

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

BUDGET REPORT 2026-2027 18th November 2025



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1. Introduction

This paper sets out the principles and details of the budget for the year ending 31st March 2027.

2. The current year – 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

The council tax income for the current year is £53,900.

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

In addition to the day-to-day expenditure the following were extra in the current year to 31st March 2026:

Item	Budget
Storm Darragh storm damage	£5,500
Grant to High School for books	£2,050
Grant to the Institute	£1,190
Total expenditure	£8,740
Grant aid (Deri Woods)	(£2,000)
Net expenditure extra	£6,740

3. End of year balances

The expected end of year balances to 31st March 2026 are set out below:

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

HEADING	AMOUNT	HEADING	AMOUNT
Cash balances 30.09.25	£101,525	Budgeted expenditure	£30,000
VAT reclaim	£1,250	Mount Field works	£1,500
Precept	£17,966	Institute grant	£1,190
Toilet grant	£5,000		
General income	£2,500		
Total estimated income	£128,241	Total estimated expenditure	£32,690

End of year balance expected to be £95,551.

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4. Budget 2026-2027 - information

4.1 Council tax increase chart

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

HEADING	2024-2025	2026-2027	2026-2027	2026-2027	2026-2027	2026-2027
	YEAR	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE
	Current	NIL	5%	7.50%	10%	15%
Per year	53,900	53,900	56,565	57,942.5	59,290	61,985
BAND D	£	£	£	£	£	£
Per year	67.04	67.04	70.35	72.07	73.74	77.10
Per month	5.59	5.59	5.86	6.01	6.15	6.42
Per week	1.29	1.29	1.35	1.39	1.42	1.48
Per day	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21

Due the increase in band D properties for the next financial year the amount gained from the precept is slightly increased without affecting existing band D taxpayers.

4.2 Comparable council tax levels in other towns

	TOTAL	PCC	POLICE	LOCAL
ABERMULE	2225	1820	325	80
BERRIEW	2173	1820	325	28
BRECON	2319	1820	325	174
BLUITH WELLS	2276	1820	325	131
CARNO	2195	1820	325	50
CRICKHOWEL	2216	1820	325	71
LLANDRINDOD WELLS	2242	1820	325	97
LLANFAIR CAEREINION	2212	1820	325	67
LLANYFYLIN	2228	1820	325	83
LLANIDLOES	2249	1820	325	104
MACHYNLLETH	2551	1820	325	406
MONTGOMERY	2255	1820	325	110
NEWTOWN	2360	1820	325	215
Presteigne	2201	1820	325	56
TREGYNON	2196	1820	325	51
WELSHPOOL	2425	1820	325	280
YSTRADGYNLAIS	2281	1820	325	136

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4.3 Annual returns 2016 to date

ANNUAL RETURNS 2016 to 2027											
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Estimated 2026 2027
Brought forward	18653	25015	35933	65970	86085	85082	109428	104423	100645	93058	95430 97380
Precept	30450	30450	40000	40000	40000	40000	40000	44000	46500	48825	53900 56565
Other income	13300	17181	42368	50320	19562	12417	49224	33144	30070	14048	20800 60835
Total income	62403	72646	118301	156290	145647	137499	198652	181567	177215	155931	170130 214780
Salaries	5062	6300	5916	8094	10091	1510	7070	6883	11139	11802	10500 10700
Other costs	32326	30413	46415	62111	50474	26561	87159	74039	73018	48699	62250 130213
Total expenditure	37388	36713	52331	70205	60565	28071	94229	80922	84157	60501	72750 140913
Carried forward	25015	35933	65970	86085	85082	109428	104423	100645	93058	95430	97380 73867
Made up of	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 2027
Total balances	25015	35933	65970	86085	85082	109428	104423	100645	93058	95430	97380 73867
General reserves *	22838	22838	30000	30000	30000	30000	45000	45000	45000	45000	45000 45000
Grant money unspent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9000	6000	3000 0
Allocated to projects	0	0	0	0	0	20000	10900	6600	2800	5500	0 0
Net excess reserves	2178	13096	35970	56085	55082	59428	48523	49045	36258	38930	49380 28867

A chart showing investment in facilities since 2021 is set out at appendix.B

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5. Setting the budget

5.1 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.

The Council adopted the following policy about reserves: The level of reserves at £40,000 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 some 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 3.5% average and the year prior to that in excess of 4.5%.
- c) The projects you wish to complete in the next financial year.
- d) The amount you wish to invest in the Place Making Plan.
- e) The cost of staff expected over the period of the budget.
- f) The amount of reserves you are willing to spend in the year.
- g) The budget has to balance with any shortfall covered by reserves.

5.2 What is included?

The budget includes allowances for:

- i) General delivery of services including an allowance for inflation, annual repairs and maintenance.
- ii) Continuing with the 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 (reduce from 6 originally).
- vi) A substantial sum to invest in major projects.
- vii) An increased sum to cover grants and special expenditure.

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- viii) Based upon the TWIG grant coming forward for riverside path works.
- ix) The legal fees and first years maintenance of the Banwy Estate Road.
- vi) No allowance towards street cleaning.
- vii) No increase in admin staff costs
- viii) No provision for a full election (would have to come from reserves)
- ix) There is no provision to the delivery of any further services.

The grant aid for Deri Woods - was not gained and will mean a cost of approx £8,000 to do the riverside path – this is not included.

6. Five year projections

A chart showing a 5 year projection is set out at appendix A.

7. Split of council tax

A chart showing the breakdown of a Band D property council tax fill is set out at appendix C.

8. The budget

8.1 Budget details

The details of the budget are set out at appendix D.

8.2 Budget summary

Set out overleaf is a summary of the budget:

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This budget presented includes for a council tax increase of 10%.
The budget in outline is as follows:

Income

Precept (5%)	£60,316	
Grants	£11,000	
Other income	£6,830	
From reserves	£26,000	
Total income		£104,146

Expenditure

General expenditure	£71,535	
Extra items	£26,500	
Riverside path	£6,000	
Total expenditure		£104,035

Balance		£111
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Full details of the budget are set out at appendix D.

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APPENDIX A

FIVE YEAR PROJECTION					
	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
RECEIPTS					
Brought forward	97500	95595	69672	73565	81804
Precept	53900	60316	66348	72982	80281
Burial services	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Street scene	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Recreation	10	10	10	10	10
Mount Field	400	400	400	400	400
Deri Woods	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Administration	400	400	400	400	400
Publicity/events	750	750	750	750	750
Projects	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Community	250	250	250	250	250
Total income	165210	169721	149830	160357	175895
Expenditure					
Burial services	8875	9186	9462	9745	10038
Street scene	6700	6985	7195	7410	7633
Recreation	3000	3105	3198	3294	3393
Mount Field	6625	6857	7063	7275	7493
Deri Woods	6425	12850	7050	7262	7479
Administration	8601	8902	9169	9444	9727
Insurances	1400	1450	1494	1538	1584
Publicity/events	7400	7659	7889	8125	8369
Projects	2000	20000	0	0	0
Grants	3350	9850	10146	10450	10763
Community	4720	4685	4826	4970	5119
Admin salaries	10500	8500	8755	9018	9288
Section 137	19	20	21	21	22
Total expenditure	69615	100049	76265	78553	80910
Balance	95595	69672	73565	81804	94985

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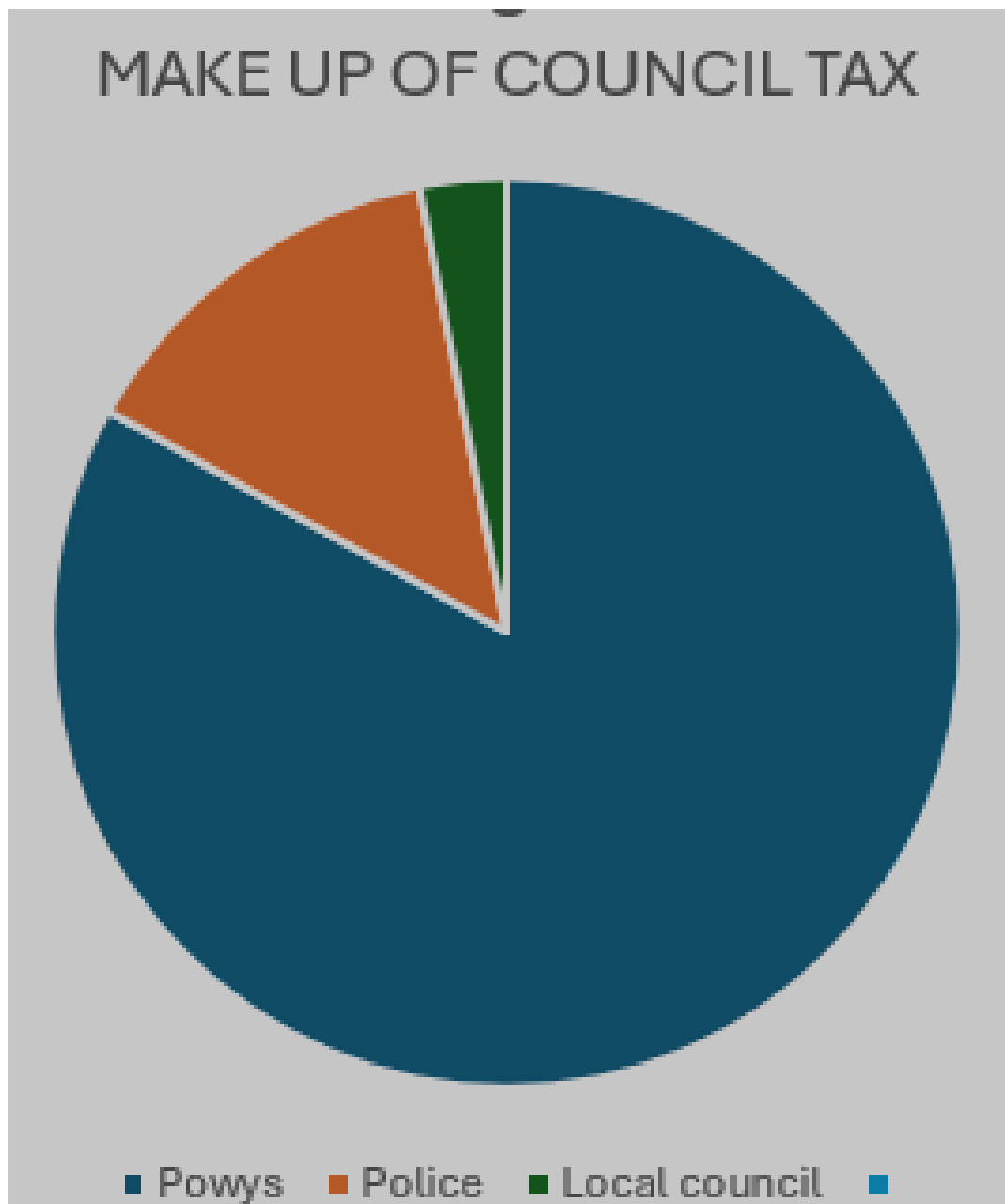
APPENDIX B

INVESTING SINCE 2021					
GRANT INCOME					
PCC	15000		CHURCH LIGHTING		3000
AWFAW	10000		TOILET REFURBISHMENT		4000
AWAIN	6600		DERI WOODS IMPROVEMENT		2500
AFAW	9950		PIED FLY CATCHER SCHEME		250
WILDLIFE FUND	250		DERI WOODS HLF		4700
AFAW	7000		ERW DDWR PATHS		5500
PCC	17000		CHAPEL OF REST DECORATIONS		500
PCC	3375		PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS		45000
			TOURISM PROJECT		6600
			YOUTH CLUB		9950
			INSTITUTE WALL		2800
			LYCHGATE & WALL WORKS		2300
			FITNESS TRAIL		8600
			DERI WOODS PROJECT		3375
			PLACE MAKING PLAN		17000
			DEFIBRILLATORS		4000
			CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		4500
			DERI WOODS STORM DARRAH		5500
TOTAL	69175		TOTAL		130075
			Amount invested in community		60900

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APPENDIX C

CHART SHOWING ALLOCATION OF COUNIL TAX (general theme)



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DRAFT BUDGET - 17 - NOVEMBER 2025		
ANALYSIS		
	2025-2026	2026-2027
BAND D PROPERTIES	804	
	£	£
TOTAL PRECEPT	53900	60316
PER YEAR PER HOUSE	66.96	73.65
PER MONTH PER HOUSE	5.58	6.14
PER WEEK PER HOUSE	1.29	1.42
PER DAY PER HOUSE	0.18	0.20
	£	£
RECEIPTS	Current	
PRECEPT	53900	60316
BURIALS	4000	5000
STREET SCENE	5000	5000
RECREATION	10	10
MOUNT FIELD	400	420
DERI WOODS	2000	0
ADMINISTRATION	400	400
PLACE MAKING	5000	5000
PUBLICITY & EVENTS	750	750
COMMUNITY	3250	1250
FROM RESERVES	0	26000
TOTAL INCOME	74710	104146
EXPENDITURE	£	£
BURIALS	7875	8150
STREET SCENE	6700	7500
RECREATION	2500	2500
MOUNT FIELD	6625	6175
DERI WOODS	6425	10875
ADMINISTRATION	7466	9500
INSURANCES	1700	1400
PLACE MAKING	5000	25000
PUBLICITY & EVENTS	8400	14800
COMMUNITY	8820	8885
ADMIN STAFF COSTS	10248	8500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	71759	103285
BALANCE	2951	861

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DETAILED BREAKDOWN

BURIALS

RECEIPTS

2025-2026 2026-2027

Burials 3000 4000

Chapel of Rest 1000 1000

Total receipts 4000 5000

EXPENDITURE

Burial grounds grass cutting 3600 3600

Burial grounds repairs 500 1000

Lights around churchyard 900 1000

Church clock 250 250

Chapel of Rest rates 925 1000

Chapel of Rest electric 1200 800

Chapel fo Rest repairs 500 500

Total expenditure 7875 8150

Balance -3875 -3150

STREET SCENE

RECEIPTS

2025-2026 2026-2027

Grant PCC 5000 5000

Other 0 0

Total receipts 5000 5000

EXPENDITURE

Electric 1800 1500

Water 900 1000

Cleaning 3000 3000

Banwy Estate Road repairs 0 1000

Repairs 1000 1000

Total expenditure 6700 7500

Balance -1700 -2500

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RECREATION		
RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2026-2027
Bowling Club	10	10
Other	0	0
Total receipts	10	10
EXPENDITURE		
Grass cutting	1100	1100
Inspections	150	150
Tennis courts	750	750
Repairs	500	500
Total expenditure	2500	2500
Balance	-2490	-2490
MOUNT FIELD		
RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2026-2027
Football Club	200	200
Grazing land	100	100
Wayleaves	100	120
Total receipts	400	420
EXPENDITURE		
Grass cutting	4500	4500
Rubbish bins	300	300
Insurances	325	375
Repairs	1500	1000
Total expenditure	6625	6175
Balance	-6225	-5755
DERI WOODS		
RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2026-2027
Grants	0	43000
Other	2000	0
Total receipts	2000	43000
EXPENDITURE		
Repairs	5450	10000
Dog poo bags	650	500
Insurances	325	375
Other	0	0
Total expenditure	6425	10875
Balance	-4425	32125

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ADMINISTRATION		
RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2026-2027
Interest	400	400
Other	0	0
Total receipts	400	400
EXPENDITURE		
Office rent and electric	1400	1300
Office supplies	1200	1200
Audit	1500	2500
Professional	500	1500
Elections	300	350
Health & Safety	500	500
Room hire	800	800
Training	500	500
Payroll	300	350
Other	250	250
Bank charges	216	250
Total expenditure	7466	9500
Balance	-7066	-9100
INSURANCES	1700	1400
PLACE MAKING & PROJECTS		
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Grants	5000	5000
Place Making grants	0	0
Total receipts	5000	5000
Proects and studies	0	20000
Projects	5000	5000
Expenditure	5000	25000
Balance	0	-20000

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PUBLICITY AND EVENTS		
RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2026-2027
Adverts	750	750
Other	0	0
Total receipts	750	750
EXPENDITURE		
Chronicle	1400	1200
Carnival	2000	2000
Christmas Lights	2500	2500
Web site/emails	600	600
Events	500	750
Publicity	400	250
Grants and special fund	1000	7500
Total expenditure	8400	14800
Balance	-7650	-14050
COMMUNITY		
RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2026-2027
Youth Club subs contrib	250	250
Grant aid	3000	1000
Total receipts	3250	1250
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries Youth Club	3250	3335
Hall hire	1500	1750
Equipment	500	250
Other community activity	220	100
Library	2350	2350
Defibs	1000	1000
Banking	0	100
Total expenditure	8820	8885
Balance	-5570	-7635
ADMIN STAFF COSTS		
TOWN CLERK	2025-2026	2026-2027
TOWN CLERK	10248	8500
OTHER	0	0
TOTAL	10248	8500