

**ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**SOLAR FARM GRANT 2019 – PROGRESS REPORT** (NB grants were issued in January 2020. Organisations were given until 31 March 2021 to spend the funds awarded and report back, with photos and invoices)

<b>Grant awarded to</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding given to pay towards</b>	<b>Progress on spend and outcomes</b>	<b>Photos provided</b>	<b>Invoices provided</b>	<b>Further comments / spend</b>
Friends of Six Bells Park	£5,000	Improve access and promote more inclusive access to the Pavilion refreshment and kiosk (specifically, renewing paths)	The park was closed for many months after March 2020 due to Covid-19 and progress on the project has consequently been delayed. We have recently obtained 2 quotes and are liaising with the County Borough Council currently. We are busy fund raising for the shortfall and have applied for a Church in Wales grant for additional funding for the project. Once we have secured further funding, we will be able to progress the works.	No	No	
Roseheyworth and Bournville Community Woodlands Association	£5,000	Improve access, enrich the diversity and environment on the woodlands site, bring together communities, create educational resources for schools, groups and residents (specifically, tools, fencing, mower, cutting equipment, PPE etc)	Unfortunately we have done nothing as yet due to lockdown etc. We have decided that we will be purchasing much needed maintenance equipment as soon as possible, again we are somewhat hampered by lockdown.	No	No	

Llanhilleth Miner's Institute Luncheon Club	£5,000	Costs of luncheon club, bringing socially isolated elderly people together to combat loneliness, promote health and well-being and build confidence and social skills, while providing meals, entertainment and intergenerational experience for volunteers (specifically, food, entertainment and equipment)	The luncheon club is currently closed due to Covid-19.	No	No	
Tyleryan Belles Sports Association	£5,000	Upgrading the sports association buildings and facilities to accommodate all age groups and clubs (specifically, upgrading kitchen facilities)	Progress has been delayed due to Covid-19. There have been on-going delays due to the site not being accessible and no water on site.  External contractors have now been engaged and building work started end of August. It is hoped for completion in September. Water supply on site remains an issue.	Yes – before and during works	No	
Abertillery Youth Drama and Musical Society (AYDMS)	£5,000	Putting preparations in place for an annual music festival (specifically, steel decking, stage backdrops and digital laser projector)	Progress has been delayed due to Covid-19. The music festival has been postponed to 2021, as public gatherings of over 30 people are currently banned.	No	No	
Abertillery Bowls Club Ltd	£5,000	Creating a safe, sustainable and vibrant facility for all communities to use (specifically, installing secure perimeter fencing)	Due to the COVID-19 crisis and imposed restrictions to working practices and manufacturing, all scheduled regeneration works planned for April 2020 were postponed. Unfortunately we're	No	No	

			unable to provide an estimated start date until current government restrictions are relaxed. As you will appreciate this is a very difficult period, with no income and fine turf maintenance/utility outgoings, this is proving a very challenging period in our clubs 109-year history.			
Swffryd Community Centre	£5,000	Maximising the centre's use of natural resources and reducing costs to maintain the viability of the centre and reduce its carbon footprint (specifically, installing solar panels)	Progress is being made and chased regularly with external solar panel contractors but this is slower than hoped for due to Covid-19.	No	No	

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