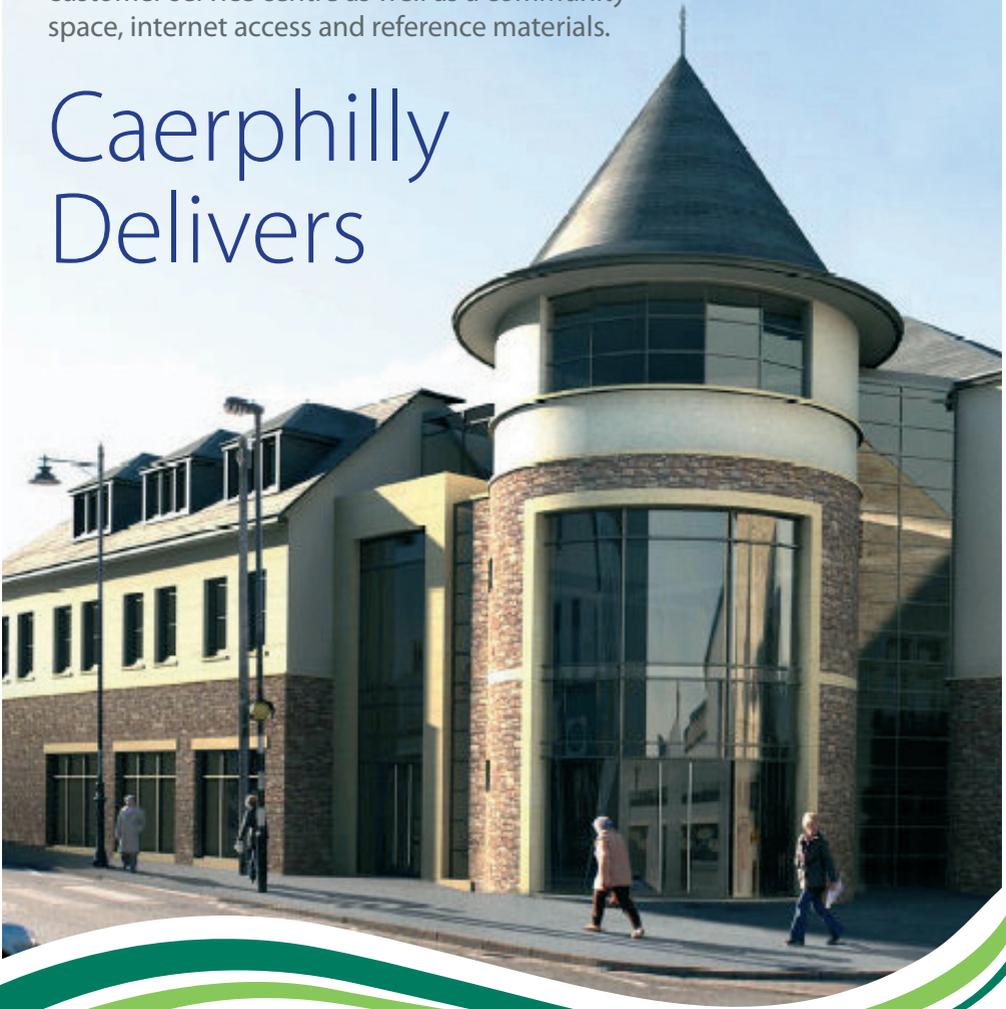


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## New Caerphilly library on track

Work is underway on an exciting new Library and Customer Services Centre in Caerphilly town centre where residents will be able to access a wide range of council services all under one roof. The impressive new building will boast a range of facilities including a state-of-the-art library, customer service centre as well as a community space, internet access and reference materials.

# Caerphilly Delivers



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## Living Wage increase



Employees of Caerphilly County Borough Council who currently earn the Living Wage of £7.20 an hour could see their hourly rate increase by 25p. The authority was the first in Wales to agree the introduction of the Living Wage and is now implementing this further increase to help our lowest paid staff. This amounts to a 20% increase in the current financial year.

## Improvements continue at the 'Stute!



Improvement work at Blackwood Miners' Institute is continuing, as the project enters its second phase. Phase one saw the council approve a £750,000 programme of repairs to give the much loved building a new bill of health. A further £600,000 has been identified for the completion of phase two, with many of the works as part of this phase already underway.

## School Meals Frozen

School meal prices have not increased in Caerphilly schools since September 2010 and the council looks set to continue the price freeze for 2013/14. Parents can be assured that their children are benefitting from affordable, nutritious meals every day of the week.

## New leisure centre for Caerphilly



Caerphilly looks set to benefit from a new leisure centre. Ambitious proposals are in place to build a state-of-the-art £10.5m facility, which would form a part of the Welsh medium school development at the former St Ilan School site. The council has agreed in principle to the development and funding options are being considered.

## Get Set for the Caerphilly 10k!

The council is launching an exciting new sporting event in 2013 - the Caerphilly 10k Race. Runners of all abilities are being encouraged to sign up for the inaugural event in June.

## Tackling litter and dog fouling



A striking new campaign aimed at tackling dog fouling and littering has been unveiled by the council. The hard hitting promotional campaign, called 'Shameful, Filthy, Selfish', aims to shame the inconsiderate minority of residents who feel it is acceptable to drop litter or fail to pick up after their dog.

## PASSPORT to employment

An innovative training and employment scheme in Caerphilly is leading the way in Wales and will help hundreds of local people into employment. The Caerphilly PASSPORT Programme, aimed at ensuring young people have the right skills to get a job, has received a £372,000 funding boost thanks to European funding and support from Welsh Government.

## A new chapter for Abercarn

Abercarn's new state-of-the-art library has opened its doors. The unique project has come to fruition as a result of a partnership between the council, Welsh Government, Seren Group and Carn Limited. As well as a modern library facility, the development also includes affordable living accommodation for local people.

## Operation Santa Success



Thousands of toys and gifts were distributed to children across the county borough thanks to the generosity of residents, businesses and council staff. The council's annual 'Operation Santa' appeal supports local disadvantaged children and young people. The response to the 2012 appeal was overwhelming and organisers would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all involved.

## Supporting adults with a Learning Disability

The first integrated strategy for people with learning disabilities has been developed across Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen, together with the Aneurin Bevan Health Board. The joint strategy will help ensure all adults with learning disabilities in Gwent can lead fulfilling lives and have the same opportunities as other people in society.

## Walk the Gren Way!



A new walking route featuring the colourful cartoon creations of much-loved Valleys cartoonist Gren has been launched in Hengoed. The 'Gren Way Walk' has been developed in memory of Welsh cartoonist Grenfell Jones. The route features Gren's quirky characters fixed to landmarks around his home village.

## Welsh school plans move forward

Ambitious plans to create a new Welsh medium school in Caerphilly are progressing well. The council has completed a major consultation exercise with pupils, parents and staff and has now agreed to proceed to Statutory Notice in order to move the scheme forward.

## £400,000 improving our community

The council has allocated £400,000 for the maintenance of community assets. A range of exciting projects are being planned including environmental, regeneration and improvement works in our towns and villages.

## ODEON announced for Bargoed



Major cinema operator ODEON is Caerphilly county borough council's preferred operator for a new £6million cinema development in the town centre. The long-awaited development is proposed adjacent to the new Morrisons anchor store and Odeon's plans are for a five-screen, state-of-the-art multiplex cinema boasting the latest movie technology. Work is due to start later this year.



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