

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:

Bethany Baptist Church Chapel Road, Six Bells Abertillery NP13 2ND
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Contact name: **Mrs Hazel Clatworthy**

Role in group: **Children & School Liaison Co-ordinator**

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What is the name of your project? Bethany Christmas Craft and Gift Project

What are the aims of the project? We would like to bring happiness to many children who again have had a difficult 2021. Six Bells is in an area of multiple deprivation and it is likely that because of the socio-economic impacts of Covid 19 and the changes to Universal Credit may not be likely to have much of a Christmas. We would like to do something to bring a smile to each of these children who have experienced the impact of the disruptions due to The Covid-19 Pandemic.

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

NHS research details The 5 ways to Wellbeing as:

- Connect with other people. Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing.
- Be physically active. Being active is not only great for your physical health and fitness.
- Learn new skills.
- Give to others.
- Pay attention to the present moment.

We believe that the Christmas Craft and Gift Project is a mutually beneficial cause which meets four out of five of these criteria, thus positively impacting the residents and families of this community.

Approximate number of beneficiaries: Approximately 350 learners at Six Bells Campus.

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

Each year at Christmas time we look for opportunities to do something for the local children. In the past we have hosted lantern making workshops, had a Santa's grotto, given books to children at the Christmas fair, held outdoor interactive nativity plays with real animals, given sweets out whilst carol singing in the streets and had Christmas photo shoots and so on.

Over the last few years we have developed a good relationship with Bryngwyn and Queen Street schools, and this has developed even further since the opening of the Six Bells Campus next to the church, with regular visits to the church and from the church.

This Christmas we want to be able to give something to our local children. We would like to give a Christmas gift to every child that attends the Six Bells Campus. This would consist of a selection box, a Christmas book and a few Christmas craft activities (examples shown below).

Nativity Colour-in Wooden Decorations



Deck the halls with these classic decorations - they're sure to be perfect for all kinds of celebrations! These colour-in tree adornments are a fun-packed craft activity in the run-up to the big day. Perfect for church groups, schools and home alike, all you need are pens or colouring tools and a dash of inspiration. Each design has a pre-printed guide, so our top tip is to take it slow and stay within the lines. Children will enjoy adding their own creative flair to professional looking decorations that can be hung on the tree or mantelpiece. With so many motifs to choose from including Jesus in the manger, the little donkey, wise men and more. It's also a brilliant way to learn about the Nativity story. Colour design and bring to life!

10 reviews

Pack of 12 ~~£6.95~~ **£4.95**
Add to Basket

Pack of 36 ~~£14.04~~ **£10.53**
Add to Basket

View item details

Nativity Colour-in Baubles



You'll have a ball with these clever makes! In the Nativity story there is one bright star that could be seen far and wide, but here we've got a whole array of shining baubles that are sure to draw the eye. Each dazzling decoration uses a simple transparent plastic bauble with a card insert that can be slotted inside. Children can use their colouring pens and pencils to add a splash of life to the pre-printed designs, carefully shading in between the lines. Slide the card inside the bauble and your Nativity display will be complete. All you need to do is hang it on the tree! Colour, design, assemble and hang!

8 reviews

Pack of 8 ~~£6.95~~ **£4.95**
Add to Basket

Pack of 32 ~~£18.56~~ **£13.65**
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10 x Christmas Nativity Shapes, MDF Wooden Plain Craft Tags 100mm (10cm)

Brand: Lasercutouts
★★★★★ 2 ratings

Price: £3.99

Pay £3.99 £0.00: get a £30 Amazon Gift Card on approval for the Amazon Platinum Mastercard. Terms apply.

- Made in our workshop in the North East of England
- Huge range of shapes available, see our other listings
- Size 100mm (10cm)
- Made from 3mm MDF
- 10 Pack of Wooden Christmas Nativity Shapes for Craft Making, etc.

Report incorrect product information.

£3.99

FREE delivery: Sep 22 - 24 Details

Deliver to: Abertillery NP13 1

In stock.

Quantity: 1

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Dispatches from: laser craft

Sold by: laser craft

Return Policy: This item is returnable

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Christmas Nativity Scene Reward Sticker Labels Children Parents Teachers Kids Party (2.5 cm x 140 / 2, A4 Sheets)

Brand: Chunky Hamster
★★★★★ 2 ratings

Price: £3.99

Pay £3.99 £0.00: get a £30 Amazon Gift Card on approval for the Amazon Platinum Mastercard. Terms apply.

Size Name: 2.5 CM / 140 Stickers

2.5 CM / 140 Stickers
£3.99

2.5 CM / 280 Stickers
£7.99

3.5 CM / 70 Stickers
£3.99

3.5 CM / 140 Stickers
£7.99

£3.99

£1.05 delivery: Sep 22 - 23
Details

Deliver to: Abertillery NP13 1

In stock.

Quantity: 1

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Buy Now

Secure transaction

Dispatches from: Chunky Hamster

Sold by: Chunky Hamster

Return Policy: This item is returnable

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Cadbury Selection Box 89g

£0.89

Cadbury · Christmas · Milk Chocolate · Chocolate · Vegan · 89 grams

This Cadbury's treat size selection box contains a treatsize Fudge, Freddo, Curly Wurly and Chomp as well as a bag of buttons. These are the perfect stocking fillers for kids! ...

Other options

View product details

£0.89

Asda

3.99 delivery



£0.89

Asda

£3.50 delivery

£1.00

Ocado

£2.90 delivery

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group		Amount (inc. VAT)
Christmas Literature		£ 29-00
Bag or Envelope to present gift plus label		£ 31-00
		£
Sub Total		£ 60-00
B. Funding being provided by other organisations		Amount (inc.VAT)
nil		£
nil		£
Sub Total		£ nil
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant		Amount (inc.VAT)
Craft packs		£ 430-00
Selection boxes		£ 310-00
Sub Total		£ 740-00
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL		£ 800-00

How will your project improve the local environment? This project will enhance the homes of the pupils by the addition of the homemade craft that they add to their decorations!

How does your project contribute to sustainability? Bethany Baptist Church engages in several initiatives during the year which feed into the sustainability agenda, from fair trade fortnight to carefully sorting their waste to reduce, reuse, recycle. Similarly, these good practices will be utilized in the delivery of this project. Parents often like to use crafts that their young children have made and reuse them into adulthood as a keepsake of their child's endeavours when they were young. We hope such sentiment is attached to the craft that their child makes from the Bethany gift and parents keep to redisplay. The selection boxes we hope to purchase will be Cadbury who pride themselves on their 100% sustainably sourced chocolate.

How does your project link with local schools? We hope that this project will further strengthen the links we currently have with Six Bells Campus.

How does your project promote volunteering?

Members of our congregation at Bethany Baptist Church use their gifts and talents to feed into this project.

Aspects of this include:

- *Input into the application for funding from The Solar Farm.
- *Researching the craft catalogues and finding suitable handicrafts for the KS1 & KS2.
- *Shopping for the selection boxes.
- *Packing gift packs.
- *Designing a label so that family are aware of where the Christmas gift was given from.
- *Attaching labels to packs.
- *Ordering and taking delivery of items for packs.
- *Paying any invoices incurred for the items.
- *Delivering Christmas gift packs to Six Bells Campus and securing a suitable photograph of the distribution of Christmas Gift Packs.

How does your project promote links between communities?

The Christmas Craft and Gift project for the pupils of Six Bells Campus will promote links between Bethany Church and The Six Bells Campus, both of which lie at the heart of this community.

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?**

I will seek to address each of these aspects separately.

➤ **A prosperous Wales**

Bethany Church supports the Welsh Government's Twenty First Century Schools initiative. At the heart of a prosperous Wales is a suitable education of our community's children. Church Members participated in working parties during the planning and building of Six Bells Campus. We are delighted that the learners of our community have upgraded facilities in which to study. Having a good education is essential for a prosperous Wales and we aim to encourage the school in this aim.

➤ **A resilient Wales**

Being able to adapt to change connects to health and wellbeing. The ability to occupy oneself undertaking a task, like a craft activity from beginning to end is a building block to future determination and achievement.

➤ **A healthier Wales**

All members of society feed into the wellness of others. As a church, we want members of the community to experience a fullness of life and a joined up thinking approach to our youngsters is important in this aim. Our church promotes kindness and compassion. A church member has been pleased to undertake assemblies at Six Bells Campus promoting compassion and kindness in conjunction with school staff who daily work so hard to encourage empathy and understanding as part of the learner's education. Both institutions are working for the same aims...to encourage learners to make healthy life choices.

➤ **A more equal Wales**

Ensure that it uses every lever available to reduce inequalities and end poverty in Wales, maximising opportunities across all the well-being goals. Bethany Baptist Church endorses these aims. All services are open to all members of the community and prior to covid restrictions, Bethany Church weekly ran a vibrant Sunday school and annual holiday clubs attended by many children from the neighbouring streets.

➤ **A Wales of cohesive communities**

As a community facility, Bethany Baptist Church hosts many activities which promote cohesion. Bethany is located in the heart of Six Bells. We seek to serve the local and wider community in whatever way we can.

The church is used for many different community activities:

- ✚ The local choir practice at the church
- ✚ The school use the church for education 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 distributes food from the church every week.
- ✚ There is also a weekly coffee morning.

We are made up of a group of volunteers who are all united by our Christian faith.

Every year we run fundraising events for example a flower festival, craft evenings and various events throughout the year, 100% of all that we raise at these events are given to worthy causes.

If we know of local people in need we try and meet their specific needs.

Further afield we give annual support to several orphanages and schools in Zimbabwe and help pay for medical clinics in India for the Dalits.

➤ **A Wales of vibrant culture**

The Church at Bethany have been delighted to host Six Bells School's Christmas Celebrations. Nurturing the participation and supporting such community events has been most mutually beneficial and has helped to further reveal the talent and culture of local talent. We have previously collaborated with the school to present a joint St. David's Day Concert where the school choir and the local community choir performed bilingual songs.

➤ **A globally responsible Wales?**

The suppliers of the craft items have a strict code in relation to responsibly sourcing the items that they sell and as such we feel that we are meeting this criterion. In the past we have partnered with Six Bells Campus community to undertake Operation Christmas Child where shoe boxes have been prepared for underprivileged children in other countries. We have also collaborated to raise funds for Syrian school affected by war to receive an education in Lebanon.

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

Successful delivery of the project will mean the distribution of a Christmas gift pack to every child at Six Bells Campus for them to take home and enjoy.

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

In consultation with Six Bells Campus Head Teacher, we aim to provide photographs of pupils cleared to allow their photograph for evidential purposes.

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

Bethany Baptist Church, Six Bells is a community group which is ***not for profit***. It is a member of The Baptist Union of Wales.

Payee name: Bethany Baptist Church Treasurer's Account

Signed: H. Clatworthy

Print Name: **MRS. HAZEL CLATWORTHY**

Date: 22nd Sept 2021

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 Friday 24th September 2021, either by mail to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk.alcc@gmail.com

N.B.

Rough costings of craft and packaging materials are included in this application.

***As this is a one off project, we do not have a business plan.
Our hope is to spend approximately £2.50 per child.***

Many thanks for your consideration.

***Please see:
<https://buw.wales/who-are-we/>
for church constitution information.***

H.C. on Behalf of Bethany Baptist Church, Six Bells, Abertillery.

Correspondence address:

**Mrs Hazel Clatworthy
Blaencuffin Barn Farm
St Illtyd
Aberbeeg
NP13 2AY**

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Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Friends of Blaenau Gwent village and Roseheyworth park

Contact name: ...Catherine Sharkey

Role in group: ...Secretary

Telephone number: ...07830655192.....

Email: ...friendsofblaenauwentandroseheyworthpark@hotmail.com

What is the name of your project? Roseheyworth park renovation

What are the aims of the project? To implement new play equipment where the previous equipment was originally. To provide a stimulating , inviting environment where the local community can come together. To ensure this area remains accessible to the local community.

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? The refurbishment will invigorate the play area and benefit the community of Roseheyworth & Blaenau Gwent by providing a better equipped play area. It will benefit children of all ages and their parents/carers by providing an appealing and inclusive play space.

Approximate number of beneficiaries? 4500

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

A new and improved play area for the local community, where communities can come together in an enriched inviting environment.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group		Amount (inc. VAT)
		£
		£
		£
Sub Total		£nil
B. Funding being provided by other organisations		Amount (inc.VAT)
		£
		£
Sub Total		£nil
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant		Amount (inc.VAT)
Play equipment		£25606
Murals x2 £1100 each		£2200
Park bench x 1 460		
Picnic table x 3 2790. + 20% tax		£3900
Sub Total		£
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL	£31706 £ 31706

How will your project improve the local environment?

It will improve the local environment by ensuring that all the Green areas are maintained with the help of Blaenau Gwent county council. We will ensure that areas are kept litter free and items are recycled where possible. The park will be kept in good condition and in a well maintained order.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

We will ensure that we will be more efficient in regards to reducing waste, cutting down delivery costs by using local suppliers and reallocating resources more efficiently

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT THAT CAN BE REGULARLY CHECKED & MAINTAINED PLUS PAINTED EVERY FEW YEARS INSTEAD OF NOTHING THERE PRESENTLY

How does your project link with local schools?

The project will encourage all the children of the community and the local schools to participate in recreational activities, improving their mental well-being, their physical well-being and the community inclusiveness. And these local school children will be encouraged to volunteer with the project.

How does your project promote volunteering?

All participants to the group are volunteers and all members of the community able to participate on a voluntary basis

How does your project promote links between communities?

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council undertook a Play Area Review in 2018 which identified Roseheyworth as a play area with poor play value and recommended it for closure. However, the community with the support of local members have campaigned against the closure and have formed a Community group known as "Friends of Blaenau Gwent and Roseheyworth Park" to work in partnership with the council to improve the park for the benefit of the community both young and old. The work carried out so far by the group has resulted in a positive impact with litter cleans up, painting and horticultural works undertaken that has seen an increase in volunteers and a decrease in anti-social behaviour due to the "community ownership".

As the play area is central to the park, it is felt that by refurbishing it, will further improve the community buy in and make it a pleasant and inviting area for families to visit safely.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and have committed to renege its closure decision, and support the community group by undertaking the statutory maintain and inspection regime and retain insurance liability.

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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All resources used for this project will be local. The project encourages recycling

reducing waste and fly tipping by regular litter picking. The project is also redirected two natural springs which in turn has reduced flooding in the parking area.

This project will increase physical activity which will enhance the communities children's mental and physical well-being, it will also bring the community together increase in social, well-being and feelings of inclusiveness.

All walks of the community are encouraged to participate in this project. Everyone in the community will have access to the facilities, enabling them to have the same social and health opportunities that will be provided by the new park.

This project will bring people together who want to provide play opportunities for their children and others in the community. This intern will bring the local community together in achieving this goal. It will give them a sense of achievement and well-being.

This will be an excellent opportunity for the community to get involved in recreation. The mural's will provide a relevant and inclusive way of encouraging the younger generation to appreciate art, it will give the community opportunity to come together and integrate with everyone from their Community. We have a diverse community, so people will have opportunity to engage with others from their own and other cultures.

This project has from the beginning been involved in a globally responsible Wales. It encourages recycling using locally sourced materials. We will ensure that the supply chains we use are and fair ethical. The project will ensure that the park is welcome and safe and and say to all from all walks of the community.

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

There will be new play equipment in the park area , murals on the garages at the entrance of the park. Benches and picnic tables in the green area of the park.

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

Yes once all the renovations are completed or within 12 months

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

We are a non profit community group evidence of this is included in this application Constitution

Bank statements

BANK ACCOUNT CURRENTLY BEING TRANSFERRED TO NEW SIGNATORIES AT THE FOURTH ATTEMPT WITH LLOYDS BANK ATM. NOT BEEN AN EASY PROCESS WITH THEM

Payee name:

CATHERINE SHARKEY

Signed:

C Sharkey

Print Name:

Mrs. CATHERINE SHARKEY

Date:

28/9/2023

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 Friday 1st September 2023, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

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Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Llanhilleth RFC
Colliery Way
Llanhilleth
NP13 2RX

Contact name: Gareth Collier

Role in group: Chairman

Telephone number: 07968863774

Email: garrethcollier@aol.com

What is the name of your project?

Llanhilleth RFC Community Gathering Space

What are the aims of the project?

- To create an inclusive community gathering space
- To create visual improvement within the community whilst maintaining the integrity of the already established landscape
- To develop further positive and purposeful relationships with local residents, organisations and businesses

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

The Community Gathering Space will offer further opportunities for residents of the local community to attend a space created with them in mind. It will be an accessible and welcoming space for all. The space will also provide local organisations to utilise the space for community and youth based activities to take place, within the community and for the community.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

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

A Community Gathering Space with retractable roof-covering will be constructed. Although skilled tradesmen will do the majority of the construction work, there will be volunteering opportunities for members of the local community to take part in the project and be involved in the whole process.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£10,000
	£
	£
Sub Total	£10,000
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£0
	£
Sub Total	£0
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£20,000
	£
Sub Total	£
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£20,000

How will your project improve the local environment?

The project will aim to be a visual improvement to the grounds of Llanhilleth RFC whilst maintaining the integrity of the local landscape. With the railway line having upgrades and encouraging new people into Llanhilleth, we feel that offering an accessible and welcoming space will promote the image of the village.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

The project will aim to work with local organisations and businesses to procure supplies and services, enabling us to work towards offsetting economical impact of shipment pollution. In terms of the building infrastructure, we will aim to use

economical-friendly and sustainable materials which will be maintained by the club and its working members.

How does your project link with local schools?

As a sports club, Llanhilleth RFC has recently made contact with the local school in the village, St. Illtyd's Primary. Our hopes are to develop a positive and purposeful working relationship with the school, its staff and children so as to facilitate further learning and engagement opportunities within the local community. We feel that the proposed, new community gathering area will be beneficial to providing the school and its pupils with an area to visit and learn about their local community, heritage and links to rugby.

How does your project promote volunteering?

Our players, committee and club members hold a vested interest in Llanhilleth RFC and its development. As such, many of these individuals have already expressed their willingness to volunteer and participate in the facilitation of this project. Our working relationship with local youth organisation, Off The Streets, will also support us in encouraging and enabling many children, young people and their families in the village to take part in this project.

How does your project promote links between communities?

We already hold a fantastic relationship with the local community and many of the residents within the immediate area. The community gathering space will be inclusive and accessible, furthering our reach within the community and offering equal access to our club. We feel that by offering volunteering opportunities to club and community members, as well as the children and young people of Off The Streets, we will work towards bridging the gap between generations and offer a break from isolation for some

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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We aim to efficiently use resources which will be as economically friendly as possible, reducing our impact on environmental factors, locally and globally. Our volunteers for this project will be encouraged and enabled to learn new hands-on and interpersonal skills, supporting their future opportunities through experience. Our

project will aim to utilise local businesses and tradesmen in order to procure equipment, this supporting local employment rates.

Our project will work towards blending our structure with the already established environment. We acknowledge the local biodiversity within the site and care will be taken to maintain the integrity of the natural area.

Rugby in itself encourages physical wellness and development of interpersonal skills and we hope that with the new community gathering area being in place, this will further encourage residents of the local area to come and access the facilities at Llanhilleth RFC and make new connections within the club as a whole. With the project being in place as a community gathering space, this also supports breaking barriers regarding social isolation and offers a new area for not just ourselves, but other organisations and groups to utilise too.

As a club, we acknowledge and appreciate the diversity within our small village. Llanhilleth RFC and its members offer an open-minded and nonjudgmental attitude towards all patrons and community members of which we engage with. Our club offers a wide-range of events for local residents to attend at low costs, reflecting the economic factors within the area. We are also currently supporting Off The Streets youth organisation through providing them with access to our club to facilitate their youth work sessions. These sessions are accessed by many children and young people from the village, as a result they are also able to use our club to access hot meals provided by Off The Streets. Llanhilleth RFC is also used as a meeting point for Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association, keeping our community connected and up-to-date on local issues and points of interest.

Llanhilleth RFC has been established since 1898 and holds a well-founded relationship with the generations of local families in the village and beyond. As aforementioned, as a club, we have approached the local primary school in order to facilitate rugby coaching sessions and heritage lessons based on the local community and its link to rugby. The club also acts as a centre for memorabilia related to Llanhilleth RFC throughout the years, highlighting historical events and notable achievements for the club and the community.

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

Successful delivery of the project will see us carrying-out our aforementioned aims and ultimately creating a new community gathering area which is inclusive and accessible for the local

community and our patrons. We also feel that volunteers and collaborative working with local organisations will be integral to successful project delivery.

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

We will provide a complete, detailed project report by 31/03/2024. Within this report we will provide pictures of the area before, during and after work is completed. We will document volunteering hours and will encourage our partner organisations to provide evidence of their involvement in the project facilitation.

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

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Payee name:

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

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wcc.gov.uk.

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Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Abertillery Bowls Club Ltd 97 Gladstone Street Abertillery NP13 1NE
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Contact name: Richard Cook

Role in group: Secretary & Development Officer

Telephone number: 07895 654 692

Email: aberbowls@gmail.com

What is the name of your project?

Community Pavilion Project – New Roof

What are the aims of the project?

Y Pafiliwn (The Pavilion)

Abertillery Bowling Club has the ambition of creating multi-functional community and well-being space using the existing footprint of the current bowling pavilion.

The pavilion is located in the heart of Abertillery Park and was constructed in 1984 and poses obvious challenges.

- Current Pavilion roof has failed on numerous occasions, water damage to ceiling, flooring and electrics has been sustained in numerous areas throughout the facility.
- The current Pavilion has no central heating – this has a detrimental effect on the internal fabric of the building and its furnishings. Most importantly, this prevents the use of the facility during the winter period, effecting the sustainability of the club.

- Wooden windows and doors are not energy efficient, uneconomic.
- Lighting requires upgrading to energy efficient LED.
- No disabled toilet facility.
- Current internal design is made up of small rooms, over 65% of the footprint is Changing and toilet facilities. Our data shows that changing facilities are used for less than 19 minutes on a match-day.

To protect the immediate future of the building the installation of a new roof is crucial before we commence the improvements to the internal structure.

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

Abertillery Bowling Club are committed to help make Abertillery Park a vibrant place for sporting organisations, visitors and our community. The replacement of the roof will protect the current facility whilst allowing the club the opportunity of creating a Community Café which will benefit all the community.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

1300 Adults and Children

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

- Installation of a new Westerland Slate roof, new ridges and dry ridge kits
- New fascias, guttering soffits and downpipes in UPVC Anthracite grey.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
Replacement of all internal ceilings	£ 6,725.00
	£
	£
Sub Total	£ 6,725.00
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£

	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
New Westerland Slate Roof	£ 25,370.00
New fascias, guttering soffits and downpipes in UPVC Anthracite grey	£
Sub Total	£ 25,370.00
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£ 32,095.00

How will your project improve the local environment?

Abertillery Bowling Club are committed to help make Abertillery Park a vibrant place for sporting organisations, visitors and our community.

Past partnerships with National organisations has helped improve the biodiversity of our area, creating wild flower beds and community growing areas.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

The long term ambition is to create a Community Café at Y Pafiliwn, increase footfall to Abertillery Park, increase local engagement and improve the long term viability of the Bowling Club by creating additional revenue streams.

How does your project link with local schools?

Abertillery Bowls Club has actively promoted Bowls in local Schools and our community since 2012. Our KidsBowls project sees over 1200 children participate in free coaching days each year!

How does your project promote volunteering?

The replacement of ceilings within the building will be completed by volunteers from the community. Our ambition is also to create a Community Café run by volunteers.

How does your project promote links between communities?

Abertillery Bowls Club work closely with 3-16 Learning Community, Coleg Gwent, Aneurin Leisure Sports Development Team. We also maintain close links with other community groups and sports organisations.

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?**

Our project helps deliver the seven well-being goals in Wales:

A prosperous Wales – Our project will create opportunities for training and volunteering.

A resilient Wales – By maintaining the bowling green we are helping to support eco systems within the land. All products used on the green are environmentally friendly and will not harm any wildlife or habitats.

A healthier Wales – Abertillery Bowling Club plays an integral part to the mental, physical health and well-being of all players. We proudly encourage physical activity for people of all ages in our community.

A more equal Wales – Abertillery Bowling Club run a total of six sides at Abertillery Park including Mens, Ladies and Junior teams.

A Wales of cohesive communities – Bowls allows people of all ages, abilities, gender and of any background to participate in our sport.

A Wales of vibrant culture – Abertillery Bowls Club was established in 1911 and has played a vital role in our communities' history and central to the health and well-being of our residents. We want to play a positive role in our towns future.

A globally responsible Wales – Abertillery Bowls Club is passionate about working with local companies and reducing our Carbon footprint. By 2025 we aim to operate battery powered Greens Maintenance Machinery and produce our own energy using sustainable methods.

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

A community facility that be used all year.

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

The project completion date is 5th April 2024. The project manager will submit a project completion report, this will include photographs and evidence of spends. Abertillery Bowling Club will actively promote the use of this fund via our Social Media Channels (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).

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

Sports Club & Not for Profit organisation

Abertillery Bowls Club became a Limited company in 2017 to complete the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of our facility from the Local Authority. We are registered as a 'Not for Profit' organisation, this is stated in our Constitution (constitution provided).

Payee name: **Abertillery Bowls Club Ltd**

Signed:



Print Name: **Richard Cook**

Date: **28/09/2023**

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 Friday 1st September 2023, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2023 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Gelli Crug Allotments
Gelli Crug Road
Abertillery
Gwent

Contact name: Steven Roberts

Role in group: Chairman

Telephone number: Home: 01495 216951 Mobile: 07445857882

Email: steven.roberts.a@gmail.com

What is the name of your project?

Gelli Crug Allotments Community Plots, Community Orchard Extension.

What are the aims of the project?

Clear ground and tier an existing slopping banking to enable 4 more plots and an extension to the orchard for Community use.

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

At present all the existing plots have been taken by members of the community. This project will enable more plots to be made available and also an extension to the orchard for community use.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

Difficult to estimate, all the existing plots have at least 2 members working on them. Some of the plots have all members of the family involved. The Orchard is for community use.

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

Work involved in the proposed project:

Clear all the brambles and weeds.

Level out the tiers, 3 tiers will be made.

Tier the slope using 8 x 4 sleepers.

Treat the sleepers with wood preservative.

Use steel reinforcing rod to strengthen structure.

Create raised beds on the tiers.

Fill raised beds with top soil.

Supply and fit shed to each plot.

Supply and fit 6 x 6 green house to each plot.

Supply and install LBC (Large Bulk Container) water tank to each plot.

Build path for access to each plot.

Line paths with weed control.

Fill paths with chippings or bark.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
All manual work carried out by Allotment Members	£0.00
	£
	£
Sub Total	£0.00
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
None	£0.00
	£
Sub Total	£0.00
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Purchase sleepers quantity 40 cost £25.00	£1,000.00
DPC Black Jack quantity 10 Cost £25,00	£250.00
Steel reinforcing rods 3 meter length quantity 20 cost £12.00	£240.00
Raised Beds Pallet Collars Quantity 20 Cost £12.00	£240.00
Raised Beds Wood 8 x 1 Quantity 30 Cost £12.20	£369.00
Raised Beds Wood 2 x 2 Quantity 20 Cost £3.25	£65.00
Fixtures fittings screws nails etc Cost £30.00	£30.00
Shed Quantity 4 Cost £300.00	£1,200.00

Greenhouse Quantity 4 Cost £480.00	£1,920.00
LBC Water Tanks Quantity 8 Cost £50.00	£400.00
Weed control roll 1m x 100m Quantity 2 Cost £35.00	£70.00
Jumbo Bag Bark Quantity 4 Cost £45.00	£180.00
Jumbo Bag Chippings 6mm Quantity 4 £50.00	£200.00
Sub Total	£6,164.00
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£6,164.00

How will your project improve the local environment?

Extensive work has already been done over the last year to bring existing overgrown plots and community orchard into use. This project will enable more plots and orchard area for community use.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

The existing allotment members have benefited from the produce they have grown over the last year. We have also seen a increase in wild life from birds, squirrels, pollinators, also frogs, newts and dragon flies in the pond area. This project will enhance the work that has already been done.

How does your project link with local schools?

Historically the site was used by the schools, it was then abandoned and left to become overgrown. There is no school involvement at present.

How does your project promote volunteering?

The Scouts and Cubs have been involved in ground clearance, also Taffy have been involved in working at the site clearing ground.

How does your project promote links between communities?

All the Allotment members are residents of Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community.

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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The Allotment at present has enabled members to physically work in the open fresh this in turn is good for health and well being.

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

It will enable an area of the allotment site that is at present unusable to be used for the benefit of the Community.

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

We will supply reports and images of all the Projects stages: Start, Work Progression, and then Completion.

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

Community Group

Payee name: Seven Roberts

Signed:



Print Name: Steven Allan Roberts

Date: 26/09/23

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 Friday 1st September 2023, either by post to Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or email clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk.

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2020 – Application Form

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Llanhilleth Miners Institute, Meadow Street, Llanhilleth, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 2JT

Website address: www.llanhillethinstitute.com

Social media page: Llanhilleth Institute

Contact name: Hayley Davies

Role in group: Community Engagement Manager

Telephone number 01495 400204/ 07871 924532

Email: Hayley.davies@llanhillethinstitute.com

What is the name of your project? Past and Future

What are the aims of the project?

The work undertaken would directly underpin the original mission statement of Llanhilleth Institute, namely to provide and maintain a thriving, positive community hub, which maintains the heritage of an exceptional building while constantly evolving to respond to the changing needs of the local community. By restoring the integral clock to its original glory we would be helping to preserve a significant local landmark which has been a much-loved part of the landscape since 1906. The other two aspects of our project also focus on maintaining and improving the physical aspects of the Institute, namely providing equipment to launch an important community garden provision to be developed and enjoyed by the community and upgrading a surface on an external children's play area so that local young people can play and explore in all seasons.

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

The restoration of the Llanhilleth Institute clock is a project which is frequently mentioned to us when we consult with local residents of all ages. While the exceptional needs of the last three and a half years have meant that we needed to prioritise issues such as food poverty, support and advice and supporting families through the pandemic, we are always aware that we are obliged to act as custodians of our Grade 2 listed building and ensuring that it is maintained for future generations to enjoy. By realising our long-held ambition to launch a community garden, we will be providing the opportunity for local residents to engage in the production of fresh herbs, vegetables and flowers and we will be building on an established aim to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents-(many of whom are struggling with food insecurity and poor health outcomes.) The third aspect of the project will upgrade the external space attached to our thriving Clwb Llan children's centre. Clwb Llan plays a crucial role in the lives of local children of all ages and this space will provide them with a higher-quality, all season surface where they can engage in creative play with their peers.

Approximate number of beneficiaries

200-300 children will benefit from physical improvements to the Clwb Llan children's centre, approximately 150 people will benefit from involvement with the gardening project and the whole of Llanhilleth village will benefit from hearing the chimes of the Institute clock on an half hourly basis!

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

- External flooring surface will replace the existing surface in the area outside Clwb Llan.
- Specialist restoration work will be completed so that the bells of the Institute's clock will be operational again.
- Items will be bought to progress the community garden project, which includes three raised beds of vegetables and flowers.

What exactly will the Solar Farm Grant funds be spent on?

NB relevant quotes and estimates should be included with your application

- Smiths of Derby (clock restoration)-£2324.40 (including VAT)
- Sportfix of Wales (non-slip, play-safe flooring)-£2500
- Compost, bedding, plants, gardening equipment,(all to be identified after community consultation), £2000 (including VAT)

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
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Approx 60 hours staff time @ £15.00 p.h, incl costs	£900
	£
	£
Sub Total	£900
B. Funding being provided by other organisations	Amount (inc.VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£
C. Funding requested from ALCC Solar Farm Grant	Amount (inc.VAT)
Clock repairs (Smiths of Derby)	£2324.40
Non-slip, play safe flooring	£2500
plants, gardening equipment, bedding	£2000
Sub Total	£6824
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £7724

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

How will your project improve the local environment?

By developing raised beds of fresh plants to be maintained and enjoyed by the whole community, we will be developing a much needed green space for local residents-the majority of whom do not have access to gardens. We intend to use organic fertilisers and promote bio-diversity by using plants which support the local eco-system and engage people of all ages with nature. The restoration of the iconic Institute clock is something that is crucial to maintaining the heritage of the building and community. By upgrading the outdoor area adjoining our Clwb Llan children's centre children will be able to access creative, natural play in all seasons and we will be able to incorporate activities like bug hotels, wind chimes made from recycled materials and herb gardens to provide sensory play opportunities.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

While not contributing the structural maintenance of the building, the clock restoration aspect of our project is vital in maintaining the heritage of the environment in a sensitive way which is fully compliant with its status of a Grade 2

listed building. The community garden provision will provide a new opportunity for the community to be engaged in sustainability of food sources and as a charity we also hope to be able to access some of the herbs to utilise in our community food hub- thereby reducing food miles. By increasing community engagement with food production we are helping to tackle food insecurity and by furnishing young people with gardening skills we aim to sustain this as a local provision for years to come.

How does your project link with local schools?

We have excellent links with St Illtyds primary school which adjoins Llanhilleth Institute and we adopt a collaborative approach to achieve the best outcomes for the pupils and their families. We envisage the outdoor garden beds being used to support the wider educational aims and objectives of St Illtyds primary school, aligning with aspects of their school development plan and their ethos of engaging with the wider community. Our family cookery sessions are popular and over-subscribed and the gardening project will help children gain knowledge about food provenance. Our Clwb Llan children's centre is currently attended by a minimum of 70 St Illtyds pupils per week who come to our after-school clubs alone. Several St Illtyds pupils have noted the absence of the clock's bell and are keen to have it restored-our links with St Illtyds have seen Key Stage 2 pupils visit the Institute and discover more about its history. We have established excellent links with Swffryd school in the last few years- pupils will also be enabled to take part in the gardening project and visit our Heritage Centre to find more about the historical significance of our building.

How does your project promote volunteering?

The different aspects of our proposed project would maintain and enhance the range of volunteering opportunities which are already on offer at the Institute. By promoting the heritage of the building through the clock restoration project, we hope to promote the work of Llanhilleth Heritage Society which is affiliated with the Institute and is housed in our Heritage Café. By launching our community garden we hope to engage with local residents of all ages and ability levels who would become volunteers-but we also anticipate this as something which may be popular with older people and potentially offer an opportunity for a lot more inter-generational work. We also envisage promoting this amongst local mental health support groups and promoting it with local health services. The enhanced outside area of the children's centre will indirectly support the opportunities provided to those local people who volunteer in our children's centre- where young people studying childcare gain vital experience towards their childcare qualifications. These young volunteers will be able to take a lead on new activities for the Clwb Llan children-gaining confidence and skills along the way.

How does your project promote links between communities?

To deliver the three different aspects of our project, we envisage working with a number of local grassroots organisations, working with a range of groups within local communities, who we would collaborate with to achieve the best outcomes for local people. These organisations would include Llanhilleth Heritage Society, St Illtyds and Swffryd Primary schools, Blaenau Gwent Food Partnership, ABUHB, Age Cymru, Hafal, MIND and Coleg Gwent. We would strengthen links between communities by promoting our gardening project with Brynithel Food Pantry and Swffryd Food Pantry, continuing to promote our Clwb Llan Children's centre across Abertillery and Llanhilleth and holding a launch event to celebrate the cultural and historic significance of the Institute's clock being relaunched.

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 (continue on a separate sheet if needed)

The three aspects of our project (the clock restoration, the community garden and enhanced children centre's outdoor area) are closely aligned with the aspirations outlined in the Wellbeing Of Future Generations Act.

*-By restoring and relaunching such a significant local landmark as the Institute clock we are helping to promote an equal Wales, where all communities can celebrate their unique vibrant culture and equality is promoted by making heritage and community pride something to be savoured by the many rather than the few. The clock is loved by people of all ages in the community and the clocks restoration and relaunch event will contribute to creating the community cohesion which the Institute always strives for.

*- The community garden project will contribute to the delivery of several of the well-being goals outlined in the Future Generations Act, namely:-

A Prosperous Wales-by providing skills development and volunteering opportunities for adults, employability is increased and skillsets are broadened, while producing fresh food which is free or low-cost.

A Resilient Wales- by investing in the physical space and environment of this cherished community asset, we are supporting the opportunities for future

generations to produce their own food, produce and plants encouraging self-sufficiency in an environmentally aware way.

A Healthier Wales- we envisage the community garden project improving the physical health and mental wellbeing of people in the community, offering increased opportunities for social contact and access to fresh food.

A more Equal Wales- the Llanhilleth and Abertillery area has often been identified as an area of real inequity in terms of health outcomes and socio-economic growth, with people particularly affected by Food Insecurity and Food Poverty in recent years. The community garden project is a vital part of providing equality of opportunity and ensuring that beautiful outdoor spaces and producing fresh healthy food does not remain a privilege enjoyed by the few.

A Wales of Cohesive Communities- we see the gardening project as presenting a unique opportunity to bring different groups of people together, with possibilities for promoting inter-generational work and engaging people who might be most at risk of social isolation. This will be achieved by promoting the project widely and ensuring accessibility to all (disabled access, different sessions tailored to ability level, different session times to engage with carers etc)

A Wales of Vibrant Culture- by ensuring that existing and future generations are skilled and engaged in gardening opportunities, we are safeguarding an important heritage skillset which has traditionally been part of the local culture.

A Globally Responsible Wales- the community garden would support local biodiversity, insects and wildlife and reduce food miles for the community, while seasonality and composting will reduce food waste and promote awareness of the natural environment.

The third aspect of Llanhilleth Institute's project,- namely improving the outdoor area of the Clwb Llan Children's Centre- is aimed exclusively at the youngest members of our community. As such it is perhaps the aspect of our project which mostly directly prioritises the wellbeing of future generations! Of the seven goals, we believe the improvement of the Clwb Llan Children's outside play area most significantly support:- A Healthier Wales, A More Equal Wales and A Wales of Cohesive Communities.

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

The specialist clock company will be engaged to complete the restoration work as soon as they have availability and we will hold a small community event to mark this. We envisage this taking place within three months of securing funds. The replacement flooring will be installed in the external play area of Clwb Llan as soon as Sportfix have availability- we envisage this taking place within 2-3 months of securing funds. The purchase of gardening items will

follow a number of smaller consultation sessions with members of the local community, building upon our existing links and groups (for example Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association and children attending Clwb Llan). We have already secured the raised beds/ planters from previous funding secured from Wales Food Poverty Grant (2021) so the items bought for the gardening project will realise a long-held ambition! We would envisage being able to purchase and launch the gardens in early March 2024.

Will you supply progress / completion reports / evidence / photos?)

We have extensive experience of delivering and reporting on community projects and providing a range of evidence and progress reports to capture the work undertaken, its impact and outcomes. We will provide written progress and completion reports, along with photographic evidence, social media updates and testimonials from beneficiaries from the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area.

Is your organisation a: Charity-☐ charity number:- 1128924
Company-☒ company number- 06056945

The Council has adopted criteria (numbers 15 and 17) which specify that:

- 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 and
- The Council will not give Solar Farm Grants to the same organisation(s) within five consecutive years unless in exceptional circumstances. ***NB the five-year period started with the first solar farm grants awarded by the Council in 2017.***

If your group or project has received solar farm grant funding from ALCC in the last five years, or if you want funding for ongoing running costs, please explain here if you feel you have exceptional circumstances which you would like the Council to consider:

-We received some funding from Solar Farm in 2019 (four years ago) which helped us to deliver much-needed services to the local community. Since then, Llanhilleth Institute has played a pivotal role in supporting local residents through unprecedented times of crisis and hardship. In February 2020 the Institute became an emergency crisis centre to help residents of Llanhilleth with all aspects of their lives. This caused unprecedented damage to homes within the village and we supplied people with free hot meals, laundry services, financial and tenancy advice,

emergency food and toiletry parcels, childcare and household items-along with emotional support. When the pandemic struck and lockdown began in March 2020, we adapted our services to provide support in exceptional circumstances. We established a remote 'support and advice' service which saw local residents receive help to access medical help, support workers, financial advice and multiple other issues. Whilst we couldn't roll out our usual children's activity programme, we adapted our work so that families accessed daily 'activity packs' for them to use at home. We distributed over 15,000 of these packs and they proved to be a lifeline for parents and children who were struggling with school closures and social isolation. At the beginning of the second lockdown we launched a Food Pantry which distributed weekly food parcels to vulnerable local residents who were struggling with food insecurity, financial problems and other complex needs-this is a service that we have continued and expanded upon to this day. As the cost-of-living crisis worsened and food and fuel prices increased, the Institute again added to its normal range of community support services, by developing and delivering a daily warm hub and cosy café. By offering free beverages, toast and hot soup on a daily basis in our community café, we were able to provide both physical, practical and emotional support to those local residents who were struggling the most. We are proud to have supported our community through exceptionally difficult times and circumstances-but these extraneous demands have meant that the projects outlined above have had to be sidelined as we focus on the urgent needs of our communities. By receiving some funding to undertake work to restore the clock, launch a community garden and upgrade our children's centre we are helping the community to look forward to brighter times in the future.

Payee name: Llanhilleth Miners Institute

Signed: 

Print Name: Hayley Davies

Date: 27/09/23

All applications must be submitted using this application form. Any relevant supporting documents (e.g. business plan, group constitution, bank or financial statements, letters of support etc) should also be submitted along with this application form.

All applications must be emailed to: clerk.alcc@gmail.com or submitted in paper form to the: Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE by 12.00 noon on Monday 12 October 2020.

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2023 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Contact name: Eryl Dykes

Role in group: Church Secretary

Telephone number:
01495212629

Email:
eryldykes@yahoo.co.uk

What is the name of your project? Ebenezer Baptist Church and Community Hub

What are the aims of the project?

Ebenezer has a long history of community involvement we have aimed to be the church in the community with the community in the church. We make good use of our town centre location in order to provide facilities for the local community. We would like to replace the seating in our two halls. These halls are used frequently by community groups and choirs.

Additionally we would also like to be able to provide Christmas hampers to needy families in the area. The cost of living crisis has made this even more important. We have run a food larder for many years. Each week around 40 families in that area are helped with parcels from the food larder. Costs are rising and we estimate that we are now spending around £1000 each month in order to offer this support residents. We would like to offer food hampers during the festive period, in addition to the regular weekly support

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? ...As a church we provide facilities into the community such as a twice weekly food bank and pre-loved uniform service. We have run a toddler group for over 30 years. During the last year the church has also provided soup and a sandwich lunches which have met the needs of many in the community not only by serving a hot meal at lunch time but also on meeting the needs of those for whom loneliness has become a very real issue. Over the last 30 years Ebenezer has provided community groups with a "home". The church has taken advantage many opportunities to engage with residents. Each year we are involved in Aberfest and Winterfest. For the last 2 years we have opportunities for open air entertainment in Jubilee Square and we have been grateful for the support of the community council. Each week a number of community groups meet in the church including The Effect Group, Mens and ladies Choirs and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Approximate number of beneficiaries
500

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? Ebenezer would like to update the facilities at the church and to provide Christmas hampers for needy families in the area.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
	£
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)
Christmas Hampers	£3000
Gopak All Steel folding chairs (80) plus 2 storage trolleys	£6000
Sub total	£9000
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£9000

How will your project improve the local environment?

In 2013 the church took part in the Greener Communities project and we have continued to implement a number of energy saving measures including the installation of Solar panels in 2017 and retrofitting energy saving light fittings. More recently we have installed room sensors. We take part in the ECO Church A Rocha project and are working toward the Bronze Award.....

How does your project contribute to sustainability? Ebenezer has a good track record in providing sustainable activities in the community. We constantly review our impact in the locality as a church and community hub.....

How does your project link with local schools? Ebenezer has good links with local schools. We host an annual play event with Ty Meithryn and provide input into schools. Each year the church takes part in an event entitled the Bible Exhibition in Schools.....

How does your project promote volunteering? ... Ebenezer partners with GAVO and HSBC bank in providing opportunities for volunteering. We are also hoping to be able to partner with Smart Cymru in providing volunteers in the near future. We estimate that church has around 25 active volunteers working in a wide range of

roles These range from volunteers in the food larder, Soup and a Sandwich, project children's activities and the many and varied administrative tasks.
The church also live streams many of our services including morning worship and the carol Service and funerals .The Minister is the only paid employee of the church.....

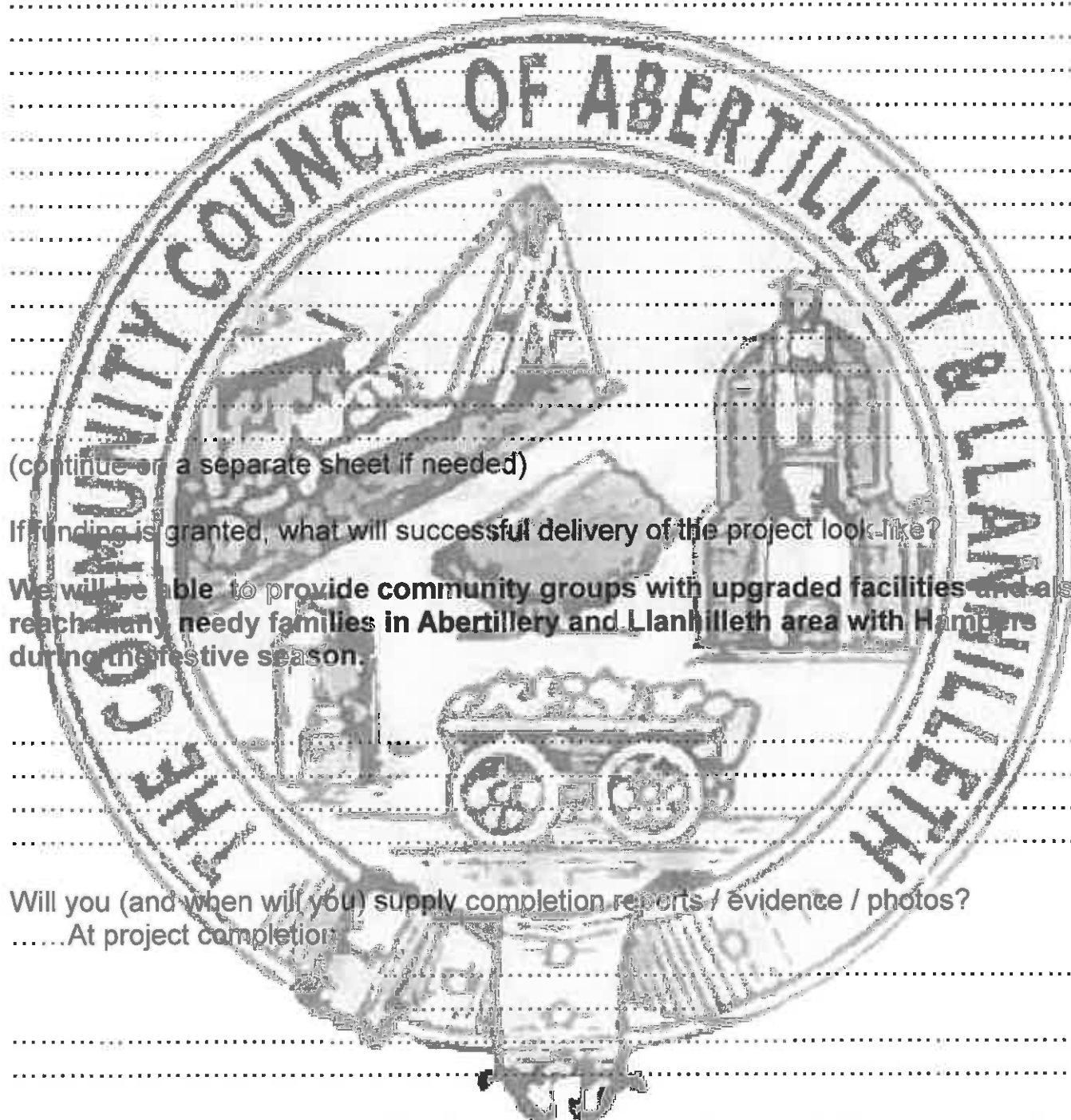
How does your project promote links between communities?

.... Community engagement plays a vital role in today's society, in making changes for better to the society and the world we live in. We are aware that the church as a hub ,has a vital role in promoting such links with other community groups with whom we engage. We use the links promoted by "BG in this together". As well as Dewi

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 helps to deliver goals of well-being and cohesive communities in Blaenau Gwent. Within the church we provide opportunity for individuals to engage in attractive safe surroundings. Many of the people who come into the building come because we offer a safe place to engage in community activities. In the last year we have welcomed families into the church from Nigeria many of whom are studying in Treforest so we are now a much more culturally diverse community



(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 provide community groups with upgraded facilities and also reach many needy families in Abertillery and Llanhilleth area with Hampers during the festive season.

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

.....At project completion

Is your organisation a:

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

.....The church was established in 1876 Ebenezer Church is a CIO registered

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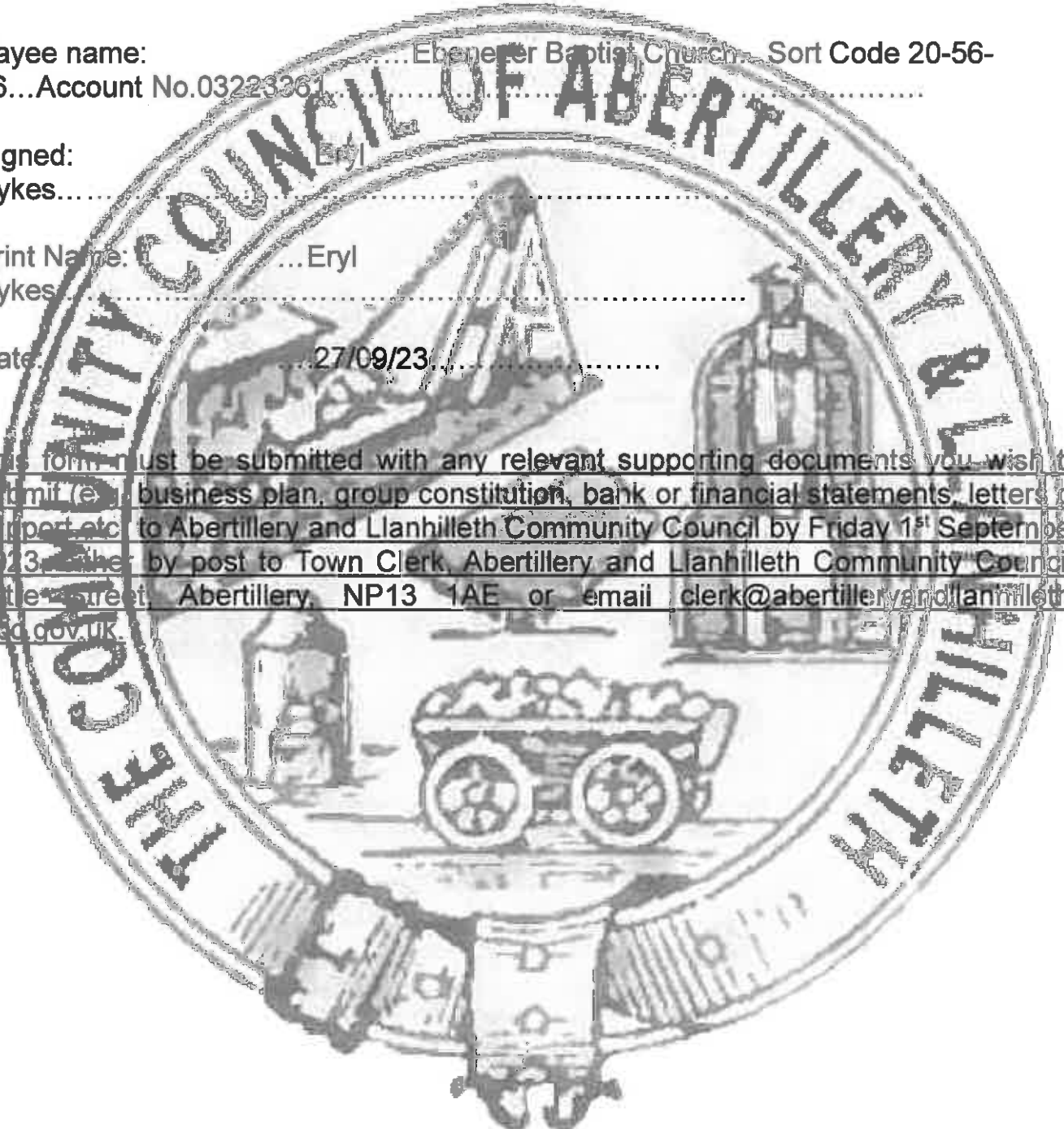
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Signed: Eryl
Dykes.....

Print Name: Eryl
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Date: 27/09/23.....

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Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Solar Farm Grant 2023 – Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Ebbw Fach Community Group
Aberbeeg Community Centre
Pant Ddu Road
Aberbeeg
Abertillery
NP13 2BP

Contact name: Patricia Tovey

Role in group: Chair

Telephone number: 07999338986

Email: patriciatovey@googlemail.com

What is the name of your project? Happy Cafe.....

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What are the aims of the project? Happy café was set up as coffee morning centred around supporting and promoting the community's mental health and well-being..

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? As many are aware post-pandemic Britain has highlighted the massive void in supporting some of its most vulnerable and isolated people.

We are there to talk, lend an ear, and support some of the more vulnerable and isolated members of the community. Waiting lists in the NHS as well as other charities and companies are huge, and people are

missing out full-length cracks. In collaboration with Linc and the University of South Wales, we have secured funding for a programme to deliver free one on one counselling and support for members in our community. In order to deliver this we will require, a warm, quiet, private space the sessions take place

Approximate number of beneficiaries 40+

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? Initially our aim would be to deliver sessions at least every six weeks, slowly increasing as we get more traction. We are applying for small, modular outdoor room/building for sessions take place in, as well as the costs of furnishing it, and getting power to it.

As part of the grant we are also applying for a small sheltered area. This is would allow some of our less abled members to have a dry space outside, which will encourage them to engage with the various activities we have in our community garden and growing spaces. It'll also give members who are overwhelmed safe space outside for them to wind down and relax until they are ready to return to the main room.

Project costs:

A. Project costs met by your group	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
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)
Garden room 4.4x3m	£12000
Timber stilt base	£650
Electrics	£800
Furnishings, (such as curtains, chairs, sofa(s), table)	£2000
Flooring and fitting	£550
Patio Cover (https://www.diy.com/departments/palram-canopia-sierra-grey-patio-cover-h-3050mm-w-2990mm/7290108130270_BQ.prd?alt=true)	£1301
Patio Cover installation	£600
Patio heaters (x2 102.98) (https://www.toolstation.com/zink-wall-stand-mount-patio-heater-18kw-ip44/p94984)	£205.96

Heater installation	£250
Sub Total	£18356.96
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£18256.96

How will your project improve the local environment? We offer various outdoor activities as part of a happy café programme. We have developed beautiful community garden with a designated children's area, as well as our community growing garden which provides fresh fruit and veg to our service users. We have also been developing woodland well-being area for the whole community to enjoy.

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How does your project contribute to sustainability? We are fortunate to have received a large grant that provided the centre with heated air source pumps as well as solar panels to power them. We also use several water butts which are used to water our garden and crops, encourage members to make the most of our several compost bins. The company we have chosen for this are local, and materials used in the build produce a minimal carbon footprint

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How does your project link with local schools? We don't have any direct links with the local schools, however the community centre host various activity days and events which draw in families, parents and children from the local area.

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How does your project promote volunteering? Our whole project is run and led by volunteers. Throughout the year we offer various opportunities for the community and service users to engage in our activities. We also host various intergenerational craft groups which again are run by volunteers, and include members from across the borough. During these groups members exchange in teaching each other new skills.

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How does your project promote links between communities? Our centre holds various groups and activities that draw in people from across the borough. We also work alongside various partners such as Tai Calon, Linc, Gavo, and Adferiad. We also welcome various organisations such as Aneurin Bevan health and leisure, age UK, and GDAS, where members can come and get advice and information. The new garden room would also be used during these sessions to allow service users to talk privately and confidentially about any issues they have.

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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?**

To us, a prosperous Wales, looks like a healthy and resilient Wales. We help contribute to this in a number of ways. Such as with our coffee morning happy café. Supporting and enabling people in the community to engage in a wider scale by giving them confidence and provide them a safe place to engage on a social level. We have in the past delivered cooking lessons the people on a budget, the attendees were able to learn to batch cook various cheap but nutritious meals.

Our project also engages members with their outdoor environment. We do this through our garden and food growing space project, which also encourages members and service users to eat healthily and also gives them an opportunity to obtain organic food. At the Ebbw Fach community group we strive for a more equal Wales and better cohesion in our community; by being an inclusive organisation working with some of the most marginalised factions within Blaenau Gwent, and bringing them together.

We regularly celebrate our valleys history and vibrant culture in a number of ways. We run events such as with BG Reach, who delivered

classes and workshops celebrating the history of the area which was then later displayed at St Fagan's museum, in which hundreds of thousands saw our interactive exhibition.

We do have a mixed age group of users, and regularly members, many will chat and reminisce about the days gone by. Sharing and acknowledging the rich history that these valleys contain.

We are also quite aware of the risks of climate change and pollution and do our best in keeping our carbon footprint as low as we can. We recycle and compost everything we can. Lots of our recyclable items are sometimes up cycled and used in many arts and craft sessions which run at the centre. Our electrics are supported with solar panels, that also power our low carbon heat gear pump, and we use several water butts that are used to feed and water the garden.

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

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

If the grant was successful it would provide us with small outdoor sheltered area, with some small heaters for the colder months when people who are less able can still go out and enjoy the garden whatever the weather. We would also have a fully insulated, low carbon build, functioning safe space where counselling sessions could take place, and private meeting space for our service users with the various agencies that attend our centre.

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

**if successful we'd be more than happy to share our success story with
yourselves and the wider community**

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

we are constituted community group

Payee name:

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Signed: P. Tovey...

Print Name: Patricia Tovey.....

Date: 29/09/23

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