**Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council**

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**SMALL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**GUIDELINES**

The aim of the small grants scheme is to promote and support community activities in our area by providing one off grants for specific items that will support the establishment or development of groups. The grants are not intended to support everyday running costs but to enhance activities and enable the participation of more local people.

There is a standard and straightforward annual application process. Forms may be down loaded from the Community Council website or a paper copy obtained from the clerk at the above address. Applications should be returned by the dates specified below. We welcome costed quotations for specific items. Please be aware that the maximum may apply for is £250. We wish to assist as many eligible groups as possible so please be aware that you may not receive the full amount requested. Please remember that any grant received from the Community Council can be used as match funding for bids to other potential funders.

There will be a date provided when the grant form has to be returned by

Applications assessed by Finance Committee and recommendations made to full Community Council

Successful applicants informed and grants issued:

**Please ask a councillor to help or contact the Clerk if you are unsure of anything.**

**Funding Conditions**

1. Applications must be for items or projects that benefit the Abermule and Llandyssil area
2. Only applications on the form provided and submitted by the deadline date can be considered.
3. Only one grant application per organisation may be made in any one financial year although successful and unsuccessful applicants may apply again in subsequent years
4. The organisation must be non-profit making
5. The application must demonstrate a clear need for the item requested
6. Organisations / groups applying must provide a set of verified accounts for the previous financial year and any other financial information that may be requested by the Clerk. New organisations and small groups need only submit a copy of their most recent bank statement.
7. Any unused monies not used for the purpose applied for must be returned to the Clerk.
8. Successful applicants must acknowledge the financial assistance provided by the Community Council in any publicity or printed material
9. The organisation must provide bank details in order electronic transfer It is the organisation's responsibility to ensure all information is accurate.
10. All successful organisations must produce a short report on how the money has been used, together with receipts by the end of the financial year. This is a condition of grant funding. Failure to do this could jeopardise future funding applications.

**Exclusions:**

The Community Council Small Grant will NOT fund:

individuals

a private profit making / commercial organisation

running costs

political or religious organisations

statutory bodies to fund core services

retrospectively

items / projects which could reasonably be expected to secure finance by other means

Lobbying of individual councillors with respect to an application automatically invalidates the application.

The application will be assessed on need, inclusiveness and the value to the community. Initiatives reaching new sectors of the community will be particularly welcome as will those that can demonstrate continuing benefit although funding towards an individual event will be considered.

Where an application is refused then the applicant will be notified in writing and reasons given.