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Cascade Ward
- Cllr Wynne David
  Tel: 01443 622278
  Surgery every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30 at the Gelligaer & Pen y Bray Partnership Office

Cllr Chris Morgan
9 Sila Ffyes, Bryn Eiri, Penpergynad, Hengoed
Tel: 01443 603181

Cefn Hengoed Ward
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  120 Gelligaer Road, Cefn Hengoed, Hengoed
  Tel: 01443 614162

- Cllr Judith Prichard, Vice-Chairman
  14 Barry Dews, Fernside Park, Penpergynad
  Tel: 01443 622755/01603 510124

- Cllr Teresa Perry
  1 Kaywood Road, Hengoed
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  Tel: 01443 622146

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  1 Niemann, Gelligaer, Hengoed
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  27 Nod Brandy, Ystrad Mynach
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