

Name of Organisation	Type of Organisation	Management	Bank Account	Amount Requested	Overall Project Costs	Quotes	Received SF Grant in last 5 years?	Project Summary	Notes
Abertillery Town Cricket	Sports Club (Limited Company)	Yes	Yes	£35,000	£60,985	Yes	No	Restoration of cricket facilities at Abertillery Park	Totals clarified via email
The Mitre Music Venue	Community Interest Company	Yes	Yes	£6,979.71	£10,215	Yes	No	Purchase of own PA system	
Shore Mixed Martial Arts Junior BJJ Club	Sports Club (not-for-profit)	Yes	Yes	£15,000	£18,000	Yes	No	To buy a secondhand minibus for the junior section	
Ebenezer Baptist Church	Charitable Incorporated Organisation	Yes	Yes	£23,054.69	£23,054.69	Yes	No	Energy efficiency - installing 30 solar panels	
AADMS	Theatre Group	No	Yes	£4,500	£10,700	No	No	A production of Jekyll & Hyde (lighting, sound, music, band)	Under minimum amount
Zion Miners Chapel	Community Group	Yes	Yes	£5,180.51	£11,995	Yes	No	Disabled access fire escape and garden paths	
Off The Streets	Community Group		Yes	£20,000	£20,000	Yes	No	Purchase a community outreach van	
Llanhilleth Miner's Institute	Charity	Yes	Yes	£5,910	£6,310	Yes	No	Five days of workshops for KS2 St.Illtyd's pupils	20 sessions total - approx 120 total participants
Brynithel RFC	Not-for-profit business, Sports Club	Yes	No	£28,700	£33,000	No	No	Disabled access ramp, toilet upgrade and outdoor seating area	
TAFY	Not-for-profit Social Enterprise	Yes	Yes	£16,770	£34,326.11	Yes	No	Bore hole for water irrigation for all activities in Blaenau Gwent area	
Total Requested:				£161,094.91					

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Abertillery Cricket Limited
Glandwr Street
Abertillery
NP13 1TP

Contact name:

Role in group:

Treasurer

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project?

Restoration of Cricket Facilities at Abertillery Park

What are the aims of the project?

Provide a Functional and Comfortable Clubhouse Space

- To create a welcoming, practical facility that serves as a central hub for players, members, and visitors during the cricket season.
- The clubhouse should include essential amenities such as seating areas, changing rooms, storage for equipment, and a social space for meetings and refreshments.
- The log cabin design emphasizes comfort and a cozy atmosphere, enhancing the overall club experience.

Support the Growth and Sustainability of the Cricket Club

- To foster community engagement by providing a space that encourages social interaction, team cohesion, and community events.
- Enable the cricket club to attract new members and volunteers by improving on-site facilities.
- Offer a venue for fundraising events, meetings, and social gatherings that can generate income to support the club's ongoing activities.

Ensure a Cost-Effective and Timely Solution

- As a structure, the log cabin clubhouse aims to provide an affordable alternative to permanent building projects, minimizing upfront investment.
- Quick installation and removal capabilities reduce disruption to the club's schedule and allow flexibility in future development plans.
- Provide a high-quality facility without the lengthy planning and construction times associated with permanent buildings.

Enhance the Club's Presence and Identity in the Local Community

- Use the natural and rustic aesthetic of the log cabin to blend with the local environment and highlight the club's commitment to maintaining a friendly, accessible atmosphere.
- Strengthen the club's reputation as an important community sports venue within Blaenau Gwent.
- Promote local pride and increase visibility at matches and events hosted at the clubhouse.

Comply with Local Regulations and Environmental Considerations

- To design and construct the clubhouse in accordance with Blaenau Gwent council guidelines and planning permissions for structures.
- Minimize environmental impact through sustainable building materials and methods.
- Ensure the clubhouse respects the surrounding natural setting and enhances the visual appeal of the cricket ground.

Facilitate Year-Round Use and Flexibility

- While primarily serving the cricket season, the clubhouse should accommodate off-season uses, such as community events, meetings, or training sessions

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

Promoting Community Engagement and Social Cohesion

- The clubhouse will serve as a welcoming social hub where local residents, players, and families can gather, fostering stronger community ties.
- By providing a venue for social events, meetings, and celebrations, it helps bring people together across different age groups and backgrounds, encouraging a sense of belonging.
- It supports the development of a friendly, inclusive environment that can reduce social isolation, especially in smaller communities.

Encouraging Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyles

- Supporting the cricket club enhances opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in sport, promoting physical fitness and well-being.
- Having quality facilities motivates more children and adults to get involved in cricket and other recreational activities, which can improve mental and physical health outcomes in the community.
- The clubhouse can host coaching sessions, fitness workshops, and sports development programs that benefit local youth and adults alike.

Providing Opportunities for Youth Development

- The clubhouse offers a safe, supervised space for young people to engage in sport and social activities, helping to develop teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills.
- By supporting local cricket clubs, it creates pathways for youth talent to be nurtured, potentially opening doors to wider sporting opportunities.
- It also provides a constructive outlet for young people's time, which can contribute to reduced anti-social behaviour and improve community safety.

Boosting Local Economy and Supporting Small Businesses

- The clubhouse will attract visitors from nearby areas for matches and events, increasing footfall in Abertillery and Llanhilleth.
- Local businesses such as cafes, shops, and suppliers can benefit from increased demand on match days and during events.
- The project itself may create short-term employment opportunities during the installation phase and ongoing part-time roles for clubhouse management and maintenance.

Enhancing Community Identity and Pride

- A well-maintained clubhouse reflects positively on the local area, reinforcing pride in community achievements and local sports traditions.
- It provides a physical symbol of investment in community infrastructure, showing commitment to improving residents' quality of life.

- Hosting events, tournaments, and social functions can raise the profile of Abertillery and Llanhilleth within the region.

Flexible Space for Wider Community Use

- Outside cricket season, the clubhouse can be used for community meetings, clubs, educational workshops, or other local activities.
- This multi-purpose use maximizes value for residents and supports a range of social and cultural initiatives.
- The adaptable nature of the structure means it can be tailored to meet changing community needs over time.

Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements

- The log cabin's natural design can enhance the cricket ground's setting, making it a more attractive recreational destination.
- Environmentally friendly construction supports local sustainability goals and promotes awareness of green practices.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

200

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

Construction and Installation of the Log Cabin Clubhouse

- A fully functional, prefabricated log cabin structure delivered and installed on-site at the cricket ground.
- The clubhouse will include essential facilities such as changing rooms, a social area, storage space for cricket equipment, and basic bar or refreshment facilities.
- The design will ensure the building is weatherproof, comfortable, and suitable for year-round use

Incorporation of Sustainable Energy Solutions

- Installation of solar panels or other renewable energy technologies funded by the grant to power the clubhouse.
- This will reduce the clubhouse's reliance on grid electricity, lowering operating costs and minimizing the environmental footprint.
- Integration of energy-efficient lighting, heating, and electrical systems aligned with green building principles.

Site Preparation and Associated Infrastructure

- Groundwork and site preparation to safely install the log cabin, including foundation work, levelling, and access improvements.
- Installation of utilities connections such as water, electricity, and waste management systems, tailored to support sustainable operations.
- Creation of outdoor spaces such as seating areas, pathways, and landscaping to enhance usability and aesthetics.

Accessibility and Safety Features

- Ensuring the clubhouse is accessible to all users, including people with disabilities, by incorporating ramps, wide doorways, and accessible restroom facilities.
- Compliance with health and safety regulations, including fire safety measures, emergency exits, and secure storage areas.

Equipment and Furnishings

- Provision of furniture such as benches, tables, lockers, and shelves necessary for day-to-day club operations.
- Installation of cricket-related equipment storage solutions to keep gear safe and organized.
- Basic kitchen equipment or refreshment facilities to support social and fundraising events.

Community Engagement and Awareness Initiatives

- Information boards or signage highlighting the environmental benefits of solar energy and sustainable building practices.
- Opportunities for residents to learn about renewable energy through club events or workshops hosted in the clubhouse.
- Enhanced community pride from participation in a project demonstrating environmental responsibility.

Project Management and Reporting

- Comprehensive project oversight ensuring timely and efficient delivery within budget.
- Documentation of the installation process, energy savings, and community impact to meet grant reporting requirements.
- Creation of a maintenance plan to ensure the clubhouse and solar installations remain functional and efficient.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Go Fund Me	£1000
Club Funds	£1000
Sub Total	£2000
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
Blaenau Gwent Prosperity Fund	£15,000
ECB Small County Grant	£10,000
Sub Total	£24,544
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)	Amount (inc.VAT)
JP Carpentry Quotation – Please see attached	£35,000
Sub Total	£35,000
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£62,000

How will your project improve the local environment?

Reduction in Carbon Footprint Through Renewable Energy Use

- By incorporating solar panels funded by the Solar Farm Grant, the clubhouse will generate clean, renewable energy on-site.
- This reduces reliance on fossil fuels and grid electricity, cutting greenhouse gas emissions and lowering the overall carbon footprint of the club's operations.
- The project sets a positive example for sustainable energy use within the community.

Use of Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Building Materials

- The log cabin will be constructed using sustainably sourced timber, a renewable resource with a lower environmental impact compared to conventional building materials like concrete or steel.
- Preference will be given to eco-friendly insulation, finishes, and treatments that minimize toxic emissions and promote indoor air quality.

- Materials may be chosen for durability and recyclability, reducing waste and the need for frequent replacements.

Minimal Site Disturbance and Reversible Installation

- As a structure, the clubhouse installation will involve minimal ground disturbance, preserving existing vegetation and soil integrity.
- The building can be dismantled and removed with limited impact on the cricket ground, allowing the site to be restored or repurposed in the future without long-term environmental damage.
- This flexibility supports sustainable land use and prevents permanent alteration of the landscape.

Improved Waste Management and Recycling Practices

- The clubhouse will include facilities to support responsible waste disposal, recycling, and composting during events and club activities.
- By promoting good environmental practices among club members and visitors, the project encourages a cleaner and more sustainable local environment.
- Educational signage may be installed to raise awareness about waste reduction and environmental stewardship.

Enhanced Biodiversity and Green Space Quality

- Landscaping around the clubhouse can incorporate native plants and trees, supporting local wildlife habitats and increasing biodiversity.
- The project offers an opportunity to improve green spaces at the cricket ground, contributing to better air quality and community well-being.
- Thoughtful site planning will avoid disruption to any existing natural features and encourage positive interactions between the sports facility and its natural surroundings.

Promotion of Environmental Awareness and Community Responsibility

- Through community events and use of the clubhouse, the project will raise awareness about sustainable living and environmental care.
- The cricket club can act as a local champion for green initiatives, inspiring residents to adopt similar practices in their homes and neighbourhoods.
- This cultural shift towards environmental responsibility benefits the wider Blaenau Gwent area over time.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

Utilisation of Renewable Energy Sources

- The project incorporates solar panels to power the clubhouse, leveraging clean, renewable energy and significantly reducing dependence on fossil fuels.
- This lowers carbon emissions and promotes sustainable energy consumption practices within the club and wider community.
- By demonstrating the viability of solar energy in local facilities, the project encourages adoption of renewable energy in other community buildings.

Sustainable Building Materials and Construction Methods

- The log cabin is constructed primarily from sustainably sourced timber, a renewable and biodegradable resource with a much smaller environmental footprint compared to traditional construction materials like concrete or steel.
- Use of eco-friendly finishes and insulation enhances energy efficiency and reduces harmful chemical emissions.
- The nature of the structure means materials can be reused or recycled at the end of its life, minimizing waste and resource depletion.

Energy Efficiency and Reduced Operational Costs

- The design prioritizes energy-efficient features such as insulated walls, energy-saving lighting, and optimized ventilation, which reduce heating and electricity demands.
- Lower energy consumption not only benefits the environment but also decreases running costs, making the facility more financially sustainable for the cricket club.

Flexibility and Adaptability of the Structure

- As a modular building, the log cabin can be relocated, repurposed, or dismantled with minimal environmental impact.
- This flexibility aligns with sustainable land use principles, avoiding permanent alterations to the site and reducing the need for future demolition waste.
- It allows the cricket club to adapt the facility as their needs evolve without committing to costly, resource-intensive permanent construction.

Promotion of Sustainable Practices Among Users

- The clubhouse serves as a visible example of sustainability in action, educating club members, visitors, and the community about renewable energy and responsible resource use.
- Facilities for recycling and waste reduction encourage environmentally responsible behavior during club events and everyday use.
- Community engagement through the clubhouse can foster wider awareness and action toward sustainability in the local area.

Support for Healthy and Sustainable Community Development

- By enhancing sports facilities and community spaces with sustainability at their core, the project contributes to the social and environmental well-being of Blaenau Gwent residents.
- Encouraging outdoor physical activity in a sustainably designed environment promotes long-term health and social sustainability.
- The project exemplifies how local initiatives can align with broader sustainability goals, supporting regional and national climate commitments.

How does your project link with local schools?

Providing a Dedicated Facility to Support School Use of the Cricket Ground

- Currently, local schools in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area face significant challenges in using the cricket ground due to the absence of suitable open facilities.
- Without a clubhouse or changing rooms, schools cannot fully utilize the ground for cricket training, matches, or sports days, limiting their access to quality outdoor sporting spaces.
- The log cabin clubhouse will provide essential infrastructure such as changing rooms, toilets, and social areas, enabling schools to organize sports activities more easily and comfortably.

Encouraging School Participation in Cricket and Outdoor Sports

- With an accessible clubhouse, schools can develop regular cricket coaching sessions and fixtures, fostering student engagement in healthy physical activity.
- The clubhouse acts as a base for school teams to gather, change, and socialize before and after games, making the ground a more attractive venue for schools to schedule sports events.
- This will support PE curricula and extracurricular programs by providing a local, well-equipped facility tailored to student needs.

Facilitating Coaching and Development Programs for Youth

- The clubhouse will enable the cricket club to run coaching clinics, school holiday camps, and sports workshops in partnership with local schools.
- These programs will encourage skill development, teamwork, and sporting excellence among young people in the area.
- Schools can benefit from specialist coaching delivered at the cricket ground, improving opportunities for students who might not otherwise have access to cricket training.

Promoting Community Links and Educational Opportunities

- The clubhouse provides a venue for schools to host inter-school tournaments and community sports days, strengthening ties between the cricket club, schools, and wider community.

- It can be used for educational workshops on sportsmanship, health, fitness, and even environmental sustainability linked to the solar-powered facility.
- These activities support both the physical and social development of students while fostering a sense of community ownership of local sports facilities.

Addressing Accessibility and Inclusion

- Currently, the lack of a clubhouse restricts usage for schools that require accessible facilities for all students.
- The new clubhouse will be designed with accessibility in mind, ensuring all pupils, including those with disabilities, can participate fully in cricket and other outdoor activities.
- This promotes equality of opportunity and helps schools meet inclusive education goals.

How does your project promote volunteering?

- 1. Creating a Hub for Volunteer Activity and Coordination**
 - The clubhouse will serve as a physical base where volunteers can gather, plan, and organize club activities and events.
 - It provides dedicated space for volunteer meetings, training sessions, and social gatherings, strengthening the volunteer community.
 - A well-equipped clubhouse makes volunteering more attractive and enjoyable, encouraging ongoing participation.
- 2. Offering Opportunities for Skills Development**
 - The project creates a variety of volunteering roles linked to clubhouse operations, such as maintenance, event management, coaching, and hospitality.
 - Volunteers can gain practical skills in teamwork, leadership, communication, and facility management, enhancing personal development.
 - This can be especially valuable for young people or those seeking experience in community work or sports management.
- 3. Supporting Community-Led Events and Fundraising**
 - Volunteers will be instrumental in organizing and running matches, tournaments, social events, and fundraising activities hosted at the clubhouse.
 - The clubhouse provides a suitable venue for these events, increasing their scale and success, and boosting volunteer involvement.
 - Fundraising efforts supported by volunteers help sustain the cricket club and its facilities long-term.
- 4. Encouraging Social Interaction and Building Community Spirit**
 - By providing a welcoming and comfortable space, the clubhouse fosters a sense of belonging among volunteers.
 - Social events held at the clubhouse offer opportunities for volunteers to connect, celebrate achievements, and build lasting friendships.
 - This positive volunteer culture helps retain existing volunteers and attract new ones.

5. Engaging Different Demographics

- The clubhouse enables the cricket club to reach a broader volunteer base, including youth, retirees, families, and local businesses.
- Offering varied volunteering roles caters to different interests and availability, making it easier for more people to get involved.
- The project encourages inclusive volunteering, supporting diversity within the club's volunteer workforce.

6. Raising Awareness and Recognition of Volunteer Contributions

- The clubhouse can feature volunteer recognition boards, awards, and information displays highlighting volunteer achievements.
- Public acknowledgment helps motivate volunteers and raises awareness of the importance of volunteering in sustaining local sports and community life.
- This visibility can inspire others in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area to volunteer.

How does your project promote links between communities?

Creating a Shared Social Hub

- The clubhouse provides a welcoming, neutral space where people from different parts of Blaenau Gwent—including Abertillery, Llanhilleth, and surrounding villages—can come together.
- It acts as a focal point for social interaction, breaking down barriers and fostering friendships across diverse community groups.
- Regular club events, matches, and social gatherings held at the clubhouse encourage participation from a wide range of residents.

Hosting Inclusive Events and Activities

- The clubhouse enables the cricket club to organize community-wide events such as tournaments, family fun days, cultural celebrations, and charity fundraisers.
- These events bring together people of all ages, backgrounds, and interests, promoting mutual understanding and cooperation.
- It also offers space for local organizations and groups to use for meetings or workshops, strengthening cross-community collaboration.

Supporting Local Schools and Youth Engagement

- By providing facilities that support school sports and coaching, the clubhouse builds connections between young people from different communities.
- Inter-school tournaments and shared sports programs help foster friendships and teamwork among students from various areas.
- This early social integration helps build long-term positive relationships between communities.

Encouraging Volunteer Collaboration

- Volunteers from different neighbourhoods can work together in running and maintaining the clubhouse and club activities.
- Shared volunteering projects foster a sense of joint ownership and pride in the facility, strengthening community bonds.
- Diverse volunteer involvement brings together people with different experiences and skills, enriching the club culture.

Promoting Local Pride and Collective Identity

- The clubhouse serves as a symbol of community investment and achievement, creating a sense of pride among residents.
- By supporting local sports and social life, it helps reinforce a positive shared identity for the area.
- This shared pride can inspire cooperative initiatives beyond sport, encouraging broader community development.

Facilitating Networking and Partnership Opportunities

- The clubhouse can host networking events that connect community groups, local businesses, schools, and public services.
- These partnerships can lead to collaborative projects addressing wider social, educational, or environmental goals.
- Building these networks helps communities pool resources and knowledge for mutual benefit.

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?**
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1. A Prosperous Wales

- The clubhouse supports the local economy by attracting visitors for matches and events, increasing footfall to nearby businesses in Abertillery and Llanhilleth.
- It creates opportunities for local suppliers and contractors during construction and maintenance.
- By encouraging participation in cricket and community events, it helps develop skills and social capital among volunteers and residents, contributing to long-term economic resilience.

2. A Resilient Wales

- The project incorporates renewable energy through solar panels, reducing carbon emissions and dependence on non-renewable resources.
- Use of sustainably sourced timber and eco-friendly building methods preserves natural resources and encourages responsible environmental stewardship.
- The nature of the clubhouse allows for flexible land use, minimizing permanent environmental impact and supporting ecosystem resilience.

3. A Healthier Wales

- By providing quality sports facilities, the clubhouse promotes physical activity, improving physical and mental health among players, volunteers, and the wider community.
- Accessible spaces encourage inclusivity in sports participation, benefiting people of all ages and abilities.
- The clubhouse supports social activities that reduce isolation and promote mental well-being through community interaction.

4. A More Equal Wales

- The clubhouse is designed with accessibility in mind, ensuring all community members, including those with disabilities, can participate fully.
- It facilitates equal access to sports and recreational opportunities, especially for youth and marginalized groups.
- The club's outreach to local schools and community groups promotes social inclusion and equal opportunities for engagement.

5. A Wales of Cohesive Communities

- The clubhouse acts as a community hub, fostering social connections and shared identity among diverse groups in the area.
- It supports volunteering and collaborative events that strengthen community bonds and encourage collective responsibility.
- The facility enables schools, clubs, and residents from different neighbourhoods to interact, enhancing social cohesion.

6. A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Welsh Language

- The clubhouse supports the vibrant sporting culture of Wales by promoting cricket, a valued community sport.
- It can host cultural and community events celebrating local heritage, traditions, and the Welsh language.
- By providing a venue for social interaction, it helps sustain and evolve local customs and collective experiences.

7. A Globally Responsible Wales

- By adopting renewable energy and sustainable building practices, the project demonstrates commitment to tackling global climate challenges.
- It raises awareness within the community about environmental responsibility and the benefits of sustainable living.
- The project aligns with global sustainability goals by promoting responsible consumption, reducing waste, and encouraging biodiversity through careful site management

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

Timely Completion of Construction and Installation

- The log cabin clubhouse is fully constructed and installed on-site within the planned timeframe.
- All facilities—including changing rooms, social areas, storage, and accessible amenities—are ready for immediate use by the cricket club and the community.
- Solar panels and energy-efficient systems are fully operational, providing sustainable power to the building.

Facility Fully Equipped and Operational

- The clubhouse is furnished with necessary equipment, furniture, and cricket gear storage solutions to support day-to-day activities.
- Utilities such as water, electricity, heating, and waste management are functioning reliably.
- Safety and accessibility features meet all regulatory standards, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all users.

Positive Community Engagement and Usage

- Local cricket teams, schools, and community groups actively use the clubhouse for training, matches, events, and meetings.
- Volunteering opportunities related to clubhouse operations and club activities increase, with strong volunteer participation.
- The clubhouse becomes a vibrant social hub that fosters community cohesion and supports local well-being.

Demonstrable Environmental Benefits

- Solar energy generation is effectively reducing the clubhouse's carbon footprint and operational costs.
- Sustainable materials and practices result in minimal environmental impact during construction and ongoing use.
- Landscaping and site management enhance local biodiversity and maintain the ground's natural appeal.

Positive Feedback and Recognition

- Users—including players, coaches, volunteers, schools, and residents—express high satisfaction with the clubhouse facilities.
- The project gains recognition from local authorities, funders, and community stakeholders as a valuable asset.
- Success stories and case studies highlight the social, environmental, and economic benefits delivered by the project.

Sustainable Long-Term Management

- A maintenance and management plan are in place, ensuring the clubhouse remains in good condition and continues to meet community needs.
- The cricket club has secured or is actively pursuing additional funding or partnerships to sustain and develop clubhouse activities.
- The project acts as a catalyst for further community development initiatives in the area.

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

☐ During and Immediately After Construction

- **Photographic Evidence:** Regular photos will be taken throughout the construction and installation phases to document progress, key milestones, and final completion.
- **Progress Updates:** Short interim reports or updates will be provided to funders as agreed, highlighting work completed and any challenges encountered.

Upon Project Completion

- **Completion Report:** A comprehensive report will be submitted detailing all aspects of the project delivery, including:
 - Confirmation that all planned works and installations were completed.
 - Verification of solar panel installation and functionality.
 - Summary of facilities now available for community use.
 - Details of any community engagement or volunteer involvement during delivery.
- **Final Photographic Evidence:** High-quality photos of the finished clubhouse, interior facilities, solar panels, and community use will be included to visually demonstrate successful delivery.

Post-Completion Monitoring (Optional/As Required)

- **Follow-Up Reports:** At agreed intervals (e.g., 6 months, 1 year), reports may be supplied showing ongoing usage, maintenance, energy savings, and community impact.

- **Additional Evidence:** Further photos or case studies capturing events, school visits, or volunteer activities may be provided to illustrate continued benefits

Is your organisation a: Limited Company by Guranttee who holds
a License to Occupy

Payee name: Abertillery Cricket Limited

Signed:

Print Name:

Date: Monday 22nd July

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 31st July 2025, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.



JP CARPENTRY

CUSTOMER: Abertillery Cricket

ADDRESS: Abertillery Park

Date : 15.07.25

Quotation – Construct new Clubhouse

- lay concrete base 10m x 5m
- dig trenches for waste and water connections
- lay new water main and waste pipe
- build 10m x 5m clubhouse including all timber frame work i.e. stud work, roofing timbers and structural OSB surroundings.
- Supply and fit rubber roof
- External PVC cladding
- Anthracite windows and doors
- Anthracite roller shutters
- Melamine faced wall boards
- Finished floor
- 2 shower trays with enclosure
- 2 showers
- 2 toilets
- Fit 2 new bar pumps
- CCTV package
- Electrical work
- Plumbing work
- Carpentry work
- Solar panels

Quotation includes the supply and fit of all materials. Quotation doesn't cover any unforeseen issue that should occur.

Total cost £53,500

Option 2 – 15m x 5m new Clubhouse

- Supply and fit as above

Total cost – £60,985

Thank you for the opportunity of quoting, any questions please do not hesitate to contact JP Carpentry.

Yours Faithfully

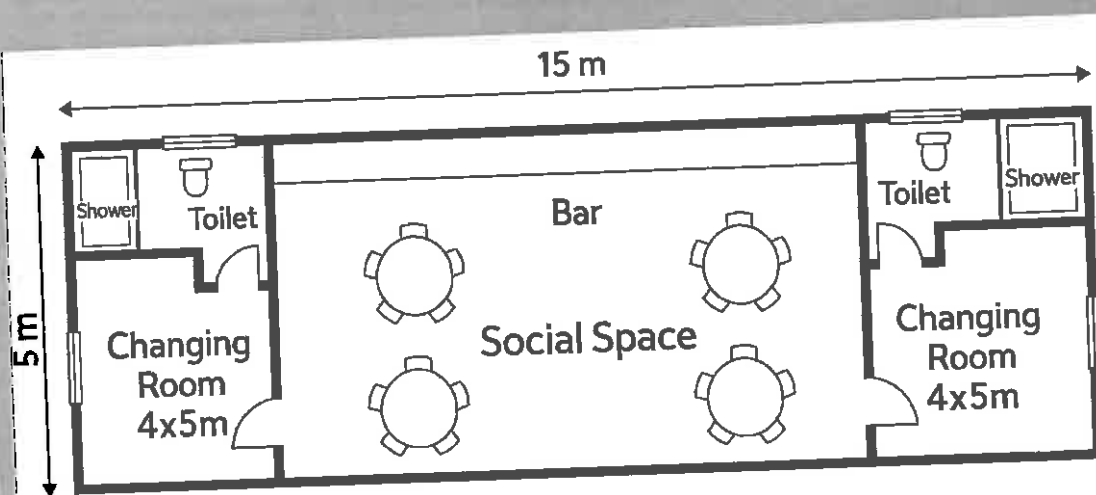
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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

The Mitre Music Venue CIC
1 Mitre Street
Abertillery
NP131AE

Contact name:

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Role in group: Director

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Telephone number:

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Email:

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What is the name of your project?

.....Owning our own P.A. system

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What are the aims of the project The aim of this project is to purchase our own in-house PA (public address) system to support our growing schedule of live music, community events, and creative programming. Currently, we rely on rented equipment, which is not cost-effective or sustainable long-term. By owning our own system, we will significantly reduce operating costs, improve the quality and reliability of events, and create an opportunity to generate additional income by hiring the equipment out to other community groups, artists, or small venues.

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? The Mitre Music Venue CIC is more than just a music venue—it's a vital cultural and community hub. This project will enhance our ability to deliver high-quality live

music, arts, and creative experiences for local residents. We host a wide range of events including:

- Grassroots and professional live music acts (local, national, and international)
- Art classes
- Book clubs
- Children's dance classes
- Autism youth support groups
- Free karaoke nights and open mic events
- Community outreach such as food bank drives and free period product initiatives

Our programming is inclusive, affordable, and community-driven. Investing in a PA system means we can continue to provide these services at low or no cost, attract tourism, and ensure the sustainability of this unique, multi-use community venue.

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

- A professional, high-quality PA system (console, microphones, speakers, etc.) installed at our venue
 - A more financially sustainable venue through cost savings on rentals
 - Continued access to diverse live entertainment and community arts programming
 - A strengthened cultural presence in Abertillery and Llanhilleth, drawing performers and audiences from across Wales and beyond
 - Potential for income generation by hiring out the equipment to other organisations or events
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How will your project improve the local environment?

Owning our own PA system will reduce the environmental impact associated with frequent equipment transport from external hire companies. We'll also reduce waste associated with short-term rentals (e.g., packaging, delivery emissions). Moreover, by continuing to offer accessible local entertainment, we help reduce travel emissions—residents can enjoy high-quality live events without needing to leave the area.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

This project contributes to our long-term financial sustainability by eliminating recurring equipment hire costs. It also contributes to community sustainability by maintaining an inclusive, welcoming space that supports local talent, creativity, and wellbeing. It will also create opportunities for upskilling and training volunteers and residents in sound engineering and event production.

How does your project link with local schools?

We are currently developing stronger ties with local schools and are exploring youth music workshops, performance opportunities, and educational visits. Having our own PA system would enable us to confidently host school-based performances, youth music events, and collaborative projects that develop young people's creative and technical skills.

How does your project promote volunteering?

Our venue runs with the help of passionate local volunteers who assist with events, community drives, and promotions. This project will allow us to expand volunteer roles into sound engineering, tech support, and stage management. We aim to train and support local people to develop valuable skills in live production and event management.

How does your project promote links between communities?

Our venue brings together people of all ages and backgrounds from Abertillery, Llanhilleth, and surrounding areas. Through music, arts, and shared cultural experiences, we foster unity and dialogue. We also welcome touring performers and audiences from beyond the borough, helping to connect our town to the wider cultural scene and promote Abertillery as a creative destination.

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

- **A prosperous Wales** – We support the local economy by creating cultural tourism opportunities and investing in the creative sector.
- **A resilient Wales** – We build community resilience through arts-based wellbeing and outreach initiatives.
- **A healthier Wales** – We provide social connection, creative outlets, and positive mental health resources through music and community programming.
- **A more equal Wales** – We offer inclusive, low-cost activities for all backgrounds, including marginalised groups.
- **A Wales of cohesive communities** – We create a shared community space that encourages togetherness, dialogue, and belonging.
- **A Wales of vibrant culture** – We celebrate Welsh talent and bring international artists to local audiences.
- **A globally responsible Wales** – We operate with a strong environmental conscience and aim to reduce waste and unnecessary transport by owning our equipment.

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

- Full purchase and installation of a high-quality PA system at The Mitre
- Cost savings that can be reinvested into our community work
- An expanded calendar of events due to better in-house equipment
- A self-sustaining revenue stream from potential PA hire
- Continued growth of our venue as a welcoming, accessible space for local people and visitors

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

Yes. We will supply a full report, photographs, and testimonials within 6 weeks of completion, and are happy to provide updates and impact reports over time.

Is your organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business?

We are a **Community Interest Company (CIC)** – a not-for-profit business set up to serve the local community through arts, music, and cultural events. Our profits are reinvested into community-focused activities and support.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

.....1000s.....

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? ...We will be able to make our community space more financially viable and continue to provide a thriving community hub that serves the local community and brings in tourism both locally and globally. We have already hosted live acts from all over the world, including USA, Sweden and Trinidad and Tobago.

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Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group		Amount (inc. VAT)
Desk Console		£2148.00
Microphones		£1050.03
Desk Cover		£44.98
Sub Total		£3243.01
B. Funding being provided by other organisations		Amount (inc.VAT)
		£00.00
		£00.00
Sub Total		£00.00
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)		Amount (inc.VAT)
		£6971.99
P.A. System		£5500.00
2 x HK Audio Linear 3 112 FA Active Speakers		£1332.00
Ehaho Dual Lens Lights L2800		£139.99
Sub Total		£6979.71
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL	£10,215.00

Payee name: The Mitre Music Venue CIC

Signed:

Print Name

Date: Signed.....03/07/2025.....

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 31st July 2025, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and

QUOTE

Paul McCarte
Sound Engineer/Tour Manager

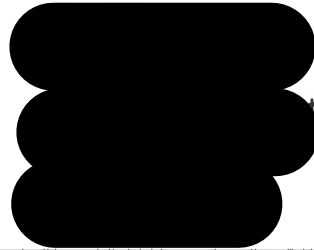


Date: June 20th, 2025

To:

The Mitre Music Venue CIC
1 Mitre Street
Abertillery
NP13 1AE

From:



DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Logic Systems 4 x 15" Sub	£375	2	£750
Turbosound THL Monitor Speaker	£700	2	£1400
Yamaha Club Series 15" Monitor Speaker	£200	3	£600
RCF Event 5000 15" Monitor Speaker	3 for £500	3	£500
EAW 12" Monitor Speaker	£300	1	£300
Yamaha 7000/5000/3500 Amplifier	3 for £1k	3	£1000
DBX Digital Speaker Management Controller	£250	1	£250
Amp Rack Enclosure	£50	1	£50
NL4 Speaker Cable Package To Accomodate System	£400	1	£400
Install	£250	1	£250

TOTAL

£5500.00

System does not include NL4-NL2 split system boxes. Two active speakers are required to complete the set up. Serial numbers need to be checked and logged in house.

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SOUND ENGINEER/TOUR MANAGER



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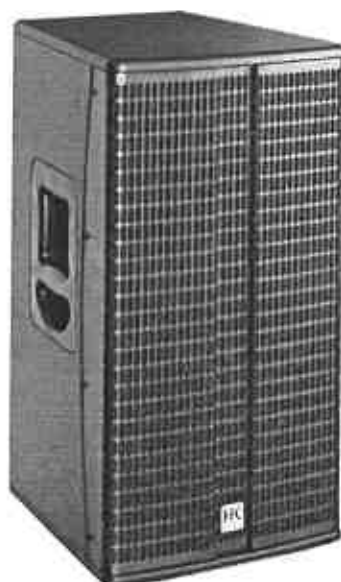
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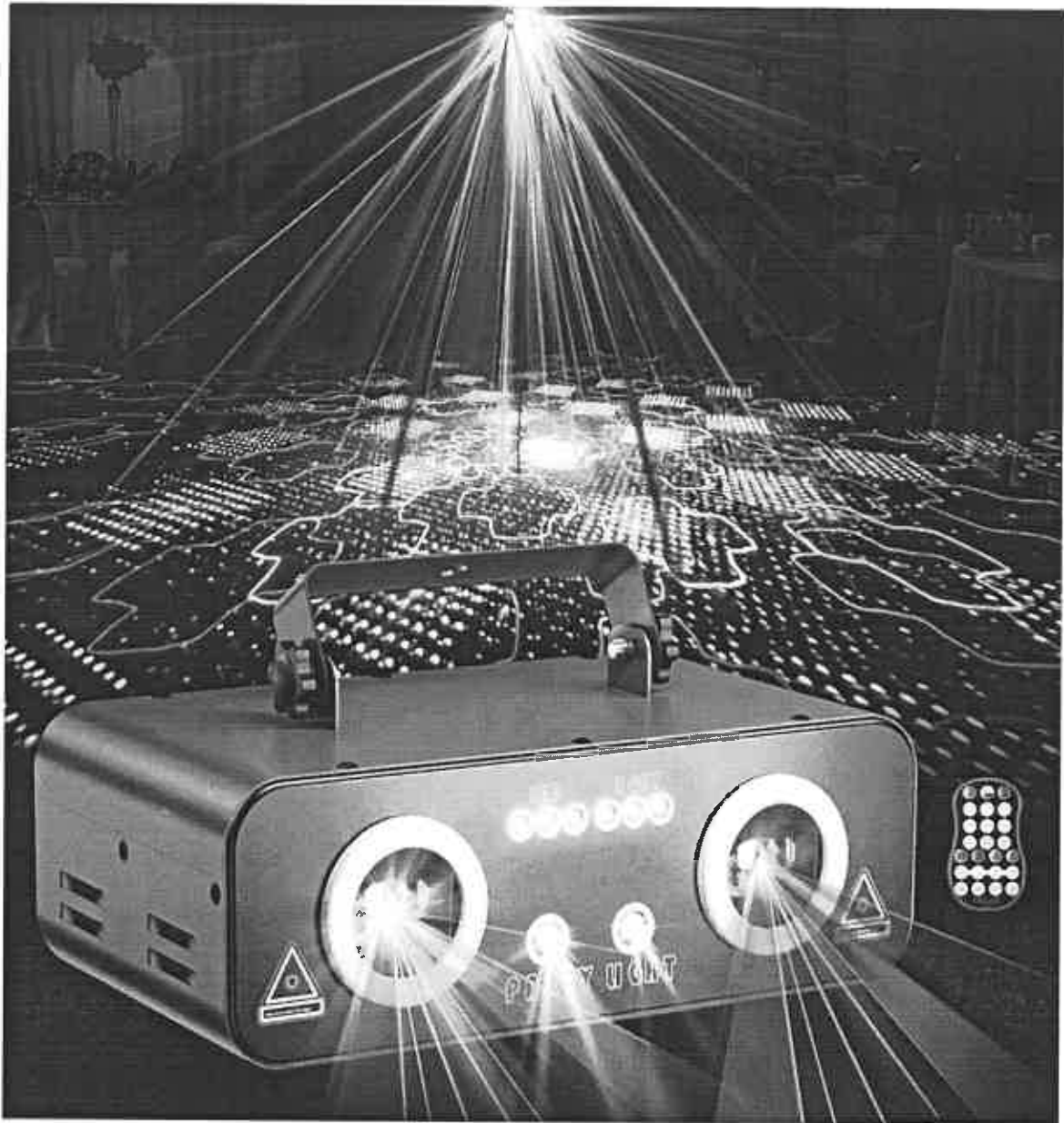
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Parties Bar Rave Club Show



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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Smma Junior BJJ club

Contact name

Role in group:

Team Manager / Committee

Telephone

Email

What is the name of your project?

mini Bus funding Junior inclusion

What are the aims of the project?

To buy second hand minibus, to ensure and get sign written to get youth members to events training sessions and experience life skills around the UK. Create new friends from other clubs

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

It will benefit us for several years to come helping young athletes reach their potential outside of the area who cannot get to these events due to transport costs.

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Approximate number of beneficiaries

30 + Gums growing every month
Some youths not competing just off the streets

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

We will look to families first (YOS) to see if there
was any youths that needed help + welcome
them along to our gym.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Fund Raising	£ 3000
	£
	£
Sub Total	£ 3000
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)	Amount (inc. VAT)
mini bus	£ 15'000
	£
Sub Total	£
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£ 18' 000

How will your project improve the local environment?

Instead of taking 6 cars we would all travel
together. Our area is known for being deprived we would
work with local authority to link necessary groups
individuals to provide appropriate opportunities

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

The club will continue to provide a conveyor belt of training opportunities to the area, and those who undertake the sessions through here duration in the Youth Section of the club and provide opportunities into the adult section of the club. We have a open door if members leave the door is always open for return.

How does your project link with local schools?

We would look to link with schools and groups via the Sports development team at Aneurin trust to actively engage with target audience. We already have sessions with schools in Bla. ~~town~~ Cardiff have a lack of structure and discipline.

How does your project promote volunteering?

The Committee and coaching team are all volunteers and this is something we wish to continue and promote through our Junior team. Some of our older youths also help out coaching the new starters.

How does your project promote links between communities?

The bus will help us train at other gyms as a team outside of Blaenau Gwent. Help make friendships and create life skills for young members. Given all members chance to participate.

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?**

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Please
see attached
letter

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

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

It will make youths happy that they can travel together and will give us more youths in the international team. also help with team bonding. Travelling together will also help the younger members with their nerves before competitions.

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

Yes of course we will also put posts on our social media

Is your organisation a:

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

Sports club

Payee name:

Smma Junior bjj club

Signed:

[Redacted Signature]

Print Name:

[Redacted Name]

Date:

10.06.2025

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 31st July 2025, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

Travelling To events can be very nervous time. Travelling as a team can take away these nerves.

The team can sing songs and help each other with these nerves.

Sometimes Travelling with parents can cause more pressure on the coaches ~~leaving~~ going to an event.



Junior & Youth Section

Unit 5, Glandwr Industrial Estate,

Aberbeeg,

Llanhilleth,

Abertillery,

NP13 2LN,

Dear Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council

I am adding further info into this letter as I couldn't explain everything on the application form.

Shore MMA Juniors & Youth Committee was set up in 2024.

We have a full committee & coaching team that are all volunteers.

Since we started up our committee has helped to fund 5 athletes to go to the world championships in Abu Dhabi, European championships in Serbia, Irish international tournaments all within 12 months. Kitted every member out in a club kit free of charge.

At Shore MMA we have a very strong youth section & extremely strong adult section with several fighters reaching the highest organisation in the UK.

Our youth section struggles to get to events in Liverpool, London, Manchester etc for MMA & BJJ events so we only have a few attending which can penalise the club as you get points per competitor & per team so nationally this doesn't get our small club in the top rankings in the UK only as individuals.

The way BJJ is taking off we expect it to be an Olympic sport in a few years & with your help for a grant to get our deprived children to events we are sure we could possibly have a few members who could be knocking the door to get into these squads. We have members at our gym who have the ability to become Welsh team members but they just don't have the transport or funds to attend these events around Wales & the UK so they are not meeting their full potential at all.

We also have team bonding days & would like to go watch our adults perform on the big stages but due to costs, once again some of our deprived children cannot gain these life experiences.

Our team as we are successful also get asked to train at other gyms around the UK but due to the cost of transport we cannot accept these offers.

Some of our members have learning disabilities, we have children who have physical disabilities, we have some children who unfortunately haven't ever been on the local train to Cardiff. Shore MMA is more like a family & we try to give these youths as much life experience as we can. We have several members in our club that if it wasn't for the gym discipline would be around the local streets causing trouble the gym has transformed their lives.

1 lad has just got apprenticeship through being in our gym & one of the adults members giving him a chance with his company after many companys turning him down.

Shore mma juniors have raised some money hopefully we will have enough to insure a bus & maybe get it sign written. We are willing to do more fund raising to hopefully help us get what we need.

We would appreciate your help on helping us make the next ufc star

We have Amazing talent in our club that is not competing at events due to parents not driving affordability to drive to London we would just like to see these youths reach there full potential & help keep them off the streets

Many thanks The Comitee smaa juniors & youth

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ADDRESS

Shore Mixed Martial Arts Juniors
& Youth
Unit 5 Glandwr Industrial Estate
Aberbeeg
Llanhilleth
NP13 2LN

DATE 18/06/2025

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Job No. 17167			
Sales	1	800.00	800.00
Minibus Livery - Incorporating teams/club logo and various sponsors logo - Artwork to be incorporated on both side panels. rear and bonnet.			
SUBTOTAL			800.00
VAT TOTAL			160.00
TOTAL			GBP 960.00

VAT SUMMARY

	RATE	VAT	NET
VAT @ 20%		160.00	800.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Payment Details :



Shore MMA Juniors
Unit 8
Cwmtillery Industrial Estate
Cwmtillery
Abertillery
Gwent
NP13 1LZ

Our Ref: [REDACTED]

Minibus Policy

Quote Ref: [REDACTED]

20 June 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

Your Minibus Insurance Quotation

Thank you for taking the time to get a Minibus insurance quote with us. Below is a summary of your recommended quote based on the information you have provided. We have also attached more details outlining the cover we will provide you when you take out a policy with us. It is important that you read all the information provided to make sure the quotation meets your requirements. If you have any queries, please contact us.

Your Recommended Quotation

Minibus Annual Premium	£1,096.11
Insurance Premium Tax @12.00%	£131.53
Customer Service Charge*	£80.00
Total	£1,307.64

*Please note that the Customer Service Charge may vary if the number of covers we arrange for you change.

Direct Debit Option

If you choose to pay by Direct Debit your first monthly amount will be £151.06, followed by 9 payments of £146.02, including an instalment charge of 11.67% (APR 28.96 %). The total amount payable is £1,465.24. Please note that your agreement will be subject to a facility fee of £5.00 which will be included within the first instalment. Please refer to the enclosed Towergate Premium Instalment Plan information for further details on terms and conditions.

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Contact name:

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Role in group: Church secretary

Telephone number

Email

What is the name of your project?

..... Energy efficiency At Ebenezer church.....

What are the aims of the project?

..... Ebenezer is a large Victorian building dating from 1896. Over many years we have become much more conscious of being good stewards of our resources. 8 years ago we installed solar panels on the roof and this has paid dividends.

The original installation comprised 10 kilowatts of solar PV panels this was later supplemented by batteries.

In conjunction with Coalfields Regeneration Trust we recently invited an energy consultant to the church from Rounded Developments Enterprises (RDE) a non-profit company registered in Wales. Company number 4622932. RDE aims to champion sustainable building in Wales. See <https://rounded-developments.org.uk>.

He recommended PV panels as the most appropriate technology for the site. We have therefore spoken to spoken to Gwent Energy who made the original installation .

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

The church has rooms which are rented to community groups. These include men’s and ladies Orpheus choirs , Youth Service, amateur dramatics, a line dance class ,AA group and Alcanon. We also provide a home for a Drug support group CA.

This is in addition to church run activities which include our regular church services which are live-streamed, a toddler group, Dads and Tots Group, Bible Studies and coffee bar.

We have a Food cupboard which feeds families in the area ,this is held on two days each week throughout the year. We also provide pre-loved school uniform.....

Warm hub which works together with Food Cupboard was set up and in response to the cost-of-living crisis and this is an opportunity to drop into the church for a snack or the meal on three days each week. Since the pandemic this has been an answer to many people who have experienced loneliness. Some had gone on to become volunteers as they have found that volunteering has helped them to do with anxiety other mental health issues.

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Approximate number of beneficiaries A conservative estimate is that of around 300 people per week.....

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? The grant will enable us to install 30 Jinko Tiger Neo 445W All Black N-Type Mono solar panels to collect sunlight and turn it into DC electricity. The panels will be connected to 1 GivEnergy 11kW 3ph Hybrid (for PV Batteries) inverter, which converts the DC electricity into mains (AC) electricity. A GivEnergy 3ph 20.4kWh battery storage system will allow you to store excess energy from sunny days, so that you can use your

generated electricity at night too. Based on our model we expect you to self consume 5,168 kWh of the 9,540 kWh of electricity the system should generate - providing 74% of the annual electricity consumption of 7,000 kWh in the property. At an electricity tariff of 28.00 p/kWh saving of £1,447 on your electricity bill - down from £1,960 at present! Your new bill could be just £513 per year. 4,247 kWh of excess solar energy will be exported to the grid.

Overall we anticipate that the savings in the first year will be £1.695.....

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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 (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£23,054.69
	£
Sub Total	£
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£23,054

How will your project improve the local environment?

..... We believe that in the church we have a role to play in improving our environment by reducing our carbon footprint and tackling climate change.....

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How does your project contribute to sustainability?

Sustainability is the beating heart of the *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act*, and it's woven through all seven well-being goals and the five ways of working. We believe that at Ebenezer by installing energy efficient solar panels and infrared heating we are securing the future of the church in the community for a very long time Eight years ago the church installed its first solar panels one of the first to do so We held an open event at the time in which we invited not only churches but other community interests to come together we entitled the event Steps to energy efficiency because we believed then as we do now that it is a process rather than an event

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How does your project link with local schools?

Each week We welcome pupils from the comprehensive school help in our toddler group this has proved beneficial to the students and children alike we have seen students gaining confidence and learn new skills... we have also linked with the comprehensive school through the food cupboard as we have cooperated with the can on the wall scheme Next year sees the 150th anniversary of the church, clearly this is a momentous occasion for us and as part of our planning we are hoping to run a competition with local schools to design a logo for the event The plan is.....

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How does your project promote volunteering? At Ebenezer we

opportunities for range of volunteering activities notably in food cupboard

warm hub, and toddler group We work with GAVO And have found their support invaluable Some of our volunteers have been nominated for the Gavo Volunteers Award evening Volunteering has a range of benefits not only for the person volunteering but also for us as a community This includes benefits for mental health the growth of confidence in an individual

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How does your project promote links between communities?

Ebenezer has become a hub for a number activities within the community .We take an active part in Aberfest Winterfest and Springfest we have been recognised by Frindau Tyleri as having vital role within the community. We work with Thriving Communities and are hosting an Afro Wels celebration night in the very near future

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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?**

Ebenezer actively nurtures a sense of belonging and unity among residents by serving as a gathering point for diverse activities and celebrations. We bring together individuals from various backgrounds Just recently we worked with our food bank and the warm hub in providing food for people from Poland, Nigeria ,Afghanistan and Ukraine . We also through initiatives like Aberfest, Winterfest, Springfest, and special cultural evenings such as the upcoming African celebration night, We help weave strong community ties and foster mutual respect. These efforts not only strengthen the social fabric of our area, contributing to a Wales of cohesive communities, but also showcase and celebrate the

rich tapestry of cultures present locally. In the last few days I have had conversations about how the atmosphere at the church is a very welcoming one which provides a safe environment which is non-judgmental

By embracing and promoting a variety of traditions and creative expressions, Ebenezer plays a key role in cultivating a Wales of vibrant culture. Our events and partnerships highlight the talents, stories, and heritage of our community members, ensuring that all voices have a platform. This continual exchange of ideas and celebration of diversity not only enriches our local identity but also inspires pride and participation, making our community both resilient and dynamic.

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

it will enable the church to become much more sustainable it will enable us to lower our carbon footprint If we are successful in this bid we anticipate that 70 4% will be supplied by solar saving 1000 and 70 kilogrammes of CO₂ each year 4372 will be exported saving 905 Kg. CO₂ annually In total the reduction is likely to be 1975 kilos There we go
CO₂

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

... We will be able to supply reports evidence and photographs at different stages of the project.....

Is your organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)
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... Ebenezer is a charitable incorporated organisation charity number 1198946...

We became the charity in
2022.....

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Payee name: Ebenezer Baptist
Church.....

Signed:

.. [redacted]
[redacted]

Print Name:

[redacted]
[redacted]

Date:

...28/7/2025.....

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 31st July 2025, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

Quote



Description of goods and services

Price

Goods

30 x Jinko Tiger Neo 445W All Black N-Type Mono solar panel	£2,065.50
70 x Fastensol black universal clamp	£103.95
100 x Fastensol A-Slate	£1,485.00
30 x Fastensol rail splice	£70.06
2 x BB200evo Reinforced BirdBlocker (30m)	£410.26
31 x Fastensol silver rail 3550mm	£753.30
GivEnergy 11kW 3ph Hybrid (for PV Batteries) inverter	£1,991.25
6 x GivEnergy 3.4kWh LiFePO4 HV Stackable	£6,642.00
2 x AC isolator - IMO - 20A 4-pole	£30.24
2 x IMO 25A DC Isolator 4-pole 2-string	£89.10
4 x MC4 6mm Connector Pair	£13.82
100m reel of 2 core 6mm ² solar cable	£684.77
Emlite EMP1 100A 3ph kWh gen meter **NET**	£123.53
Label sheet	£2.43
GivEnergy LoRa LCD Wireless Modbus Pair (Programmable Channels)	£162.00
GivEnergy BMS for HV Stackable Battery	£708.75
GivEnergy GEM630CT 3ph Modbus Energy Meter	£155.25
Battery Hazard Warning Label Pack	£3.38
Goods total	£15,494.59

Services	£1,147.50
electrical connection and testing	£1,687.50
scaffold in the foot path	£4,725.00
labour to install	£7,560.00
Services total	

Total goods and services	£23,054.59
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System cost	£23,054.59
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Total before VAT	£23,054.59
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VAT at 0%	£0.00
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Total including VAT	£23,054.59
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Order Form

To proceed with this order please sign below to acknowledge that you have read and accept the information contained within this quote document and our terms and conditions.

Customer signature

Customer name

Date

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Musical Society

Contact name:

Role in group:

Secretary

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? Jekyll and Hyde

What are the aims of the project? To bring the joy back into live theatre for the local community

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? It would benefit all community as it starts to bring people back out in the community and to use the facilities in the community as well. Community members will be taking part both on stage and back stage crew

Approximate number of beneficiaries the Community and Society

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? The production of jekyll and hyde

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
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Hire of Venue	£ 2000
Costumes	£ 1000
Rehearsal costs	£ 500
Sub Total	£3500
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
Contributions from members	£1200
Ticket Sales	£1500
Sub Total	£2700
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Lighting and Sound hire	£ 3000
Music and band costs	£1500
Sub Total	£4500
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £10,700

How will your project improve the local environment? n/a

How does your project contribute to sustainability? Contributes to the community using local venues keeping them open and viable

How does your project link with local schools? Audience members

How does your project promote volunteering? We regularly use volunteers for back stage crew, and front of house

How does your project promote links between communities?
our membership spans local communities of Blaenau Gwent and surrounding areas, our audiences are also from a variety of local communities

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

1. A globally responsible organization is one that is committed to the well-being of the world and its people, and to the environment. It is an organization that is committed to the highest standards of ethical behavior, and to the highest standards of social and environmental performance. It is an organization that is committed to the highest standards of transparency and accountability, and to the highest standards of stakeholder engagement.

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

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

Photos / evidence can be provided on completion of the project in JULY 2026

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

Payee name: AADMS (Abertillery amateur dramatic musical society)

Signed:



Print Name:



Date:

2.7.25

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Zion Miners Chapel, High Street Llanhilleth Abertillery Gwent Np13 2RB

Contact name:

Role in group: Minister /Chairperson

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? Disabled access and garden paths

What are the aims of the project? To provide a much-needed disabled access/fire escape from the Community Room to the garden

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? We hold various groups in our Community Room which helps build self-confidence, combat isolation and give people a chance to meet and engage with others. At present we urgently need to renew the disabled access/fire escape and provide safe paths to our garden to allow exit on the lower ground floor,

Approximate number of beneficiaries 70

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? We will be able to bring our building up to required standard and also broaden our groups

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
From funds	£1000.00
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
Awards for all Lottery Grant	£6050.00
GoFundMe	£764.49
Sub Total	£6814.49
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)	Amount (inc.VAT)
Disabled access and costs	£5180.51
	£
Sub Total	£
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£11995.00

How will your project improve the local environment?

By upgrading the paths in our garden and also giving people access to the green space at the rear of the garden. We are also landscaping and planting a wild flower meadow.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

By providing a green space and allow upgrading the building

How does your project link with local schools?

We engage with local schools through our heritage project and also Rev Nicholls attends the school to lead assemblies

How does your project promote volunteering?

All of our groups are run by volunteers and we work alongside GAVO to encourage all age volunteers.

How does your project promote links between communities?

We work closely with many organisations in the community through our work with our groups, by helping with a charity that supports homeless

people, through our engagement with Llanhilleth hotel helping to assist those who are homeless through domestic abuse etc. Our groups members come from various communities Llanhilleth, Aberbeeg, Six Bells, Abertillery, Brynithel, Soffryd, Trinant, Blackwood, Blaina

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

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

Zion Chapel in Llanhilleth, supported by volunteers, members, and a Minister, has become a vital part of its local and wider community. Rooted in compassion and connection, its Chapel Community Room offers a safe haven for diverse individuals facing challenges such as illness, loneliness, disability, and economic hardship. The Friendship Group welcomes around 28 people of varying ages, nationalities, and faiths, fostering support, social bonds, and improved well-being.

For more than 13 years, Zion has hosted a Dementia Friendly and Living Alone Group, born from personal experiences within its leadership. The group provides meals, companionship, and community for approximately 25 families, many of whom remain connected even after the loss of loved ones.

The chapel's outreach has grown to meet evolving local needs. Since the onset of the Ukraine war, it has supported displaced individuals living in temporary accommodation, providing essentials and guidance. Their work also encompasses aid to those experiencing homelessness or domestic hardship, helping them furnish homes and navigate personal crises.

Zion actively supports the Spectrum Project, a homelessness charity, by collecting and donating clothes, tents, financial support, and homemade food. New ventures include a community garden for reflection, nature, and honouring mining heritage, and a Community Office offering advice and form-filling assistance.

Future plans include launching a Bereavement Coffee Group to provide comfort and connection to those grieving. Throughout, Zion Chapel adapts to changing circumstances with empathy and inclusivity, aiming to meet the diverse needs of its community through spiritual, emotional, and practical care.

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

Provision of much needed disabled access and laying of paths, helping with bringing our groups into the required legislation

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

Yes

Is your organisation a: Community Group.....

Payee name: Zion Miners Chapel

Signed.....

Print Name.....

Date: 29/7/2025

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QUOTE

***Construction of Disabled Access to the rear of the chapel
at High St, Llanhilleth Gwent***

<i>Ready Mixed Poured Concrete for wall footings</i>	<i>£2,400</i>
<i>Ready Mix Concrete for path and ramp construction</i>	
<i>Concrete Blocks/Sand/Cement etc</i>	<i>£1400</i>
<i>Rotorvation of Garden to prepare for planting.</i>	<i>£300</i>
<i>Labour Costs</i>	<i>£7,895</i>

TOTAL: £11,995



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Off The Streets

Contact name:

Role in group: PROJECT MANAGER

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? Off The Streets Youth & Community Outreach Van

What are the aims of the project?

The project aims to reach children and young people where they are—on the streets, in parks, or at local hangouts—especially those who may not engage with traditional services. Our primary aim is to provide a mobile, flexible, and approachable space that breaks down barriers, building trust through informal, non-judgmental support. The van would aim to serve as a safe, welcoming hub where youth workers can offer advice, signpost services, deliver activities, and respond to emerging needs in real time. It would aim to foster relationships, promote positive choices, reduce antisocial behaviour, and empower children and young people in their own environments. The van would also be able to be used for community events and to further the reach of Off The Streets throughout lower Blaenau Gwent.

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

A detached youth work van would benefit community residents by promoting safety, inclusion, and positive youth engagement. By providing a visible, mobile base for youth workers, it would aim to help to reduce antisocial behaviour and support conflict resolution in areas where children and young people gather. This proactive presence would reassure residents, showing that the community's needs are being addressed. The van would offer children and young people constructive alternatives and access to support, which can lead to improved behaviour, better community relationships, and stronger social cohesion. Ultimately, it would aim to create a more connected and supportive local environment for everyone.

Approximate number of beneficiaries
400+

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

With the funding received Off The Streets would purchase a safe and functioning mobile youth vehicle. The vehicle would help to further our work and even broaden the range of where our work takes place, enhancing and extending youth and community opportunities in the local borough.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£0
	£
	£
Sub Total	£0
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£0
	£
Sub Total	£0
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the	Amount (inc.VAT)

work/services)	
Welfare Van - approximated cost from internet searches	£12,000
Motorised Awning - approximated cost from internet searches	£3,000
Sign Writing - approximated from conversation with local sign writing business	£2,500
First year of insurance, MOT etc. (van running, safety costs)	£2,500
Sub Total	£20,000
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£20,000

How will your project improve the local environment?

A mobile youth van would give young people a safe, positive space wherever they are. Instead of hanging out in streets or parks with nothing to do, participants would have access to further activities, support, and guidance. This would support the reduction of littering, vandalism, and antisocial behavior. The van could also lead local clean-up days, plant trees, or run recycling workshops - making the environment cleaner and greener. By giving children and young people a purpose and a place, we can help them care more about their community and the environment around them.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

A mobile youth van could bring sustainability to life for children and young people. It could travel to local areas, run workshops on topics such as recycling, climate change, and growing food. Instead of needing a fixed building, the van would use fewer resources and aim to reach more individuals and groups. It could also support and lead eco-projects like litter picks, upcycling sessions, or flower planting. By making learning hands-on and fun, the van would aim to encourage children and young people to build habits that protect the planet. It would aim to inspire the next generation to live greener and care for their communities in lasting ways.

How does your project link with local schools?

A mobile youth van would create a strong link between our project and the local primary schools many of our young people already attend. The van could visit during or after school, offering fun, creative activities that

build confidence and friendships. It gives younger children a chance to get involved early, helping them feel supported as they grow. Staff can work closely with teachers to run joint projects, like art, sports, or eco days. By being visible and accessible at the schools, the van would aim to strengthen community ties and provide children a safe, exciting way to stay connected and engaged.

How does your project promote volunteering?

A mobile youth van would be the perfect base to launch our LEAP Leader Project, bringing volunteering and leadership straight to where children and young people gather. It can visit parks, schools, and community spaces, offering hands-on chances to lead activities, help others, and run local projects. Young people aged 11–18 can volunteer directly from the van - organising events, supporting younger participants, or leading clean-up days. It would support our volunteering aims, it would be visible, and engaging by. With the van, we could access spaces for children and young people to support them to build confidence and skills while inspiring the next generation of community leaders.

How does your project promote links between communities?

A mobile youth van would aim to bring communities together by travelling to different areas and acting as a friendly, welcoming space for all. It would aim to create a place where children, young people, families, and community members can meet, share ideas, and take part in local activities. The van could host events, workshops, and celebrations that involve everyone - helping to break down barriers between age groups, cultures, and areas. By being out and visible in the community, it would support and encourage building trust, understanding, and pride within our communities. It would act as more than just a van, we feel it would aim to be a moving hub that could connect communities and helps them grow stronger together.

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?**

A Prosperous Wales

The mobile youth van would offer children and young people access to skills-building workshops, mentoring, and volunteering opportunities, preparing them for future education and employment. By reaching areas of need, we would aim to support equal access to learning and growth. This in turn would create a more skilled, confident, and work-ready generation.

A Resilient Wales

The van would promote environmental awareness through hands-on eco projects like recycling, planting, and clean-ups. It would encourage children and young people to care for and protect their local environment. By supporting nature-based activities, we would build both environmental and emotional resilience in participants.

A Healthier Wales

The van would provide a safe, supportive space where children and young people could engage in physical activity, creative expression activities, and mental and physical wellbeing support. It would aim to reduce isolation and promote healthy lifestyles through positive role models, peer connections, and wellbeing sessions. This would support the creation of healthier, happier communities.

A More Equal Wales

By being mobile, the van would reach children and young people in disadvantaged or isolated areas who may otherwise miss out on opportunities. It would ensure equal access to support, opportunities, and activities regardless of background. The project seeks to actively promote inclusion and gives every child and young person a voice.

A Wales of Cohesive Communities

The van would aim to bring people together in shared spaces for events, volunteering, and group projects that build pride and trust. It would encourage connection between generations, cultures, and communities. This work seeks to strengthen community ties and reduce antisocial behaviour through positive engagement.

A Wales of Vibrant Culture

The van could host music, art, storytelling, and cultural workshops that celebrate Welsh identity and diversity. It would provide children and young people with a chance to explore and express their creativity and heritage. Through creative activities, the van would support keeping local culture alive and evolving.

A Globally Responsible Wales

The project would aim to teach young people about global issues like climate change, sustainability, and social justice through local action. By encouraging responsible choices - like recycling and reducing waste - it would build awareness of their global impact.

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

Successful delivery of this project would seek to complete aims such as those listed -

- **Increased Reach and Engagement** - The van regularly would visit targeted areas, especially those with limited access to services, engaging more children, young people and families. We would hope for increased engagement across age groups, backgrounds, and communities.
- **Positive Outcomes** - We would hope that children and young people would gain further confidence, life skills, and leadership experience through workshops, volunteering, and support sessions delivered from the van. We would seek to encourage clear evidence of improved wellbeing, behaviour, and aspirations.
- **Stronger Community Connections** - The van would become a visible, trusted hub that connects schools, local groups, and residents. We would strive to strengthen relationships between communities through shared events and initiatives.
- **Flexible, Responsive Service** - The organisation would be able to respond quickly to local needs, offering pop-up support in times of crisis or celebration. The van would adapt to seasonal and social changes, ensuring year-round impact.

- Sustainable Growth - The van would boost the organisation's profile, attract new partnerships, and open doors for additional work. Staff and volunteers would be further empowered to deliver high-quality, mobile services long-term.

In short, the van would seek to become a catalyst for deeper impact, wider inclusion, and stronger community cohesion.

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

We hope to supply completion reports and other relevant documentation and imagery by late 2025 to early 2026.

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

Off The Streets is a youth and community organisation run under a constituted group and has been working with children and young people in various methods for nearly fifteen years.

Payee name: Off The Streets.

Signed: 

Print Name 

Date: 31/07/2025

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Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Llanhilleth Miners Institute Ltd
Llanhilleth
Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent
NP13 2JT

Contact name:

Role in group: Community Engagement Manager

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project?

Our World! Our Future!

What are the aims of the project?

In collaboration with our local Primary School, St. Illtyd's Primary, Llanhilleth, and involving other local organisations, we will host 5 days of workshops at Llanhilleth Miners Institute for students in Key Stage 2 who attend the local primary school, St Illtyds.

The workshops will use the arts; e.g. drama, music, dance & crafts, and science to explore issues such as eco-sustainability, biodiversity, recycling, our heritage and both local and global citizenship.

Each day we will provide 4 x 1-hour workshops, one for each year group – years 3-6.

At the end of the project a display will be created to capture the learning and creativity which will be accessed by parents, younger children at the school & members of the community.

Nutritious, healthy snacks will be provided to the children by LMI during the sessions and there will be opportunities for our volunteers to support the project both with food preparation and support (subject to DBS/ Food Safety Level 2)

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

Since it was first established in 1906, Llanhilleth Institute has had a long history of serving the educational, cultural and welfare needs of Llanhilleth. As a community hub, heritage centre and – when necessary – crisis centre for the community, the institute is well placed to deliver a programme which both acknowledges our heritage and is ambitious for the future. The planned programme of workshops will complement the Curriculum for Wales and the Four Purposes with an emphasis on creating ‘ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world.’ Similarly, we see the project as supporting the Wellbeing Goal of ‘A Wales of cohesive communities’ by including a school, local children and their wider families. Increased knowledge of environmental and cultural issues underpins the Wellbeing goal of achieving ‘A globally responsible Wales.’

The project will engage children in learning more about their local community, its history, its challenges and its aspirations. Building from there, focus will be given to what it means to be a responsible member of society; locally, nationally and globally. Through embedded learning, children will explore a range of subjects through different art forms and activities; learning about small actions that can make a big difference. The workshops are designed to empower young people; helping them “find a voice”, building confidence, resilience, empathy and compassion.

The project aims to encourage better citizenship now and for the future and, through a final display and presentation to families and local residents, to further continue the conversation in homes and other venues.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries – approx. 120 students plus their teachers & families
 The school as a whole – impact upon school culture & ethos
 The wider community

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

5 x bespoke 1 hour themed workshops for each year in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-4)

1. Drama – provided in-house
2. Dance – Ffin Dance
3. Arts & crafts – BG Arts
4. Story-telling – Loubby Lou Storytelling
5. ExperiMENTAL Science

The institute will host a final event which is opened to the public, which will include a display and presentation of the work produced through the project, and involve the participation of other organisations such as Dwr Cymru, GAVO, Gwent Wildlife, Keep Wales Tidy and Lightsource (BP).

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Drama delivery – in-house	£400.00
Overheads, utilities & printing	£ -
Volunteer staff	£ -
	£
Sub Total	£400.00+
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc. VAT)
We anticipate the voluntary participation of other charities and organisations in the final event	£ -
	£

	Sub Total	£ 0
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)		Amount (inc.VAT)
Salaries – management, coordination & delivery		£2,600.00
Marketing		£200.00
Room-hire		£1,050.00
Healthy refreshments & snacks		£300.00
Production Materials		£200.00
External Providers:		
Ffin Dance		£400.00
BG Arts & Crafts		£300.00
Louby Lou – storytelling		£360.00
ExperiMENTAL		£500.00
Sub Total		£5,910.00
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL	£6,310.00

How will your project improve the local environment?

Through embedded learning within the various workshops, children will learn about small actions that can make a big difference locally e.g. picking up litter, using Bee Hotels and about other measures to support bio-diversity and care for local nature, green energy, recycling & food-waste. The insight and awareness the children gain through the creative-medium workshops will be reinforced by additional opportunities provided by the Institute- eg our Youth Volunteer project, community litter picks etc.

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How does your project contribute to sustainability?

As well as addressing sustainability in the local area both now and in the future, we will seek to deliver a world perspective. E.g. the impact of climate change and global warming in other parts of the world, poverty & food inequality, global citizenship & responsibility both now and in the future. These themes will be central to the planning and delivery of the art, dance, drama and science workshops offered to each year group. By hosting the workshops and subsequent performances in Llanhilleth Institute, children will play a small but significant role in our sustainability as a charity and vibrant community hub.

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How does your project link with local schools?

The Institute has a well-established working relationship with the local primary school, providing amenities and specialised events such as Healthy Cooking, dance and art workshops and events to celebrate International Women's Day and World Book Day. The majority of the 190 local children who engage in our holiday activity programmes are pupils at St Illtyds, so our collaborative work with the school is something which we see as being mutually beneficial and crucial in terms of achieving best outcomes. The institute has provided volunteers to support the school at community events as well as representatives on the board of Governors. Llanhilleth Ward is in the top 10-20% on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivations and the top 10% for poor health & employment. We undertook an extensive community survey earlier in the year which involved children, school staff and parents in looking at the needs of the community. Poor transport links added a barrier to families and effectively excluded them from cultural or creative activities that take place in larger towns. Recent cuts in the education sector mean that extra-curricular activities and trips have had to be cancelled, meaning that local children are deprived of many of the cultural, artistic and expressive activities explored and enjoyed by children in wealthier areas.

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How does your project promote volunteering?

As well as giving opportunities for our volunteers to support the project and the school, we will highlight opportunities for volunteering both locally and wider afield. E.g. Keep Wales Tidy, Gwent Wildlife. Llanhilleth Institute will also promote our Youth Volunteering project as an extension activity to Year

6 pupils. We are a long-standing member organisation of GAVO and we are proud to host their annual Volunteer Awards here each October- we will use this project to raise the profile of volunteering in the local community during the display which is presented to the wider community at the end of the project.

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How does your project promote links between communities?

Llanhilleth Institute has well established links to many other community organisations and agencies. Other communities will be able to visit the final presentation and displays hosted by Llanhilleth Institute. We will also promote learning about other cultures and the challenges faced in other parts of the world. In our planning stages, we have deliberately sourced workshops from other Blaenau Gwent based charities & social enterprises such as Ffin Dance and BG Arts in order to raise their profile and support their work. As a grassroots organisation ourselves we are aware of the need to support fellow voluntary providers where possible. In collaboration with St Illtyds, we also hope to invite local groups to view the children's work at the conclusion of the project.

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

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- **A Wales of vibrant culture**
- **A globally responsible Wales?**

The Our World! Our Future! Project:

Will provide cultural activities outside the normal provision for a large group of local school children. (Vibrant Culture)

Learning together will encourage opportunities for further conversations in the classroom and the home, and the development of new learning and ideas.
(Resilient, Healthier, Cohesive)

Through different activities children will be made aware of small actions that make a big difference and to creating a healthier, more resilient Wales for the future. They will explore different ways they can get involved – teaching advocacy and agency. (Prosperous, Resilient, Healthier, More Equal)

Through the workshops we will seek to enlarge the horizons of local children raising aspirations, promoting leadership and opening their eyes to new possibilities for their future. (Prosperous, Resilient, Healthier, More Equal, Globally Responsible)

Experiencing success in new and different activities will encourage engagement, build confidence and open up new opportunities for young people, as well as through their participation in the final presentation and displays. (Vibrant Culture, More Equal)

Children will explore Welsh culture in contrast to other cultures, expanding their world view and sense of global responsibility. (Vibrant Culture, Global Responsibility)

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(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

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

Over a series of weeks, and in consultation with the school, we will deliver 5 days of 1-hr workshops based at the Institute for Stage 2 children (Years 3,4,5 & 6) at St. Illtyds's Primary School.

The project will culminate in a presentation and displays which will be attended by younger school children, families and members of the wider community.

We will invite other agencies to be part of the final presentation i.e. Dwr Cymru, Keep Wales Tidy, Gwent Wildlife, Lightsource (BP), GAVO

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

A full colour report and video will be presented within one month of the end of the project. Stakeholders will also be invited to the final presentation and display.

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

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Registered Charity No. 1128924
Company Ltd by Guarantee: 06056945
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Payee name: Llanhilleth Miners Institute Ltd

Signed: 

Print Name: 

Date: 30/July/2025

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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 31st July 2025, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

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Cohorts		4
Participants per Cohort	approx. 30	
Total Participants		120
Sessions per Participant		5
Total Sessions Run	Children	20
SALARIES		
Management	Staff	Total Hours
Coordination & reporting	1	10
In-house delivery staff	1	15
	2	50
	4	75
Drama Provision		400
MARKETING		£200
ROOM HIRE/OVERHEADS	Per Session	Per Course (x 6 days)
	175	1050
OUTSIDE PROVISION		
Dance - Ffin Dance		400
BG Arts & Crafts		300
Louby Lou		360
EXPERIMENTAL		500
DISPLAY & PRESENTATION		300
Healthy refreshments & snacks		200
Production Materials		

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Brynithel RFC
Mount Pleasant Inn
Brynithel
Abertillery
Gwent
NP13 2HF

Contact name:

Role in group:

Treasurer

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? Community Refresh

What are the aims of the project?

The primary objectives of this project are:

- **Enhance Accessibility:** By installing a disabled access ramp and handrail, we aim to make our facilities more accessible to individuals with disabilities, promoting inclusivity and equal participation.
- **Improve Hygiene and Comfort:** Upgrading the toilets will ensure that our facilities meet modern standards of hygiene and comfort, benefiting all users.
- **Create a Welcoming Outdoor Space:** The new outside seating area with a canopy, lighting, heating, and seating will provide a comfortable and inviting space for community members to gather, socialise and enjoy events.

- **Enhance Safety and Security:** Installing external fencing will improve the safety and security of our premises, protecting both our members and our facilities.
- **Aesthetic Improvements:** External painting will enhance the visual appeal of our club, creating a more welcoming environment.
- **Improve Infrastructure:** Facility repairs will ensure safe and convenient access to our facilities for all visitors.

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

The proposed improvements will have a significant positive impact on the local community:

- **Increased Participation:** Improved facilities will attract more community members to participate in club activities, fostering a sense of belonging and community spirit.
- **Enhanced Well-being:** By providing a safe, accessible, and comfortable environment, we will support the physical and mental well-being of our members and visitors.
- **Sustainability:** The project aligns with our commitment to sustainability by ensuring that our facilities are well-maintained and capable of supporting long-term community use.
- **Inclusivity:** The disabled access ramp and handrail will ensure that our facilities are accessible to all, promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities for participation.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

The grant will serve the population of the community of Brynithel and the surrounding areas.

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

Our project aligns with the criteria set out by the Solar Farm Grant in several key ways:

- **Sustainability and Lasting Legacy:** The improvements will provide long-term benefits to the community, ensuring that our facilities remain functional and welcoming for years to come.
- **Environmental Benefits:** The project includes elements that contribute to environmental sustainability, such as the use of energy-efficient lighting and heating in the outside seating area.
- **Community Benefit:** The project will benefit a wide range of community members, including individuals with disabilities, families, and local residents.
- **Promotion of Volunteering:** The project will create opportunities for local volunteers to get involved in the planning, implementation, and maintenance of the improvements.
- **Well-being Goals:** The project supports the well-being goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 by promoting health, inclusivity, and community cohesion.

Project costs:

- Disabled Access Ramp and Handrail: **£5,000**
- Toilet Upgrades: **£2,000**
- Outside Seating Area with Canopy, Lighting, Heating, and Seating: **£16,000**
- External Fencing: **£4,000**
- External Painting: **£3,000**
- Internal Improvements (Decoration and flooring): **£3,000**

Project costs have been itemised individually. The total project cost is £33,000. Due to the nature of the project, if the total amount of funding required is not available, the club could undertake aspects of the project within the scope of the funding available.

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Club Funds	£2,500
	£
	£
Sub Total	£

B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
Application submitted to Blaenau Gwent Shared Prosperity Fund	£1,800
	£
Sub Total	£1,800
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)	Amount (inc.VAT)
Solar Farm Grant	£28,700
	£
Sub Total	£28,700
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£33,000

How will your project improve the local environment?

The project will ensure that the community has access to a community facility which provides a safe and welcoming environment for all. Improving the facility will not only allow the club to offer further services to community members, it will also ensure that the property is of a high standard, improving the local environment and proving the community with a local resource which they can be proud of.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

Improving the visual and physical environment of the club is a key aspect of the club's long-term sustainability. The club has built a positive reputation with its ability to host local events and functions. These upgrades to the club will allow the club to continue in its ambition to grow the range of functions and events it can offer, generating greater income, which is invested back within the club and the community.

How does your project link with local schools?

The project does not have a direct affiliation with local schools but does offer an environment where younger community members can become active members through sports participation, volunteering and use of the clubs' facilities. During opening hours, the club is frequently

attended by young community members who access our pool and darts area. Without the facility, these activities would not be available to community members.

How does your project promote volunteering?

Brynithel RFC is operated by a group of community members, who commit thousands of hours per year, to ensure our community has access to a range of services. The club has over 20 active volunteers and are always active in recruiting new volunteers. The club has a range of volunteer opportunities consisting of administrative roles, hospitality, facility and ground maintenance and leadership. As a club we have an active volunteer recruitment plan, underpinned by a club volunteer policy.

How does your project promote links between communities?

The club is operated by community members, who aim to continuously improve an essential community resource, so the community of Brynithel and surrounding areas have access to a community facility which they are proud of.

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?**

Community Refresh supports a prosperous Wales by investing in local infrastructure that boosts participation and income. It builds a resilient Wales through improved safety and long-term facility use. By enhancing comfort, access and social space, it fosters a healthier Wales. Accessibility upgrades support a more equal Wales. The club promotes a Wales of cohesive communities, where all feel welcome. Activities, events, and local pride contribute to a Wales of vibrant culture. Finally, energy efficient upgrades and community led delivery show commitment to a globally responsible Wales, encouraging sustainability and shared responsibility for future generations.

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

like?

The community facility at Brynithel RFC will be transformed into a safer, more inclusive, and welcoming space for all members of the local community. Key physical improvements, including a new disabled access ramp and handrail, upgraded toilets, a sheltered and heated outdoor seating area, improved fencing, and aesthetic enhancements will result in a modernised and accessible environment that supports increased participation, especially among underrepresented groups.

The club will see greater community engagement, with higher attendance at events and activities, and a rise in volunteers contributing to the club's operations. The outdoor area will become a social hub, enabling year-round community use and fostering stronger social bonds across age groups and backgrounds.

Safety and hygiene standards will be improved, ensuring the comfort and well-being of all visitors. Energy-efficient lighting and heating will demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability, while infrastructure upgrades will ensure long-term use of the facility.

Ultimately, the successful delivery of the project will leave a lasting legacy for the people of Brynithel and surrounding communities, with a fully revitalised community hub that reflects local pride, supports diverse needs and enables continued growth and sustainability.

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

Yes, all information will be provided.

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

Not for profit business – Company Number **10669072**
Nature of Business – 93120 Activities of sport clubs

Payee name: Brynithel RFC

Signed:



Print Name:



Date:

29/07/25

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 31st July 2025, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2025 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Tillery Action For You Ltd
Workshop 6 The Innovation Centre
Festival Drive
Ebbw Vale
NP23 8XA

Contact name:



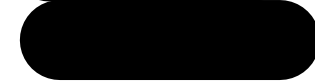
Role in group:

Project Manager / Company Secretary

Telephone number:



Email:



What is the name of your project?

Tillery Action For You Ltd – Blaenau Gwent Irrigation & Growing water project - (BIG)

What are the aims of the project?

The aim of the project is to situate a bore hole centrally within the borough that can be used by all of TAFY's projects (primarily the watering activities within the ALCC TiB area), training and volunteering activities, whilst also providing our training site at Cwm meadows with a source of water. We are also looking to install a number of additional raised beds making the site more accessible for less able participants.

The Cwm meadows site sits outside the ALCC area but is accessed by all of our volunteers (including those from the ALCC area) on a daily basis. We undertake training on the site including growing, planting and grounds maintenance and are establishing food production and growing activities that will support local food banks including those in the ALCC area. In the year ended 31st March 2025 over 45% of our participants were from the ALCC area (66/143).

Tillery Action For You currently has no access to a sustainable water supply and is limited to mains water supply for all of our activities and work in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community area – our application is all about increasing the sustainability of our activities

and reducing our environmental impact.

With the changing climate we have seen our water consumption in summer months increase significantly. In June and July 2025 we consumed an average of 4,000 litres of mains water each week to water tubs and baskets in the ALCC area along with a further 2,200 litres across our other activities equating to 80,600 litres of mains supplies water over a quarter at a cost of £195 in water alone before transport across sites which adds a massive cost to the process

If we are successful with our application and are able to install a water bore hole the project will deliver the following tangible outcomes to the residents of the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council.

- Training opportunities in landscaping and horticultural skills for upwards of 60 to 70 participants per annum
- A sustainable water source which eliminates the need to use mains water for the watering of community growing activities
- A source of horticultural produce on site (1.6 acres) which will support local food initiatives in the ALCC area
- A zone where local schools can get involved in community growing activities, growing produce and biodiversity (we are looking at bee colonies and other animal sections on site)

Overall we would love to show the members of the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council what we are trying to achieve in Blaenau Gwent and how the site will benefit the residents of their area, the site is in its very early stages but is gaining some real traction and the water bore hole would add a much-needed element of its development.



Left and below - Tillery Action For You, Cwm Meadows 2025 training and growing activities



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

Our project will deliver a sustainable source of ground water which will support our growing and volunteering activities throughout Blaenau Gwent with a particular emphasis on the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC) area as this is where we use most water.

In addition we will deliver volunteering and training opportunities including qualifications for residents within the ALCC area – in the last 12 months we worked with 66 community members from the ALCC area. Approximately 20% of participants have health difficulties making it important to be working in a raised bed as opposed to ground level, this is why we are looking at additional raised beds.

Our centrally located growing facility will act as a hub where participants (including those from the ALCC areas) can undertake growing activities, learn skills, gain qualifications as well as confidence and motivation which is a real barrier we are encountering more and more amongst our volunteers.

The mental health benefits of working outdoors are easily demonstrated with reduced stress, improved mood, and enhanced focus. Exposure to nature, even briefly, can lower cortisol levels, a stress hormone, and increase feelings of well-being. Outdoor work can also improve sleep quality and boost creativity. In a post Covid19 world we have also seen significantly higher levels of people suffering from isolation and struggling to cope when around other people. Our volunteering opportunities in community green spaces provide a real and significant diversion from the difficulties of life in 2025 – and again our project will deliver these opportunities (and does already) for a significant number of people from the ALCC area.

Again, we will continue to provide transport to all of our activities for the whole of Blaenau Gwent. Our volunteers receive assistance with transport, clothing and food / drink each day. The installation of a bore hole centrally within the borough will only increase the number of people who can access support from the ALCC areas.

And finally we will remove our dependence on the national water network – at present we are using over 1/4 of a million litres of water a year watering and undertaking project works within Blaenau Gwent. With the difficulties facing Welsh Water, the prices being charged for mains water and the difficulties we face in driving it around the county – this is completely unsustainable.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

Direct Beneficiaries

ALCC community members will number approximately 65 per annum all of whom will have access to volunteering, confidence / motivational support, training and qualifications whilst accessing the benefits of the site and it's mental health wellbeing activities

External to ALCC area Blaenau Gwent beneficiaries

Beneficiaries from outside the ALCC area will number approximately 75 per annum again all of whom will benefit from volunteering, confidence / motivational support, training and qualifications whilst accessing the site.

Indirect beneficiaries

We have evidenced over the years that where participants volunteer in activities in their own communities they tend to take ownership of the activities and the finished product. We still see people who volunteered on community green spaces attending sites years after to cut grass and show a pride in what they did / achieved. This level of community cohesion and pride has to be recognised as an outcome for people in terms of reduced vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.

Community projects

With a viable water source we will be capable of supplying water to all of our activities across Blaenau Gwent, especially the ALCC Town in Bloom planters and hanging baskets – taking in excess of 16,000 litres per month of mains water supply in the summer months is simply not a viable long-term approach.

Food initiatives

The project will supply produce both fruit and veg into local cooking initiatives (healthy eating, winter warm space meals etc...) and support local food banks including those in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

As a result of the Solar Farm Grant (if successful) we will install a self-sufficient water source for all of our organisations activities across Blaenau Gwent including the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council's Town in Bloom planters and hanging baskets.

We will install an additional 18 raised beds increasing the capacity of the site working with less able participants and school children – allowing for ownership of individual beds.

We will remove a dependency of approximately 250,000 litres of mains water per annum and remove the need to transfer water to our training facility at Cwm Meadows.

We will be able to expand the growing and training opportunities at Cwm Meadows expanding the opportunities for people from the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area to access the site and benefit from the volunteering and other opportunities.

We will produce a wide variety of fruit and veg from the site all aimed at supporting local food initiatives including those in the ALCC area.

We will be able to expand the site opportunities out to working with local schools and colleges – at the moment this is extremely limited due to water supply issues.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Staff time minimum 1.5 day per week horticulturist	£9,550.16
Staff project management time & volunteer coordinator time	£5,485.95
Labour to build raised beds	£2,520.00
Sub Total	£17,556.11
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc. VAT)
Sub Total	
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant (Please provide any formal quotes that you have for the work/services)	Amount (inc. VAT)
Complete borehole system (Well drilling UK Ltd)	£12,000.00
Materials for raised beds including fixings & soil	£4,770.00
Sub Total	£16,770.00
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL
	£34,326.11

How will your project improve the local environment?

At present less than 0.2 of an acre of Cwm Meadows is being used for growing activities, if we are successful with our project we are looking to expand this to 75% of the site converted into growing space including an indigenous Welsh fruit tree orchard and distinct fruit and veg growing areas taking the capacity from 0.2 Acres up to almost 1.2 acres.

The site will also encompass areas for the use of local schools and wildlife habitats including an apiary for bees / honey and potentially a chicken area building on the sites sustainability and production.

Biodiversity is a massive factor for the site with complimentary growing alongside specific initiatives all aimed at enhancing biodiversity and engaging people, community members and school children around the subject and its practical application.

And finally the issues around transporting water to the site and taking 250,000 litres out of the mains water system each year can't be overlooked for its environmental impact – if successful our project will massively improve the carbon footprint of both our organisation and the wider communities of Blaenau Gwent.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

As an organisation, Tillery Action For You monitors itself and its project activities against various sustainability indicators:

Environmental sustainability

We measure our environmental impact each year as we work towards being carbon neutral – this year alone our premises have converted to utilising solar power and we have converted much of our equipment to battery use rather than petrol. We monitor our spend based on a 10 mile radius of our organisation and in 2025 spend in excess of 96% of our spend with suppliers in this area supporting the local economy and reducing air / road miles.

This project is a huge step towards our environmental sustainability and will reduce the number of miles we travel around Blaenau Gwent significantly transporting water – it will also remove our reliance on mains water replacing it with a 100% sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative.

The impact of adding over an acre of fruit and vegetable growing and production will have a direct environmental impact and our work on biodiversity will again add to the environmental sustainability of the project.

Economic Sustainability

Along with our environmental sustainability we recognise the economic sustainability of our organisation supporting the local economy and employing / training local people including those from the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.

As a social not-for-profit organisation established purely for the benefit of people in Blaenau Gwent, we must also recognise the need to achieve the best outcomes for our participants whilst maintaining tight fiscal controls on costs and expenditure. This project adds a level of economic sustainability to our organisation by reducing our mains water costs per annum by approximately £800 to £1,000 and significantly more in terms of transport costs for water.

Human sustainability

A factor often overlooked within project activities, the sustainability of humans - to maintain and improve the human capital in society. Our organisation and indeed this project is an investment in the societal sustainability of Blaenau Gwent (and specifically the ALCC area) through:

- A) Health – the benefits of volunteering both physical and mental health wise combined with the produce coming from that volunteering (fruit & veg) going into healthy eating initiatives and local food banks.
- B) Education – the skills and qualifications gained by people participating in the project especially those from the ALCC communities. And the educational benefits working with local schools around biodiversity initiatives.
- C) Access to services – the vast majority of our participants are excluded from the wider society through a variety of barriers including education, confidence, isolation, financial, care responsibilities, health (physical and mental) and many more other barriers. Our project aims to remove those barriers to the wider society.

Social sustainability

Social sustainability focuses on maintaining and improving social quality with concepts such as cohesion, reciprocity and honesty and the importance of relationships amongst people.

These are all core elements in what we do in our organisation and what this project is looking to expand upon – by increasing the opportunities for people in Blaenau Gwent. Many of our participants suffer from isolation and struggle working in a group, by coming out into the environment we are able to build participants confidence enabling them to participate and overcome barriers to the wider society. Reciprocity or exchanging of benefits is demonstrated most clearly through people volunteering to make a difference in their communities whilst gaining themselves through the activities.

Honesty is a tough social indicator for any organisation to demonstrate or evidence. TAFY has though seen participants come into our activities whom have had a level of contact with local police and the judicial system progressing through our activities and entering mainstream employment – leaving a dishonest background behind them, in August 2025 we have a visit scheduled from Jane Mudd the police & Crime Commissioner for Blaenau Gwent looking specifically at the success levels we have achieved in this area.

How does your project link with local schools?

Our project already links with local schools with 13 / 15 year olds from Abertillery Comprehensive school accessing the site this year, this though has been severely hampered by the lack of water on site which currently impedes the growing activities.

If we are successful with our application, we WILL deliver weekly sessions at the site with dedicated areas for school children of all ages undertaking activities and learning about the environment and biodiversity. We already have primary schools and mother / toddler groups looking to work with us on the site but simply can't accommodate them at present.

How does your project promote volunteering?

An easy one for TAFY – if successful all of our volunteers each year will benefit from the project as the site will be expanded encompassing a further 1 acre of growing activities including the community orchard and fruit / veg production.

Each week we deliver environmental and horticultural volunteering Monday to Thursday with our three supervisors engaging in a range of community activities. This project will allow volunteers a site where we can contribute back into community food initiatives including food banks and healthy eating initiatives – produce will also support winter warm spaces locally including in the ALCC areas.

Volunteers will benefit from training and qualifications whilst receiving assistance to overcome their individual barriers to mainstream employment and the wider society. Tillery Action For You is an integral part of the Blaenau Gwent people and skills agenda supported through SPF (Shared Prosperity Funding) and has been supported through this route for over 4 years now (CRF initially).

How does your project promote links between communities?

Whilst the core of our project sits outside the ALCC area our aim is to bring people together on the site promoting links between communities in Blaenau Gwent.

Our project ties into local services through the Blaenau Gwent people and skills initiatives offering a wide variety of support linking communities together without duplicating provision. Our project has no criteria for participating and offers service provision for all sectors of society.

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**
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- **A globally responsible Wales?**

A Prosperous Wales

Through this project we will give previously excluded volunteers the option to participate in their local community, take a pride in their local community and be able to say 'I / we built that' or 'I took part in something that people are proud of again'. The biggest success we have seen over the years that we have operated is the change in people not only in their culture but in their pride to be Welsh and part of a valleys community.

We are still in contact with volunteers that have thrived over the past 10 years+ and are proud at the outcomes they achieved – one participant who volunteered with us when he was 16 to 17 is now in his late twenties and runs his own plumbing business employing four people contributing to a prosperous Wales.

A More Resilient Wales

After 23 years of operating in Blaenau Gwent we have seen many changes over the years, most recently the changing needs of participants in a post Covid19 world. Isolation is a huge problem for people in Blaenau Gwent with all projects within the SPF People & Skills reporting that Isolation has led to people suffering with a real lack of confidence and motivation to even leave the house.

Our project and the overarching aims of our organisation are all about assisting people to overcome these barriers gaining skills and abilities needed to make a change in their lives. We feel that our organisation and all of it's activities are aimed at making the less fortunate people in society more resilient and in turn making Wales a more resilient place to live.

A Healthier Wales

Volunteering in a community green space like Cwm Meadows or any of our other project gives our participants skills and qualifications however there is far more to be gained

through the experience. Volunteering in nature reduces stress, improve mental and physical health, and enhances overall well-being and allows individuals to make a tangible contribution to their local environment and community.

Volunteering in community green spaces gives participants the opportunity to meet new people, build relationships, and become part of that community where they have become isolated. Participants gain a sense of purpose, satisfaction, and personal fulfilment from their contributions and have a sense of ownership in their personal and environmental outcomes.

The growing of fruit and vegetables contributing to local food banks brings obvious health benefits, food banks really struggle to get good quality fruit and vegetables due to shelf life and retailers not disposing of them until the very last day – our project will develop a sustainable source of nutrition to support local food banks including those in the ALCC area.

A More Equal Wales

Our organisation was established in 2001 as a response to social inequality especially in the Abertillery & Cwmtillery area – our initial Board included the chair of both local Communities 1st partnerships, our remit being to aid the development of socially excluded people in Blaenau Gwent.

Tillery Action For You does not just undertake volunteering in community green spaces, these activities are a vehicle for the development and advancement of people as we look to progress socially excluded people back into mainstream opportunities.

Over the last two years (1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025) we have assisted 42 long term unemployed participants into mainstream employment after their time with TAFY with many more also progressing into other outcomes. We do not believe, we know that our activities and the efforts of our Supervisors are making Wales a more equal place to live.

A Wales of Cohesive communities

Cohesive Communities is a challenge to demonstrate for any small local organisation, we would however say that our organisation has been recognised by the Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner for its impact in crime reduction and diversionary activities for young people at risk of offending.

In addition we would also like to point out our track record of delivering projects in Blaenau Gwent for over 23 years, the pride taken by local residents in the work that they have done and the local ownership of projects. People have a pride in their community when they have an investment in it – all of our activities are undertaken by local people and we see time and time again people coming back and maintaining what they initially achieved on a community green space.

A Wales of vibrant culture

An integral element of this arm of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is heritage and taking a pride in Wales. Our volunteering activities develop confidence and motivation along with skills and qualifications – but again more than this we see time and

time again people developing a sense of pride in their actions, pride in being able to say 'I took part in that' and pride in their community. Blaenau Gwent has a rich heritage and should be proud of that heritage – our project goes beyond developing pride in personal outcomes and develops individuals pride in their heritage.

A Globally responsible Wales

All of the above elements contribute to a globally responsible Wales from people to communities and the wider environment. Our project will already monitors its spend locally and air / road miles for purchases – something which led to this application as our road miles carrying water back and forth has been excessive in 2025 to date. It is also irresponsible of our organisation to be taking in excess of 250,000 litres of mains supply drinking water out of circulation each year to water plants – and economically unsustainable again leading to this application for a sustainable water source to service the whole of Blaenau Gwent activities.

And the final part here, our organisation is 23 years old – and originated in the Abertillery area... each year we analyse our budgets and spend down to the nth degree planning our activities and ensuring our own financial sustainability. For 23 years we have made the right (not always popular) decisions needed to ensure that our organisation is there to support people in the next generation, we will continue to do so.

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

If we are successful with our application we will install a bore hole centrally in Blaenau Gwent at Cwm Meadows – this bore hole will supply water not only for this site but for all of our project activities throughout Blaenau Gwent especially the ALCC TiB planters and hanging baskets.

The overall project will add a further acre of growing activities enhancing the site and making it available for significantly more people including schools and residents from the ALCC area – at present the site is extremely limited but with a relatively small investment will become a central hub where people from across Blaenau Gwent can access training and growing activities whilst contributing to local food initiatives.

The site will also provide educational facilities for local school children including those from Abertillery Comprehensive who have already accessed the site in a limited way due to watering... this can and will be ramped up significantly if we can establish watering facilities.

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

We will supply photographs throughout the development of the site – and will also undertake time phased photography demonstrating the progression of the site, the increased growing capacity and the produce distributed to local food initiatives.

Is your organisation a:

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

Our organisation is a not-for-profit social enterprise established as a Company Ltd by Guarantee with Charitable aims and objectives – we have included with this application a copy of our articles of association clearly specifying the charitable nature of the organisation.

Payee name:

Tillery Action For You Ltd

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

31st July 2025

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Estimated Quote for a complete Borehole system

Included	Quantity	Rate	Total Price
Submersible Pump & Control Box	1	£1200.00	£1200.00
Pressure Tank & Fittings	1	£900.00	£900.00
20map Isolating Switch	1	£75.00	£75.00
2.5 Cable	10m	£3.50	£35.00
Waterproof Cable	45m	£4.50	£202.50
Armoured Cable	10m	£6.00	£60.00
32mm Alcathehene Pipe	45m	£1.75	£78.75
10mm rope	30m	£1.00	£30.00
4pin Splash Proof Plug	1	£95.00	£95.00
Drilling cost & 4" Liner	-	-	£8250.00
Manhole Cover & Frame	1	£95.00	£164.50
Plasson MDPE water fittings	1	£175.00	£205.00
Labour for installation & delivery of plant	-	£975.00	£995.00

A complete borehole system will therefore cost ;

£12,000.00

Extras			
Steel Casing	Per metre	£75.00	-
<i>steel casing is used when the ground is unstable in geology of gravel sand or clay. This is a permanent fixture and therefore payable if used</i>			
UV Unit	1	£995.00	£995.00
Fuel if not supplied	1	£500.00	£500.00
			All prices are subject to VAT

Terms & Conditions

- Excavation of trenches and removal of drilling waste to be carried out by client
- Drilling on site will take on average 2-3 days and installation of equipment will take approx. 1 day
- Needed to be supplied by client;
 - * Red Diesel
 - * 2 tonne – 6mm pea gravel
 - * 6 bags of cement
- It is the client's responsibility to advise us of any existing services ie gas, electricity, mains water, we cannot be held responsible to any damage caused
- No guarantee on water quality or yield can be given.
- Payments schedule - final invoice issued on completion of pump installation and expected settlement of invoice
- All goods remain the property of Well Drilling UK Ltd until payment is received in full
- All prices are subject to VAT @ 20%

Please contact the office via email or phone to arrange a no obligation site visit if you would like to proceed