

# Glynneath Town Council

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# Welsh Government and Council Valleys Programme

- NPT Council Working with Welsh Government to bring real improvements to Valleys. Glynneath has central role to play.
- Cash announced in Welsh Government draft budget last week
  - ❑ £25m to create seven strategic hubs across the South Wales Valleys (one is Neath); and
  - ❑ £7m to establish the Valleys Regional Park.
- Council's Cabinet will respond to a Task & Finish Group on priorities before Christmas.

# Links to other initiatives e.g. Childcare

- First phase includes Blaengwrach; but not Glynneath – although we plan to roll out scheme across whole County as soon as possible.
- Have a child that is 3 or 4 years old;
- Earn on average a weekly minimum equivalent to, or more than, 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW) but less than £100,000 per year; and
- Glynneath Training Centre and others well positioned to take advantage.

# What's been done?

Number of projects in/around Glynneath in recent years, mostly through the Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area (SRA) programme.

- **Town Centre Regeneration Strategy** – adopted by NPT Council in 2013.
- **Town Centre Public Realm Improvements** – SRA funded project (750k total) repaving of the main street including new bus stops, drop kerbs, resurfacing works plus car park at the bottom of Oddfellows Street. Completed in 2014.
- **Lancaster Close Car Park** – resurfacing and new lighting to car park to the rear of the main street (30k). Works funded by NPT Council.
- **Pontneddfechan Toilets** – refurbishment of public toilets (155k total). Scheme included new car parking, interpretation boards, gateway to Waterfall Walks and signage/artwork on the building.
- **Pontneddfechan Car Parking** – new lay-by parking scheme providing 42 off road parking spaces funded through NPT and other sources (total cost 110k).
- **Glynneath Signage** - 20k scheme being developed to incorporate brown signage to facilities within the town centre.



# What's been done (Community Funds)?

- Glynneath has benefited from Community Grants awarded from the Selar Opencast Fund (31 projects) and the Maes Gwyn Wind Farm Fund (32 projects)
- There has been 385k invested from the Selar Opencast Grant Scheme exclusively in Glynneath plus an additional match funding contribution of £391k to arrive at a total investment of 776k.
- The Maes Gwyn Wind Farm Fund in Glynneath has yielded a further 409k with additional match funding contribution of £425k yielding a total investment of 835k
- Combined investment from the above solely to Glynneath = **£1,611,820.90.**

## More to come.....

- Organisations in Glynneath have also applied successfully to the Pen y Cymoedd ('Vattenfall') Micro Fund; and
- The Aberpergwm Colliery Community Fund will come on stream shortly (following any objections made via a Judicial Review)

Questions?