



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

How does the Solar Farm Grants process work?

1. CIC informs ALCC of how much funding is available for the following year.
2. CIC asks ALCC to decide how to allocate that funding.
3. ALCC decides how to allocate that funding and seeks agreement from CIC.
4. If CIC agrees, it pays the funding to ALCC.
5. ALCC distributes the funding, monitors the spending and reports back to CIC.

Specifically in 2020:

6. The criteria, process and application form agreed by the Council will be issued to all ALCC councillors and placed on the Council's website and social media as soon as possible following their agreement by the Council.
7. Councillors may approach groups and organisations in their wards to discuss potential projects, encourage applications, help facilitate the submission of applications and help explain the process and criteria, with a view to maximising applications from across the whole of the ALCC area.
8. All Solar Farm Grant applications must be made using the Solar Farm Grant application form. The Council will not consider any applications which are not on the Solar Farm Grant application form or which do not contain the required details.
9. The completed application form and all relevant supporting documents must be submitted by the group or organisation to the Clerk to the Council by Monday 12 October 2020 at 12.00 noon.
10. The Council will meet as soon as possible after the deadline for applications, to consider all applications and decide the applications. At least one week's notice will be given of the meeting. Representations from groups are not required in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.
11. Cheques will be issued to the successful applicants as soon as possible after the Council has made its final decisions.
12. The organisation must undertake in writing to provide reports back, including photographs or other written evidence, to demonstrate progress.
13. The Council may at any time require any and all such evidence it decides that a Solar Farm Grant given previously has been spent in the manner for which it was intended. If insufficient progress is made or insufficient evidence is given, the Council may reclaim all or part of the funding granted and return this to CIC.
14. Any grant must be publicised appropriately by the receiving organisation (e.g. on its website, social media pages or posters/programmes). If appropriate publicity is not given, the organisation concerned will receive no further funding from ALCC (or CIC).