

## Appendix 1

### Budget and Expenditure 2022-23 – year to date

	Budget 2022-23	Spend YTD	Committed expenditure	Funds available
Town in Bloom	£14,500	£150	£12,000	£2,350
Defibrillators	£6,000	£984		£5,016
Halloween town centre event	£5,000			£5,000
Town centre car boot sales	£5,000			£5,000
Shop Local events	£3,000			£3,000
Grant funding to Ffrindiau Tyleri in respect of Aberfest	£1,000			£1,000
Grant funding to Ffrindiau Tyleri in respect of Winterfest	£1,000			£1,000
Community Council activities at Winterfest	£2,000			£2,000
Allotments	£600			£600

**4b) Budget & expenditure**

In May, the Full Council delegated to the Committee responsibility for the 'Shop Local events' budget of £3,000 and a 'Halloween (middle tier of multi-storey car park) event' budget of £5,000.

The Committee has no concrete proposals for 'Shop Local events' or for a stand-alone 'Halloween event' in 2022-23.

The Committee will be asked to decide whether it considers it within its authority to use these budgets to fund support for other appropriate town centre events. If not, the Committee will need to go to the Full Council to request the necessary authority.

**6a) Town centre events**

In May, the Full Council delegated to the Committee responsibility for the 'Shop Local events' budget of £3,000 and a 'WinterFest (ALCC activities)' budget of £2,000.

When the then-Chair of the Committee presented the Committee's budget proposals to Full Council in January 2022, it was envisaged that the Committee would organise Council-led events and activities. As yet, the Committee has no concrete proposals for 'Shop Local events' or for stand-alone community council WinterFest activities in 2022-23.

The Committee will be asked to decide whether it considers it within its authority to use these budgets to fund local groups, clubs and/or associations to provide support for the general event management of WinterFest and other appropriate town centre events. If not, the Committee will need to go to the Full Council to request the necessary authority.

## **10. Draft Community Asset Transfer policy**

1. The Council recognises that the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on each public body to carry out sustainable development, which is defined as a process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.
2. The Council will consider the Community Asset Transfer of land from the ownership of other public bodies into the stewardship and/or ownership of the Community Council where this:
  - a) involves a transfer at less than market value, either at a reduced cost, or for a nominal consideration;
  - b) fulfils the Blaenau Gwent Well-being Objective of creating a better, enhanced environment and infrastructure that will benefit our communities, businesses and visitors.
3. Any proposals for a Community Asset Transfer will be drawn up in accordance with the 'General Disposal Consent' (Wales) Provisions 2003 and the Welsh Government Community Asset Transfer Guidelines 2019.

### 11a) Automated external defibrillators

The idea of the Community Council funding the installation of defibrillators was first discussed in 2017. However, the Council has never agreed a long-term strategy for the installation of defibrillators. How many should there be? Where should they be sited? How much should a council of this size invest in installation, maintenance and replacement?

The Community Council currently owns and maintains 13 automated external defibrillators, all of which are publicly-accessible 24 hours-a-day. A number of other businesses and organisations have installed defibrillators in the Community Council area, but only 15 of these are registered as being publicly-accessible 24 hours-a-day. The absence of any coordinated plan has led to a number of these defibrillators being clustered in the same areas (e.g., Abertillery town centre).

The international standard for the siting of defibrillators is based on a report by the American Heart Association that recommended that defibrillators should be placed so that there is always one available within a 1-1.5 minute 'brisk walk.' This is commonly translated to 100 metres.

A 2019 report by the UK Resuscitation Council in collaboration with the British Heart Foundation recommended that 200 metres was a more reasonable target and recognised that even this was not feasible outside urban areas.

However, research has shown that the average speed at which people travel to and from a defibrillator in an emergency is 15.5 mph – a speed that is comfortably faster than that managed by most of the competitors in the 1500 metres at the last Olympics. This is because, in the majority of emergencies in the real world, a bystander jumps in their car – or flags down a passing motorist – in order to retrieve the defibrillator as quickly as possible. At this speed, the average responder travels 416 metres in a minute.

The attached map (Appendix 2) shows the location of automated external defibrillators within the Community Council area that are registered as being publicly-accessible 24 hours-a-day.

The darkest, innermost ring of each circle shows a 100-metre radius; the next a 200-metre radius; and the lightest, outermost ring a 400-metre radius.

The map is by no means accurate to the precise metre, but it offers a decent overview.

The map suggests that, despite the lack of coordination, the majority of the population of the Community Council area live within 400 metres of a defibrillator. Many – in the areas shown in the darkest purple shade – live much closer to a defibrillator.

I have calculated the costs of 'filling in the gaps' to achieve each criterion.

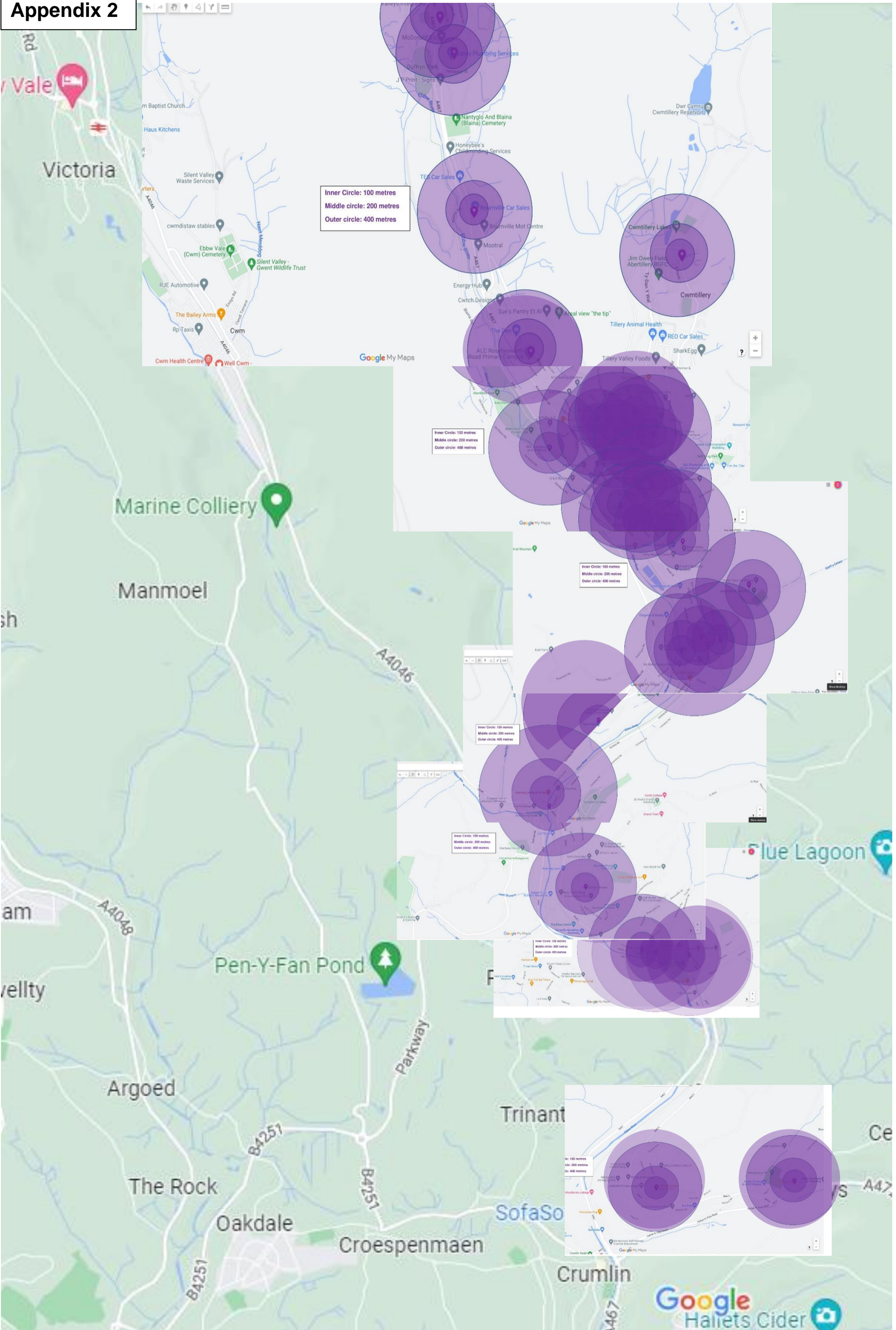
Maximum distance to defibrillator (95 percent of Community Council population)	Extra defibrillators required	Total installation costs (2022 prices)	Annual maintenance costs (2022 prices)
<b>100 metres</b>	138	£262,000	£50,000
<b>200 metres</b>	30	£57,000	£14,000
<b>400 metres</b>	8	£15,000	£7,000

The current annual defibrillator budget is £6,000. Annual maintenance costs for the current fleet of 13 defibrillators are approximately £2,200. Average annual maintenance costs will rise to approximately £4,300 (at 2022 prices) from 2024-25 as the Council's oldest defibrillators come up for replacement.

If the Council increased its annual defibrillator budget to £9,000 (at 2022 prices) for the next four years, it could reach a target of 95 percent of the population of the Community Council area living within a 400-metre radius of a publicly-accessible automated external defibrillator by the end of 2026-27. The annual cost of maintaining and replacing the Council's fleet of defibrillators would be approximately £7,000 (at 2022 prices) thereafter. Further funding would be required for location and directional signage.

David Cartwright  
Clerk

# Appendix 2



## Appendix 3

### 11a) Draft defibrillator policy

- i. The Council supports the provision of publicly-accessible automated external defibrillators within the community council area.
- ii. The Council will provide the necessary funding to ensure that, [by March 31 2027], at least [95 percent] of the population of the community council area live within a radius of [400 metres] of an automated external defibrillator that is publicly-accessible 24 hours-a-day.
- iii. Where necessary to achieve or continue ii) above, the Council will purchase, take ownership of and/or maintain automated external defibrillators within the community council area.
- iv. Where appropriate, the Council will purchase, take ownership of and/or maintain necessary directional and location signage.
- v. The Council will consider requests for grant funding from [individuals], local community groups (including clubs and associations) [and businesses] for the purchase and maintenance of automated external defibrillators, external cabinets and/or accessories where this will support the achievement of or continuation of ii) above. Unless in exceptional circumstances, the Council will not consider such requests where the automated external defibrillator is not publicly-accessible 24 hours-a-day.
- vi. The Council will consider requests for grant funding from [individuals], local community groups (including clubs and associations) [and businesses] for the purchase and maintenance of necessary directional and location signage.
- vii. The Council will take all necessary steps to ensure that any automated external defibrillator owned, funded by or part-funded by the Council is registered on all relevant national databases.
- viii. For the purposes of this policy, publicly-accessible means accessible by and available for use by any individual member of the public without the requirement for any permission, authority or provision of access by any other person<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Except for a 999 or 112 Emergency Services operator.



**11b) Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association – defibrillator**

Llanhilleth TRA has reached agreement in principle with One Voice Wales, Tai Calon Housing Association and Calon Heart Screening to fund the purchase and installation of a publicly-accessible defibrillator to be sited at the pedestrian crossing in High Street, Llanhilleth.

Llanhilleth TRA would be unable to fund the on-going maintenance costs. They have proposed that the Community Council take over the ownership of the defibrillator once it is installed.

The Council would then be liable for the annual maintenance and replacement costs of approximately £330 (at 2022 prices).

The proposed site is approximately 70 metres from a publicly-accessible defibrillator at Llanhilleth station.



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1 message

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5 February 2022 at 14:21

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Hi David,

My name is Michael Hart I am Secretary of Sixbells Bowls Club Ltd. Co. we are registered as a limited company to comply with the Council rules and regulations when taking control of the bowls club from the Council. The members of the club are from Sixbells or the Abertillery area and all are volunteers nobody gets paid, we have done in the past and will continue to do so in the future promote the game of bowls to all ages men, women and children regardless of race or religion ( its in our constitution ). We are looking for a grant from Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council to put towards the purchase of a defibrillator, we have tried the Welsh Government site for a free defibrillator unfortunately one of the qualifications for this is that it has to be sited on an outside wall of the pavilion and the public must have access 24/7, if you are unfamiliar with the park the pavilion is surrounded by a 6 foot fence e with 2 6 foot high gates, when we took insurances out after taking over from the council they state that the pavilion and surrounding area must be safe and secure with disclaimer notices on the fence we can not leave the gates open as this would negate or insurance.

Therefore we have decided to go with Calon Hearts which is a charity in Wales the cost of a defibrillator is £1095 of which the charity will pay £300 towards the cost they can not demand money off the club for the remainder but expect us to make a donation of £795 towards the purchase, which we have agreed to do, the machine will be kept in the pavilion for use by any member of the public if and when needed . If there is any grants available of £500 that we could put towards the purchase of the machine the members would be extremely grateful.

Yours in Sport

Mike Hart