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**Notice**

Dear Community Members

The Community Council was handed over responsibility for the Christmas lights at the end of July this year from NPTCBC.

The villages of Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr have little infrastructure to mount Christmas lights because the majority of electric poles are wooden. However in the past Christmas lights have been hung from ‘dummy poles’ with electricity supplied overhead from the nearest electric pole.

Unfortunately regulations have changed since the tragic death on the Heads of the Valleys Road, which now means that electricity must be supplied underground.

When NTCBC handed over the responsibility none of this was stated. The Community Council was only made aware when our contractors came to quote for the work required in October. To get electricity into each ‘dummy pole’ is not going to be possible due to the late notice.

The Community Council knows that the community will be disappointed with having the same level of Christmas lights as last year and would like to apologise for the situation, however much of this has been outside of the Community Council’s control.

The Community Council will aim to improve on this for the next Christmas. Apologies again.