

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY AND
LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 29 September 2021 at 7:00pm
Virtually and in the Council Chamber at
Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Gary Oakley (Chair), Nick Simmons (Vice Chair), Peter Adamson, Mark Lewis, Bev Lucas, Rob Phillips, Allen Rees (by Video Link), Glyn Smith, Bernard Wall, Graham White

Officers: Steve Edwards-Clerk

Others: Deborah Pitts and Alana Insley (Off the Streets), Greg Morgan (Blaenau Gwent Youth Services), Barry Page (public) and Mihangel Ap-Williams (public), David Cartwright (public)

ABSENT: Michaela Assiratti, Tracey Dyson, Roger Clark and, Perry Morgan.

104. Apologies for absence and welcomes

The Chair asked that all Mobile Phones be switched off for the duration of the meeting.

Apologies from Councillors. Michaela Assiratti, Tracey Dyson, Perry Morgan.

The Chair welcomed the members of the public and the representatives of "Off the Streets" and Blaenau Gwent Youth Services.

The Chair introduced David Cartwright as the new Clerk who will be starting on 11 October 2021.

The Chair wished to thank Sian Hookins, the Administrative Assistant who had been working for us for 6 months, for their hard work and the support she had given to the Clerk.

105. Declarations of Interest

None

106. Report Back from Youth Projects

The Chair moved this item up the agenda so that the representatives from the Youth Engagement groups wouldn't have to sit through other Council business.

Deb Pitts gave the first update. During the summer the Off The streets group which covers the southern half of our community area had engaged with 350 young people. They now had good links with Ffyn Dance and Rotary. She talked us through an individual case where a young person who wouldn't even leave the house had been out on events with Off the Streets and had even been bowling with them.

Greg Morgan gave his update. The youth workers we are funding are not building-based but engaging with young people on the streets. There had been issues with Anti-Social Behaviour near Anvil Court, some small fire lighting near the Old Bowls

Club/Leisure Centre and some bad language by groups in Cwmtillery Park, where the Youth Workers had engaged with the youths responsible.

The group had signed up for the national Million Mile Clean Up campaign and had contributed 2 miles to that.

Both agreed that it had been a very successful last 3 months.

Councillor Mark Lewis asked about the re-opening of the Youth Centre. Greg Morgan replied that the centre had been shut during the Covid shutdown and it was now being re-opened. Traditionally it has only been open during term time.

Councillor Graham White asked if Deb Pitts worked for the Borough. She replied that Off the Streets was a voluntary group with youth workers funded by us. They have also encouraged volunteers to help and do have 2 young volunteers and an adult volunteer.

The Chair remarked that the youth were our future and it was not just dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour.

A member of the public asked if the groups asked the kids what they wanted. Greg Morgan replied that there was full engagement with youths. Deb Pitts also added that there had been a remarkable reduction in poor behaviour.

Councillor Peter Adamson asked if any groups of young people were missing from the one that were being engaged with. Deb Pitts replied that things had evolved over the last year so were hitting lots of groups and different age groups and had links with Community Centres. Greg Morgan also added that their work was with youths 11+ as any younger would be dealt with by the formal Blaenau Gwent Council Youth Services.

The Chair thanked Deb, Greg and Alana for their attendance, a good Q&A Session and that Council would invite them back in the next year for an update.

Deb Pitts, Alana Insley, and Greg Morgan then left the meeting.

104. Minutes (a) Council 28 July 2021 and (b) Council 8 September 2021.

Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes (a) and (b) as a correct record of those meetings.

105. New Clerk Appointment

The Chair welcomed David Cartwright as the new Clerk who would be starting on 11 October 2021.

106. One Voice Wales (OVW) Alternatives

The Clerk gave an update. There are no alternatives in South Wales. The Clerk explained that NALC was the organisation for English Councils but they were also the organisation that gave the legal advice to One Voice Wales. Council agreed it wasn't in a position to debate if to re-join OVW, and would leave a decision to a future meeting

107. Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that the Planning and Environment Committee had decided that the two new units will be located at the B&S Convenience Store in Roseheyworth and the Bridgend Pub.

108. Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk reported that to date there had not been any applications for Co-option and after November the Council would no longer have a duty to Co-opt as we would be within 6 months of a Council election, due in May 2022.

109. Town In Bloom Update

Councillor Peter Adamson took the Council through the written report. Councillors reported positive comments from members of the public. Council agreed that this was a job well done and congratulated the members of the working group.

Councillor Nick Simmons said that the Town in Bloom working group would not rest on its laurels and were making plans for the next year.

110. Remembrance Sunday

Council **RESOLVED** the following members would lay wreaths over the Remembrance Sunday weekend.

- a. Abertillery War Memorial – The Chair, Councillor Gary Oakley
- b. Llanhilleth War Memorial – Allen Rees
- c. Swffryd Community Centre – Allen Rees
- d. Bournville Community Centre – Glyn Smith
- e. Blaenau Gwent Church – Mark Lewis
- f. Aberbeeg – Graham White.

111. Date and Time of Next Meeting confirmed to be 27th October 2021 at 7pm

The Meeting ended at 8:15 pm

Signed as a correct record by the Chair

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk

The Working Group met on Wednesday 13 October 2021 to consider six applications for grants.

Abertillery Town Band

While the Working Group commended a "very good presentation", this concentrated on the band's work to establish an academy for children and young people, while the application was for funding to improve the Blaenau Gwent Methodist Church building and to purchase new music and equipment for the use of the senior band, rather than the wider community. The funding of church buildings by community councils may be unlawful and would be open to legal challenge. The Working Group also noted that the band were unable to point to any environmental benefit to their application.

Bethany Baptist Church

The application did not meet the minimum grant criterion. The applicant accepted an invitation for the application to be put forward for a Full Council Grant.

Abertillery Cricket Club

The Working Group noted that the application was for a contribution towards a long-term, major project, for which the club had no planning permission, no timetable and for which less than 3% of the total funding had been secured. The cricket club could not give any assurances as to when (or even if) the grant would be used.

Llanhilleth TRA

The application did not meet the minimum grant criterion. The applicant accepted an invitation for the application to be put forward for a Full Council Grant.

Abertillery Workmen's Welfare Institute

The Working Group noted that the application was for a contribution towards a long-term, major project, for which the majority of funding had yet to be secured. The use of the grant would not, of itself, enable the 'Stute' to reopen and the applicant was unable to define when the wider community would enjoy the benefit of the grant.

Abertillery Orpheus Ladies Choir

The application did not meet the minimum grant criterion. The applicant accepted an invitation for the application to be put forward for a Full Council Grant.

The Working Group recommended that the grant application process be reopened until the end of November and that the grant criteria be changed to allow applications from groups that have not received grants for two (rather than five) years.



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

Council Grant Application

(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

Tenovus Cancer Care
Head Office
Brunel House,
2 Fitzalan Road,
Cardiff
CF24 0EB

Project, Support Line and Cancer Call Back Service.

Group Contact name: Ceri Hill.....

Role in the group: Regional Fundraising Manager
.....

Telephone number: 07964688148
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Email:
ceri.hill@tenovuscancercare.org.uk.....
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What are the aims of your project? I'm applying for a grant to help cover the cost of Support Line and Call Back service.

Our Support Line service has been more valuable than ever during the Covid-19 pandemic with people worried about whether their treatment will go ahead or worried about symptoms. People have been able to speak to someone about their worries. Our Support Line is the only nurse-led telephone service that deals with all types of questions about all types of cancer, from patients or their loved ones.

Our experienced nurses are at the end of the phone, 365 days a year. From the very first call, they can tell if someone needs urgent medical care, meaning we don't just help, we help save lives. If someone's worried about cancer they can talk to us for as long as they want, and call whenever they need

us – even Christmas Day.

But we don't just wait for the phone to ring. Our nurses make regular calls out to cancer patients, supporting them through their treatment via our Call Back Service. So whether they're struggling with the side-effects of chemo, anxious about surgery or feel alone, we're there for them.

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

Anyone that's affected by cancer whether that's a patient, someone who's loved one has been diagnosed with cancer, a carer or someone who is bereaved can call our Free Support Line to get the help and support they need.

Approx number of beneficiaries: It's hard to offer precise numbers for the people using our services in the area on a weekly basis. However people from Abertillery and Llanhilleth the and surrounding areas have access to use all of our services.

Details of project costs:

A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
	£
Sub Total	£543
B. Costs requested from ALCC	Amount (inc. VAT)
	£
	£
Sub Total	£271
C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL	£543

Is the organisation a: Charity

Payee name: Tenovus Cancer Care

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Name of person making the application:

Print Name: Ceri Hill

Signed:

Ger Hill

Date:

8th October 2021.....

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)

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

Contact name: **Mrs Hazel Clatworthy**

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

Telephone number: **01495 320367 or 07825704921**

Email: **bethany@illtyd.co.uk**

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!

[More info](#)

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SAVE UP TO 20%

Pack of 12

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£4.95

Quantity

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Pack of 36

AXB21

£6.95

£14.04

(39p each)

Quantity

1

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Nativity Colour-in Baubles



You'll have a bell 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!

[More info](#)

 In stock

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Pack of 8

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£6.95

£4.95

Quantity

1

Add to Basket

Pack of 32

AXJ5F1

£6.95

£18.56

(58p each)

Quantity

1

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10 x Christmas Nativity Shapes, MDF Wooden Plain Craft Tags 100mm (10cm)

Brand: Lasercutouts
★★★★★ 2 ratings

Price: **£3.99**

Pay ~~£5.99~~ **£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.

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£3.99

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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 ~~£5.99~~ **£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
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3.5 CM / 140 Stickers
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Cadbury · Christmas · Milk Chocolate · Chocolate · Vegan · 89 grams

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Other options

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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 well 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.B. on Behalf of Bethany Baptist Church, Six Bells, Abertillery.

Correspondence address:

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

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:

ABERTILLERY LADIES ORPHEUS CHOIR

Contact name: MARILYN ALLEN

Role in group: ACTING SECRETARY

Telephone number: 01495 215831

Email: mar52@hotmail.co.uk

What is the name of your project? PROMOTION OF THE CHOIR IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

What are the aims of the project? TO ENHANCE THE CHOIR'S REPERTOIRE AND TO ATTRACT A WIDER RANGE OF AGE GROUPS FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

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

IT WILL HELP TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL BENEFITS OF COMMUNAL SINGING TO THE RESIDENTS.

Approximate number of beneficiaries 35 CHORISTERS PLUS POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS.

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

- USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY WILL HELP TO PROMOTE OUR ORGANISATION AND WILL UPDATE THE GENERAL IMAGE OF OUR CHOIR.
- PURCHASE OF NEW MUSIC WILL CREATE INTEREST AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

How does your project promote links between communities?

IT WILL RAISE AWARENESS OF OUR ROLE AND HELP TO INCREASE LINKS WITH OTHER CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS, IN THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL EVENTS.

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?

- PROMOTION OF OUR CHOIR THROUGH THE RECORDING OF CONCERTS AND MUSICAL PIECES WILL BE HELPFUL IN RECRUITING FUTURE MEMBERS.
- THE USE OF "U-TUBE" AND SIMILAR PLATFORMS WILL INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE HUGE BENEFITS THAT CHORAL WORK BRINGS TO INDIVIDUALS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY.
- WE ALWAYS SUPPORT LOCAL CULTURAL EVENTS AND OUR CHOIR HAS HELPED TO RAISE MANY THOUSANDS OF POUNDS IN SUPPORT OF A WIDE RANGE OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL CHARITIES.
- WE STRIVE TO PROMOTE THE RICH CULTURE OF OUR LOCALITY AND WE ARE KEEN TO FURTHER PROMOTE OURSELVES AS A SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE ORGANISATION.

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

Project costs: £600.00 (Audio/visual recorder - £350)
(sheet music - £250)

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)
Recording equipment	£ 350
Sheet music	£ 250
Sub Total	£ 600
D. Total project costs (A + B + C)	TOTAL £ 600

How will your project improve the local environment?

Promoting the choir will boost membership and increase participation in more local events.

How does your project contribute to sustainability?

How does your project link with local schools?

We have undertaken school projects in the past and the choir is keen to support further links with young people

How does your project promote volunteering?

We all give our time freely, to support charities and to take part in community events. We are self-financing and pay for all expenses incurred when we participate in concerts etc

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

- REGULAR USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO RECORD AND PROMOTE OUR CHOIR
- PURCHASE OF NEW MUSICAL PIECES TO ENHANCE OUR REPERTOIRE

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

AS THEY BECOME PART OF CHOIR CONCERTS AND PRACTICES.

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

COMMUNITY GROUP

Payee name: ABERTILLERY LADIES ORPHEUS CHOIR

Signed: MA. ALLEN

Print Name: MARILYN ALLEN

Date: 19th September 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



Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

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(see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group or organisation:

Llanhilleth Tenants & Residents Association

Contact name: Lyn Maloney.

Role in group: Chair.

Telephone number: 01495214039.

Email: lynmaloney2010@hotmail.co.uk.

What is the name of your project? Friends of Granny's Wood.

What are the aims of the project? To establish a group to maintain and develop Granny's Wood, Llanhilleth.

How will your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents? As well as keeping the pathway through the wood in good order our plans include, extending the pathway to expose the capped shafts of Llanhilleth Colliery and so creating more communal space, establishing a forest school for the pupils of St. Illtyd's School, improving disabled access, and providing an off-road cycle track. We will also investigate the possibility of establishing allotments.

Approximate number of beneficiaries? 1080 (the population of Llanhilleth)

What will be delivered as a result of the Solar Farm Grant? Equipment, Training, and Insurance to enable the group to work effectively and safely.

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)
Brush cutters: 2 @ £299	£598.00
Training in safe use and maintenance of brush cutters: 2 @ £260	£520.00
Insurance cover for volunteers: 1 year @ £75.85	£75.85
Sub Total	£1193.85
D. Total project costs (A + B + C) TOTAL	£1193.85

How will your project improve the local environment? Our Granny's Wood project, completed 3 years ago, reinstated an impassable pathway through the wood that miners took to the colliery. It has created a peaceful and tranquil spot enjoyed by everyone who visits. The wood has many different types of trees, maintained by the Borough's woodland management scheme. A recent ornithological survey identified 29 different species of bird. Our project will keep the wood and pathways in good order and develop it.

How does your project contribute to sustainability? Covid restrictions helped nature to reclaim areas we had cleared before the pandemic. Without regular maintenance, the pathway and the wood would deteriorate and lose its appeal.

How does your project link with local schools? We have worked with the Borough's Ecology & Biodiversity Officers and the pupils, on establishing a forest school and other woodland and wildlife projects for St. Illtyd's School.

How does your project promote volunteering? The Friends group will encourage volunteering by their fellow residents, **regardless** of age. There are few opportunities, today, for important intergenerational activities. Encouraging young people to get involve will persuade other members of their families to take part too.

How does your project promote links between communities?

The Llanhilleth Colliery Memorial is within the wood and forms the start and finish points of the popular Ebbw Fach Trail, which links heritage sites the length of the valley. People enjoy the peaceful, tranquil atmosphere in the wood, some use it for a just quiet stroll, maybe they walk their dog or just sit and let the cares of the world drift away. Many have commented on the friendly people they have met on their visits.

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?**

Creation of the group will contribute to community wellbeing by encouraging inter-generational community engagement and participation and all-important community awareness and ownership.

- **A prosperous Wales:** The project will not have a direct financial impact on the community but will enrich the lives of those taking part and members of the community who will benefit from their efforts.
- **A resilient Wales:** Rest and recuperation are a fuel for resilience and hobbies and volunteering can contribute hugely.
- **A healthier Wales:** Outdoor activity plays an important part in good health. WE are currently speaking to Small Woods Wales regarding woodland and wildlife taster sessions.
- **A more equal Wales:** Enthusiasm and a love of our community are the only qualifications to join.
- **A Wales of cohesive communities:** The intergenerational activities with simple, achievable aims, will bring our community together.
- **A Wales of vibrant culture:** The links to our mining heritage, via the colliery memorial, are important but so is the future. Our project will help bring the community together and rekindle the spirit communities like ours were so proud of.
- **A globally responsible Wales:** Biodiversity is vital to the future wellbeing of our communities. Participation in Granny's Wood will promote awareness and provide an important sense of ownership and responsibility for the future.

(continue on a separate sheet if needed)

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

Well maintained pathways and woodland with additional facilities.

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

As progress will, to a large extent, depend on the weather and season, we will supply reports, with photographs, in the spring of 2022.

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

We are a community group formed in 1998. Our constitution is attached.

Payee name: Llanhilleth Tenants & Residents Association.

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 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



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QUOTE
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DATE
03/08/2021

TOTAL
GBP £260.00

TO

Lyn Maloney, Granny's Wood

DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
City and Guilds NPTC Brushcutter and trimmer course inc. assessment, price per person	£260.00	1	£260.00
TOTAL			GBP £260.00

APPENDIX A

To: Mr Stephen Edwards
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**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR
ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Full name	Mihangel Ap-Williams
Home address Inc. Postcode	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	as above
Email	
Which Ward do you wish to represent	Abertillery

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LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

QUALIFICATIONS

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below)

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	Yes
Are you 18 or over?	Yes

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Are you on the electoral register for the ward of your choosing	Yes
Have you lived either in the ward of your choosing, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	Yes
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DISQUALIFICATIONS

(You must be able to answer No to all of the questions below to be eligible to serve as a councillor)

Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?	No
Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine?	No

Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	No

Please briefly outline of why you are interested in being a community councillor.

Im interested in Serving the local area and also making myself know, I have ideas and interest that might benefit the area, from the likes of business nouce and ability to grow from learning!

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience.

I hav worked all over the UK, I have seen life from many different angles, I came from a poverty back ground to starting my own business, I like understanding the whats and the whys and offering solutions to these problems!

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise.

marketing, financial management and hands on skills

Are there any questions you would like to ask the council?

none at the moment

Signed.....Mihangel Ap - Williams.....

Date:5/10/2021.....

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full name	Jaqueline Patrica Ledbury
Home address Inc. Postcode	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	N/A
Email	
Which Ward do you wish to represent	Llanhilleth

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Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	No

Please briefly outline of why you are interested in being a community councillor.

Since moving back to South Wales I have become very involved in my community. I feel strongly that someone needs to speak up for us and give ALL of our local residence a voice. I am extremely concerned about our environment. I regularly walk my little dog and take home bags or litter that I have collected and I am a member of The Litter Champions scheme from BGCBC, I think this is a great scheme and would like to promote it more and see more schemes like this develop here. I feel being Coopted onto the council I will be in a good position to do things like this.

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience.

As I just mentioned I am an active member of the Litter Champions and this is covering my area and a little part of Caerphilly.

I was also involved in a clean campaign on the island of Crete, where I lived for 15 years. I am now retired but my working life was spent in childcare and children's education. I still greatly value my time with children and love the opportunity to get local kids and schools involved in keeping our area clean and tidy.

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise.

I was a manager in the private school that I worked at. This involved planning for projects, record keeping and a huge amount of time spent liaising with internal staff, parents and many outside bodies.

I have O levels, city in guilds qualifications in child development and psychology and I took a lot of training on the job, all to do with childcare.

I have lived in many different places, big cities and rural places in several different parts of the world. I lived with different cultures and had to take an active role in dealing with people holding different view points in order to move projects forward. I feel I could bring these skills to the community council.

Are there any questions you would like to ask the council?

Can you tell me exactly where Blaenau Gwent finishes and where Caerphilly starts and as I have had difficulties with fly tipping and which authority is responsible for cleaning it up on the lower lane above Hafodyrynys.

Signed... Jaqueline Patrica Ledbury

Date: ...18th October 2021.....

APPENDIX A

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full name	Ben Owen-Jones
Home address	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	
Email	
Which Ward do you wish to represent	Llanhilleth Ward

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Are you disqualified by order of a court?	No

Please briefly outline of why you are interested in being a community councillor.

I am interested in what happens in my community. I have benefitted from the help of others here and I have always tried to reciprocate this.

I feel strongly that if we all help each other we can make a better place in which to live.

Since becoming more active in Welsh politics it has come to my attention that there are very few people in politics who identify as disabled. In fact, the Welsh Government estimates that 20% of the population in Wales is disabled but only 1.5% of Councillors are known to have a disability or long-term health condition. To me, this is not an acceptable figure and in order for disabled people to become properly represented at this (and other) level(s) of Welsh politics, more disabled people have to put their names forward.

It is with this in mind that I am putting forward my name to be co-opted onto the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council.

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience.

I have been self-employed in the creative and teaching industries since graduating from my masters degree in 2000. I was actually the first wheelchair user to live on the campus and during my time at University in South Wales I helped develop the accessibility of the whole University campus.

Since then I have taken many different contracts, including working for several UK-wide disability charities. I coordinated the roles of these organisations and the support they offered at ground level. This involved working with national councils, trustees, volunteer teams and the

members of the charity.

This was both in the community/online and within specialised NHS units across all of Wales and Southern England. I organised the production and distribution of Bi-lingual information, both print and on-line, all in order to support newly spinally injured patients and their families. I have also worked as a freelance designer and teacher in the community and in Further Education.

I was elected by my trade union to sit for a term on the Welsh National Committee. The committee advises the trade union council, liaises with other bodies in Wales including the Welsh Parliament, Arts Council of Wales, Welsh TUC and it serves as a way of communication between the council and union members across the country.

I have been a professional actor since 2005 and as such have recently become a trustee of a South Wales theatre charity that is prolific in producing theatre work for, about and by disabled and non-disabled actors. All of the work produced is in three languages, Welsh, BSL and English. I have gone on with this group to work with other theatre organisations and help them to develop their access policies and systems.

Since leaving the Labour Party and joining Plaid Cymru I have began establishing a Deaf, disabled and neurodiverse Section within the party. This involves working within the framework of the party rules, arranging BSL interpreters to hold our fully accessible and tri-lingual meetings, publishing our activities and liaising with Members of the Senedd and our own party structure. I have been working closely with our own Blaenau Gwent constituency group to constantly improve the disabled access to our meetings, both online and in the real world. We only this last week held an accessible trip to the Chartist caves in Trefil. The wheelchair being pulled on a rope up the mountain was quite a sight!

I know what its like to live independently as a disabled person and I have struggled with red tape, bureaucracy and health matters. I understand how important it is to find the right people to help navigate these systems and can fully empathise with those going through similar issues.

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise.

I am well travelled, educated and competent. I have seen how other people live and work in other places in the Union and in the world.

I have lived half my life as an able bodied person and half my life as a paraplegic full-time wheelchair user. I have also lived for half my life in England and half my life in South Wales. I have masters degree, a bachelors degree, I hold PTLLS and TEFL qualifications and I am learning to speak Welsh. I have been self employed for 21 years, and need to be flexible with my work to be able to take on a variety of contracts with different organisations, often at short notice. I am computer literate, familiar with various design platforms, I have built websites, am used to presenting and public speaking, resourceful, independent and interested in the workings and further development of our community council.

Are there any questions you would like to ask the council?

- What is the council's access policy and how is that working?
- What proportion of residents are Disabled?
- How many affordable accessible houses are available here?
- What Disability groups/organisations do the council work with and in what capacity?

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. M.', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 14th October 2021

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR
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Full name	Mr Barrie Charles Page
Home address Inc. Postcode	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	
Email	
Which Ward do you wish to represent	Llanhilleth

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Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	No

Please briefly outline of why you are interested in being a community councillor.

I have long been interested in politics, both locally and nationally and have tried in the past to enter local government where I used to live. I believe local government has more awareness of local issues and should therefore be more relevant to people's needs and concerns. Having moved into this area for my retirement it seems fitting to put the skills and experiences from my life to some use for the community locally. The grand schemes of central Government do not always address the needs of people, especially in rural areas. I would like to be able to contribute to mitigating at least some of the issues that affect people but get overlooked by central Government.

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience.

I am a retired secondary school maths teacher. I worked in teaching for about 10 years, in a school, prison and a Special Needs school. For the last 10 years of my working life, I was self-employed as a handyman/decorator and private maths tutor. I have been a volunteer with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for over 20 years, training participants in navigation, campcraft and first aid, and supporting expeditions at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. I worked for 5 years at Southend Municipal Airport whilst it was run by the local council and gained some knowledge of Council workings. At the Special Needs school, I worked with a group of pupils with significant behavioural issues. All had been excluded permanently from main stream education and from Referral Units. I am a keen walker and am enjoying exploring the countryside around the area.

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise.

I am a qualified teacher and have had Midas minibus training. I have managed my own small businesses, both as self-employed and as director of my own private limited company. During a period of work for Reuters I was responsible for fitting out a new software development facility with test bed area. I was responsible for organising the services needed, coordinating with the contractors and moving an existing department into the new facilities. I have recently completed a training course with the Duke of Edinburgh Award as a Verifier run over Adobe Connect. I keep in contact with my family in Southend on Zoom. Whilst working as a handyman I was often presented with problems for which solutions were needed with a keen eye on price and timescale.

Are there any questions you would like to ask the council?

Is there a document that details the areas of responsibility of the Community Council and those of Blaenau Gwent?

Signed.....*B. Pye*.....

Date: *5/10/21*.....

