

**COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION**

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

PWNC | SUBJECT: Application for approval of Commemorative Panels for Welsh Female Icons

DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services as described below:

To approve the proposal to produce and install information panels to commemorate three historical female figures with connections to Rhondda Cynon Taf who made a significant contribution to Welsh life.

PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION:

It was agreed to:

Approve the proposal as outlined in the accompanying report, that is, to produce and install panels to commemorate three historical female figures with connections to Rhondda Cynon Taf who made a significant contribution to Welsh life;

Approve the installation of the panels at Tonypandy library, Mountain Ash Community Hub and Taff Vale Hub.



Llofnod y Prif Swyddog
Chief Officer Signature

PAUL MEE

Enw (priflythrennau)
Name (Print Name)

7.3.19

Dyddiad
Date

Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

YMGYNGHORI | CONSULTATION



LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

07/03/2019

DYDDIAD | DATE

LLOFNOD SWYDDOG YMGYNGHOROL
CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DYDDIAD | DATE

RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYD A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

NAC YDY | NO✓

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

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Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - Ilofnod y Maer/Dirprwy Faer/Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

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(Maer | Mayor)

.....
(Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

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Rhagor o wybodaeth | Further Information:

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DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website:- 7th March 2019 .

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

13th March 2019 .

DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY OFFICER DECISION

6TH MARCH 2019

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF COMMEMORATIVE PANELS FOR
WELSH FEMALE ICONS**

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Author: Wendy Edwards, Head of Community Services – 01443 425512

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an outline of the proposed project and to allow a delegated decision to be made to approve the production and installation of information panels to commemorate three historical female figures with connections to Rhondda Cynon Taf who made a significant contribution to Welsh life.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 The content of the report is noted.
- 2.2 Approval is given for the production and installation of the information panels at 3 key sites within the County Borough to commemorate the contribution made by Lady Rhondda, Elaine Morgan and Morfydd Llwyn Owen.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Welsh women's contribution to local and national life has often been lost in history and there are few public memorials to them, despite the importance they held during their lifetimes.
- 3.2 Recording their stories in brief, and displaying them in 3 libraries in Rhondda Cynon Taf so that they become, and remain visible to future generations would be a fitting tribute to these talented and inspiring women.
- 3.3 8th March is International Women's Day and it is an appropriate time for the County to recognise these women and the contribution they made to this County and nationally.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In 2018 BBC Wales launched a campaign to highlight the contribution made by Welsh women to the nation and provided an opportunity for people to vote for the Welsh female

icon that should be accorded the honour of having a statue erected to her memory at Cardiff. Among those short-listed were Lady Rhondda and Elaine Morgan, both with connections to this County Borough.

- 4.2 2018 also marked the centenary of the death of the Welsh composer and soloist, Morfydd Llwyn Owen, who was born and raised in Treforest and whose contribution to music in Wales and internationally has fallen from public consciousness with the passing of time.
- 4.3 The coverage provided in the media to these events has highlighted the lack of public space allocated to important female historical figures across Wales; and it is fitting that the Council leads the way in addressing this in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

5. **THE PROPOSAL**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the information panels be designed to include relevant details of their lives and photographs and that they be located as follows:
- Lady Rhondda's commemorative panel to be placed in the community room at the newly refurbished Tonypandy library;
 - Elaine Morgan's commemorative panel to be placed in one of the community rooms at the new Mountain Ash Community Hub once the renovation work is completed;
 - Morfydd Llwyn Owen's commemorative panel to be placed in one of the community rooms at the new Taff Vale library when the building has been completed.

6. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This proposal contributes to gender equality as it highlights the contribution made by women to this County, Wales and the wider world. It places the history of these women on a par with male contemporaries whose stories and contributions have already been recognised.

7. **CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 As part of the process for developing the Council's new Heritage Strategy meetings, including a wide range of service areas, identified that there is work to do on recognising the contribution made by women to the County's heritage.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The panels will cost approximately £400 each for production and installation and this funding has already been earmarked for the project.

9. **LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 Approval will be obtained as appropriate for any photographic or other materials used so that no copyright is infringed.

10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 This proposal will contribute to goal 6 of the Well-being of Future Generations Act – a society that promotes culture and heritage. It will also contribute to the goal of a more equal Wales by going some way to address the historical practice of undervaluing women’s contribution to society.
- 10.2 It is consistent with the Council’s priority of promoting positive lives for everyone.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 This proposal will enable girls and young women in Rhondda Cynon Taf to have visible signs of the female role models that have contributed significantly to Welsh history.
- 11.2 It is recognised that there are many other women from the County Borough who would have claim to public recognition and it is intended to explore all potential avenues of funding in the future so that their contributions can also be highlighted. In the meantime, these three information panels will raise the profile of women and their importance in shaping national life.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
AS AMENDED BY
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
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Background Papers

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