

Motion to Council: Proms in the Park Event for Caerphilly

Date of Council Meeting: 21st September 2026

Proposer: Cllr Anne Broughton-Pettit **Seconder:** Cllr Cath Lewis

Motion

Council notes that the standalone fireworks display previously held in Caerphilly has been removed from the events calendar and it appears to be unlikely to be reinstated in the foreseeable future.

Council further notes that community events play an important role in bringing residents together, supporting local pride, showcasing local talent and encouraging footfall in the town.

Council therefore resolves to request that members explore the feasibility of holding a **Proms in the Park** event in Caerphilly in 2027, using the funds that had been put aside for the fireworks event which will not be held that year.

The proposed event should celebrate local musical talent and seek to involve local school choirs, youth and community orchestras, local male voice choirs, local female choirs and other appropriate community music groups.

Purpose and Benefits

The purpose of the proposal is to provide a family-friendly, inclusive and culturally positive alternative to the cancelled fireworks event, while making constructive use of funds already identified for a public community celebration.

- showcase the talent of children, young people and community musicians across Caerphilly;
- create an event that is accessible to a broad range of residents and age groups;
- support civic pride and positive use of public spaces;
- encourage visitors and footfall for local businesses; and
- offer a celebration that avoids the cost, safety, animal welfare and environmental concerns associated with large-scale fireworks displays.

Proposed Action

Council requests that the clerk prepares a short feasibility report setting out options for location, date, event format, estimated costs, licensing and safety requirements, accessibility, transport arrangements, potential partners and opportunities for sponsorship or in-kind support.

The report should also consider how schools and community music groups can be invited to participate fairly and safely, including appropriate safeguarding, rehearsal, performance and technical arrangements.

A scoping of the likely issues has been prepared in the two attached documents:

Proms in the Park: Caerphilly Schools Celebration

Annex A: Proposal: Proms in the Park Caerphilly

Recommendation

That Council agrees in principle to the development of a Proms in the Park event for Caerphilly in 2027 and asks the clerk to liaise with the Caerphilly County Borough Council events team regarding a detailed proposal and bring this back to the council, with the intention that the event be funded from the budget previously set aside for the fireworks event that will not take place in 2027.