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ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL: **LONELINESS PROJECT APPLICATION 22/23**

About the Project:

The pandemic not only caused but has also highlighted the dire need to combat isolation in our communities.

The pandemic has left many with anxiety about mixing and many people are still afraid to go out and about. Many have lost the opportunity to connect with people and others. Post pandemic there is a massive need and focus on mental health and well-being, and combatting isolation in its many forms. The People and Communities Committee at ALCC have set up the loneliness project in response to this. The aim of the project is to provide and facilitate resources and opportunity for community groups and businesses alike; by creating a forum and means in which they network and collaborate towards the common goal of combating the detrimental effects of loneliness and isolation suffered by throughout our communities.

This application is for local businesses and other groups/organisations who are keen to give back and support their communities; assist and facilitate community based activities and projects; enabling those effected to have more active roles in their communities and participate in society with their peers. Whilst we want to support activities which bring people together face-to face in a safe and secure way, funding can also be used to support online activities where this is the most appropriate or only way to

build social connections e.g. where access to a venue is difficult or for those not quite ready to meet people face-to-face.

Please ensure you complete the application form in full and make sure we have all your details. Please attach a brief cover letter explaining about the work your organisation does or is proposing to do.

Name of Applicant:	Michael Kelly
Name of Organisation:	Six Bells Community Centre
Name of Project (if different to above)	
Geographical area of project (please give details of the area it will cover i.e. county, town, community)	Six Bells Abertillery Town / Community
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Type of Organisation (please tick):

Constituted Group	Date Established;	04/07/97
Registered Charity	Date Established;	Charity No:
Community Interest Company	Date Established;	CIC No:
Company Limited by Guarantee	Date Established;	Company No:

Grants are usually paid by cheque (please provide your organisations name as it appears on the account)

Account	Six Bells Community Hall
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There are several groups who use the centre on a regular basis, we have an Arts and Crafts group, an over 50s club, a childminding group, slimming club and a gardening group.

The majority of people using these groups apart from the childminders consist of senior members of the community.

Many of these people live on their own and attending the different activities at the centre is sometimes the only social interaction they have all week.

There are 80+ members who use the centre.

APPLICATION DETAIL

Tell us briefly what work you are currently undertaking or proposing, to support people in your area who are impacted by loneliness and Isolation. How many do you think will be impacted by this project?

How is this grant going to create, maintain or increase these activities?

With the ever increasing running costs it would enable the centre to help the groups funding for materials and make it possible to continue without having to increase the venue hire that the groups pay.

We are at a point where we do not wish to increase rental allowing the groups not to increase the contributions members pay to their respective groups a high percentage of the users live on a very fixed income.

The over 50s club arrange to take their members on 5 trips over the summer months these include seaside and visits to Cotswolds and various places of interest the increasing cost of hiring coaches has put a big strain on their finances.

Who is the main focus of your activity (i.e. older people, families in need, carers)?

Probably 75% of users are in the 65+ age group, the childminding group allows parents to gain employment.

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Do you have necessary insurances in place to ensure the safety of your volunteers?

The Centre has full insurance including public liability, the utilities are all checked and serviced on an annual basis as is the fire extinguishers .

Financial Details:

Please give a breakdown of the items/costs you are applying for funding for:

Material and equipment for Arts and Crafts

Materials and help in financing coach trips

Gardening materials and tools

Total grant amount being requested:

You will be expected to be able to evidence costs itemised above (e.g. quotations, invoice, on line quotation).

You may also be asked to complete a brief monitoring reports and be able to provide evidence of the expenditure of the grant for the purposes applied for (e.g. receipts, bank statement, paid invoice)

SIGNATURES (you can do this electronically)

Applicant (authorised to make the application on behalf of the organisation)

Name (printed)	Michael Kelly
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Signature	
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Once completed, please return this either via email to either email addresses below with subject title "Loneliness Project" to:

clerk.alcc@gmail.com

joshuarawcliffe.alcc@gmail.com

Paper copy applications can be returned to:

Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 1AE