

From: Mark Lewis
Sent: 22 September 2025 11:54
To: ALCC ClerkMailbox
Subject: Re: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Good morning Molly,

Thank you for your email reply back to me and I can now update you on the underspend with the Solar Farm Grant application 2024 for FBG & RP.

It has come to a £3541.25 underspend and this is now also available to allow full council to decide how they would like to proceed ahead with it moving forward.

We (FBG & RP) can still use it all or some of the underspend to have some painted floor marking games installed on the pathway through Roseheyworth Park if we are allowed to do so by full council and can provide costing to carry these out at Roseheyworth Park as well.

The three floral tubs were requested at all the pre budget request PLaCE meetings by me for my local residents last year 2024 and I will also be checking the minutes for these meetings now too as money was allocated into the budget for them to which is being taken from my residents currently with their Community Council Tax Contributions for 2025-26 ALCC Financial year.

Again, I have mentioned this several times in the past that all ALCC minutes should be fully transcript to have an accurate record of exactly what is being stated at meetings by councillors so that these types of simple stupid mistakes cannot happen but no apparently this should happen.

At a second tier government level mind you which is absolutely crazy in my opinion.

It will be a very good job when you and Erika area actually properly CILCA Qualified Clerks as at least then we will have a chance of running a Community Council properly in my opinion on it.

I will get back to you about the three requested tubs for the Cwmtillery Ward area by me last year but they were definitely requested, put in the budget and are being paid for currently too by my local residents.

They are also paying for two planters that have been temporarily located up at Cwmtillery Lakes entrance front for the ALCC WB Project which need to be replaced back either side of the cross roads junction before Cwmtillery Ind Est again which was agreed at a Place meeting earlier this year with Cllr Hendreson who was in charge of the ALCC WIB/ TIB Project.

If these can also be installed back in place for my local Cwmtillery Ward Community Council Taxpayers asap then it will be very much appreciated too.

I will take a look for the Christmas Lighting email within my ALCC emails and get back to you on that issue if required to do so as we will be dealing with this issue soon as a community group with the contractor carrying out this work for the FBG & RP Community Group.

One last point on the ALCC TIB situation is no hanging basket was provided to The Officers Club again in 2025 who have been waiting for one since 2020 - 21 and was requested by me again also last year plus Fradds Cafe did not receive two hanging baskets this year which again I mentioned were missing at last year's meeting and also in an email on it too as The Clerk stated that may be put them on the lamp post next to Fradds and inbetween the Library as well.

All the missing requested TIB items planters and hanging baskets need to be installed as they are being paid for by the local Community Council Taxpaying residents of the whole ALCC area.

Best regards,

Mark Lewis Chairman,
Friends of Blaenau Gwent and Roseheyworth Park Community Group.

Cllr Mark Lewis,
Cwmteillery Ward Community Councillor,
Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council.

From: ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 August 2025 13:10
To: 'Mark Lewis'
Subject: RE: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Good afternoon Mark,

Thank you for getting back to us regarding the underspend.

I have had a look through the minutes from the PlaCE Committee this year and can't see anything regarding your Town in Bloom queries, please could you let me know when these were agreed? My apologies if I have missed something.

I can see that Erika contacted Blaenau Gwent about Christmas lights at the beginning of August. She has passed along details for the groups we provide lighting grants to, so Blaenau Gwent should be contacting you directly regarding what they require from you.

Kind Regards

Molly Jones
Deputy Clerk

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From: Mark Lewis
Sent: 19 August 2025 12:32

To: ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk> Cc: welsh lone wolf S
Subject: Re: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Good afternoon Erika,

I have contacted Alan Watkins (B.G.C.B.C) on the underspend matter recently and still await him to get back to me on it.

He is also currently away on holidays at the moment as well.

So, I have to wait to hear back from him on this matter initially.

Please can you also provide us with an update on what is happening with the two floral planters that TAFY supposed to be positioning on Rosheyworth Hill and funding that the FBG & RP is supposed to be receiving from ALCC to position another planter with flowers in it by Corban Court in Blaenau Gwent within the Cwmtillery Ward area.

It is now three weeks into August and nothing provided for my community council taxpaying residents within these areas in the Cwmtillery Ward who are paying for these items to be installed for them by ALCC through their Budget Precept contributions.

Please can you also let me know if you have contacted B.G.C.B.C over the increased cost that you mentioned at the last ALCC monthly meeting held in July and that they will be introducing this year to installing some new Christmas Lighting around the Cwmtillery Ward area.

If you can update me on all my above requested issues from you then it will be very much appreciated so that they can also be lined up to be dealt with by us.

Best regards,

Mark Lewis Chairman,
Friends of Blaenau Gwent and Roseheyworth Park Community Group.

From: ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 August 2025 10:18
To: 'Mark Lewis'
Cc: 'welsh lone wolf S' 'c4z77'
Subject: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Good morning Mark

Is there any update on the underspend and your proposal, please?

Kind regards
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From: Mark Lewis Sent: 03 June 2025 11:13

To: ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>

Cc: 'welsh lone wolf S' 'c4z77

Subject: Re: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Good morning Steve,

Okay, no problem and when we know exactly what Alun Watkins has saved with the cost of installing the children's play equipment then we will of course let you know about it.

There is an outside organisation that B.G.C.B.C and the installation company has to use that is currently monitoring the safely of the equipment that has been installed to give it a final clearance and pass.

This monitoring test is carried out as the equipment is currently being used I have been informed by Alun Watkins of B.G.C.B.C and when completed then we will be invoiced to pay for the new play equipment and we will then know the final actual cost of it all.

I will inform you of this costing once we know about it ourselves as a community group.

Best regards,

Mark Lewis Chairman,
Friends of Blaenau Gwent and Rosheyworth Park.

Cllr Mark Lewis,
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From: ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 June 2025 14:09

To: Mark Lewis <mark.lewis@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>

Cc: friendsofblaenaugwentandroseheyworthpark

Subject: RE: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Hi Mark

Any details of the underspend and what you intend to use it for will have to come before Full Council to agree.

Regards,

Steve Edwards
Clerk

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From: Mark Lewis <mark.lewis@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 June 2025 13:23
To: ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>
Cc: [friendsofblaenauwentandroseheyworthpark](#)
Subject: Solar Farm Grant Query.

Good afternoon Steve,

I am just emailing to find out some information from you regarding the solar farm funding that has already been granted to the Friends of Blaenau Gwent and Roseheyworth Park.

It is the fact that this community group was awarded £29,506 for the submitted costs that were provided to us by the third parties involved but Alun Watkins at B.G.C.B.C Parks Department managed to get the park play equipment installed at a reduced price after grant application submission which we are still awaiting the invoice from the installers to confirm.

This expected under spend is the Friends of Blaenau Gwent and Roseheyworth Park then allowed to use this extra unexpected money to purchase some painted floor play activities for Roseheyworth Park as well?

I can not see how it can be filtered back to ALCC from us so as long as we can provide receipts and updated information about the under spend and what it has then been further used to purchase at Roseheyworth Park then this could be a solution to the current unexpected surplus of money that we will receive from the Solar Farm Grant issued to us in 2024.

If you can let me know where we stand with this possible under spend then that will be great and once we have official confirmation of the actual reduction price of installing the play equipment then I can confirm it for you too.

Best regards,

Cllr Mark Lewis,
Cwmtilttery Ward Community Councillor,
Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council.

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