



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group, organisation or project:

Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery
Park Place
Abertillery
NP13 1ED

Contact name: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

What are the aims of your project? With your support, we aim to open our building up to the community and offer free events throughout 2026.

Spring Fest – provide refreshments for the community accessing this event.

Easter playday – Provide crafts, games, refreshments for families to access for free.

Aber Fest – Provide refreshments for the community to accessing this event.

Summer playday – Provide crafts, games & refreshments for families to access for free.

Light party – a safe alternative to Halloween for families, providing crafts, games, prizes & refreshments to families free of charge.

Christmas messy church – Crafts, gifts from Father Christmas, games & food all free for the community.

Winter Fest – providing free refreshments for the community accessing this event.

Ebenezer will provide the volunteer hours, heating & lighting, room rental for all of the above.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? The project provides a safe space for the community of Abertillery & Llanhilleth to come together, have fun, participate in crafts, ease isolation & loneliness, promote active lifestyle, quality family time, play, healthy eating. With access to toilets & baby changing during events.

The above events will be free for the community to access, giving equal access no matter what the families financial situation is.

If successful, we will advertise ALCC on all social media and advertising. We will also give thanks to ALCC during the events and provide photo's & feedback to ALCC after the events.

This year is a very special year for Ebenezer as we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary.

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
For each event we will be covering room rental, heating & lighting & volunteer hours.	£
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
Spring Fest, Aber Fest & Winter Fest £100 each	£300.00
Playdays £100 each x 2 Light party £250 Christmas Messy Church £450.00	£900.00
Sub Total	£1,200
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£1,200

Is your organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)
Ebenezer Baptist Church CIO
Charity number 1198946

Payee: Payment can be made to Ebenezer Baptist Church CIO



Print Name: [REDACTED]

Role in group: Church Secretary

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 06/01/2026

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Name and Address of your group, organisation or project:

Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir
Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent

Aberfan 60th Anniversary Commemoration

Contact name:



Telephone number: ..



Email:



What are the aims of your project? The Welsh Association of Male Choirs, of which Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir are a member, have asked their members to consider a concert to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster. This concert marks that tragic event and our commemoration of it.

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

It provides a reminder of a tragic coal disaster, using art, music and drama groups within Abertillery and Llanhilleth and provides both a historic project and entertainment for the residents of Abertillery and Llanhilleth. It also adds to the high value that the area places on Cultural Activity.

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
Hire of venue, professional musician fees, Publicity, tickets and programmes.	£750.00
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£750.00

Is your organisation a:

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

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Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir (Community Choir). We meet weekly to rehearse and perform male voice music. Managed by an Executive Committee, under an elected Chairman, with a written constitution.

Payee: Abertillery Orpheus Male Voice Choir

Print Name: 

Role in group: Choir Secretary



Signed:

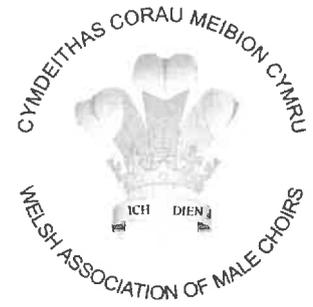
.....Date: 9 February 2026

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Cymdeithas Corau Meibion Cymru

Welsh Association of Male Choirs



Update December 2025

Greetings from Blaenau Gwent!

This Update is being circulated after the Executive Committee Meeting, which was held in Whitchurch, Cardiff On 7 December 2025. As you will see there is a lot of work going on, not just within the Welsh Association of Male Choirs remit but also via other UK music organisations and the Government.

Membership

We are very happy that **Onllwyn Welfare Male Voice Choir** have rejoined the Association, and equally pleased to welcome **Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir** to our International membership. We look forward to working with and promoting these choirs.

Existing members choirs are reminded that renewal fees for membership of the Association are due in January 2026 and must be paid in full by the end of March 2026 to retain membership. Annual subscriptions to be paid by bank-to-bank electronic transfer.

Liverpool Concert - Arrangements are continuing regarding the concert on 27 June 2026 Tickets have been printed, and over 800 have already been sold. The next rehearsal for participating choirs is at Coleg y Dderwen, Tondy on Sunday, 22nd March 2026.

More details available at; <https://www.welshassocmalechoirs.co.uk/events>

Welsh Male Choirs Patagonia November 13-30, 2027 - Teithiau Patagonia Tours are currently collating participant numbers for the above tour. Applications are still open

Further details can be found on the Association website at;
<https://www.welshassocmalechoirs.co.uk/association-tours>

The Welsh Association of Male Choirs were invited to contribute to the Welsh Government's response to the Department of Culture, Media, Sport (DCMS) consultation on Priorities for Cultural 2024-2030. The UK Government has decided to ratify UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) ("the Convention"). The UK is one of 12 countries that has not yet done so, but the UK Government laid the Convention in the UK Parliament on 11 January 2024, under which a number of Welsh traditions could be recognised and protected. The DCMS has now requested a formal submission, and the Association feels that Welsh Male Voice Singing is one such cultural priority, and we will be submitting a response.

Aberfan 60th

21 October 2026 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster. We are encouraging choirs to come together that anniversary week to perform joint concerts to mark this tragic event and raise money for the Aberfan Memorial and Education Charities.

New and Revised Legislation

Equality and Human Rights Commission Following the UK Supreme Court's judgment on the definition of the term 'man', woman, and 'sex' in the Equality Act on the 16 April 2025, a revised draft Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions and Associations was submitted to the Minister for Women and Equalities for approval, to be laid before Parliament. Providing the new Code of Conduct is approved and published Making Music UK will review the implications of the document and advise their members accordingly.

Importantly, the UK Supreme Court ruling does not remove protections for trans people under UK law. The Equality Act treats gender reassignment as a separate protected characteristic, and people undergoing or who have undergone gender transition remain protected from discrimination. The difference now is that trans people cannot automatically be included in protections or policies that are specifically based on sex, unless they are biologically that sex. For example, a trans man is protected from discrimination based on gender reassignment – but that doesn't mean he can claim rights or access based on being male under the sex characteristic.

Martyn's Law - The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. Martyn's Law requires that those responsible for certain premises and events, have written procedures in place, and communicated, to deal with their response to terrorist attacks. There are two tiers of required protection: one for venues with capacity from 200 to 799, and a more enhanced requirement for venues with capacity of 800+. Choirs who hire venues with the stated capacity need to appoint a responsible person within the choir to work with the building owner/caretaker to ensure that adequate written processes are in place and to provide any information regarding the choir as is necessary. Where the venue meets the capacity and is owned by the choir, then the full responsibility for the security of the venue lies with the choir.

The Act was granted Royal Assent on 3 April 2025 and will come into force in April 2027, however early implementation is advised to ensure the proposed security procedures have been tested before the Act becomes Mandatory.

Dewi George (Pendyrus) has agreed to be the Responsible Office for the Welsh Association of Male Choirs Executive Committee, and the liaison between the Association and member choirs' responsible officers. More advice and guidance will be given in due course.

Annual General Meeting

Date for your diary... The Welsh Association of Male Choirs AGM will take place on Sunday 17th May 2026 at Whitchurch Sports & Social Club, Cardiff. A timetable for attendance and the nomination procedure for new Executive Committee members will be notified in due course. This is a Hybrid style AGM with in-person and online attendance available.

Making Music UK have submitted a proposal to HM Treasury calling for the eligibility criteria for Orchestra Tax Relief to be changed so eligible choirs may also benefit from this Creative Tax Relief. Currently the Tax Relief is only available to ensembles with 12 or more instrumentalists. The proposed amendment seeks that the 'voice' to be recognized as an instrument. 42 music organisations are signatories to this proposal including the Welsh Association of Male Choirs. This proposal has been ignored in the last two budgets but remains a long-term goal.

The Welsh Association of Male Choirs are also signatories on a Making Music UK letter expressing disappointed about the withdrawal of Initial training bursaries for Music Teachers in England.

Finally:

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda



[Redacted]
General Secretary

Welsh Association of Male Choirs

Tel: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]



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Mitch's Fit Kitch
Abertillery Sports Centre
Abertillery
Np131qd

Contact name:

Telephone number:

Email:

What are the aims of your project? We are a new project opening in March. The aim is to bring healthy nutritional meals at a reasonable cost or free for those in need. Blaenau Gwent statistically has the highest obesity rate in the UK! I will pledge as many meals as financially possible as well as offering gym or fitness memberships for 6 children every 6 months. This will be aimed at those who's affordability is limited. We will encourage community members to clean the areas in exchange for free food items as well as offering a pay it forward scheme.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? This is a provided to all living in our area and will promote healthy eating and fitness habits. It will also encourage locals to live in a cleaner environment.

It will benefit those that are struggling and are conscious about a healthy lifestyle. Educating the community on how to live a healthy balanced life whilst not costing the earth in what is now deemed to be very challenging financially. I come from and NHS and Social services background and have seen poverty at its worst and know what it means to people to be able to put food on the table.....

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Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£1000
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£1000

Is your organisation a:

Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)
 The business is owned by myself however will be an asset to the community. I will already be pledging myself and any additional funds will feed twice as many. In addition I will assisting financially to those who would like to participate in sports.....

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Payee: [Redacted]

Print Name: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Role in group:
.....Manager/Owner.....

Signed: [Redacted]
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Date: 17-02-2026.....

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

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Name and Address of your group, organisation or project:

Abertillery Piranhas Swimming Club
Abertillery Sports Centre
Alma Street
NP13 1QD

Contact name: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

What are the aims of your project? The aim of the project is to get more young people learning the lifesaving skill of swimming. We will aim to do this by investing in more up to date equipment, as much of our equipment is old or broken making it not fit for use. Replacing such equipment would improve our health and safety and give our members the best. We would also aim to invest in new equipment for advertising, allowing us to reach more young people in the area and teach the vital skill of swimming that we believe all children should have the chance of learning, Finally, we would aim to make sure that all of our coaches have the highest level of knowledge to give our members the best possible instruction and advice on their swimming journey.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? Our members are mainly the children and young people of Abertillery and Llanhilleth, who are learning the vital skill of swimming. With new equipment we would be able to promote water safety and swimming skills to more young people within our community. We would be able to make sure all our swimmers are comfortable and confident in water. We would have the capacity to carry on providing a place where like-minded young people can come, learn and socialise with others. It

would provide us the chance to reach more of the young people in our area, helping more young people learn these lifesaving swimming skills. We know that participation in exercise can have major benefits for not only physical but mental wellbeing, we want to keep making our members happy and healthy. With updated equipment and upskilled volunteers we would be able to continue improving the physical wellbeing and mental health of our young people and continue giving our members a healthy outlet and focus, by exploring new skills and building on what they have learnt. We would be in a position to go on offering the chance for young people to compete regionally and nationally, and providing a chance to learn sportsmanship, teamwork, adaptability and resilience. With this funding we would be able to reach more young people and teach these necessary skills. We would be able to provide our members with the very best we have to offer.

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
	£
Sub Total	£0
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
Updated Equipment	£815
Upskilling Coaches	£185
Sub Total	£
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£1000

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 swimming club, in which our volunteers run 17 weekly classes for the young people of the local area. We rely on various grants and fundraising opportunities to acquire funds to update equipment and upskill volunteers.

Payee: ...Abertillery Piranhas Swimming Club ..

Print Name: 

Role in group:Secretary.....

Signed:.....

Date:08.02.26.....

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Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

XS Fest (part of the Slugfest Family)

[REDACTED]
Abertillery
NP13 1BP

Group Contact name: [REDACTED]

Role in the group: Co-organiser and Treasurer

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

What are the aims of your project? To provide a great value music festival to Blaenau Gwent and the surrounding areas, raising the profile of the area and hopefully attracting more visitors to the area

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? An event for many people, young and old, and something that over the years has developed a sense of community. Hopefully boost local businesses (particularly retail and hospitality) with the increased footfall and provide a focal point for other projects to develop around.

Approx number of beneficiaries – the population of Blaenau Gwent in theory.

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
Band fees, travel and accommodation	£ 6,000
Merchandise and advertising	£ 3,000
Sub Total	£ 9,000
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
Marquee Hire	£1000
PA and Sound Techs (600/day)	£1800
Stage & Lighting Hire and Assembly	£2200
Electricity	£300
Security (900/day)	£2700
Portaloos hire and campsite equipment	£1000
Sub Total	£9,000
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£18,000

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

We are non-profit venture. Any surplus funds will be reinvested in future events. We also seek to make local charitable donations. Since Slugfest's inception in 2008 (which XS Fest has evolved from) we have donated over £50,000 to charity from its proceeds. Happy to provide full details of donations over the years if needed, but local beneficiaries have included Socelex Animal Rescue, Ebbw Vale Owl Sanctuary, Tidy Butt, Motor Neurone Defiance, Six Bells Park, The Hospice of The Valley, local Cancer Research and Marie Curie shops, a number of fundraisers for individuals receiving critical care. The list is quite extensive.

Payee name: The Slugfest Family

Name of person making the application: 

Print Name:



Signed:



Date:

13th February 2026

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