



# Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council

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## **ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** **LONELINESS PROJECT APPLICATION 25/26**

The Covid-19 pandemic not only segregated families and friends for months on end, it also highlighted the dire need to combat isolation in our communities.

Many people were left with anxiety about mixing socially and some are still afraid to go out and about. Still more have lost the opportunity to connect with others because established clubs, societies and social events did not resume. Post pandemic there is a massive need for us all to 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 resources and facilitate opportunities for community groups and businesses alike, by creating a forum and means for them to network and collaborate towards the common goal of combating the detrimental effects of loneliness and isolation suffered by people throughout our communities.

This application form 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; and enable those affected to have more active roles in their communities and participate in society with their peers.

Whilst we want to support activities that 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 that 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:	Hayley Davies
Name of organisation:	Llanhilleth Miners Institute Ltd
Name of project (if different from above)	LMI – Monthly Lunch Club
Geographical area of project (please give details of the area it will cover i.e. county, town, community)	Town / Community Llanhilleth and the surrounding area (Blaenau Gwent)
Name of main contact:	Hayley Davies
Address:	Llanhilleth Miners Institute Llanhilleth, Abertillery Blaenau Gwent
Postcode:	NP13 2JT
Email:	hayley.davies@llanhillethinstitute.com
Daytime telephone number:	01495-400 204

**Type of Organisation (please tick):**

Constituted group	Date established:	
Registered charity	Date established: 18 January 2007	Charity no: 1128924
Community interest company	Date established:	Cic no:
Company limited by guarantee	Date established: 18 January 2007	Company no: 06056945

Grants are usually paid by cheque. Please provide your organisation's name as it appears on the account.

Account Name:	Llanhilleth Miners Institute Ltd Unity Trust Bank, 60-83-01, 20185138
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## 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?

LMI is a vibrant hub, working to tackle the effects of poverty, deprivation & isolation within our community. Llanhilleth Ward is in the top 10-20% on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivations & the top 10% for poor health & employment. Poor transport links add to older people being particularly vulnerable to loneliness and isolation. We provide an unfunded drop-in support service alongside the intensive projects we deliver to combat poverty, provide meaningful activities and improve socialisation & wellbeing. Running from 12.00-4.00pm, our monthly Lunch Club is a treasured fixture in people's diaries, providing an opportunity to socialise and make new friends. We attract an average of 70-90 people each month. Guests enjoy a home-cooked two-course meal, conversation, live music and free prize bingo. Age Concern, Care & Repair, BG Carers Network, Versus Arthritis & Leap Energy, sometimes join us to offer their support services in a relaxed and informal setting. We host two 'pop up' charity shops, allowing participants to buy clothes, books & gifts at affordable prices. Participants often go on to attend other social activities at the Institute - free hot food at the daily warm hub, Knit and Natter, Tea Dance & Heritage Clubs; becoming more involved in the community. We have welcomed new volunteers and delivered baking sessions in local nursing homes - outcomes stemming from Lunch Club which couldn't have been predicted!

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

With the help of our volunteers and limited funding, we have managed to freeze the cost of lunch club tickets at £8.00 since February 2020. We are requesting a grant of £1,500 to cover the costs of the live musical entertainment, a much-loved and integral part of these events, for 12 months of Lunch Clubs. Music has the power not only to evoke memory and reminiscences but also to create new memories. Your contribution would enable us to continue to develop this vital provision for the elderly and isolated members of our community; increasing the engagement of local people, affirming community links & cohesion and contributing towards our inter-generational outreach and activities.

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

The main focus of this provision is elderly members of our community as well as those from local Residential Care Homes. In recent data compiled for UKSPF 75% of our service-users identified as "socially excluded".

Do you have necessary insurances in place to ensure the safety of your volunteers? Please give brief details of your insurance cover.

Public Liability Insurance with Broker Express from Eden Gate Commercial MGU Ltd - £5,000,000  
Employer Liability Insurance from Eden Gate Commercial MGU Ltd - £10,000,000  
Management Liability Insurance from Eden Gate Commercial MGU Ltd - £500,000

**Financial Details:**


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

12 x £100 per month – Entertainment for LMI Lunch Club	£1,200
Total grant amount being requested:	£1,200

*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 report 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** (if you are completing the form electronically, type the word 'SIGNED' in capital letters in the signature box)

Applicant (authorised to make the application on behalf of the organisation)		Date
Name (printed)	Hayley Davies	16 July 2025
Signature		16/07/2025

Once completed, please return this form via email to either email addresses below with subject title "Loneliness Project" to:

[clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)

[Joshua.rawcliffe@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk](mailto:Joshua.rawcliffe@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)

Paper copy applications can be returned to:

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 1AE



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Telephone 01656 662835  
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Hayley Davies  
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Meadow Street  
Llanhilleth  
ABERTILLERY  
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Issued 19-Dec-2024  
Our Ref. [REDACTED]

Dear Hayley

Please find below details of an engagement this agency has taken on your behalf.

Performance date Wed 25/06/25 ✓

Artiste name Neil (Anthony)  
LANE

Act's fee £100.00

Payment Payment to the act

Arrive by N/A

Setup by N/A

On stage at 2:00 pm

Finish at 3:00 pm

Backing self contained

P.A. by the act

Act lead name Mr Neil Anthony

Performance 1 x 60mins

Hawthorn Entertainment Ltd is acting as an Employment Agent for this engagement. Fees are on a "Total Fee" basis

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Emails, text & social media is only manned during office hours Monday - Friday at 9am - 4pm. All contact outside these hours must be direct with the office on 01656 662835 where an emergency "on call" number will be given, or the call will automatically be diverted.

Kind regards,

Neville Williams  
Director

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