



Newsletter Cylclythyr

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Caerffili In Bloom First Place! Safle Gyntaf i Gaerffili yn ei Blodau!



Councillor James Fussell, right, receiving awards from Wales in Bloom's Peter Barton-Price on behalf of St Martin's Gardening Group and St Andrew's Community Garden

Caerphilly enjoyed more success at the 2022 Wales in Bloom competition, clinching first place and a gold award in the Town Centre category. The competition was held in Talgarth in Powys after judging took place in the town in July. It also followed on from success in 2021 when Caerphilly clinched first place beating Penarth to the top spot.

It is the first time Caerphilly has ever won a gold award at the annual event. Funded by Caerphilly Town Council with other grants won by the Caerffili in Bloom Group, the competition sees the town centre decorated with plant troughs and hanging baskets during the Summer months. Included in Caerphilly's entry were displays at Caerphilly railway station, Dafydd Williams Park, Coffi Vista and the Caerphilly Miners Centre.

Reacting to the win, Councillor James Fussell, who is Chair of Caerffili in Bloom said; "I am speechless and over the moon with winning Gold. It makes all the hard work and effort worthwhile."

Cymraeg



David Rich, James Fussell, Vicky Twine-Davies (Castle View), Simon Beacham (Caerphilly Parks), Harry Rich, Andrea Lewis (Castle View) Elizabeth Thomas (Friends of Morgan Jones Allotments)
Photographer Claire Ilari

Mike`s Year as Mayor / Blwyddyn Mike yn Faer



Dydd Y Cofio
Remembrance Day



Toy Box, Clive Street



Bwyty Gatehouse restaurant



Fine Lines Barbers, Piccadilly



Diwrnod Anferth MegaDay 2022



Efeiliad Tref Town Twinning



Siop Cannwyll Bwthyn
Bwthyn Candle Shop



Siop Brechdan Al's
Al's Sandwich Shop

Maer 2022/3

Ail-etholwyd y Cyngorydd Mike Prew yn Faer y Dref ar gyfer 2020/21 yn ystod Cyfarfod Blynyddol Cyngor y Dref. Ei elusennau dethol eleni yw'r Shining Stars and Latch, elusen sy'n cefnogi plant.

Etholwyd Dave Roberts yn ddirprwy-Maer.

2022/3 Mayor

At the Town Council AGM in May 2022 Councillor Mike Prew was re-elected Town Mayor for 2022/23. His chosen charities this year are the Shining Stars and Latch charities, both support local children.

In the previous year 2021/2, the Mayors Charities were Autistic Minds and Sense Cymru and each received £2500

It is hoped with the re-activation of Town Council events after Covid, more money can be raised this year.

Councillor Dave Roberts was elected Deputy Mayor.



Did you Know?

Owain Glyndwr, the last Prince of Wales, captured Caerffili Castle during his campaign to establish a Welsh state independent of the English Crown. He occupied the castle in 1403 for three months and again in 1405. Following the defeat of the Glyndwr's campaign the castle fell into decay.

Glyndwr is also noted for setting up the last Welsh parliament before the current Senedd was established this century.



Wyddoch Chi ?

Goleuadau Nadolig

A bumper crowd estimated at 2000 turned up to listen to Christmas Carols and wait for the Christmas Lights Switch On. This was the first time the Town Council had been able to put on a major public event since 2019 so it was really great to see it so well attended. The highlight for the children was the arrival of Santa. You could hear their excitement! The new tree fully lit up and the Nadolig Llawen on the Clock Tower set the seal on the evening.

Thanks are due to the entertainers : Caerffili County Wind Band, Plas Y Felin School Choir, Twyn School Choir, Côr Ysgol Cymraeg Y Castell, Cwrt Rawlin School Choir, Caerffili Community Chorus and Only Boys Aloud.

Thanks are due to the Councillors who did all the background work whether manning the traffic barriers, picking up litter or crowd control. Particular mention is due to Councillors Mike Prew, Colin Elsbury, James Fussell, Jeff Grenfell, Steve Kent, Paula Reed and Dave Roberts

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Christmas Lights



Town Mayor Mike Prew with Santa aka Freddie Brooks

Gorymdaith Llusern Nadolig

There was a fantastic turn out for the first lantern parade since 2019. The weather was dry with lots of stalls from the Xmas Fair remaining open for the children to have fun and the parents to get a warm drink. So many children with lanterns helped make the evening extra memorable and then all finished off with a spectacular fireworks display.

It was great to see Town Mayor Councillor Mike Prew leading the procession and being kept busy all evening responding to requests for selfies with children and families. It was also great to see MS Delyth Jewell joining the fun.

Just a few years ago, before Covid struck, the future of the event was in doubt due to funding, but the Town Council stepped in to save the day.

A lot of thanks are due to the Town Council for funding, but also to the County Borough Council for its organisation with help from volunteers involved in crowd control etc., including Town Councillors.

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Christmas Lantern Parade



Fireworks to finish a great night

Caerphilly Town Council Information Gwybodaeth Cyngor Tref Caerffili

More information, including council finance, is available on the council's website.

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Cyfarfodydd Y Cyngor Council Meetings



The Council meets in the Twyn Community Centre on the third Monday of each month except August and December. Meetings are hybrid allowing residents to attend in person or on line

More details available from the Town Clerk

Council Tax NO Change DIM Newid Cyngor Treth

For 2022/3 the Town Council held the precept at £15.50 for a Band D property. Almost everything the Town Council does is paid for by this precept on residents Council Tax. This equates to 30 pence a week for a Band D household.

The Town Council funds annual events including the Flower Festival, summer Floral Displays, a Firework Display, Christmas Lights, lantern parade and sponsors events organised by others.

Additional funding is secured through the Community Infrastructure Levy from building developments in the town. This is used towards specific projects and has included the Welsh National Anthem Memorial Sculpture and EV charge points at the Twyn.

Local voluntary groups are supported through the grants scheme. Full details and an application form can be found on the Town Council website.