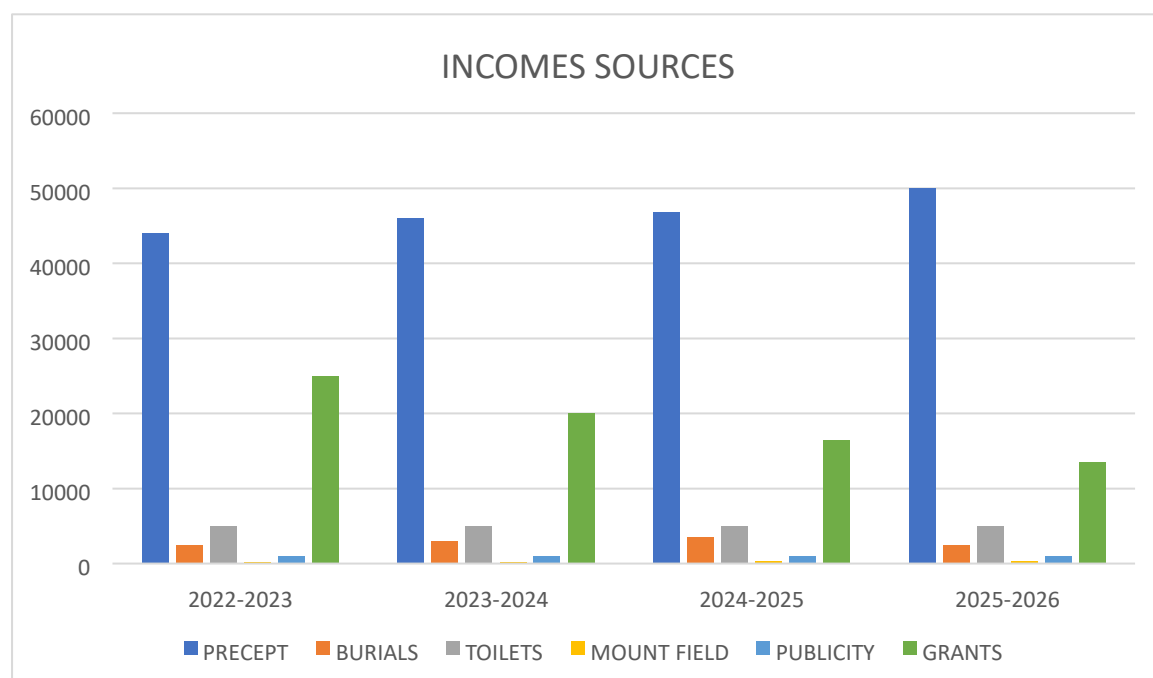
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		Defibrillator Plan	4000
		Christmas Lights	4500
Toal income from grants	71975	Total Project cost	127175
		INVESTED BY COUNCIL	55200

NOTE C1

THE INCOME COMPARISON – CURRENT YEAR AND BUDGET 2023-2024

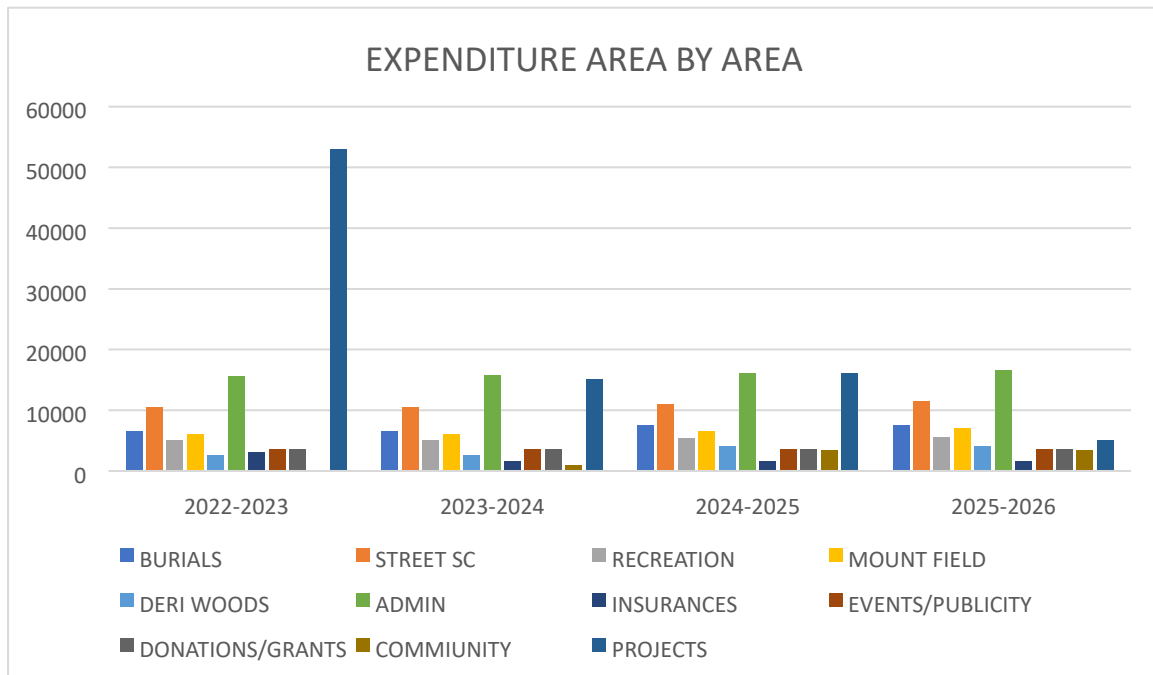
INCOME CHARTS (actual and estimated)



NOTE C2

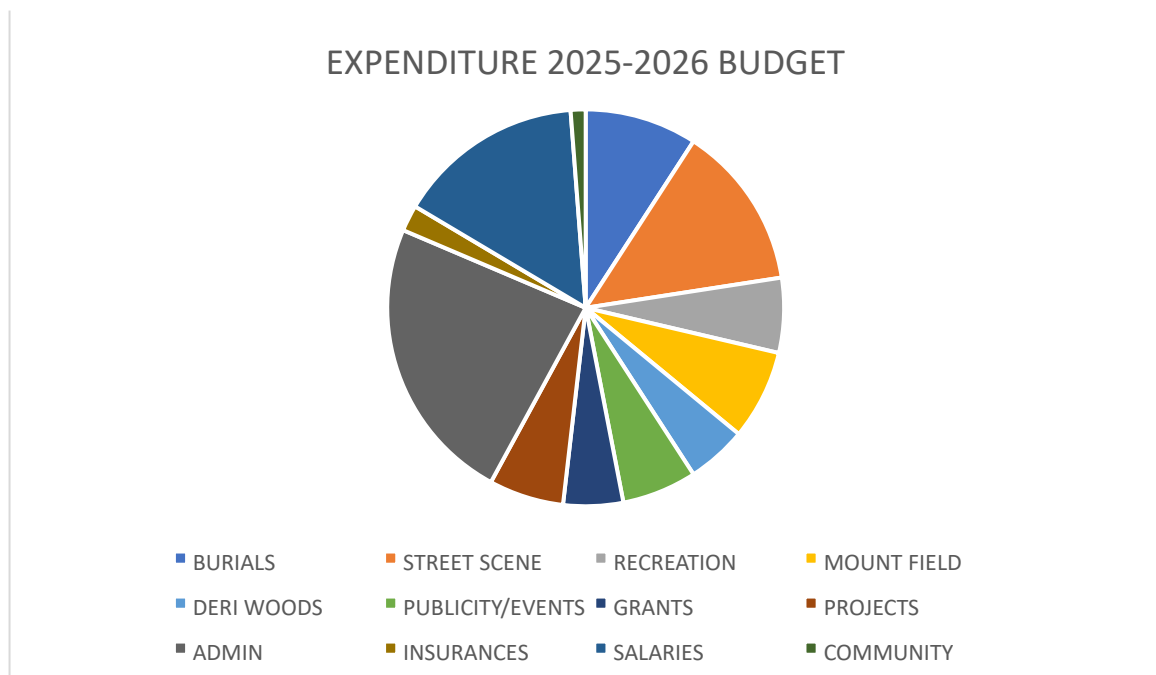
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NOTE C3

DETAILED CHART SHOWING PROPOSED EXPENDITURE 2025-2026

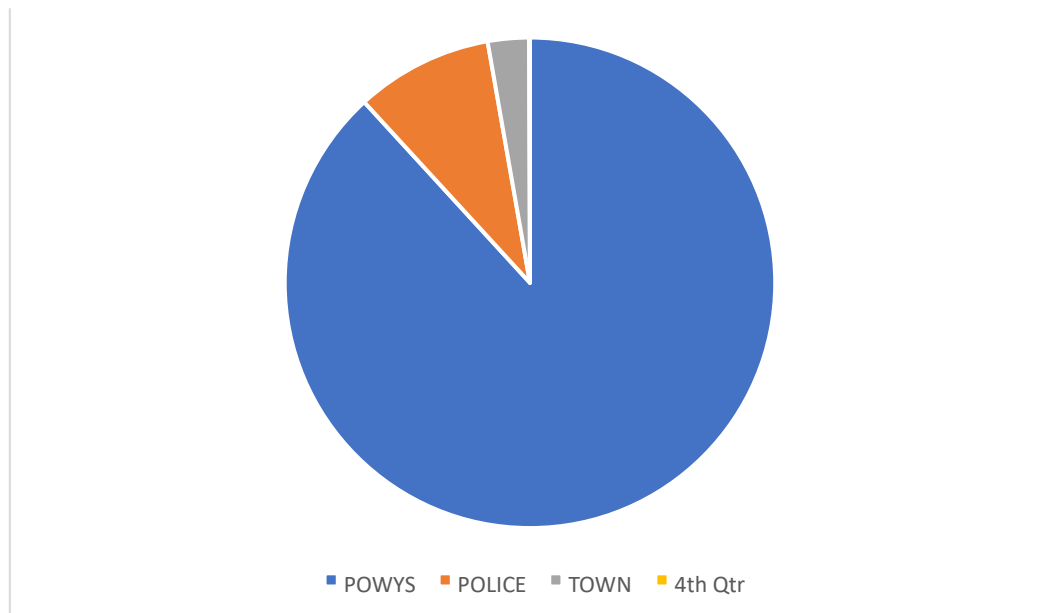


NOTE D

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CHART SHOWING ALLOCATION OF COUNIL TAX (general theme)



NOTE E

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APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2025-2026					
INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
				APPROVED BUDGET	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET		
Precept	44000.00	46500.00	48825.00	53900	
Burial Services	6646.98	5316.66	2000.00	4000	
Street Scene	5000.00	5000.00	7500.00	5000	
Recreational	9960.00	10.00	10.00	10	
Mount Field	60.00	160.00	410.00	410	
Deri Woods	0.00	0.00	3375.00	0	
Administration	0.00	1040.29	1000.00	400	
Publicity/Events	1076.04	4450.00	650.00	750	
From reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	1050	
Grants/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000	
Community	0.00	3845.00	1250.00	3250	
Total	66743.02	66321.95	65020.00	73770	
EXPENDITURE	ACTUAL		2024-2025	2025-2026	
Burial Services	11813.55	9900.88	6666.00	7975	
Street Scene	3853.06	11665.61	9700.00	10300	
Recreational	3627.00	2764.30	4150.00	3000	
Mount Field	5217.00	5456.91	5775.00	6625	
Deri Woods	5378.42	3850.79	5700.00	4143	
Administration	18405.00	19708.96	18250.00	20201	
Publicity/Events	6843.52	7586.81	5925.00	7400	
Projects / Other	460.00	1723.80	2800.00	6000	
Donations/Grants	3330.00	2711.99	2850.00	3350	
Community	0.00	7871.58	4400.00	4720	
Section 137	35.00	0.00	50.00	50	
Total	58962.55	73241.63	66266.00	73764	
Balance	7780.47	-6919.68	-1246.00	6	
RUNNING TOTAL	7780.47	860.79	-385.21		
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SCHEDULES					

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NOTE F

PRECEPT					
PRECEPT	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		2025-2026
INCOME					10% increase
Precept	44000.00	46500.00	48825.00		53900.00
Total Income	44000.00	46500.00	48825.00		53900.00
BURIAL SERVICES					
BURIAL SERVICES					
INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		2025-2026
Burials	5366.98	3,896.66	2,000.00		4,000.00
Other	1280.00	753.34	0.00		0.00
Total Income	6646.98	5,316.66	2,000.00		4,000.00
EXPENDITURE					
Rates	775.75	842.63	900.00		925.00
Electric	899.15	718.21	750.00		1,200.00
Repairs	5965.14	3,564.65	500.00		1,000.00
Grass cutting	2346.00	4,182.00	3,576.00		3,600.00
Church Clock	232.49	0.00	0.00		250.00
Church lighting	1210.02	593.39	940.00		900.00
Other	385.00	0.00	0.00		100.00
Total Costs	11813.55	9,900.88	6,666.00		7,975.00
Balance	-5166.57	-9,900.88	-4,666.00		-3,975.00
STREET SCENE SERVICES (incl toilets)					
STREET SCENE					
INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		2025-2026
Grantaid	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00		5000.00
Other	0.00	0.00	2500.00		0.00
Total Income	5000.00	5000.00	7500.00		5000.00
EXPENDITURE					
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Electric	905.74	826.26	1200.00		1800.00
Water	0.00	1180.83	900.00		900.00
Cleaning	2598.34	3117.95	3000.00		3000.00
Repairs	332.98	6540.57	1000.00		1000.00
Street cleaning	0.00	0.00	3600.00		3600.00
Banwy Estate	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Costs	3853.06	11665.61	9700.00		10300.00
Balance	1146.94	-6665.61	-2200.00		-5300.00

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RECREATIONAL					
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INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Grants	9950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bowling Club	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Tennis Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Income	9960.00	10.00	10.00		10.00
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs	35.00	180.00	550.00	500.00	
Grass cutting	300.00	1214.64	1,050.00	1,100.00	
Playground	132.00	412.48	0.00	500.00	
Tennis Club	160.00	765.00	500.00	750.00	
Bowling Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Inspections	0.00	192.18	160.00	150.00	
Fitness trail	3000.00	0.00	1,890.00	0.00	
Total Costs	3627.00	2764.30	4,150.00		3,000.00
Balance	6333.00	-2754.30	-4,140.00		-2,990.00
MOUNT FIELD					
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INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Other	60.00	160.00	410.00	410.00	
Total Income	60.00	160.00	410.00		410.00
EXPENDITURE					
Grass cutting	4012.00	4282.00	4500.00	4500.00	
Repairs	720.00	674.49	600.00	1500.00	
Insurances	250.00	340.42	325.00	325.00	
Trust grant aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Waste disposal	0.00	160.00	350.00	300.00	
Other	235.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Costs	5217.00	5456.91	5775.00		6625.00
Balance	-5157.00	-5296.91	-5365.00		-6215.00
DERI WOODS					
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INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Other	0	0	3,375.00	0.00	
Total Income	0	0	3,375.00		0.00
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs	3609.42	3510.37	5,375.00	2,500.00	
Insurance	0	0	325.00	325.00	
Grant aid	0	340.42	0.00	0.00	
Projects	1769	0	0.00	0.00	
Other	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Total Costs	5378.42	3850.79	5,700.00		2,825.00
Balance	-5378.42	-3850.79	-2,325.00		-2,825.00

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ADMINISTRATION					
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INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Other	0.00	1040.29	1000.00	400.00	
Total Income	0.00	1040.29	1000.00		400.00
EXPENDITURE					
Office rent	1300.00	1569.96	1300.00	1300.00	
Electric	300.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	
Insurances	1450.00	1210.96	1300.00	1400.00	
Office supplies	1200.00	1243.58	1300.00	1200.00	
Audit	1000.00	3375.00	1000.00	2500.00	
Professional	1000.00	426.25	1600.00	500.00	
Elections	3000.00	0.00	220.00	300.00	
Health & Safety	500.00	513.01	500.00	500.00	
Room hire	650.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	
Training	500.00	0.00	60.00	500.00	
Payroll	235.00	0.00	250.00	300.00	
HRMC	1400.00	1510.40	2300.00	2517.00	
Salaries	5670.00	9629.00	7200.00	8068.00	
Other	200.00	230.80	0.00	0.00	
Banking	0.00	0.00	220.00	216.00	
Total Costs	18405.00	19708.96	18250.00		20201.00
Balance	-18405.00	-18668.67	-17250.00		-19801.00
PUBLICITY AND EVENTS					
PUBLICITY/EVENTS					
INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Advertising	725.00	765.00	650.00	750.00	
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	351.04	3685.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Income	1076.04	4450.00	650.00		750.00
EXPENDITURE					
Publicity	104.00	0.00	75.00	500.00	
Website	450.58	200.00	500.00	500.00	
Newsletters	1822.00	1547.84	2600.00	1400.00	
Christmas lights	0.00	25.00	2500.00	2500.00	
Events	53.45	1054.73	250.00	500.00	
Carnival	4413.49	3979.24	0.00	2000.00	
Other	0.00	780.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Costs	6843.52	7586.81	5925.00		7400.00
Balance	-5767.48	-3136.81	-5275.00		-6650.00

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PROJECTS / OTHER					
OTHER					
INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Grant Aid	0	0	0.00	5,000.00	
Tourism Grant	6000	0	0.00	0.00	
From Reserves	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Other	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Total Income	6000	0	0.00		5,000.00
EXPENDITURE					
TT/Defib/Lights	0	400	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Toursim project	6000	0	800.00	0.00	
Project 1	460	450	0.00	0.00	
Project 2	0	0	0.00	5,000.00	
Other	0	873.8	0.00	0.00	
Total Costs	6460	1723.8	2,800.00		6,000.00
Balance	-460	-1723.8	-2,800.00		-1,000.00
Section 137			50.00	0.00	
DONATIONS AND GRANTS					
GRANTS					
INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Other	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Total Income	0	0	0.00		0.00
EXPENDITURE					
Library	2350	1500	2,350.00	2,350.00	
Library cleaning	0	0	0.00	0.00	
General Donations	1000	1016.99	500.00	1,000.00	
Other	0	195	0.00	0.00	
Total Costs	3330	2711.99	2,850.00		3,350.00
Balance	-3330	-2711.99	-2,850.00		-3,350.00
COMMUNITY					
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INCOME	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	
Youth Club	0	9950	250.00	250.00	
Community project	0	995	1,000.00	0.00	
Other	0	2850	0.00	3,000.00	
Total Income	0	3845	1,250.00		3,250.00
EXPENDITURE					
Youth Club	0	938.6	3,400.00	4,720.00	
Community project	0	1232.98	1,000.00	0.00	
Other	0	5700	0.00	0.00	
Total Costs	0	7871.58	4,400.00		4,720.00
Balance	0	-4026.58	-3,150.00		-1,470.00

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APPENDIX G

LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL

FIVE YEAR BUDGET ESTIMATE

INCOME	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
Precept	53900	60152	63160	66318	69634
Burial Services	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000
Street Scene	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Recreational	10	10	10	10	10
Mount Field	410	410	410	410	410
Deri Woods	0	0	0	0	0
Administration	400	400	400	400	400
Publicity/Events	750	750	750	750	750
From reserves	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Donations	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Community	3250	250	300	350	400
Total	73770	75972	79030	82238	85604
EXPENDITURE	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Burial Services	7975	8254	8543	8842	9151
Street Scene	10300	10661	11034	11420	11819
Recreational	3000	3105	3214	3326	3443
Mount Field	6625	6857	7097	7345	7602
Deri Woods	4143	4288	4438	4593	4754
Administration	20201	20510	21227	21970	22739
Publicity/Events	7400	7659	7927	8205	8492
Projects / Other	6000	6210	6427	6652	6885
Donations/Grants	3350	3467	3589	3714	3844
Community	4720	4885	5056	5233	5416
Section 137	50	50	50	50	50
Total	73764	75946	78602	81351	84197
Balance	6	27	428	887	1407