ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL | CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERTYLERI A LLANHILEDD

Grants – Application Form

Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant	✗
Loneliness Project Grant	
Christmas Lighting Grant	✓
School Transport Grant	

Organisation Name	**Llanhilleth Tenants & Residents Association**
Organisation Type *Provide your registered charity number, if applicable*	**Community Group**
Organisation Address *If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover*	**Llanhilleth**
Grant Amount Request	**£228.00**

What would this funding be used for? *Please be as precise as possible*
Replacement of transformer. During installation, our contractor discovered that the transformer feeding the lights in the large tree at the railway station approach, had failed. The tree is a main feature of Llanhilleth's festive lights and so replacement is essential. This is an unpredictable event and so was not included in our original lighting application.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?
Christmas lights are a large part of the festive season, lifting the spirits of the community at this important time of the year. We receive many positive comments regarding our efforts in Llanhilleth and so the loss of the illuminated tree would a huge blow.
How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?
While, directly, the 50 children receiving the lanterns and their parents, but also the good will the gesture will bring to the village.

What is the total cost of your project?	**£2625.89**
Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group *Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project*	
Project costs are met by Community Council grant	

Exceptional Circumstances **If the amount requested is greater than £3,000, or if the grant request is for running costs, please explain what the exceptional circumstances are:**

This section will be removed prior to circulation to members and on our website.

lynmaloney2010@hotmail.co.uk

From: dave@cityilluminations.co.uk
Sent: 11 November 2026 14:58
To: 'Lyn Maloney'
Subject: RE: 24V transformer
Attachments: Latest City Illuminations Price list sept 26.pdf

Hi Lyn,

The cost of a 150va Transformer 24v, no extended power leads is £165 each, £25 delivery, plus vat

We have one in stock.

Please send an instruction to proceed with the invoice and delivery address

Kind Regards
David Briggs – Managing Director

City Illuminations Ltd
Griffin House, Ledson Rd
Roundthorn Industrial Estate, Manchester, M23 9GP

M: 07990 594745
T: 0161 969 5767
F: 0161 945 8697
www.cityilluminations.co.uk

From: Lyn Malone[redacted]
Sent: 11 November 2026 14:09
To: dave@cityilluminations.co.uk
Subject: 24V transformer

Hello, Dave,

Here's the invoice for the transformer we need to replace.

Best regards

Lyn

BARCLAYS

THE LLANHILLETH TENANTS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
[redacted]
SWIFTBIC BUKBGB22
IBAN GB78 BUKB 2056 5630 9725 76
Issued on 28 September 2026

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MR BARRIE PAGE
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Your Community Account

	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
28 Aug	Start Balance			2,865.63
	Giro Direct Credit From Blackwood Engineer Ref: Bweng		100.00	2,965.63
14 Sep	Giro Direct Credit From Cunningham H Ref: Ir Bloom		50.00	3,015.63
25 Sep	Balance carried forward			3,015.63
	Total Payments/Receipts	0.00	150.00	

Something wrong? If you notice any incorrect or unusual transactions, see the next page for how to get in touch with us.

At a glance

28 Aug - 25 Sep 2026

Start balance	£2,865.63
Money out	£0.00
Commission charges £0.00	
Money in	£150.00
Gross interest earned £0.00	
End balance	£3,015.63

Your deposit is eligible for protection by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

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Llanhilleth Tenants & Residents Association

"Fostering community engagement and promoting activities that benefit our community and encourage good community relations and wellbeing".

[redacted]
Llanhilleth
Abertillery
Gwent
[redacted]

Re: Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council: Grant application

Please note, the latest bank statement, included with the application, includes £1,000 funding we have sourced for St. Illtyd's School and the repair or replacement of its electric piano.

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Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant
Loneliness Project Grant
Christmas Lighting Grant ✓
School Transport Grant

Organisation Name BOURNVILLE COMMUNITY HALL (WILLIAM POWELL MEMORIAL HALL)

Organisation Type COMMUNITY HALL.
Provide your registered charity number, if applicable

Organisation Address BOURNVILLE COMMUNITY HALL. BOURNVILLE ROAD ABERTILLERY, NP13 3EL.
If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover (C/O 3 BOURNVILLE ROAD ABERTILLERY NP13 3EL)

Grant Amount Request £ 1500.

What would this funding be used for?
Please be as precise as possible

THE FUNDING WOULD BE USED TO PURCHASE ① 2 LAMPOST XMAS LIGHT SNOWFLAKE LIGHT PIECES AND CABLES AND LIGHTS FOR OUT SIDE THE HALL AND A PRELIT GARLAND. ALSO PAYMENT TO COVER ② ERECTING AND REMOVING SAID LIGHTS
ALSO THE ③ LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM REQUIRED WHILE LIGHTS ARE IN POSITION.

① £887.15
② £100 approx.
③ £500 approx.

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

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

ALL RESIDENTS OF BOURNVILLE AND ANYONE PASSING THROUGH.

What is the total cost of your project?

£1900 (- GRANT.)
+£1000 (- HALL FUNDING.)
-£1200

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

NEW TREE AND LIGHTS / DECORATIONS - INDOORS.
NEW WINDOW DECORATIONS - INDOORS
2 OUTDOOR SMALL WALL MOUTED EXTERIOR X MAS TREES. TOTAL COST £1000 - £1200.
+ ANY SHORT FALL FOR FITTING OF EXTERIOR LIGHTS BOUGHT FROM COUNCIL GRANT.

Exceptional Circumstances

If the amount requested is greater than £3,000, or if the grant request is for running costs, please explain what the exceptional circumstances are:

n/a.

Account Name Proforma Invoices would be supplied for direct payment.

FestiveLights™

PROFORMA INVOICE

Festive Lights Ltd
Disklok House
Preston Road
Charnock Richard
Lancashire
PR7 5HH

Quantity	Product Code	Description	Unit Price	Nett Amount	VAT Amount
1.00	CG052G	ConnectGo® Small Transformer, UK Plug, Green	11.33	11.33	2.27
2.00	MV024W	ConnectPro White Y Cord Connector, Connectable			
2.00	CG002M	5m Multi Colour Fairy Lights, Connectable, 50 LED			
2.00	MT135	ConnectPro® 2m Snowflake Outdoor Commercial			
2.00	MV076B	ConnectPro® 2m Black 16A Commando Socket	19.33	38.66	7.73
1.00	MT142WW-CG27	75cm Pre Lit Christmas Wreath Colorado Spruce	99.99	99.99	20.00
2.00	MT135-CP	ConnectPro® 2m Snowflake Outdoor Commercial	286.66	573.32	114.66
1.00	CG002M-10M	10m Multi Colour String Light, Connectable, 100 L	15.99	15.99	3.20

Payment Can Be Made HERE

Bank Details for BACS:
Bank Name: HSBC, 26 Market Street, Chorley, PR7 7RX

Bank Account: Festive Lights LTD
Account No 41491679
Sort Code: 40-17-21
BIC: HBUKGB4B
IBAN: GB18 HBUK 4017 2141 4916 79

Please quote invoice number as payment reference otherwise the order cannot be processed.

Pro-Forma invoice valid for 30 days

PAYMENT TERMS: Payment is required in advance of delivery:- By Credit Card, Bank Transfer or Cheque (payable to Festive Lights Ltd)

Total Nett Amount	**739.29**
Carriage Nett	**0.00**
Total VAT Amount	**147.86**
Invoice Total	**887.15**

All figures displayed in Pound Sterling

VAT Reg No. 864281901

Company Reg No. 5404923

- In the event of grant funding being used for purposes other than which the grant was awarded for, ALCC is entitled to require repayment of some or all of the grant.
- In the event that a grant recipient is successful in securing funding from a different source for the same project, ALCC may request repayment of some or all of the grant.
- If requested, grant recipients must provide a completed Grants Completion and Feedback Report detailing how the funding was spent. Council will not consider further grant applications from the organisation if this report is not received, unless in exceptional circumstances.

The Application Form begins on the next page.

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Grants – Application Form

Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant	
Loneliness Project Grant	X

Christmas Lighting Grant	
School Transport Grant	

Organisation Name	**Swfrydd Community Centre**
Organisation Type *Provide your registered charity number, if applicable*	**Registered Charity No 524316 (Sept 1963)**
Organisation Address *If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover*	**Cartref Rectory Road Villas** **Swffryd, Blaenau Gwent**
Grant Amount Request	**£855.00**

What would this funding be used for? *Please be as precise as possible*

To help develop the recently formed **Chatty Café** which runs on a Tuesday Morning.
Three initial sessions and marketing, sessions will continue indefinitely after ALCC support.

Warm Hub (every session) have a cuppa a chat and browse the charity shop
Christmas Craft Session Make wreaths and tree decorations, other sessions to be developed from this.
Tackling Seasonal effective Disorder, an afternoon family performance from the **Big Nite Out** scheme on Sunday January 24th.

Craft materials and delivering artist £300
(initial investment techniques can be taught and materials re used in other subsequent sessions)
Leaflet design, printing, social media, live stream £160
Leaflet delivered to every house in village £250
Promotional banner £45
Social games and conversation activities £45
Welcome and information materials *Volunteers and visitors £30
Community outreach signage £25
Ongoing volunteer training TBC

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

Our community is situated at the southernmost edge of Blaenau Gwent and the ALCC area. It was expanded significantly after the Second World War to meet the urgent need for social housing. However, Its geographical position means that we are somewhat tucked away, bordered by Caerphilly and close to Torfaen, we can often feel overlooked by everyone despite being part of Blaenau Gwent.

Swffryd Community Centre has always aimed to be inclusive, welcoming and accessible to all residents, including those beyond our immediate locality. Over many years, we have built strong community connections and now benefit from support and participation from Llanhilleth, Brynithel and across the wider ALCC area.

Following a recent visit from one of our local councillors and the ALCC Clerk, we were encouraged to consider applying for funding available to support community initiatives. Although we always try to raise our own funds wherever possible, we all agreed that this project fits particularly well with the aims of the loneliness grant.

Our established activities, including our very popular Thursday morning bingo sessions, demonstrate the importance of the centre as a place for people to meet, socialise and maintain friendships and volunteer. The council visitors came to this and were able to see what we do. We recognise, however, that there are still many people in our wider community who are not keen on Bingo, who do not currently access our activities and are experiencing loneliness, isolation or a lack of social connection.

Chatty Café gives us an opportunity to build on this work while reaching beyond our existing membership. Through targeted publicity, community outreach, refreshments and informal engagement activities, we hope to attract people who may not normally visit the centre, giving them opportunities to meet others, share ideas, try new activities and feel part of something.

The three Chatty Café sessions included in this application will also bring residents of different ages and backgrounds together to learn new skills, share experiences and enjoy positive social interaction with a warm hub for all sessions a Christmas craft session a charity shop pop up and a family afternoon performance a nite out scheme on Sunday 24th jan 2007 (combatting seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

Ultimately, our aim for the Chatty Café is to make sure that more people across the ALCC area know that Swffryd Community Centre is there for them. Whether someone comes along for a cup of tea and a chat, joins a creative activity or attends a family event, we want to provide welcoming opportunities to connect with others, build friendships share ideas and feel part of their community.

We believe nobody should feel lonely or left out, and we want to play our part in making sure that nobody is.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

Overall, the projects have an estimated reach of 155 people. This includes attendees, volunteers, carers who benefit from respite, and representatives from the local agencies we work with.

At this stage It is difficult to predict exact numbers for the three initial sessions in this application as our aim is to grow this project. We anticipate that Chatty Café will initially attract around 15 attendees in the first weeks and increase towards our target week by week through our outreach. Our established Thursday morning bingo sessions regularly attracts between 50 and 70 people each week, demonstrating the centre's ability to bring residents together. While we recognise that Chatty Café will take time to build its own following, this provides an encouraging indication of the potential reach of our activities.

The benefits will also extend to and those carers nearby that need to pop out for a little respite and to our own volunteers, who gain a great deal from supporting others and putting their valuable people skills and experience into practice. Some have enjoyed long and varied working careers in teaching, local government, social services, military and nursing, and they bring a wealth of knowledge and life experience to our projects. We want to encourage more people to volunteer, develop their skills and enjoy the rewards of making a difference in their community.

Our ambition is to create a genuinely welcoming, informal space where anyone can simply drop in and stay for as long as they wish. Whether they pop in for a quick cuppa and biscuit, enjoy a chat, take part in an activity or browse our pop-up charity shop for a bargain while supporting a good cause, everyone will be made welcome.

Importantly, we also have some volunteers with valuable experience in recognising when someone may need additional help or support. Their skills in communication and engagement can really help identify concerns at an early stage and, where appropriate, signpost residents to relevant support services and agencies. We work closely with our local school, Tai Carol, councillors and the police, and value these relationships in helping us look after the wider community (see attached supporting evidence).

Ultimately, while we anticipate starting with around 15 attendees, our ambition is to develop Chatty Café into an increasingly well-known and valued community resource, benefiting residents across all the wards, as well as the volunteers who make it possible.

What is the total cost of your project?	**£1505.00**
Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group *Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project*	

Estimated value of our contribution

Three-hour session building costs
£105 per session
Warm Hub refreshments
£45 per session
BIG NITE OUT scheme contribution towards performance £200
Volunteer expenses, time, facilities, equipment, training, uniforms and marketing
Additional in-kind support and our own marketing.
The centre contributes **£150 per Warm Hub session**, excluding volunteer time and wider in-kind support.
The additional **£200** from the Night Out scheme supports the separate family performance.
A total **£650** contribution demonstrates our commitment to investing our own resources, facilities and expertise. Funding from ALCC will build on this existing investment, helping us reach more people and provide valuable opportunities for residents who may otherwise experience loneliness, isolation or barriers to participating in community life.

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