

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANCARFAN



Llancarfan Community Council Grants Policy

Introduction

Llancarfan Community Council is committed to supporting local communities within its area of responsibility. This Grants Policy outlines the framework for providing financial assistance to local projects, initiatives, and needs in compliance with the relevant legislation governing Welsh Community Councils.

Legal Context

The Council's authority to provide financial assistance is derived from the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137, and other applicable legislation. Under Section 137, the Council can spend a limited amount annually for purposes that benefit the community where no other specific legal power exists, provided the expenditure is proportionate to the benefit achieved.

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to grants offered for the following purposes:

- Provision of a Christmas tree for each of the four villages in the Council's area.
- Replacement pads for community defibrillators in the four villages.
- Other community projects and initiatives that align with the Council's aims and benefit the local community.

Annual Grant Fund

The annual grant amount has been resolved to be £1,500 per year, as agreed by the Council. This funding will support various community initiatives, with grants awarded up to the total annual value of £1,500.

Types of Grants Available

1. Christmas Tree Grant

The Council will allocate a set grant of £150 per village for the provision of a Christmas tree. This grant is to support community festive activities and foster community spirit.

2. Defibrillator Pads Grant

The Council will allocate a set grant of £100 per village for the replacement of defibrillator pads, ensuring the continued availability of lifesaving equipment.

3. Community Projects Grant

The Council may offer financial assistance for other community projects and initiatives. The amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of funds and alignment with the Council's priorities. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to environmental improvements, educational initiatives, and social events that enhance the well-being of residents.

Eligibility Criteria

Grants are available to:

- Community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations operating within the Council's area.
- Projects that benefit residents of the Llancarfan parish (see map)
- Initiatives that demonstrate compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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Exclusions

The Council will not consider grant applications for:

- Activities promoting political or religious views.
- Projects that are the statutory responsibility of other authorities.
- Retrospective funding for activities or purchases already made.

Application Process

The Council will operate the grant system on an agreed date each year. Applications will be welcomed for a set period, and details will be publicised on the Council's website and noticeboards.

1. Christmas Tree and Defibrillator Pads Grants: Eligible groups in each village will automatically be offered the set grant annually. The appropriate form must be filled out, and copies of receipts will be required for proof of purchase.
2. Community Projects Grant:
 - Applicants must complete the Council's Grant Application Form.
 - Applications must provide details of the project, including objectives, beneficiaries, and how funds will be used.
 - Applications will be reviewed quarterly at Council meetings.
 - Deadlines for submission will be publicised in advance.

Decision-Making Process

- Grant applications will be reviewed by the Council to ensure compliance with this policy and applicable legislation.
- Decisions will be based on the merits of the application, available budget, and the benefit to the community.
- Decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Conditions of Grant

- Funds must be used for the purpose stated in the grant offer and within a 12-month period.
- Successful applicants must provide evidence of expenditure and, where applicable, a brief report on the outcomes of the funded project.
- Unspent funds must be returned to the Council unless prior authorisation for alternative use is obtained.
- All grants are awarded on a one-off basis – if required for subsequent years a new application must be made each year.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with legislative changes and alignment with the Council's priorities.

Approved by Llancarf Community Council on 16th January 2025.

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Llancarfan Community Council Parish