

## ALCC Survey 2026

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council is based in Mitre Street, Abertillery and covers the valley area from Cwmtillery down to Swffryd, with Bournville and Roseheyworth. Responsibility for infrastructure, education, roads, public services, welfare etc rest with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. We are run by Councillors who give their time voluntarily, one clerk and two deputy clerks.

We ask where people live and their age groups so that we can try and ensure the results we get are representative of the Council Wards and age groups. The information is used for no other purpose.

For each question please put a tick in the box closest to your answer. Generally, doing more of an event would be expected to mean an increase in the Council precept (rates that the ALCC collects).

### Events we run:

As a Community Council we run various events within the Council area. We would like to know whether you feel we should continue running each of these events. Beside each is shown the budget for 2026/27

| Item                            | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | change | Comment |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Town in Bloom (flower tubs)     | £16 267      |         |         |           |        |         |
| Wales in Bloom entry            | £8000        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Viaduct run (Swffryd)           | £6000        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Party in the Park (Abertillery) | £12000       |         |         |           |        |         |
| Summer cinema program           | £7250        |         |         |           |        |         |
| 6 Bells park bilingual event    | £3200        |         |         |           |        |         |

**Events we support:**

The following are events that we support with funding. We would like to know whether you feel we should continue with financial support for these events. Beside each event is the budget for 2026/27.

| Event                                     | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | Change | Comment |
|---|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Off the Streets Summer Fete               | £4000        |         |         |           |        |         |
| St Davids Day and Christmas carol concert | £650         |         |         |           |        |         |
| Brynithel Rugby club event                | £4000        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Abertillery Rock and Blues festival       | £2000        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Abertillery BG RFC Aber Rocks             | £2000        |         |         |           |        |         |

**Facilities and groups we provide or support:**

These are groups and facilities that we support regularly. This is in addition to our grant funding process where any properly constituted group or non-profit organisation in the Council area can apply and will be considered on the merits of the application. We would like to know if you feel we should continue with the regular support of the facility or group. Beside each item in the 2026/2027 budget for the item.

| Event          | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | Change | Comment |
|----------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Allotments     | £800         |         |         |           |        |         |
| Defibrillators | £4400        |         |         |           |        |         |

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|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Subway mural maintenance | £1600 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community transport      | £1500 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zion Miners Chapel       | £2000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 Bells Park toilets     | £1740 |  |  |  |  |  |

We support Christmas lights run by community groups in Llanhilleth, Aberbeeg, Brynithel, Swffryd, Cwmtillery and Bournville by grants that can be applied for from this Council. We would like to know if we should continue support for the Christmas lights in these areas. Beside each area is the budget figure for 2026/27.

| Area        | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | Change | Comment |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Llanhilleth | £3000        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Brynithel   | £1500        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Aberbeeg    | £1500        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Swffryd     | £1500        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Cwmtillery  | £1500        |         |         |           |        |         |
| Bournville  | £1500        |         |         |           |        |         |

We also maintain a contract for the supply of Christmas lights in Abertillery town. Whilst this is a fixed term contract it can be revised on renewal. We would like to know if you feel we should continue with the Christmas lights in Abertillery town. Beside the question is the budget for 2026/27.

| Event              | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | Change | Comment |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Abertillery lights | £33 800      |         |         |           |        |         |

We help fund two detached youth worker teams around the area – Abertillery Youth detached team and Off the Streets. The two teams are the biggest single expenditure of the Council, currently £130 000 per year. Both are finding the need for their services is increasing. Both have provided excellent feedback on the effectiveness of their services. (Reports available on Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council website).

| Event                     | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | Change | Comment |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Abertillery Detached team | £65000       |         |         |           |        |         |
| Off the Streets           | £65000       |         |         |           |        |         |

We provide support for the costs of transport for extra-curricular activities at the schools in our Council area (Abertillery Learning Campus, Swffryd Primary and St Illtyds primary). The total involved is £10 000 per year divided between the schools. Without support for these trips there was a risk some could be cancelled as the schools were unable to support the finances. Some other extra-curricular activities such as amateur dramatic events are supported via normal grant application process.

| Event  | 26/27 budget | Do more | Do less | Keep same | Change | Comment |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| School transport for extra curricular activities | £10000       |         |         |           |        |         |

About yourself:

| Age | 16-26 | 26-40 | 41-56 | 56-70 | 70+ |
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| Sex | Male | Female | Prefer not to say |
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| Home post code |
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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance, the survey is now complete. The results will be analysed and announced on the ALCC website as soon as they are ready. The completed form can be returned to the official that gave it to you, or the Council Offices at Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE