

On 27 October 2021, Council deferred consideration of the application for grant funding from Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association pending further information about the status of the group and confirmation that it has permission to carry out the proposed project. Llanhilleth TRA has provided the following additional information:

Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association has no plans to set up the “Friends of Granny’s Wood” as a separate organisation. The “Friends of Granny’s Wood” would be a group within the TRA. It would be covered by the TRA’s constitution and would use the TRA’s banking arrangements. Currently, the group has six volunteers but, as all residents of Llanhilleth are, constitutionally, automatically members of the TRA, the TRA believes that there is great scope for the number of volunteers to grow when the “Friends of Granny’s Wood” group starts work.

Granny’s Wood has three owners. Much of the land is owned by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, who were partners in the successful Rural Communities Development Fund project that secured the funding for the Granny’s Wood pathway reinstatement scheme that was completed three years ago. Blaenau Gwent CBC continue to operate an on-going woodland maintenance plan to look after the trees etc.

Two private individuals jointly own the remainder of the wood. The TRA has a signed permit, dated 23 January 2019, granting access to their land for twenty years.

Previous grants

Despite being one of only two fully-constituted tenants and residents associations in the Community Council area, Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association has previously received a total of only £700 in grant funding from the Community Council over the last seven-and-a-half years.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2021 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Llanhilleth Tenants & Residents Association

Contact name: Lyn Maloney.

Role in group: Chair.

Telephone number: 01495214039.

Email: lynmaloney2010@hotmail.co.uk.

What is the name of your project? Friends of Granny's Wood.

What are the aims of the project? To establish a group to maintain and develop Granny's Wood, Llanhilleth.

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? As well as keeping the pathway through the wood in good order our plans include, extending the pathway to expose the capped shafts of Llanhilleth Colliery and so creating more communal space, establishing a forest school for the pupils of St. Illtyd's School, improving disabled access, and providing an off-road cycle track. We will also investigate the possibility of establishing allotments.

Approximate number of beneficiaries? 1080 (the population of Llanhilleth)

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? Equipment, Training, and Insurance to enable the group to work effectively and safely.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Brush cutters: 2 @ £299	£598.00
Training in safe use and maintenance of brush cutters: 2 @ £260	£520.00
Insurance cover for volunteers: 1 year @ £75.85	£75.85
Sub Total	£1193.85
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £1193.85

How will your project improve the local environment? Our Granny's Wood project, completed 3 years ago, reinstated an impassable pathway through the wood that miners took to the colliery. It has created a peaceful and tranquil spot enjoyed by everyone who visits. The wood has many different types of trees, maintained by the Borough's woodland management scheme. A recent ornithological survey identified 29 different species of bird. Our project will keep the wood and pathways in good order and develop it.

How does your project contribute to sustainability? Covid restrictions helped nature to reclaim areas we had cleared before the pandemic. Without regular maintenance, the pathway and the wood would deteriorate and lose its appeal.

How does your project link with local schools? We have worked with the Borough's Ecology & Biodiversity Officers and the pupils, on establishing a forest school and other woodland and wildlife projects for St. Illtyd's School.

How does your project promote volunteering? The Friends group will encourage volunteering by their fellow residents, **regardless** of age. There are few opportunities, today, for important intergenerational activities. Encouraging young people to get involve will persuade other members of their families to take part too.

How does your project promote links between communities?

The Llanhilleth Colliery Memorial is within the wood and forms the start and finish points of the popular Ebbw Fach Trail, which links heritage sites the length of the valley. People enjoy the peaceful, tranquil atmosphere in the wood, some use it for a just quiet stroll, maybe they walk their dog or just sit and let the cares of the world drift away. Many have commented on the friendly people they have met on their visits.

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

- **A prosperous Wales**
- **A resilient Wales**
- **A healthier Wales**
- **A more equal Wales**
- **A Wales of cohesive communities**
- **A Wales of vibrant culture**
- **A globally responsible Wales?**

Creation of the group will contribute to community wellbeing by encouraging inter-generational community engagement and participation and all-important community awareness and ownership.

- **A prosperous Wales:** The project will not have a direct financial impact on the community but will enrich the lives of those taking part and members of the community who will benefit from their efforts.
- **A resilient Wales:** Rest and recuperation are a fuel for resilience and hobbies and volunteering can contribute hugely.
- **A healthier Wales:** Outdoor activity plays an important part in good health. WE are currently speaking to Small Woods Wales regarding woodland and wildlife taster sessions.
- **A more equal Wales:** Enthusiasm and a love of our community are the only qualifications to join.
- **A Wales of cohesive communities:** The intergenerational activities with simple, achievable aims, will bring our community together.
- **A Wales of vibrant culture:** The links to our mining heritage, via the colliery memorial, are important but so is the future. Our project will help bring the community together and rekindle the spirit communities like ours were so proud of.
- **A globally responsible Wales:** Biodiversity is vital to the future wellbeing of our communities. Participation in Granny's Wood will promote awareness and provide an important sense of ownership and responsibility for the future.

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

Well maintained pathways and woodland with additional facilities.

Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?

As progress will, to a large extent, depend on the weather and season, we will supply reports, with photographs, in the spring of 2022.

Is your organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)

We are a community group formed in 1998. Our constitution is attached.

Payee name: Llanhilleth Tenants & Residents Association.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

This form must be submitted with any relevant supporting documents you wish to submit (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council by Friday 24th September 2021, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com



Draenog Countryside And Wildlife

07837501172

www.draenogcountryside.co.uk

draenogcountryside@gmail.com

QUOTE
QUO0033

DATE
03/08/2021

TOTAL
GBP £260.00

TO

Lyn Maloney, Granny's Wood

DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
City and Guilds NPTC Brushcutter and trimmer course inc. assessment, price per person	£260.00	1	£260.00
TOTAL			GBP £260.00

Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Musical Society has 70 members.

A production of Little Shop of Horrors was originally planned for 2020 but was postponed because of Covid restrictions.

The society last received a Council Grant (£200) in 2016.

The Society's accounts show that the balance of their account at the end of 2021 was £11172.68.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Musical Society (AADMS)

Group Contact name Rebecca Webber

Role in the group: Secretary

Telephone number: 07865757773

Email: Rebeccagaudian@aol.com

What are the aims of your project? The Aim of the project is to entertain the community and bring people back to the theatre.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? By having support from people from our local community and bring people back into the community after the covid

Approx number of beneficiaries. The society would be the beneficiary

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
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Scenery	£2000
costumes	£1000
Lightening & mics	£1500
Sub Total	£4500
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (Inc. VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£4500

Is the organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)

 community group as we include people from age 16 to join our society and become involve in what we do

Payee name: Abertillery Amateur Dramatic |Musical Society

Name of person making the application:

Print Name: Rebecca Webber

Signed: R.Webber

Date: 18.2.22

Please return this form with any relevant supporting documents (group constitution, financial statements, letters of support etc.) to: Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or to clerk.alcc@gmail.com



Abertillery Amateur Dramatic & Musical Society

Chairman: Robert Bayton; Secretary: Rebecca Webber Treasurer Joanne Bayton

11 Glan Ebbw Terrace
Abertillery
Gwent
NP13 1UL

27.1.22

Council Offices
Mitre Street
Abertillery
NP13 1AE

Dear Sir/Madame

As you can imagine it been a very tough couple of years with the Covid and not being able to do what we would have liked to do for the community.

So this year we are placing a show in The Met in October 2022 named Little Shop of Horrors.

So basically one of our ex members who still helps out, passed on info that was passed onto him, that we can apply to Cwmtillery ward for a grant to support our show, so basically can you advice how we go about this as every little bit of help would be grateful, as we have not been able to do any fundraising either towards the show that hopefully this year we will.

Also is there any chance you could nicely let us know how we apply for a grant to the borough as we would be very grateful.

Hope to hear from you soon

Rebecca Webber
(AADMS Secretary)
Email: - Rebeccagaudian@aol.com

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum holds monthly talks at Bedwellty House in Tredegar but has traditionally staged a 'Heritage Day' in a different part of the borough each year.

'Six Bells Red Paint' is a new emulsion paint that has been developed using red ochre that was washed into a reed bed at Six Bells during the valley's industrial heyday. The other confirmed speaker will be giving a lecture about a Yorkshire artist who painted Welsh landscapes in the 19th Century.

The forum last received a Council Grant (£250) in 2019.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum
c/o Martyn Morgan Jones
Swallow House, 1 Wellfield, Grosmont, Monmouthshire, NP7 8EQ.

Group Contact name: ...Martyn Morgan
Jones.....

Role in the group: ...Treasurer.....

Telephone number:07973 952547.....

Email:mmcpjones@aol.com.....

What are the aims of your project?Blaenau Gwent heritage Forum holds a Heritage Day, each year. This year's theme will be Wales through Artists' Eyes, and we will be hosting four visiting speakers. One of the speakers is Onya McCausland who will be talking about the Six Bells Red Paints.

Also, we will be holding the event at Ty Ebbw Fach, Six Bells.....

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents?

We expect a good number of local residents to attend. And, we use the Heritage Day not just as a series of fascinating and informative talks, but we also use it as a tool with which to support and promote the history, culture, and diversity of the area.

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Approx number of beneficiariesIn excess of 40.

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
Buffet	£320
Sub Total	£320
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc. VAT)
Room Hire	£100
Speakers' Fees	£200
Sub Total	£300
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£620

Is the organisation a:

Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)

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We are a community group, that provides free, monthly talks, has a very informative website, publishes academic journals, and works in conjunction with other, similar, local organisations.

<https://blaenau-gwent-heritage-forum.co.uk/>

Payee name:

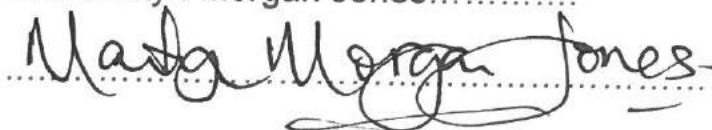
... Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum

Name of person making the application:

Print Name:

..... Martyn Morgan Jones.....

Signed:



Date:

.....01/03/2022.....

Please return this form with any relevant supporting documents (group constitution,

Ebbw Fach Community Group took over the running of Aberbeeg Community Centre in 2019. They began a programme to set up numerous community groups aimed at bringing all sections of the local community together, including events and activities for people with learning disabilities, mental health difficulties and the Blaenau Gwent trans and non-binary community. These included a parent and toddler group, a sewing group, a walking group, rock music practice sessions, a traditional Welsh music group and a skateboarding club. Ebbw Fach Community Group have managed to keep activities such as a weekly 'Happy Café' plus a community vegetable garden running throughout the Covid epidemic, but the community groups all stopped meeting. The proposed event would be used to try to re-establish the community groups and to develop future activities.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

Ebbw Fach Community group
Park ddu Road, Abertillery NP13 2BP

Group Contact name: Pat Tavey

Role in the group: Treasurer

Telephone number: 01495 211024

Email: patricia.tavey@googlemail.com

What are the aims of your project? to provide a community event that will celebrate the queen's platinum jubilee. After the covid restrictions, a community event will bring people together. We hope to also provide the attendees with a commemorative souvenir

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? this project will promote well being, mental health and the cohesion of community members. It will combat social isolation

Approx number of beneficiaries 100 - 120

The planned event will re-launch the community groups in Aberbeeg community centre. This hopefully will be the beginning of several groups including yoga, arts and crafts and a drop in ~~the~~ cafe style group to provide support for people with mental health difficulties

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£ 400.00
	£
	£
Sub Total	£ 400.00
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£ 500.00
	£
Sub Total	£ 500.00
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£ 900.00

Is the organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)

Community Group - been in existence for four years - can provide a copy of the constitution if required

Payee name: Aberbeeg Tenants and residents project

Name of person making the application:

Print Name: Pat Tovey

Signed: P. Tovey

Date: 21/2/2022

Please return this form with any relevant supporting documents (group constitution, financial statements, letters of support etc.) to: Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or to clerk.alcc@gmail.com



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Ward Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

ABERTILLERY MINDS INSTITUTE
ABERTILLERY

Group Contact name: TRACY DYSON

Role in the group: Treasurer

Telephone number:

Email:

What are the aims of the group or project?

To promote and also to help

How does the group / project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents?

A PLACE FOR various groups to meet
A common hub

Approx number of beneficiaries EVERYONE

Is the organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)

NOT FOR PROFIT BUSINESS

Amount requested:

£ 200

Payee name:

ABERTILLERY MINERS INSTITUTE

Name of Councillor making the application:

Print Name:

ROGER CLARK

Signed:

R Clark

Date:

16/3/22

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Ward Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

SIX BELLS OVER FIFTIES CLUB
C/o MAUREEN LONDON 16 DARREN ROAD, ABERTILLERY NP13 1BL

Group Contact name: MRS MAUREEN LONDON

Role in the group: CHAIR PERSON

Telephone number: 01495 320533

Email: gerald.london66@gmail.com

What are the aims of the group or project? SOCIAL GROUP
PROVIDING SOCIAL CONTACT AND GROUP ACTIVITIES

How does the group / project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? COMBATS LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION

Approx number of beneficiaries 20 +

Is the organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)

COMMUNITY GROUP

Amount requested:

£ 200.00

Payee name:

SIX BELLS OVER FIFTIES CLUB

Name of Councillor making the application:

Print Name:

PETER ADAMSON

Signed:

P. Adamson

Date:

10/03/2022

Please return this form with any relevant supporting documents (group constitution, financial statements, letters of support etc.) to: Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or to clerk.alcc@gmail.com