

Solar Farm Grants

The total amount of Solar Farm Grant funding available for 2022 is £35,000.

The total amount of Solar Farm Grant funding applied for is £80,985.23.

The criteria for the award of Solar Farm Grants are shown below.

Clause 18 of the criteria states that “The minimum Solar Farm Grant to be given by Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council is £5,000.” The application from Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Society is for £4,500.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council

Solar Farm Grant criteria

1. Solar Farm Grants are funded entirely by money given by CIC Community Green Energy to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council.
2. CIC Community Green Energy awards an amount to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council depending on the amount of electricity generated at the Solar Farm at Hafod-y-Dafal on an annual basis.
3. The grant is not for the Council's use.
4. It is for the Council (as the elected representative body closest to local communities) to decide how to allocate the grant to local community projects, groups or organisations.
5. CIC Community Green Energy requires the funding to be allocated to community projects that are sustainable, have a lasting legacy, are environmental in nature and are for wide community benefit.
6. CIC Community Green Energy and Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council will require evidence (regular reports and photos) that any money granted has been spent in the manner envisaged and that the stated community benefits have been achieved.
7. Any grant from the Council (including Solar Farm Grants) must help local communities and organisations to improve the well-being of local people.
8. A Solar Farm Grant will only be made if there is a clear economic, social or environmental well-being benefit to residents of the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.
9. The organisation involved must usually be based in or operate substantially in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area, and the majority of the members of the organisation, or those it serves, should live in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.

10. If the organisation is based outside the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area, evidence must be given of how (and how many) people from the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area benefit from the work of the organisation.
11. The Council places a high value on voluntary and community service.
12. The Council will not make a grant to professional or commercial clubs or organisations, companies, businesses or other enterprises which aim to make a profit. The Council will only make grants to enterprises if they are not for profit and if any surplus generated by the enterprise is reinvested into improving local communities or local community facilities.
13. Organisations such as sports clubs or parks which have become companies in order to manage or run community facilities under Community Asset Transfers may be considered for Solar Farm Grants.
14. Solar Farm Grants will not be used to help fund national or regional charities or organisations (where the principal benefit is not to residents of the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area) under any circumstances.
15. Solar Farm Grants will not be given to groups to pay for ongoing running costs (e.g., insurance, water, gas and other utility supplies etc) unless in exceptional circumstances.
16. Solar Farm Grants must help as many people and communities as possible in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.
17. The Council will not give Solar Farm Grants to the same organisation(s) within five consecutive years unless in exceptional circumstances.
18. The minimum Solar Farm Grant to be given by Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council is £5,000 (if that amount is available to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council from CIC Community Green Energy).
19. The maximum Solar Farm Grant to be given by Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council is £35,000 (if that amount is available to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council from CIC Community Green Energy).
20. The Solar Farm Grant 2022 will go to projects that:
 - involve a lasting legacy and tangible benefits to local communities
 - contribute to sustainability
 - are in themselves sustainable. The organisation must be able to run the project/ building/facility itself, after the Solar Farm Grant has ended, without further revenue support from Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council
 - involve links with local schools
 - promote opportunities for local volunteering
 - deliver environmental improvements
 - promote links between different areas or communities within the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area
 - meet the well-being goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2021 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

SixBells Tennis Club

Contact name: Chris Hill.....

Role in group:
..... Chairman.....

Telephone number:
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Email: chrishilltennis@aol.com

What is the name of your project? Restoration of Community Tennis at SixBells park.....

What are the aims of the project? ... The clubs aim is to restore a building beside the tennis courts. Such a building would be used to host teams, storage and for use by the Community groups, friends of the park & pensioner groups and compliment regular events held in the park. ... The building could be used a warm hub for local people to meet, and would also help to combat loneliness.

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? The Club plans to introduce a fully diverse and equitable community coaching programme with links to local schools. Currently there is no shelter or storage for schools and participants attending park. Having a building will benefit not just the tennis club members and visiting clubs but can be used by the community for various activities. The structure would have bench seating with storage room underneath for coaching equipment.

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Approximate number of beneficiaries in excess of 150 participantswhen courts are renewed (31/3/23) initial target by year 2 = 50 families

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What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? A timber framed fully insulated structure 5.5 x 3.5 meters adjacent to the toilet & kiosk block. Potential to add solar panels and water collection butts to ensure it is a green building in terms of electricity and water recycling. The water recycled can be used by the Friends of group to water the gardens at the park.....

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Project costs: £23,500

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Security system, flooring and blinds.	£1000.00
	£
	£
Sub Total	£1000.00
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£1000.00
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Wooden structure with roller shutters, erection, fittings & services(power) foundations, water butt system	£12,000
Solar panels added to Toilet/Kiosk Block with battery storage. Surplus energy could go back into national grid.	£10,000
Sub Total	£22,000
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £23,000

How will your project improve the local environment? Such a structure would provide a meeting place to benefit the community and of course a shelter during inclement weather. With solar panels and water butts to ensure the building is eco friendly. Local environmental groups could use the building as a base for environmental activities, ramblers have used the kiosk as a meet/ start place.....

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How does your project contribute to sustainability? The club is to put a sinking fund in place for the Tennis courts and buildings. The club will oversee and manage bookings for the courts and structure. ... To ensure that the club can move forward in terms of competitive tennis and be able to hold events. Income generated from the building could assist the club and if it were co managed with Friends of Six

Bells Park , could put profits back into the park.....

How does your project link with local schools? ... The Clubs main aim is to grow a structured community Tennis programme which includes links with all local schools. The programme will be inclusive and diverse meeting the needs of everyone in our community. Having a building would be beneficial for hosting groups of school children in inclement weather.

How does your project promote volunteering? ... Element's of the programme will include volunteers both engaged with the coaching also club management. There will also be a Tennis Leaders, First Aid and Child protection courses held. Additionally D of E experience can be gained at the club, building a volunteers base to achieve success both on and off court.

How does your project promote links between communities?.....The clubs ambitions are to play matches against other clubs and set up local schools tournaments and possibly restore the Blaenau Gwent championship. Gwent rambles have used the kiosk as a base on occasions which could be increased with added facilities like the proposed structure.....

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture
- A globally responsible Wales?

.....The project will deliver all seven of the well being goals.

Please see overview and update below

The park is the central hub of the community in Six Bells and is used by people of all ages. The only building in the park is the Bowls club, which is generally not made use of for the community.

In terms of a prosperous Wales, if the building had solar panels and water collection it would be using resources efficiently. The building would be multi-purpose and the community could access it for many activities which would be able to upskill and educate them for the future.

A resilient Wales – Once again the use of water butts will assist watering of the gardens in the park, which includes wildflower planting to encourage a healthy eco system.

A more Equal Wales - Access to the building for the whole community and community groups at a low cost, to use for activities to improve their wellbeing outcomes. People of

A healthier Wales – the encouragement of tennis to promote people's physical and mental wellbeing, Use of the building for varied activities which will maximise people opportunities to improve their wellbeing.

A Wales of vibrant culture – Promotion of sports at the park and an opportunity to show case the heritage of the tennis club and the history of the park itself, having been built by miners. Opportunity to promote the Welsh language through signage and conversation.

A globally responsible Wales – Promoting sport, community groups and a meeting place for people who may be lonely, have limited finances and somewhere for people to meet other people and further enhance the community spirit.

The SixBells Tennis Club will in 2025 proudly celebrate its centenary. Over the past month we've received the exciting news that the club are on the list to be entertained at Wimbledon in a match. Following lobbying with various bodies, the Tennis courts are due to be upgraded following years of neglect, BG are currently in the procurement process with support being given by the LTA. We as a club have raised £10k (given to BG) to install a gate locking online booking system for public use. Beside the courts the club had use of a purpose built pavilion, this wooden pavilion which dated back to the 1930's and was well maintained and never enclosed around the courts. The Club would now like to be considered for support from the solar grant fund to re establish a building approx 5.5x 3.5meters. This would enable one of Wales's iconic sporting clubs to return to the competitive arena and the ability to play and host teams in our area. Such a community building would also cater for local groups and support all age groups who use the park. Additionally the club plans to introduce and develop a fully diverse and equitable coaching programme to meet all age levels of our community, this will also include a school links programme, we have 2 Welsh speaking members within our membership. We have full support from our local BG councillors. Letters of support can follow if needed from Community groups and Tennis Wales.

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If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

.....Provision of a much needed building suitable for Community use and adjacent to the toilet kiosk block. ... This would be installed in the footprint of the former Tennis Pavilion.
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Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?

.....Yes, as soon as the building is erected there will be an official grand opening with media exposure.....
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Is your organisation a:

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

.....A fully constituted sports club (non profit)
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Payee name:

.....Sixbells Tennis Club
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Signed:

.....CCS

Hill.....



Print Name:

.....CCS

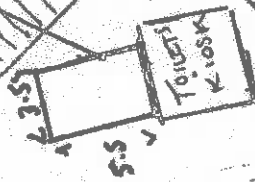
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Date:

.....3/11/22.....

This form must be submitted with any relevant supporting documents you wish to submit (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council by Thursday 11th November 2021, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com

Proposed
New Build



EX. COURTS

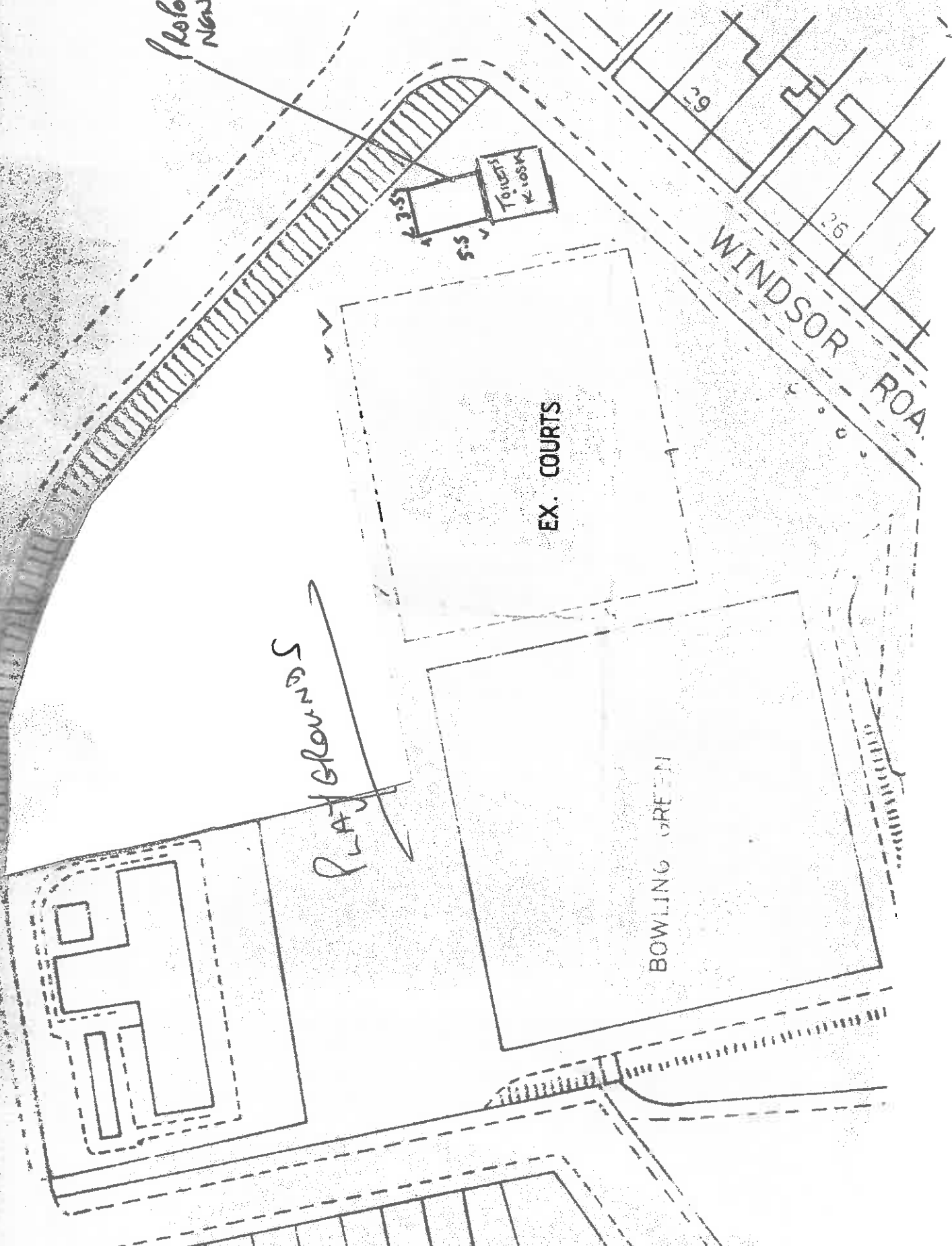
BOWLING GREEN

Playgrounds

WINDSOR ROAD

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2022 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Six Bells Regeneration Ltd
Ty Ebbw Fach
Chapel Road
Six Bells
NP13 2ND

Contact name: Lucy Harding.....

Role in group: Volunteer Director.....

Telephone number:

Email: sixbellsregen@gmail.com.....

What is the name of your project?

What are the aims of the project

- To ensure that Ty Ebbw Fach remains open to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the local community, and professional organisations who share our aims.
- To reduce CO2 emissions from our building and the national electricity and gas grids
- To reduce Ty Ebbw Fach energy costs
- To increase awareness of energy usage by demonstrating good practice in our business which could be used at home or work.
- To only heat and light areas that are in use
- To reduce the impact of heating being left on accidentally, windows being opened when the heating is on, lights being left on when rooms and corridors are not in use.
- To increase the welcome at Ty Ebbw Fach
- To share the knowledge of energy saving with our community and other community groups

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

Ty Ebbw Fach is a valuable resource for local residents and community groups. We have a fully equipped conference/training room for professional organisations to conduct training which benefits the local community. We loan resources free of charge to local community organisations for their own events eg Brynithel Activity Group and Aberbeeg Community Centre such as gazebos, barbecue, hot potato machine etc and provide free storage space for Six Bells Tenants and Residents' equipment. Six Bells Crafts Group has the use of a display cabinet in our Heritage room to sell the items they've made.

Approximate number of beneficiaries
200-300.....

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

Decreased energy usage

Warmer welcome at Ty Ebbw Fach

Increased community knowledge of energy saving technology

Tours of energy saving measures

Solar panels visible on roof

Visible smart light and heating controls

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
We have a fully qualified electrician and plumber who would donate time	£
We have volunteers to assist above	£
We would cover any underestimate on PV costs	£
Sub Total	£
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
none	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)

LED replacement lights (See annex A)		£845.52
Smart Lighting controls will auto switch lights on/ off(see annex A)		£266.01
Smart Radiator controls for 24 radiators (£33 per rad inc hub, see annex A)		£791.960
4kw PV roof mounted panels (subject to survey, see annex A)		£5942.00
	Sub Total	££7,845.49
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL	££7,845.49

How will your project improve the local environment?

We would use less gas and electricity thus reducing carbon emissions and reducing costs allowing us to spend more money in the community.

Our community CCTV project reduces littering and anti-social behaviour in the car park and surrounding area and we are able to provide evidence of the offenders if asked by Gwent Police We regularly litter pick in the immediate area around Guardian with other volunteers and remove graffiti.

We would hope to increase the reach of our community CCTV without increasing CO2 emissions.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

Our building will become more sustainable from a energy point of view, from a c02 point of view and from a financial point of view

As others see our simple improvements other groups and local residents could choose to become more sustainable

How does your project link with local schools?

Colour From The Mines (Turning Landscape) is based at Ty Ebbw Fach and has a close working relationship with Abertillery Learning Community Six Bells Campus by leading free art workshops. The work produced is displayed at Ty Ebbw Fach for family members to view. This programme of free workshops will be expanded to include other schools within Abertillery Learning Campus.

How does your project promote volunteering?

Six Bells Regeneration Ltd offers a variety of volunteering opportunities including providing IT support, leading guided walks to Guardian and the Coal Authority MIne Water Treatment Plant at Abertillery, helping with marketing and providing support at our events, meeting and greeting visitors to the Heritage room, gardening, supervised maintenance of the building, paint making. We provide a safe non-threatening environment for people with anxiety and those with physical impairments. We encourage our cafe tenants to provide catering volunteering opportunities for residents seeking to return to work and for adults with learning disabilities. All our volunteering activities are carried out in line with our relevant policies (Safeguarding, Volunteering, Health & Safety, Fire Evacuation).

How does your project promote links between communities?

Ty Ebbw Fach has a well-appointed conference/training room which community groups can use for meetings and other organisations for training. Community groups can advertise their events in Ty Ebbw Fach on in our notice boards opposite the building and on the route to Guardian.

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

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A prosperous Wales

A key part of this project is reducing carbon emissions by the introduction of LED bulbs, smart heating controls and solar panels. This will help to reduce our carbon footprint, as well as saving us money, which will be reinvested into community projects, and will also help to contribute to the financial sustainability of Six Bells Regeneration Ltd. More generally, Six Bells Regeneration Ltd reduces the amount of material going to landfill by reusing and recycling. Our building cleaning materials containers are refilled and waste paper is recycled. LED lighting is used at Ty Ebbw Fach and where appropriate (toilets, corridors) lights are motion sensor operated. Colour From The Mines (Turning Landscape CIC based at Ty Ebbw Fach) uses the ochre collected at the mine water treatment plant in Abertillery to produce an ecologically sound emulsion paint. This prevents the ochre collected from the treatment plant going to landfill.

A resilient Wales

The garden at Ty Ebbw Fach has been rewilded local plants and trees. Weeding, when necessary eg between patio slabs, is done by hand - no pesticides are used.

A healthier Wales

This project will mean that the building can be heated more efficiently and effectively, ensuring that all who use the building are able to stay warm and comfortable. Ty Ebbw Fach provides a safe, non-threatening environment for users and volunteers eg several of our volunteers suffer from anxiety and low self-esteem and are supported so that they are able to gain confidence and upskill. Ty Ebbw Fach volunteers lead guided walks to Guardian and the Mine Water Treatment plant and there are bikes for hire.

A more equal Wales

Six Bells Regeneration Ltd is an all-inclusive organisation and operates in line with Welsh Government guidelines. (Equal Opportunities policy is in place.)

We also help those who may normally find it difficult to engage with local government and other national organisations, by helping them fill in forms and training them in the use of admin tools like computers and scanners

A Wales of more cohesive communities

Six Bells Regeneration Ltd supports several local community groups either by allowing free use of the Heritage room on a Friday morning for Six Bells Food Coop, loaning equipment free of charge (Brynithel Activity Group and Aberbeeg Community Centre) storing equipment for other organisations eg Six Bells Tenants and Residents, allowing the use of a cabinet in the Heritage room for Six Bells Craft Group to sell the items they've made, and providing IT support and photocopying. We have housed an Outreach Post Office service for the past 3 years (including during the pandemic) - a valuable resource for to the local community as there is no longer a Post Office in Six Bells. Free art workshops (led by Colour From The Mines) offer an opportunity for attendees to socialise and upskill. We have a long-standing relationship with Elysium Healthcare (at Aberbeeg Hospital) and will be developing an appropriate volunteer programme with their clients.

A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Our Heritage room displays facts about the Six Bells Mining Disaster and the creation of Guardian. Colour From The Mines delivers free art workshops to schools

and members of the community using ochre pigment from the Mine Water Treatment Plant in Abertillery. Workshops involving the community include a talk on where the ochre comes from (mining heritage). During Covid lockdowns we loaned water colour sets using pigment from mine water treatment plants to the local community and displayed the resulting art work either in our Heritage room or on the Colour From The Mines facebook page. These are still available for the community to use. 6 Bells Tunes Club (a local community music group promoting Welsh folk music) rehearse free of charge at Ty Ebbw Fach in return for playing at our community events.

A globally responsible Wales

The measures to be installed as part of this project will help to reduce our carbon emissions, which in turn will help to reduce our impact on climate change.

We encourage all building users to be aware of wasting resources by turning off lights when they leave a room, not leaving equipment on standby and separating waste into recyclable materials (paper, cardboard, glass and plastic) or by placing food waste in an appropriate container so that it can be composted in our garden.

Colour From The Mines is a world first project which uses ochre from mine workings from going to landfill by creating an ecologically sustainable paint project.

When equipment is replaced eg fridges/freezers, the most energy efficient model is purchased.

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If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

Reduced energy consumption in building without loss of comfort for users
warnings if doors and windows are left open when heating is on - increased awareness of energy wasting habits people use.

Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?

Yes we will provide energy usage data before and after the project and any other monitoring information required as well as full costings

Is your organisation a:

We are a not for profit limited company run solely by volunteers . (Governing document as posted at Companies House attached)

see below for incorporation document at company house

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/06654059/filing-history/MjAwOTUxMjUwOGFkaXF6a2N4/document?format=pdf&download=0>

See below for latest accounts at company house

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/06654059/filing-history/MzMzNTQzNjc0OGFkaXF6a2N4/document?format=pdf&download=0>

Six Bells Regeneration Ltd is a not for profit organisation based solely in Six Bells, that serves the people of Six Bells, Abertillery, Llanhilleth, Aberbeeg, St Illtyd, and Brynithel.

We are run entirely by volunteers, no one gets paid, We run the community building at Ty Ebbw Fach

If we have any surplus at the end of a year we grant it to volunteer groups in the areas mentioned above.

We have applied for the solar farm grant before and been told later that we are not eligible either because we have assets that show up on a company house search or because we are a Ltd company

Because we have a 35 year lease on our building from BGCBC and we are responsible for **all** upkeep including building repairs, even major ones like a new roof etc,(which is why we need to keep money in our bank account) we think we should be able to apply just as a park or sports club would.

Payee name:

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

This form must be submitted with any relevant supporting documents you wish to submit (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council by Tuesday 8th November 2022, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com

Annex A Detailed costs

Move to LED lighting in conf room and other rooms upstairs

Item	TLC price vat	qty	price x vat	tid part number
bwe tubes are 5 foot	£8.70	10	£87.00	LT T524HW
sbr office 5 foot	£8.70	4	£34.80	LT T524HW
conf room 6 ft	£11.75	16	£188.00	tlc electircal LT T632W
front office	£8.70	8	£69.60	LT T524HW
back office 5ft	£8.70	6	£52.20	LT T524HW
Battery back up LED fitting	£54.60	5	£273.00	1 per room
x vat total			£704.60	
inc vat 20%			£845.52	

Smart Lighting control

item	unit cost	qty	ebay
10 wifi smart pack relay	£50.79	2	£101.58 https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/353985735776
5 pack smart wifi pir	£47.19	2	£94.38 https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/304563488624
dual smart wifi switch	£14.01	5	£70.05 https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/124742430744
		total	<u>£266.01</u>

Smart Radiator controls for 24 radiators

item	qty	ebay	
6 pack smart rad valve inc hub	4	£791.96 https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/403949847272	£33.00 per rad

Solar Energy Calculator

Your results

For more information, please read the calculator assumptions.

7 Assumptions

Potential annual benefit
£594

Potential CO₂ saving
811 kg / year

Potential fuel bill saving
£491 / year

Potential payments from SEG
(at 5 p/kWh)
£103 year

Potential lifetime benefit
£14,399

Potential lifetime CO₂ saving
19,066 kg

Potential lifetime fuel bill saving
£12,045

Potential lifetime payments from SEG
(at 5 p/kWh)
£2,353

Estimated installation costs
£5,942

Estimated lifetime maintenance costs
£1,450

Potential lifetime net benefit
£7,007

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2022 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Gelli Crug Allotment Association
Gelli Crug Road
Abertillery

Contact name: Steven Roberts.

Role in group: Chairman.

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? Gelli Crug Allotments Renovation Improvements.

What are the aims of the project? To Renovate and Transform a overgrown and derelict site into a thriving Allotment and wild life area that will be available to the community.

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? The project will benefit the Residents of Abertillery and Llanhilleth by make a once derelict and overgrown area available to residents and creating a managed area for wildlife and indigenous plants.

Approximate number of beneficiaries At present the site Gelli Crug Allotment Association has 12 members. But once the whole area has been cleared and plots made available this number can double at least. There is also creation of a wildlife area and a community room, which would be a benefit to all Residents of Abertillery and Llanhilleth.

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? See attached sheet.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£ /
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Sub Total	£ /
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£ /
	£ /
Sub Total	£ /
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£14,356.74
	£
Sub Total	£14,356.74
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£14,356.74

How will your project improve the local environment? By creating Allotment Plots which can be used by residents of the local community to grow produce fruit and vegetables. It will also create managed wildlife areas to enhance the abundant wildlife that is already present. We will also work with outside agency's to promote and grow indigenous plants.

How does your project contribute to sustainability? The project will promote Allotment Members and Associated groups to grow their own food all year around. We are looking at training for seasonal growing with outside agencies. We will also support the wildlife areas in consultation with outside agencies regarding animals and plants.

How does your project link with local schools? Historically the site had links to local schools. These links decreased over the years with Schools looking to have their own Allotment Plots on site.

How does your project promote volunteering? At present the Allotment Members have done all the work at the site. We have had some help from the Local Scout Group in ground clearance which has been appreciated.

How does your project promote links between communities? By enabling all members of the community to participate as much or as little as they are able to do.

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

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Please see previous answers to questions and attached document.

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

Successful delivery will result in a derelict and overgrown site being rejuvenated into a thriving Allotment Site and wildlife area for use by the community.

Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?

Yes.

Is your organisation a:

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

Payee name:

Gelli Crug Allotment Association

Signed: ***S A Roberts***

Print Name: Steven Allan Roberts

Date: 04-11-2022

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Solar Park Grant Application

Gelli Crug Allotments

The Gelli Crug Allotment Association acquired the site in April 2022. At this time the site had been left derelict and had become overgrown had fell into disrepair.

The Association have been working hard on clearing the top section of the site and re building the Allotment Plots in preparation to enable growing produce. We have also cleared and repaired 2 poly tunnels and also number of structures have also been repaired.

At the bottom of the site we have also cleared the Orchard area , the main paths and an area around the pond. We also uncovered sheds and a green house which we are in the process of repairing.

Please see attached document show images of the site.

1. Hard Stand

Create a hard stand capable for parking 2/3 cars. Designate 1 space for disabled parking. These spaces to be used for disabled parking and temporary parking to enable allotment members to drop off and collect materials as required. At present Gelli Crug Road is a narrow lane when stopping to drop off or collect the lane becomes blocked in both directions for all traffic.

Requirements:

Quote from contractor for required work.

Cost:

Quote from contractor £1200

2. New Gates

To enable access to the hard stand the gate's need to be changed as at present there is a top security beam which is too low to enable vehicular access. The entrance needs to be secured as historically access was gained by climbing over the gates which resulted in the site being vandalised.

Requirements:

Quote from contractor for supply and fit new gates

Cost:

Quote from contractor £1500

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3. Graduated walkway to bottom of the site

Construct a graduated walkway to the bottom of the site. The bottom of the site is relatively flat. By creating this walk way access can be given to the bottom of the site, plots can be made available to disabled people.

Requirements:

Quote from contractor for required work.

Cost:

Quote from contractor £2000

4. Raised Beds

Create raised beds throughout the site these beds can then be used by allotment members for growing fruit and vegetables.

Requirements:

Wood to construct the raised beds.

Soil to fill the raised beds.

Cost:

4.8 meter 8 x 1 Gravel Boards Quantity 40 at £15.32	Total £612.80
4.8 meter 2 x 2 Timber Quantity 10 at £7.43	Total £74.30
Wooden Sleepers Quantity 30 at £29.26	Total £877.80
Top soil 600 Litre Bags Quantity 20 at £32.00	Total £640.00

5. Improve Paths / Walkways

Improve main paths walkways to enable disabled access.

Requirements:

Wood to construct Paths / Walkway edges.

Material to fill Paths / Walkway.

Cost:

Chippings 6mm 600 Litre Bag Quantity 10 at £50.25	Total £502.50
Wood Bark 600 Litre Bag Quantity 10 at £110.78	Total £1007.80

6. Community Room Floor

There is a Community Room on site, the floor has collapsed and needs repair to make the structure usable. This room can then be used for a number of uses activities:

Training session on planting and growing vegetables.

Meeting room for Well-being and Loneliness community groups.

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Serving Tea and Coffee to Community Groups.
Allow allotment members to sell some of their produce.

Requirements:

Wooden boards for new floor.
Floor joists for floor base.

Cost:

Floor Boards Ply 18mm 8 x 4 Quantity 6 at £47.89	Total £287.34
Floor Joist 3.6 Meter Quantity 6 at £28.50	Total £171.00

7. Water Capture

There is no on-site water supply this ultimately led to the site being abandoned. During dry spells water had to be transported to the site in tanks, this proved difficult and unsustainable. We would like to use LBC (Large Bulk Containers) 1000 litre water tanks to store water. This would mean using all available structures to catch water. We would like each plot area to have at least 2 tanks.

Requirements:

LBC Water tanks
Rainwater goods to capture water.
Wood to make water stands and water capture structures.

Cost:

1000 Litre Water Tanks Quantity 10 at £50.00	Total £500.00
112mm Guttering 2 Meter Quantity 10 at £6.36	Total £63.60
Fixtures and Fittings	Total £200.00

8. On site pond

There is an on-site pond which is fed from a spring. We would like to enhance this pond to make it deeper and larger. This pond would be a haven for wildlife and also a reservoir of water that can be used around the site. See Distribute Water section in document.

Requirements:

Pond Liner.
Manual Labour.
Contractor support help.

Cost:

Pond Liner 5 x 5 Meter Quantity 1 at £55.00	Total £55.00
Plant Hire 1 Day at £500.00 per day	Total £500.00

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9. On site Electricity

At present there is no electricity on the site.

There are a number of options available:

1. Have mains electricity connected to the site.
2. Use Solar panels with an inverter and storage to bring electricity to the site.
3. Use a Petrol or Diesel Generator

Requirements:

Contractor to install Electricity Supply.

Or

Support for installing Solar Panels and Inverter and Storage.

Or

Purchase Petrol / Diesel Generator.

Cost:

Option 1 Quote required from Electricity Board

Option 2	480W 24V (2 x 120W) Complete off grid solar kit with 1.5kW Inverter + 1.2kWh Lithium Battery Bank.	Quantity 1	Total £1099.98
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Option 3	Kohler 3499231003619 perform 4500 4kW portable generator 115 / 240 V	Quantity 1	Total £689.99
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10. Distribute Water

To enable water to be distributed around the site from the pond it would need to be pumped. The options available are:

1. Use electric pumps using on site electricity.
2. Use solar pumps.
3. Use RAM water pumps.
4. Combination of all 3 above.

To transport water manually around the site is difficult and for some members impossible.

Requirements:

Investigate water pumping options.

Investigate Power options. (See 9 above Power Options)

Cost:

Gardena Smart 5000/s Automatic pump 19106-20	Quantity 1	Total £524.63
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11. Compost Toilet

Install a compost toilet on site. This would be useful for community use especially the disabled and Well being groups.

Requirements:

Investigate Compost Toilet options.

Cost:

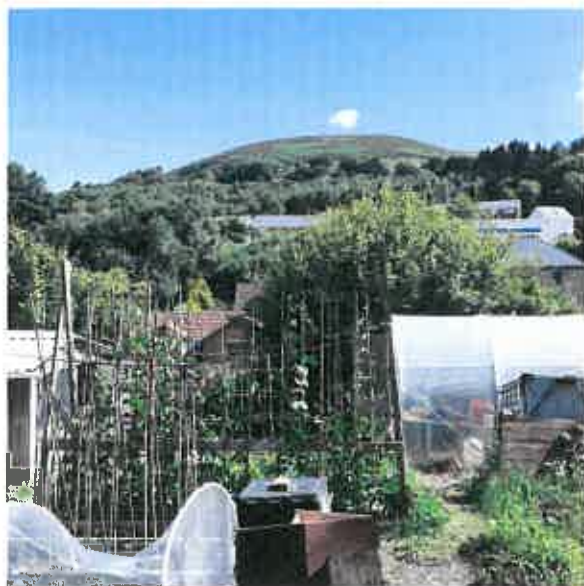
Trobolo Kersa Boem Compost Toilet	Quantity 1	Total £1850.00
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Total: £14356.74

Photographs of Allotment site before clearance work



Photographs of Allotment site after some clearance work



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2022 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Abertillery BG RFC, The Park, Glandwr Street, Abertillery, NP13 1TU

Contact name: Chris Wilkins

Role in group: Chair of Abertillery BG RFC

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? Abertillery BG RFC Stage 2 regeneration.

What are the aims of the project? To build on the success of the renovated grandstand facility and provide a safe, accessible, outdoor area suitable for use for players, spectators and visitors to the park. The ground will be decked with an area to shelter and a food shack to provide drinks and snacks (please see attached plan). Outdoor lighting will also be added to maximise usage. As things stand, our main aim is to provide our Mini and Junior rugby teams (ages 4-16) the extra space to allow parents to watch their children whilst playing, provide an area for the children to relax in between games, support their friends and a facility to have a warm snack and drink. We recognise however that the project can benefit other rugby groups, community groups and general visitors to the park

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? Since the renovation of the grandstand, we have increased the number of visitors to Abertillery Park significantly. Local rugby matches are bringing in 400+ spectators and events such as Slug fest and Aber Rocks have attracted over 500 people each (The former is a charitable heavy metal weekend with proceeds going to charity. The latter is a music event organised by the club to generate funds, promote interest and to organise something for the community as a whole). As they have been so well received, we are aiming to hold both these events on a yearly basis.

We have also hosted party in the park for the Queens Jubilee on behalf of ALCC. This November we are hosting a charity event to raise funds for Motor Neurons Disease in conjunction with the Rotary Club

As was the initial aim, the club is currently being used by a number of community groups such as Youth Drama and music groups. Mini and junior rugby continues to thrive and we attract players (and their parents) from all areas of Cwmtillery, Abertillery, Six Bells, Llanhilleth, Brynithel and beyond. A new walking rugby team is in the early stages of being set up with support from the WRU and Aneurin leisure. We are also working towards a women's team.

This now leaves us in the fortunate position of needing more space. Sundays are predominantly Mini and junior rugby days and this extra space will allow parents to watch their children whilst playing, provide an area for the children to relax in between games and a facility to have a warm snack and drink.

Approximate number of beneficiaries thousands

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? If successful, the grant will cover the cost of most of the materials with the club contributing towards the fit out of the food shack, any remaining materials and all labour costs

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Carpentry fees for decking and roof construction	£4,500
Carpentry fees for food cabin and kitchen fitting	£2,000
Electrician fees for food cabin fit out	£1,000
500+ project volunteer hours	
Sub Total	£7,500
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Decking and roofing materials	£7,500
Food cabin construction and electrical materials	£2,100
Food cabin kitchen	£2,000
Digging of utility trench for food cabin	£1,900

Food cabin fridge and 2x hot plates	£500
Outdoor lighting	£1,450
10x hardwood picnic benches	£2,950
3x patio heaters	£651
Sub Total	£19,051
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £26,551

How will your project improve the local environment? At present, the proposed area for the decking is an unused, overgrown, wasteland area which needs clearing of rubble and other materials. It is directly visible from the main cycle path that runs onto the rest of the park and the Ebbw Fach trail. We would be looking not only to improve this area but tidy up and remove rubbish from the river. We already run a volunteer litter picking group for the whole of the area and we would continue to do this in order to maximise the natural beauty of what is an outstanding local facility.

How does your project contribute to sustainability? We want to use composite decking that has a guarantee of at least 25 years to provide an area not only fit for now, but also future generations. The product is also maintenance free. We will use LED lighting to keep energy prices low and do our bit towards lowering carbon emissions. There would be an area of land next to the river that is not used on this project – we are proposing to convert this to a wildflower meadow to attract pollinators and other wildlife. This would be following consultation with the council's ecology officer.

How does your project link with local schools? As well as the mini and junior section, we have strong links with the local schools via committee members and the local development officer. The schools already run rugby training camps during school holidays and play school matches on our pitch. During the school holidays, food has been provided to the children and we would now be able to offer this from the food shack so the children can enjoy the outdoors. Aneurin Leisure have used our pitch in the past for the little legends initiative (parents and children aged 2-6 having basic rugby training) - they want to continue doing this. We have hosted 2 Gwent Dragons Rugby training events where local children are encouraged to attend and meet the players. These have proved very successful in the past at promoting sport and well-being with the bonus of being a fun event for all! The more space we can offer, the more people can come and enjoy the facility and these events.

How does your project promote volunteering? The entire facility is run by

volunteers. This project offers the opportunity for volunteers to get involved and work alongside qualified carpenters/ electricians etc.

From experience, particularly in the younger age groups, an increase in participation results in an increase in volunteering. We have seen this with our mini and junior sections. However, we would be looking to build on this and we continuously canvas for volunteers in person and via social media. The more we offer, the more people come to the facility and the more volunteers we can identify and recruit. We currently have around 40 core volunteers.

We also have identified that pitch maintenance offers opportunity for volunteers to get involved who are seeking specialist skills (mental health groups and youth offending services have already expressed an interest in this) and are aiming for the same when it comes to running the food shack.

We understand the well-being benefits of volunteering in terms of being part of a group and making a difference. We acknowledge the work of our volunteers by thanking them in person (and on social media) and by holding volunteer events. Eg we have provided a free buffet in the past and are holding a Christmas meal this year for our volunteers.

How does your project promote links between communities? We have forged strong links with other community groups such as Youth Drama and charity groups who use the facility. Additionally, we have been approached by a number of groups who have expressed an interest in using our club/ pitch (yoga groups/ mental health clubs, School of Hard Knocks). Together with the rugby teams, we reach a huge proportion of our community ranging from toddlers to the elderly, catering for a vast array of interests.

Our aim was always for the facility to be for all the community, and we now want to build on this by offering additional space that can be utilised not just by the rugby and Mini and Junior section but by other groups too.

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

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From the very start of the regeneration of the grandstand (started in 2020) our whole ethos has been to not only to improve the rugby facility, but Abertillery Park as a

whole. The park has been voted the most picturesque area to play rugby and is frequently quoted in Rugby players' biographies.

The area is still classed as deprived (Cwmtillery ward is 1 of 6 wards in Blaenau Gwent deemed the most deprived 10% of areas in Wales. – Welsh Index Multiple Deprivation) and anything we can do to promote the area and provide a facility for local communities now and in the future, will be done. The first phase has provided a modern facility for use by the Rugby and community groups and has been embraced by everyone. We now want to build on this to provide an outdoor space for Rugby, community groups and visitors to the park.

We offer a number of volunteering options and should the club continue to do well, we would be looking to employ a bar/ facility manager.

In terms of regeneration of the facility, we have aimed to use the best materials we can afford to minimise maintenance costs and ensure the facility is fit for future use. We have installed energy saving LED lights and are aiming for our own wildflower meadow.

Firstly, as a club we recognise the obvious physical benefits of playing a team sport and we offer Rugby to all ages and abilities via the mini and junior pathway right through to walking Rugby. Secondly, we recognise the wellbeing benefits of being outdoors and the facility at Abertillery Park is truly breath taking. If we can combine both using this project – we can enhance the physical and mental health of our community. Thirdly, there are physical, emotional, and mental health benefits to volunteering, and we work hard to ensure our volunteers are valued and supported (see volunteer section for examples). We pride ourselves on being a family club and all are welcome here.

We have in the past experienced anti-social behaviour at the park. Through working with the council, the police, schools, youth offending team and installing CCTV we have managed to keep this to a minimum. The public in general have pride in the facility and are now challenging unacceptable behaviour and reporting it (this has not happened in the past).

Abertillery BG RFC has a rich history. New Zealand, South Africa, Australia and Japan have all graced the field at Abertillery Park. We celebrate this through the display of memorabilia in the club which has in turn, led to a whole new generation understanding the culture and history of both rugby and the impact on the local area. Wherever possible we source and use local eg we use a local business for our buffets and a local electrician for a rewire of the clubhouse.

If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

Primarily a safe, outdoor area which encourages participation and support of children's sport in the local area. It would also provide a place for other rugby groups and community groups to use and visitors to sit and enjoy the surroundings with a warm drink.

Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?

We would welcome and encourage, ALCC to the park at any time to evaluate progress and see the final outcome. All relevant departments within BGCBC have been fully consulted regarding this project. We are of course happy to provide whatever documentation is required – This can be during and/or on completion of the project.

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

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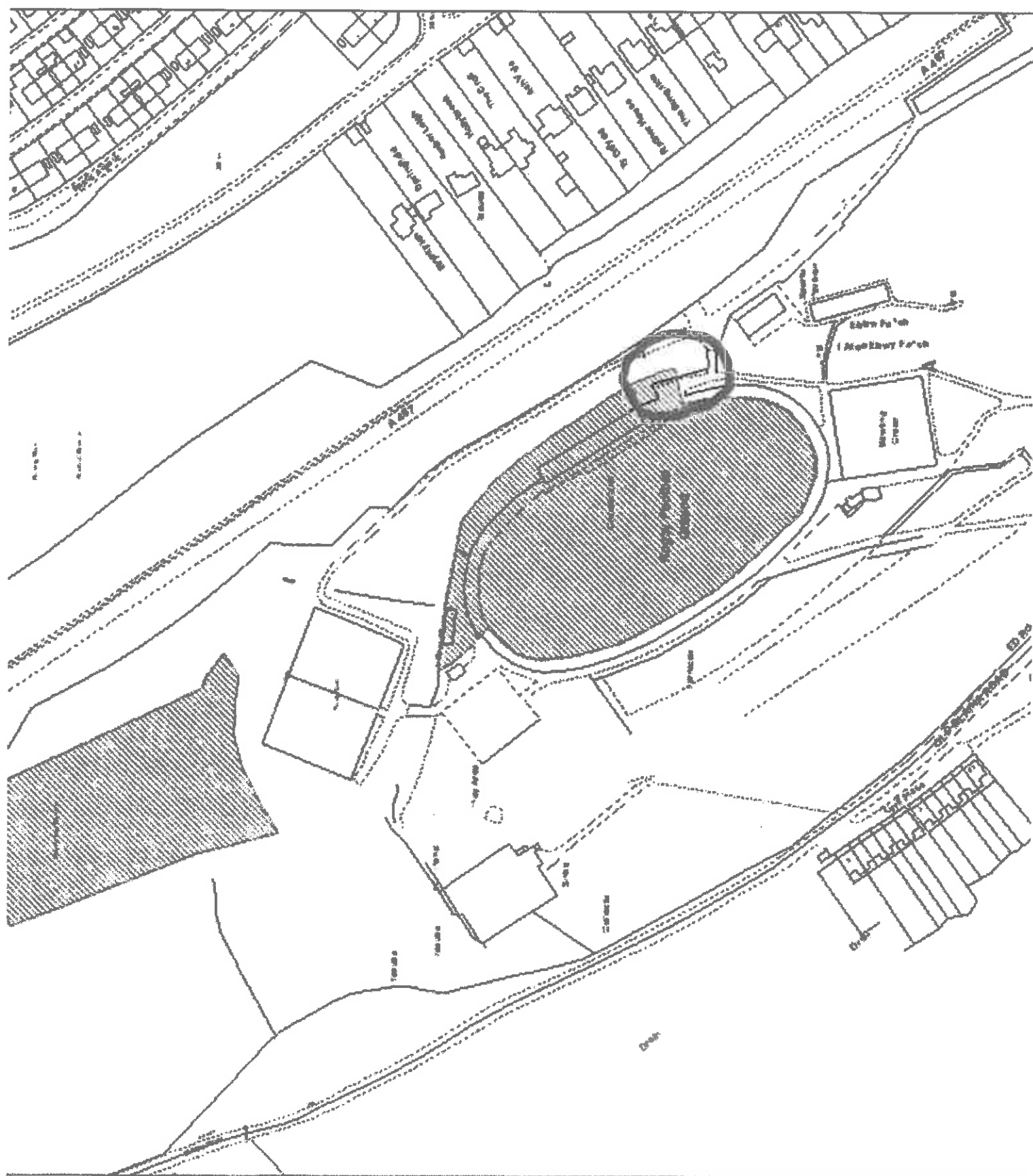
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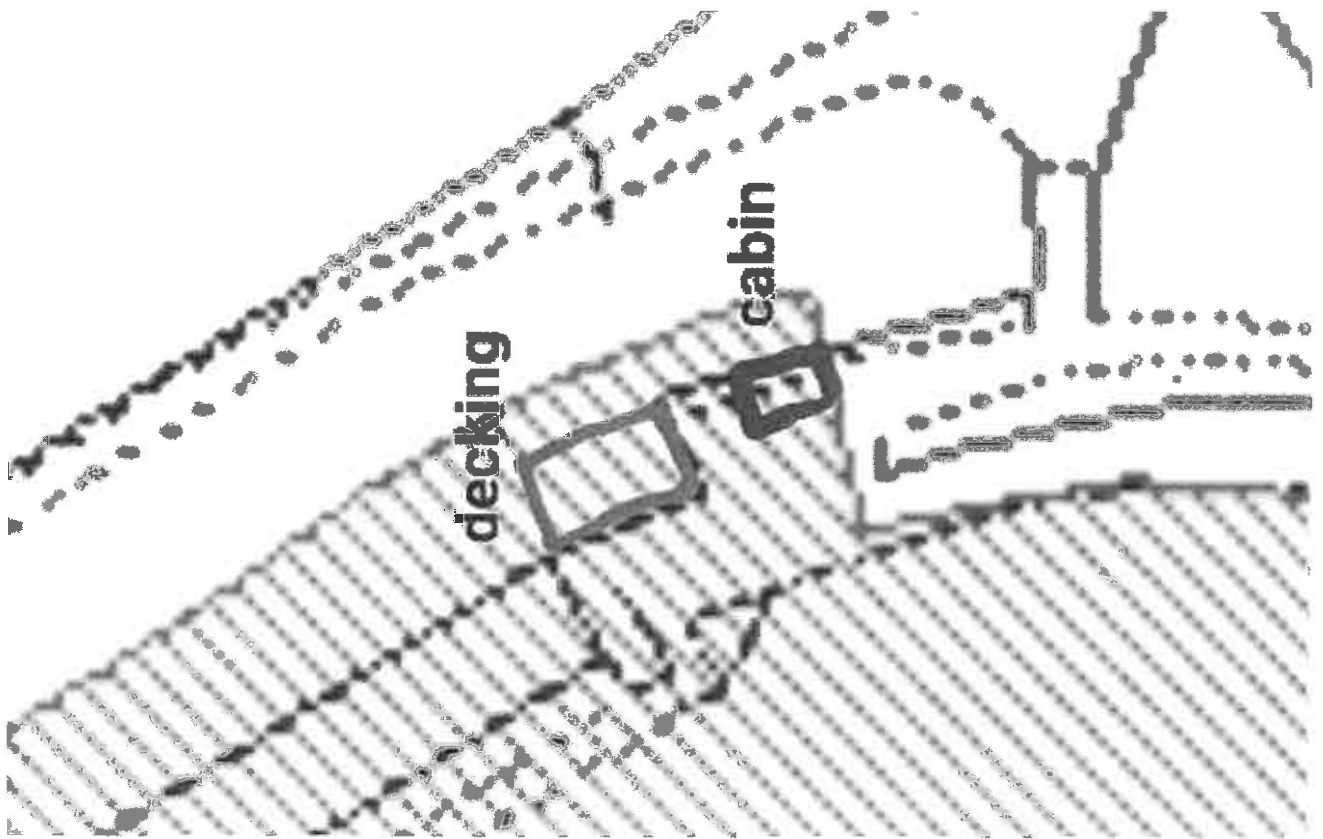
Signed: C. Wilkins

Print Name: Chris Wilkins

Date: 01/11/2022

This form must be submitted with any relevant supporting documents you wish to submit (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council by Tuesday 8th November 2022, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com







Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2022 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Friends of Bethany

Contact name: Hywel Clatworthy.....

Role in group: Treasurer.....

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project?

Building a resilient community building

What are the aims of the project?

Bethany Baptist Church is at the heart of the local community of Six Bells and serves the community through a host of community activities and events together with regular weekly services, Sunday School etc. The aim of the project is to carry out some essential maintenance work (re-rendering and pointing where water is currently ingressing into the church), in order to keep the building in good condition and fit for purpose to serve the community.

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

Bethany is located in the heart of Six Bells. We are made up of a group of volunteers who seek to serve the local and wider community in whatever way we can. The church is used for many different community activities, which are only able

to take place if the building is well maintained, warm and dry. This essential building work aims to maintain the building for all the following sorts of activity :

- Sunday Services open to all at 11am and 6pm.
- Weekly Sunday School.
- Weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Meeting.
- Ebbw Fach Choir practice at the church.
- Local organisations such as the Moose use Bethany School Room for their annual fundraising drive.
- Abertillery & Blaina Rotary Christmas Carol Concert.
- The Six Bells Campus (neighbouring Primary School) use the church for educational activities and hold their Christmas concerts in the church.
- The church hosts meetings of Six Bells Tenants and Residents Association.
- The local food co-op sometimes uses the church to distributes food from.
- There is also a weekly coffee morning.
- Holiday Clubs for primary aged children.
- Annual Flower Festival.
- Community events for occasions like Harvest, St David's Day, Queen's Jubilee, Christmas etc.
- Hosting Churches Together in Abertillery events.
- Weddings and Funerals.
- Baptisms, Infant Dedications, Missionary Meetings.
- Gwent Baptist Association Meetings.

Approximate number of beneficiaries 500-1000 individuals per year

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant?

Refurbishment of side wall of Church Building.

The side of the church facing the car park is part rendered and part pointed stone. The render is coming away, and the stonework pointing is coming loose. Both need urgent repairs to prevent moisture and damp in the church which is beginning to be evident on that wall.

Bethany Baptist Church is 125 years old, and as with any old building, maintenance and upkeep is really important in order to prevent damp and deterioration. In order for Bethany to be able to continue to serve the community for the next 125 years, it is vital that this work is carried out.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Any shortfall should any contingency funding be needed (e.g. scaffolding costs are not included on the quotations)	£tbc
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
Welsh Church Fund (outcome not yet known)	£1000
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Hit off and fine down existing external rendering	£5145
Pointing	£1470
VAT	£1323
Sub Total	£7938
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£8938

How will your project improve the local environment?

Bethany is an attractive, traditional chapel building which is an important feature in the landscape of Six Bells. This maintenance work is essential in order to ensure that the building does not fall into disrepair or become an eyesore.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

Sustainable development is about balancing social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing. Bethany makes a significant social and cultural contribution to the community through the activities, events, services and so on that are held there. It provides a warm and pleasant venue for people to meet for events such as coffee mornings, choir rehearsals and so on, and activities that Bethany organise are always free, so are accessible to all income levels. It is always better use of resources to re-pair and re-use buildings, rather than to build new ones, so maintaining this building contributes to the circular economy.

How does your project link with local schools?

We have very close links with Six Bells Campus which is right next to the church. Children from the school visit the church for educational visits and have worked with

us to put together Christmas shoeboxes of gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The school use the church as a venue for Christmas concerts and members of the church have organised activities for the school such as an Easter treasure hunt and Christmas gifts for all the children. The church regularly holds assemblies in the school. We have put on joint concerts, for example a St David's Day concert between the school choir and the Ebbw Fach choir which helped to raise funds to educate Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. We hold an annual Summer Holiday Club and family events most holidays, which many children from the school attend, and which are free of charge for everyone.

How does your project promote volunteering?

Bethany has no paid members of staff, so everything that happens in the church building happens as a result of volunteers. The ministers, deacons, musicians, children's workers and so on are all volunteers. The weekly coffee morning is run by a dedicated team of volunteers. There are opportunities for volunteers to get involved in every area of what we do. For instance many of our young people get vital work experience for their CVs by volunteering as team leaders for our Summer Holiday Club or as Sunday School teachers.

How does your project promote links between communities?

Bethany has close links with other community groups in Six Bells. For example, we have close links with Six Bells Regeneration at Ty Ebbw Fach, and have put on joint events. We have strong links with Six Bells Tenants and Residents Association, who meet for free in the church, and the church is used as a venue for lunch for TRA volunteers after litter picking events etc. We also support events by the Friends of Six Bells Park by having stalls and offering free craft activities.

We also have good links with the wider Abertillery area, through our membership of Churches Together in Abertillery and we collaborate with them to put on joint events, schools work, stalls at Winterfest etc.

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

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Prosperous Wales - the rendering and pointing work will make the building watertight and reduce damp, so will reduce the amount spent on energy bills. Repairing and re-using an existing building saves carbon, when compared with building a new building. Bethany contributes to the local economy by offering a range of different activities for free to the local community. We are using a small local builder to carry out the work, and we always use small local businesses for any maintenance work that we need done.

Resilient Wales - reducing carbon emissions by having a well maintained, dry building is important. We have installed low energy lighting, draft proofing and automatic door closers to reduce our energy use.

Healthier Wales - Bethany run and host a wide variety of activities which promote community cohesion and tackle loneliness and isolation. Tackling loneliness is important for improving people's mental health, so opportunities to meet others at services, coffee mornings, community events etc play a vital role in improving the health of the community.

A more Equal Wales - everything we do in Bethany is open to anyone to take part in. We have people of all ages, genders, ethnicity, race and abilities involved in the activities that we do.

Cohesive Communities - Bethany is at the heart of the local community. Even those who don't come along regularly, see the chapel as "their" chapel. The activities that we host are all about bringing communities together and helping people to connect with one another. We also go out to other venues to help build community relationships, e.g. visiting the school, support the Six Bells TRA and Friends of Six Bells Park at fetes, litterpicks etc, carol singing around the streets, visiting older and bereaved folk at home and so on.

Vibrant Culture - Bethany has existed for 125 years and over this time has continued to play a vital role culturally, by providing a Christian place of worship, by hosting concerts, craft evenings, and so on. This role continues as the building is the "home" of the Ebbw Fach Choir who rehearse there each week. We hold many different cultural events such as St David's Day concerts, Harvest events, Flower Festivals, carol concerts and so on.

Globally Responsible - Bethany takes its role as part of the global community very seriously. The congregation raises significant amounts of money every year for projects across the world, including Christian Aid, a disabled school and orphanage in Zimbabwe, health clinics in Orissa, India, support for Ukrainian refugees and many

more. We are a Fairtrade church, and so use Fairtrade tea and coffee for all of our events, recognising that the things we buy have an impact on those across the world, and we regularly promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and on other occasions.

If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

A well maintained building, with no leaks or damp during heavy rain, that is able to continue to serve the community of Six Bells in many ways.

Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?

Yes, we will supply completion reports and evidence of the work once it has been completed. Because the work is weather dependent and the builder we will be using has other work over the winter, this will be in Spring 2023.

Is your organisation a: Friends of Bethany are a constituted community group (see attached constitution.)

Payee name: Friends of Bethany

Signed:



Print Name: Hywel Clatworthy

Date: 5/11/22

This form must be submitted with any relevant supporting documents you wish to submit (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council by Tuesday 8th November 2022, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2022 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Abertillery Amateur Dramatic musical Society (AADMS)

Contact name: Rebecca Webber

Role in group: Secretary

Telephone number:

Email:

What is the name of your project? We have just completed Little Shop of Horrors and next year we are going to be doing Night at the Movies

What are the aims of the project? To bring the joy back into live theatre for the local community

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? It would benefit all community as it starts to bring people back out in the community and to use the facilities in the community as well. Community members will be taking part both on stage and back stage crew

Approximate number of beneficiaries: the Community and Society.

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? The production of the night at the movies.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Hire of Venue	£ 2000
Costumes	£ 1000
Rehearsal costs	£500
Sub Total	£3500
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
Contributions from members	£1200
Ticket Sales	£1500
Sub Total	£2700
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Lighting and Sound hire	£ 3000
Music and band costs	£1500
Sub Total	£4500
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £10,700

How will your project improve the local environment? n/a

How does your project contribute to sustainability? Contributes to the community using local venues keeping them open and viable

How does your project link with local schools? Audience members

How does your project promote volunteering? We regularly use volunteers for back stage crew, and front of house.

How does your project promote links between communities: our membership spans local communities of Blaenau Gwent and surrounding areas, our audiences are also from a variety of local communities

How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

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Our project is mainly concerned with celebrating culture and arts including developing live theatre, singing and a celebration of music. After a global pandemic it is more important than ever to come together as a community to enjoy the arts, enjoy performing and, as a society, enjoy the social aspects of being together. Participation in cultural events and group singing is beneficial for people's mental health and resilience leading to better health and community cohesion.

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If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?
2/3 nights of musical entertainment provided by the community members, for the community.

Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?
Photos / evidence can be provided on completion of the project in June 2023

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

Community Group
Payee name: Abertillery Operatic Society (AADMS)

Signed: R.Webber

Print Name: Rebecca Webber
Date: 7.11.22

This form must be submitted with any relevant supporting documents you wish to submit (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) to Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council by Tuesday 8th November 2022, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2022 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Ebenezer Baptist Church Park Place Abertillery NP13 1ED

Contact name:Eryl... Dykes.....

Role in group:Church Secretary
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Telephone number: ..
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Email:
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What is the name of your project? ... Car park and Schoolroom
upgrade.....
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What are the aims of the project? The project will provide the Church with a
secure boundary fence and alleviates some of the parking issues we currently
experience. It will also provide...more comfortable...seating in the downstairs
schoolroom.....
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**How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its
residents?** We have a small car park attached to the church, The boundary
fence needs replacing and, parking bollards installed. The seating in the downstairs
hall which was refurbished in 2019 now needs replacing and upgrading in order to
make it suitable for the needs of our community.
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Approximate number of beneficiaries

.....500.....

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? Community groups will be able to access a comfortable environment with safe parking.....
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Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Fencing and parking Bollards	£1409.26
Seating	3884.4
	£
Sub Total	£5294
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£

How will your project improve the local environment? ... We are aware as a church the last few years have had a devastating impact on community life. The impact on mental health and the cost of living crisis means that the provision of community safe spaces has become even more important.....
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How does your project contribute to sustainability? ...For many years Ebenezer has been committed to providing and upgrading the building we have done much to provide energy saving measures by double glazing and draught proofing the building we have retro fitted energy saving lighting and solar panels. Recently we have installed room monitors.....

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How does your project link with local schools? ...we link with a number of local schools. This year Meithrin held a Harvest Festival and play opportunity we plans have been made or Christmas event. We will link with local schools for a Christingle service .We are instrumental in working local churches in taking and interactive presentation into local schools

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How does your project promote volunteering?

The church encourages volunteers through GAVO with whom we partner. Opportunities are available in the food bank, lunch time soup and a sandwich project and our toddler group.....

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How does your project promote links between communities?.. We are aware of the need to promote cohesive links between community organisations in our area and beyond

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How does your project help deliver the seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, namely:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities

- **A Wales of vibrant culture**
- **A globally responsible Wales?**

As a church we play our part in working with a number of agencies such as Coalfields Regeneration Trust and GAVO as well as voluntary groups such as the Rotary Club and Blaenau Gwent Wellbeing friends. We are active in the community playing a part in in town festivals, additionally this Summer the church hosted a series of open air musical and family friendly events in the town. We were grateful to receive support from the town Abertillery and Llanhilleth Council as well as the Gwent Baptist Association in enabling us to provide these events This all makes for a vibrant cultural experience .As a church we are aware that we have a role to play in promoting a globally responsible Wales so we are working toward the Bronze award promoted by A Rocha

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

If funding is granted, what will successful delivery of the project look like?

We will be able to upgrade the external facilities as well providing a space for future community events

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Will you (and when will you) supply completion reports / evidence / photos?
... We will supply completion reports and evidence at the completion of the project...

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Is your organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for
profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)
..... Charity No

1198946

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Payee name: Ebenezer Baptist Church

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Signed: Eryl
Dykes.....

Print Name: Eryl
Dykes.....

Date:

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Council Grant criteria and process

The current criteria for the award of Council Grants were drawn up more than five years ago. In practice, the Council has regularly chosen not to follow its own criteria.

There appear to be two main reasons for this:

- The Council expected applications for Council Grants to greatly exceed the available budget. It, therefore, agreed criteria that would limit the number of applicants. In practice, Council Grants have been under-subscribed.
- The upper limit for Council Grants is currently £500, “unless in exceptional circumstances.” The lower limit for Solar Farm Grants is £5,000. Unless it ignores its own criteria, the Council has no avenue to award grants in the £500-£5,000 range.

The revised Council Grant criteria and process (below) raise the financial limit for Council Grants and remove or amend some other criteria to better reflect how Council Grant awards have been determined in practice.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council

Revised Council Grant criteria and process

1. The purpose of Council Grants is to help local communities and established organisations to improve the well-being of local people. A Council Grant award will only be made if there is a clear economic, social or environmental well-being benefit to residents of the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.
2. Council Grant awards will not be made to individuals, to individual families or to ad hoc groups unless the applicant can demonstrate a clear economic, social or environmental well-being benefit to the wider community of the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.
3. The organisation must usually be based in, or operate substantially in, the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area, and the majority of the members of the organisation, or those it serves, should live in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.
4. If the organisation is based outside the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area, evidence must be given of how (and how many) people from the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area benefit from the work of the organisation.
5. In determining Council Grant awards, the Council shall place a high value on voluntary and community service.
6. The Council will not make a grant to professional or commercial clubs or organisations, companies, businesses or other enterprises that aim to make a profit. The Council will make grants only to organisations if they are not-for-profit and if any surplus generated by the enterprise is reinvested into improving local communities or local community facilities.
7. Organisations such as sports clubs or parks that have become companies in order to

manage or run community facilities under Community Asset Transfers may be considered for Council Grants.

8. The Council will not award a Council Grant to a national or regional charity, unless they can demonstrate clearly and specifically how that funding will benefit residents and service users in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area.
9. The Council shall allocate its Council Grants budget according to the principle of benefiting as many people and communities in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area as possible.
10. Council Grants will not usually be awarded for amounts over £500. In any case, the Council shall not award a Council Grant of more than £5,000 to an applicant.

How does the Council Grants process work?

1. All Council Grant applications should be made using the Council Grant application form. The Council may refuse to consider any grant applications that are not made using the required form or that do not contain the required details (e.g. the specific amount requested and the purpose of the grant).
2. Council Grant applications may be considered by the Finance and Grants Committee before submission to the Full Council. The Committee may scrutinise the application and make recommendations to the Full Council.
3. A representative of the applicant organisation may be required to attend a meeting of the Council or of the Finance and Grants Committee in order to provide more information about the application.
4. Any grant award made by the Council should be publicised appropriately by the receiving organisation (e.g., on its website, social media pages and/or posters/programmes).
5. The Council may at any time require any and all such evidence as it decides that a Council Grant given previously has been spent in the manner for which it was intended.

Summary of proposed amendments

Proposed amendments	Reason
Insert: <i>"Council Grants will not be awarded to individuals, to individual families or to ad hoc groups unless the applicant can demonstrate a clear economic, social or environmental well-being benefit to the wider community of the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council area."</i>	The current criteria assume that only established charities or community groups will apply for Council Grants. In practice, the Council has received several applications from individuals.
Delete: <i>"Council Grants will not be given to groups to pay for ongoing running costs (e.g., insurance, water, gas and other utility supplies etc) unless in exceptional circumstances."</i>	In practice, Council Grants have often been awarded for 'running costs' such as the provision of refreshments. Removing this clause would enable the Council to consider any application for 'running costs' on its merits.
Delete: <i>"The Council wishes to spend its limited grants budget to help as many people and communities as possible in the ALCC area. The Council will not therefore give financial support to the same organisation in two consecutive years unless in exceptional circumstances."</i>	The current criteria assume that the Council will be over-subscribed with applications for Council Grants and will need to ration its support. In practice, the Council Grants budget has been under-subscribed for several years.

Proposed amendments (cont.)	Reason
Delete: <i>"The Council will not give a grant of more than £500 to one organisation unless in exceptional circumstances."</i> Insert: <i>"Council Grants will not usually be awarded for amounts over £500. In any case, the Council shall not award a Council Grant of more than £5,000 to an applicant."</i>	The Council currently has no provision for grant awards between £500 (the upper limit for Council Grants) and £5,000 (the lower limit for Solar Farm Grants). In practice, the Council has regularly ignored the £500 limit. This amendment would formally raise the limit to close the current £500-£5,000 gap.
Delete <i>"All Council Grant applications must be made using the Council Grant application form. The Council will not consider any grant applications which are not on the required form."</i> Insert: <i>"All Council Grant applications should be made using the Council Grant application form. The Council may refuse to consider any grant applications that are not made using the required form."</i>	The official form is the preferred method to collect the necessary information but, in practice, several successful applicants have provided all the necessary information in a letter.
Delete: <i>"The Finance and Grants Committee will consider all grant applications in detail and make recommendations to the full Council."</i> Insert: <i>"Council Grant applications may be considered by the Finance and Grants Committee before submission to the Full Council. The Committee may scrutinise the applications and make recommendations to the Full Council."</i>	The current criteria assume that the Council will be over-subscribed with applications for Council Grants and will need the Finance and Grants Committee to sift through them. In practice, the Council Grants budget has been under-subscribed. If a meeting of the Finance and Grants Committee has been scheduled before the next Full Council meeting, it may be helpful for them to look through applications – but making it a requirement that all applications are scrutinised by that committee seems an unnecessary step.
Delete: <i>"The Finance and Grants Committee and the Council will consider grant applications no more than four times a year; intended to be in April, June, November and January. Any applications submitted after a relevant deadline will be held over and not considered until the following meeting."</i>	The current criteria assume that the Council will be over-subscribed with applications for Council Grants and will need to set aside special meetings to consider them. In practice, the Council has shown itself to be perfectly able to deal with Council Grant applications on an ad hoc basis.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

Clwb Llan Children's Centre Llanhilleth Miners Institute

Group Contact name: Laura Price

Role in the group: Children's Development Officer

Telephone number: 01495400204 extension 107

Email: laura.price@llanhillethinstitute.com

What are the aims of your project?

To engage with local children facing disadvantage and enable them to have access to sports, cultural, leisure and educational activities to raise aspiration, address specific needs, reduce isolation, and enable children to become more involved in their community.

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

Children feel safe and nurtured, they can play, learn, socialise, get involved in community life. Clwb Llan allows children ages 3-16 years to access a wide range of activities and extra curriculum skills. These activities are provided afterschool and during school holidays. Children can meet new friends, learn a new skill and build confidence.

Approx number of beneficiaries 120 (3–16-year-olds)

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
Room Hire (Swire Trust)	£300
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
Eden Education Lego Workshops X2	£150
Head 4 Arts Craft Workshops X2	£150
Go Connect Gaming Workshop X2	£150
Sub Total	£450
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£750

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

Payee name: Llanhilleth Miners Institute

Name of person making the application: Laura Price

Print Name: Laura Price

Signed: L.L.Price

Date: 06.12.2022

Please return this form with any relevant supporting documents (group constitution, financial statements, letters of support etc.) to: Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or to clerk.alcc@gmail.com



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

Wales Air Ambulance, Ty Elusen, Ffordd Angel, Llanelli Gate, Dafen, Llanelli. SA14 8LQ

Group Contact name:Hannah Mitchell.....

Role in the group: Grants and Trusts Fundraiser.....

Telephone number: 07973882440.....

Email: Hannah.mitchell@walesairambulance.com

What are the aims of your project? At Wales Air Ambulance, our mission is to deliver lifesaving advanced medical care to people across Wales whenever and wherever they need it. We are on standby 24/7, 365 days a year.

Rapid Response Vehicles (RRV's) are now part of our operational fleet alongside our helicopters at each of our four bases across Wales. We are writing to ask for your help to fund these vehicles. Lease costs, fuel, tyres and insurance add up to an average monthly cost of £1608 for each RRV.

RRVs provide vital land-based support when poor weather prevents the helicopters from taking off. Sometimes it might be quicker for an RRV to reach an incident in a town or city location where landing a helicopter would be difficult. The consultant-led crews, medical kit and communications equipment are exactly the same as onboard the helicopters, so patients always receive the same high quality of care.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? In 2021 out of 3544 missions across Wales, our critical care practitioners were able to attend to 688 trauma related emergencies, 593 road incidents and 558 cardiac arrests, which means that over half of all missions are concerned with these

three types of emergency. Out of the 3544 missions, 94 were in your region of Blaenau Gwent. Wales Air Ambulance provides lifesaving advanced medical care for the people of Abertillery and Llanhilleth.

Approx number of beneficiaries Approx 94 across Blaenau Gwent (split between 4 community councils makes an average of **23 missions** per community council, although these numbers could be higher or lower depending on the area covered)

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
One RRV lease, fuel, tyres and insurance for one year	£18,796
	£
	£
Sub Total	£18,796
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc.VAT)
Contribution to RRV cost for one year	£500
	£
Sub Total	£500
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£19,296

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

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Charity no. 1083645

Payee name: Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust.....

Name of person making the application:

Print Name: HANNAH MITCHELL.....

Signed: H Mitchell

Date: 06/12/2022.....

Well-being of Future Generations Act

The following is included in the terms of reference for the Council's Planning, Commerce and Environment (PlaCE) Committee.

To consider the needs of the Community Council area and the opportunities for the Council in regards to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Blaenau Gwent Public Services Board Well-being Plan and the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental Well-being under the Local Government Act 2000, and to make recommendations to the Full Council.

That committee has proposed that the above sentence is added to the terms of reference of all Council committees and sub-committees.