

Please confirm the date of each meeting of the council for the year.

If there is no meeting in a particular month, enter an X in that box.

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Month	Date	Month	Date
April 2017	21.4.17	October 2017	10.10.17
May 2017	9.5.17	November 2017	14.11.17
June 2017	13.6.17	December 2017	12.12.17
July 2017	11.7.17	January 2018	9.1.18
August 2017	X	February 2018	13.2.18
September 2017	12.9.17	March 2018	13.3.18

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Or:

If amendments are required, reports issues (including amendments) to the body. The body amends the Annual Return, the RFO re-certifies and the body re-approves before sending it back to the auditor. The auditor then certifies the Annual Return and sends it back to the body for publishing by 30 September.

Statement. Internal audit completes internal audit report. RFO certifies return (below Part 2 of the Annual Governance Statement) before 30 June and presents the return to the body.

below Part 2 of the Annual Governance Statement. RFO/Clerk sends a copy of the Annual Return and certified copies of requested evidence to the external auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales.

If no amendments are required, certifies the Annual Return and sends it back to the body for publishing by 30 September.

Please read the guidance on completing this Annual Return and complete all sections highlighted in red including both sections of the Annual Governance Statement.

Incomplete or incorrect returns may require additional external audit work and incur additional costs. Send the original Annual Return, together with all additional information requested, to the external auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales. Unless requested, please do not send any original financial or other records to the external auditor.

Audited and certified returns are sent back to the body for publication or display of the accounting statements, Annual Governance Statement and the Auditor General for Wales' certificate and report.

Completion checklist

'No' answers mean that you may not have met requirements		Done?	
Initial submission to the external auditor		Yes	No
Accounts	Has the RFO certified the accounting statements and the body approved the Annual Return (as evidenced by the relevant signatures), no later than 30 June 2017?	✓	
	Do the accounts add up and does the balance carried forward from last year equal the opening balance this year?	✓	
	Do the papers to be sent to the external auditor include an explanation of significant variations, including a quantified analysis of the changes from last year to this year?	✓	
	Does the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2017 agree to line 9?	✓	
All sections	Have all red boxes been completed and explanations provided where needed?	✓	
	Has all the information requested by the external auditor been sent with this Annual Return? Please refer to your notice of audit and any additional schedules provided by your external auditor.	✓	
Supporting evidence	Has all the information requested by the external auditor been sent with this Annual Return? Please refer to your notice of audit and any additional schedules provided by your external auditor.	✓	

Datganiadau cyfrifyddu 2016-17 ar gyfer:

Enw'r corff:

	Y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben		Nodiadau a chanllawiau i'r sawl sy'n llunio'r cyfrifon
	31 Mawrth 2016 (£)	31 Mawrth 2017 (£)	Dylech dalgrynnu'r ffigurau i'r £ agosaf. Ni ddylech adael unrhyw flychau yn wag na chofnodi balansau o £0 neu ddim. Rhaid i bob ffigur fod yn gyson â'r cofnodion ariannol syfaenol ar gyfer y flwyddyn berthnasol.

Datganiad o incwm a gwariant/derbyniadau a thaliadau

1. Balansau a ddygwyd ymlaen	90,236	115,696	Cyfanswm y balansau a'r cronfeydd wrth gefn ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn fel y'u cofnodwyd yn y cofnodion ariannol. Rhaid iddo fod yn gyson â llinell 7 y flwyddyn flaenorol.
2. (+) Incwm o drethiant lleol/ardoll	94,572	94,572	Cyfanswm yr incwm a dderbyniwyd/derbyniadwy yn ystod y flwyddyn o drethiant lleol (prasept) neu ardoll/cyfraniad gan brif gyff.
3. (+) Cyfanswm derbyniadau eraill	30,809	36,880	Cyfanswm incwm neu dderbyniadau a gofnodwyd yn y llyfr arian parod llai'r symiau a gynhwysir yn llinell 2. Mae'n cynnwys grantiau cymorth, dewisol a refferiw.
4. (-) Costau staff	32,249	32,680	Cyfanswm gwariant neu daliadau a wnaed i bob gweithiwr cyflogedig ac ar ei ran. Dylech gynnwys cyflogau, TWE ac Yswiriant Gwladol (cyflogaion a chyflogwyr), cyfraniadau pensiwn a threuliau cysylltiedig e.e. costau terfynu.
5. (-) Llog ar fenthyciadau/ ad-daliadau cyfalaf	0	0	Cyfanswm gwariant neu daliadau cyfalaf a llog a wnaed yn ystod y flwyddyn ar fenthyciadau allanol (os o gwbl).
6. (-) Cyfanswm taliadau eraill	67,672	90,466	Cyfanswm gwariant neu daliadau fel y'u cofnodwyd yn y llyfr arian parod, a thynnu costau staff (linell 4) a llog ar fenthyciadau/ ad-daliadau cyfalaf (linell 5).
7. (=) Balansau a barhawyd	115,696	124,002	Cyfanswm y balansau a'r cronfeydd wrth gefn ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn. Rhaid iddo fod yn hafal i (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).

Datganiad o falansau

8. (+) Dyledwyr a balansau stoc	0	0	Cyfrifon incwm a gwariant yn unig: Nodwch werth dyledion sy'n ddyledus i'r corff a balansau stoc a ddelir ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn.				
9. (+) Cyfanswm arian parod a buddsoddiadau	115,696	124,002	Pob cyfrif: Swm yr holl gyfrifon banc cyfredol a chadw, daliadau ariannol a buddsoddiadau a ddelir ar 31 Mawrth. Rhaid i hyn fod yn gyson â balans cysoni'r llyfr arian parod yn unol â chysoniad y banc.				
10. (-) Credydwyr	0	0	Cyfrifon incwm a gwariant yn unig: Nodwch werth yr arian sy'n ddyledus gan y corff (heblaw costau benthyg) ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn.				
11. (=) Balansau a barhawyd	115,696	124,002	Dylai cyfanswm y balansau fod yn gyson â llinell 7 uchod: Nodwch gyfanswm (8+9-10).				
12. Cyfanswm asedau sefydlog ac asedau hirdymor	19,780	19,780	Gwerth gwreiddiol cofrestr asedau a buddsoddiadau pob ased sefydlog, ynghyd ag asedau hirdymor eraill a ddelir ar 31 Mawrth.				
13. Cyfanswm benthycladau	0	0	Balans cyfalaf dyledus pob benthygiad o drydydd partion ar 31 Mawrth (gan gynnwys PWLB).				
14. Nodyn datgelu cronfeydd ymddiriedolaeth	Ydy	N/Y	Dd/G	Ydy	N/Y	Dd/G	Mae'r corff yn gweithredu fel unig ymddiriedolaeth ac mae'n gyfrifol am reoli (a) cronfa/cronfeydd ymddiriedolaeth/ asedau (dylai darllenwyr nodi nad yw'r ffigurau uchod yn cynnwys unrhyw drafodion ymddiriedolaeth).
		✓			✓		

Annual Governance Statement (Part 1)

We acknowledge as the members of the Council/Board/Committee, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:	PG Ref	
	Yes	No*			
1. We have put in place arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective financial management during the year; and the preparation and approval of the accounting statements. 	✓		Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law.	6, 12	
2. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7	
3. We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council/Board/Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.	6	
4. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	✓		Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and to ask questions about the body's accounts.	6, 23	
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council/Board/Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly.	6, 9	
6. We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems throughout the year and have received a report from the internal auditor.	✓		Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	6, 8	
7. We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the Council/Board/Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.	✓		Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6	
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	✓		Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23	
9. Trust funds – in our capacity as trustee, we have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. 	Yes	No	N/A	Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	3, 6
			✓		

* Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'no' response given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

Annual Governance Statement (Part 2)

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:	PG Ref
	Yes	No*		
1. We have registered as an employer with HM Revenue and Customs and properly operate Pay As You Earn as part of our payroll arrangements; or We do not need to register for PAYE because none of our employees are paid £112 or more a week, get expenses and benefits, have another job or get a pension.	✓		Has registered as an employer and properly operates PAYE unless all of the exemption criteria are met.	13
2. We have maintained proper payroll records for each of our employees including deductions of tax and national insurance.	✓		Has kept records of payments made to employees including taxable expenses or benefits and of payments made to HMRC.	13
3. We have adopted a Code of Conduct setting out proper standards of behaviour expected of councillors and individually, have agreed to abide by the code.	✓		The body and its members have adopted and agreed to abide by a Code of Conduct as required by law.	8

* Please delete as appropriate.

Council/Board/Committee approval and certification

The Council/Board/Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and for the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

Certification by the RFO I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2017.	Approval by the Council/Board/Committee I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:
RFO signature:  Name: ANDREW STEWART MCCULLOCH Date: 28.6.17	42/2017 referen 28.6.17 of meeting Chair signature:  Name: ELIZABETH LYNNE JENKINS Date: 28.6.17

Council/Board/Committee re-approval and re-certification (only required if the annual return has been amended at audit)

Certification by the RFO I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2017.	Approval by the Council/Board/Committee I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:
RFO signature:  Name: ANDREW STEWART MCCULLOCH Date: 13.9.17	73/2017 1. referen 12.9.17 of meeting Chair signature:  Name: Sharon Jones Date: 13/09/17

Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report

The external auditor conducts the audit on behalf of, and in accordance with, guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales. On the basis of their review of the Annual Return and supporting information, they report whether any matters that come to their attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 of:

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

External auditor's report

~~{Except for the matters reported below}~~* On the basis of our review, in our opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

~~[[These matters along with]]* Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the body and our recommendations for improvement are included in our report to the body dated _____.~~

Other matters and recommendations

On the basis of our review, we draw the body's attention to the following matters and recommendations which do not affect our audit opinion but should be addressed by the body.

(Continue on a separate sheet if required.)

External auditor's name: BDO LLP Southampton United Kingdom	
External auditor's signature: 	Date: 18/9/17
For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales	

* Delete as appropriate.

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: **CLYBACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Council/Board/Committee's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2017.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council/Board/Committee's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council/Board/Committee.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	✓				
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓				
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	✓				
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	✓				
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓				
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	✓				

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓				
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓				
11. Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council/Board/Committee has met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓		

For any risk areas identified by the Council/Board/Committee (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:					
	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
12.			✓		
13.			✓		
14.			✓		

* If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

** If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council/Board/Committee are included in my detailed report to the Council/Board/Committee dated 18/06/2017.] * Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body or as a member of the body during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: <u>VIVIAN LYN HEWELLYN</u>
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: <u>V.L. Hewellyn</u>
Date: <u>18/06/2017</u>

Accounting statements 2016-17 for:

Name of body:

CLYDEACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2016 (£)	31 March 2017 (£)	

Please round all figures to nearest £.
Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances.
All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.

Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments

1. Balances brought forward	90,236	115,826 115,696	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	94,572	94,572	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	30,809	36,020 36,880	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	32,249	32,680	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses eg termination costs.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	67,672 67,511	90,466 93,502	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	115,826 115,696	120,236 124,002	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).

Statement of balances

8. (+) Debtors and stock balances	0	0	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body and stock balances held at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	115,826 115,696	120,236 124,002	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	0	0	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	115,696 115,826	124,002 120,236	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	19,780	19,780	The original asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

14. Trust funds disclosure note	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	The body acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing (a) trust fund(s)/assets (readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions).
		✓			✓		