

4a) Youth Engagement



Off The Streets Detached Project Proposal 2022-2023

As everyone is well aware, the Covid-19 pandemic is still having a huge impact on every young person's life within the UK and is still going to have a huge impact going forward. As such, the detached youth work program we are currently running is going to be paramount to the support needed by the young people in the South Ebbw Fach community.

Last year we redeveloped our program of work to be able to deliver detached work within the South Ebbw Fach valley and we believe it is clear from our quantitative data that we have engaged a huge number of children and young people who may have previously not had the chance to engage in projects such as ours.

Our proposal this year is very similar to last years in the sense that it will be a detached program with 3 members of staff working across the South Ebbw Fach valley to provide support for young people, hopefully coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have key partners in Swffryd, Llanhilleth and Aberbeeg all supporting us in providing centres and indoor locations as and when needed. We are also working closely with the local police, Clwb Llan, Swffryd Community Centre and Ffin Dance to provide a robust program of activities for the children and young people each session.

This year's focus for us will be supporting the children and young people to develop positive mental health and well-being and in turn reducing their risk-taking behaviour within the community.

We have attached a link of a short news report done with ITV news back in November 2021 for you to see the impact the work both Off The Streets and Ffin Dance has had on the children and young people in the Llanhilleth community. Some of you may have already seen this but we think it shows how much the service that we provide within these small communities is needed by the young people.

<https://www.itv.com/news/wales/2021-12-24/how-dancing-and-parkour-is-helping-deter-children-from-the-risks-of-crime?fbclid=IwAR3XjT9gJ17PsLD5DwbNH0C59YZB-KcEqMCEjyM0SbgJdrssCH5g22trnN8>

We are looking for the ALCC to provide us with the funding to be able to continue this much needed work within the communities from April 2022-March 2023.

We have continued to keep dialogue open with the children and young people we are working with and they feel the program is working and hope that you can support in keeping the project going for the next twelve months.

Below you will find the costing for a 12-month program run within the South Ebbw Fach Valley.

Requirement

12 Months April 2022-March 2023

Staffing including;

- 1 x Senior Worker
- 1 x Lead Worker Practitioner
- 1 x Youth Worker

= £31,824

- Training = £1000
- Activity = £5400
- Insurance = £540
- Car Insurance Business Add-On = £280

= £7,220

Totalling = £39, 044

4b Youth Engagement



Blaenau Gwent Youth Service Proposal Report to Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information and costing's to Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council regarding the proposal for Blaenau Gwent Youth Service to continue to be commissioned to provide Detached Youth Work within the area.

Background

In 2019/20, Blaenau Gwent Youth Service along with other organisations were approached to work through a multi-agency approach towards addressing increasing concerns regarding youth related ASB within Abertillery Town and surrounding areas.

It was mutually agreed by all members to initiate a detached youth work model, as it complimented existing provision (youth clubs) and provided opportunities for young people who did not traditionally access services.

Blaenau Gwent Youth Service has since been in receipt of funding since 2019/20 and commissioned to provide a detached youth service.

Current Position

Blaenau Gwent Youth Service were re-commissioned to provide detached youth work within Abertillery and surrounding areas for 2021/22 until 31st March 2022.

Currently there is a team of 3 staff working 3 evenings a week. The team has continued to work throughout, drafting in other Youth Service staff and resources as required.

Proposal

The proposal is for Blaenau Gwent Youth Service to continue to be commissioned to deliver detached youth work within the Abertillery area.

As with previous years, while commissioning Blaenau Gwent Youth Service to deliver detached youth work there are many additional benefits factors to consider that are not directly funded by monies received from Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council. These

include management structures to support staff, supervision, appropriate mechanisms to ensure all staff are qualified at appropriate level and registered with EWC, on-going CPD, access to other professionals such as counsellors and psychologists, all policies and procedures and various partnerships. There is also the ability to draw upon additional staff, resources and further funding if required. The above list is not exhaustive with many other beneficial factors to consider.

Based on the current model of 3 staff working across 3 evenings the costing are set below.

Other options and costs are also included. These consist of increasing the number of hours of one of the posts, so they can work across the day to help link the work of the evening to the day, attend meetings and arrange activities and services.

It is also requested a sum to be utilised as resource budget for the staff whilst engaging young people.

Costings

Options	Number of Staff	Total Cost for 12 Month
1	As 2021/22 3 x 9hour per week staff	£26,333.85
2	2 x 9hour per week 1 x 18hour per week	£17,555.90 £17,555.90
		Total £35,111.80
	Resource budget	£1500

The staff described above are employed purely for the project and will be funded through funding received from Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council. Blaenau Gwent Youth Service takes responsibility for all recruitment and termination costs which may include redundancy payments.

Recommendations

Blaenau Gwent Youth Service preferred option is option 2 along with a resource budget. The additional hours for 1 post would provide a greater link to the work carried out in the evening to be continued into the day, attend meetings and a greater level of preparation. However, it is understood that it is a larger amount of funding requested and may not be possible.

5. Authorisation of funding

In July 2019, Council resolved to grant to grant £1,000 to the Abertillery Rock and Blues Committee, towards the costs of delivering the Abertillery Blues Festival, and to grant £2,000 to Ffrindiau Tyleri, towards the costs of Aberfest and Winterfest. Council also resolved “to include similar amounts in budgets for future years” in order to continue support for these events as they are “of great importance to the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area, and Abertillery Rock and Blues Committee and Ffrindiau Tyleri are key partners, without whom the events would not happen.”

The motions at agenda items 5a) and 5b) are to authorise the release of funds to fulfil the on-going commitments that Council made in July 2019.

6. Jim Owen Pavilion – Pentref Tyleri



I have received an expression of interest from Pentref Tyleri in the asset transfer of an area owned by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council around the Jim Owen Pavilion in Cwmtillery.

It is marked as the area shown on the attached plan bounded by red. The blue area is where they have marked the occupation of the Excelsiors. The Excelsior area is not quite correct but gives the general idea of the areas.

As you may know, the group have already started some initiatives, such as a café, and are working on proposals for a food growing area to the rear of the pavilion

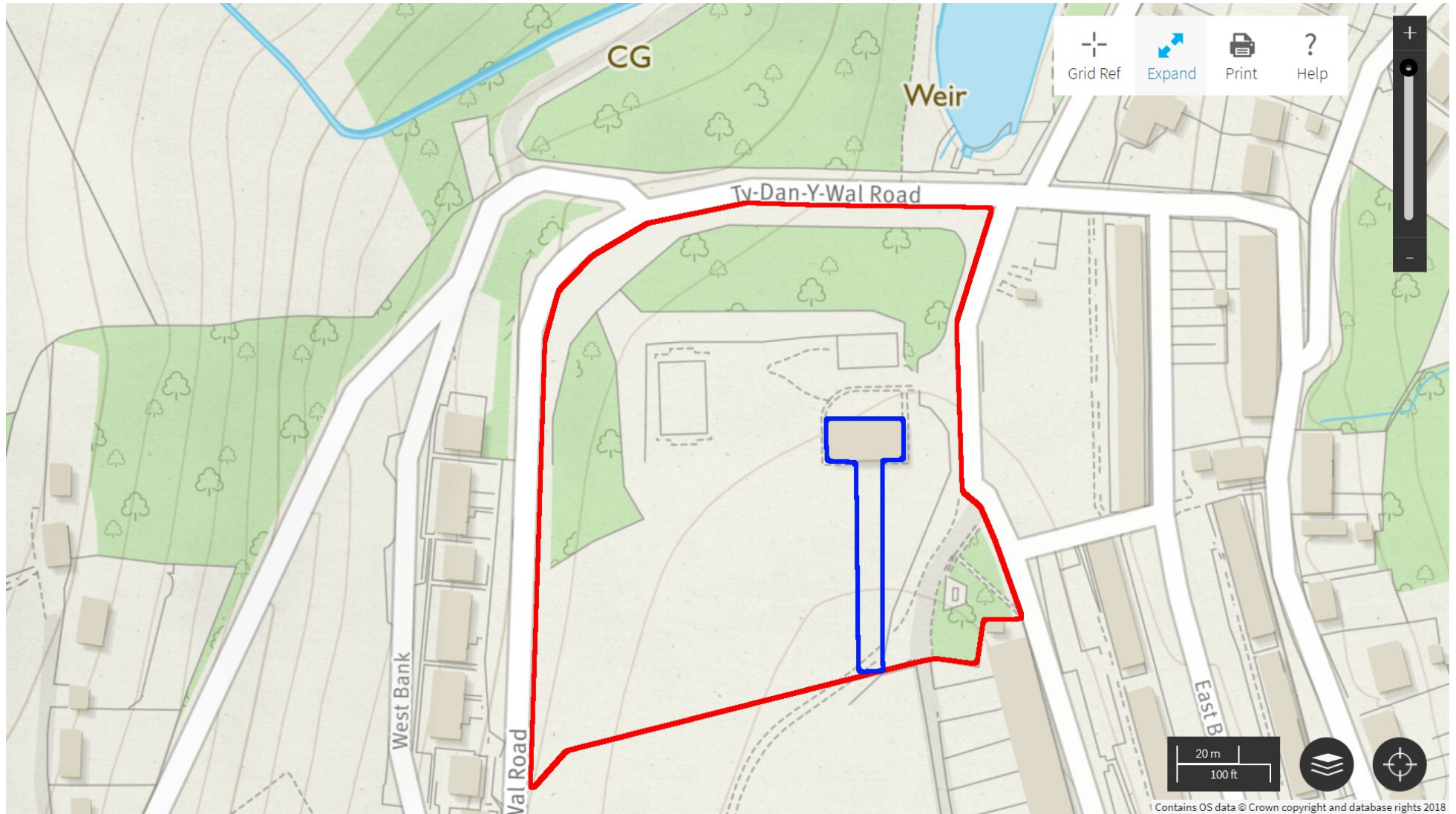
The submission of proposals for the café/growing area are intended to act as an opportunity to engage with the community and to allow discussion and development of the other proposals they would look to take forward in stages across the wider area. These may include:

- Outdoor seating areas
- Community work spaces
- Enhancing bio-diversity
- Improve play/parking spaces – possible relocation of play area to front of café
- Community businesses – bakery/ bike shop
- MTB pump Track
- Other village/ community buildings
- Eco tourism buildings

The proposals are wide-ranging and I will be suggesting I work with them to develop and approve each element as they come forward.

At this stage I would welcome any initial views on the EOI and the proposals.

Mark Howland
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LDP Draft Candidate Site Submission – PENTREF TYLERI – Ordnance Survey Map of Jim Owen Pavilion & environs, Cwm Tyleri

BRYNMAWR MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

(FORMERLY BRYNMAWR AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY)

7. Council grant application

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Dear Councillor,

My name is Kesia Elliott and I am the new Secretary for Brynmawr Musical Theatre Company. I am writing to you to ask you to consider us for a donation to help with our production which we would like to put on next year.

As you know Covid has been a very hard hit on a lot of people and companies. Especially as an Amateur Theatre Company we have had to postpone our show four times now. So with our new date being June 22nd to 25th 2022, we are staging My Fair Lady in The Metropole Theatre, Abertillery. As this is our fourth attempt we have had to push through to the other side with our new our committee working hard to get Covid19 safety precautions in place, we are all eager to get back to doing what we love.

As we have had to deal with a lot of losses, including ticket refunds and a change to posters and programmes, we are asking if anyone has anything they can donate to support us in this hard time. We hope to ensure that our company that has been running since 1958, when we were 'Brynmawr Amateur Operatic Society', can stay afloat and keep on bringing wonderful training and entertainment to the area.

As we have now moved our show to Abertillery, we hope to draw in new members from the area and provide a wonderful show for the people there. Doing this has also allowed us to combine and attract people from more counties and hopefully attract more audience members as well as society members.

So thank you very much for taking this time to read this letter and I hope to get a reply from you, if you cannot donate I can completely understand, but hopefully you can still come and see our show next year.

Kind Regards

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Kesia A Elliott

8. St David's Day

Councillor Ben Owen- submitted the following to the Council's HR Committee:

To celebrate St David's Day by giving our staff the day off.

St David's Day has been celebrated in Wales since the 12th Century. We should follow the lead of other councils and institutions in Wales by using the little bit of influence that we have to give our staff the day off.

With this, we can build a bigger annual celebration next year and use it as another chance to bring everyone together. Let's remind ourselves and our community to "Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd" - "Do the little things in life"

For information:

St Andrew's Day and St Patrick's Day are extra public holidays in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively.

The UK Government's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy – which has responsibility for public holidays in England and Wales – has consistently refused to designate St David's Day and St George's Day as public holidays.

The UK Government has rebuffed repeated requests from the Welsh Government for it to devolve the power to denote 1 March a public holiday.

Last month, Gwynedd County Council voted to give all council staff one day's paid leave on St David's Day (if St David's Day falls on a weekend, staff will be given a day's paid leave on the following Monday).

At the start of February, Aberystwyth Town Council voted to give its Town Clerk a day's paid leave on St David's Day.

Last week, Snowdonia National Park Authority voted to give its staff a day's paid leave on St David's Day.

Neath and Port Talbot County Borough Council is currently compiling a report into the feasibility of giving staff St David's Day off.

Anglesey County Council has given staff St David's Day off for many years, but this is deducted from staff's annual leave entitlement.

Last month, Caerphilly County Borough Council considered a motion to give staff St David's Day off, but this was amended to merely lobbying the Welsh and UK Governments for 1 March to become a public holiday.