



ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FORM 2021/22

This application form is to be used to submit an application to Abergavenny Town Council Community Small Grant Scheme. Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the form.

Completed forms to be returned to Clerk@abergavennytowncouncil.gov.uk or by post to Town Clerk, Town Hall, Cross Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5HD.

Section 1 – Contact information

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Section 2 – Tell Us About Your Group

a. Briefly tells us about the activities that your organisation/group undertakes

The Abergavenny Lido Group aims to bring back an outdoor lido to Bailey Park in Abergavenny, with heated water to enable year-round swimming.

There is a great deal of enthusiasm in the local community for this project to go ahead. We've undertaken a public survey completed by 800+ residents, of whom 97% are in support of the project.

At present the priority is to establish the feasibility of the project. Once this is done, we will work to secure larger grants from capital funders to achieve our ultimate aim.

We are seeking funds to enable us to conduct a study to establish the technical feasibility and economic sustainability of the project.

Finance is needed towards the cost of professional fees, such as planning and surveying as well as liaising with specialists in this field.

The Lido Group will contract a specialist company to carry out the work and produce a detailed illustrated report.

b. Charity Details
(if applicable)

We are currently an unregistered voluntary/community organisation and will apply to gain charitable status as soon as we meet the relevant criteria.

1. VAT
Registered?

No

Section 3. Tell Us About The Community Project/Activity You Want To Undertake

a. Which objective does this project mainly contribute towards (**please tick one**):

Giving Children and Young People the best possible start in life

Support for community wellbeing inc. volunteering and active citizenship

Supporting an economically thriving community

Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

b. Please give more detail on how your project will meet the objective you selected above.

Supporting an economically thriving community

Abergavenny Lido will be a cultural and recreational asset, which could offer a unique leisure experience, not only for the people of Abergavenny but also for the whole of Monmouthshire, South East Wales and further afield.

The lido will make a valuable contribution to Abergavenny's economy by providing a new source of employment and income. It will bring additional business to local shops, restaurants, hotels and accommodation.

It is likely that new businesses would take the place of empty shops because of the increased footfall. The pool will create supply chain opportunities and positive engagement with local businesses.

We feel strongly that our project will contribute towards **all the above objectives** in that it will contribute towards promoting a healthy active life for children and young people. Its aims are entirely consistent with the prevention strategy of the Welsh government's health policy, which applies to all age groups and aims to enable people to look after themselves well.

The planned lido is to be designed with environmental sustainability in mind as well as protection of the local flora. It will be powered by renewable energy sources. The plot used by the previous lido remains a rough patch of ground. Re-using this will add to the visual appeal of Bailey Park through the use of green walls and noise-cancelling panels.

c. Total Project Cost	£25,000
d. How much are you applying for from Abergavenny Town Council?	£1,000
e. Have you raised the balance of funds? (25% of the total project costs should come from other sources)	Approx £8,000 raised so far

f. Please specify how you will use the Town Council grant?

A Town Council grant will be a valuable addition to the funds we have already raised to cover the cost of a feasibility study. We have applied to several other small donors to ask for support.

The feasibility study will provide important evidence to present to potential 'capital' funders. Many of these are keen to support Welsh projects as they tend to have disproportionately fewer applications from Wales.

g. How will your project benefit the community of Abergavenny?

The lido will benefit Abergavenny directly as a community resource and a conveniently situated attractive amenity. It will also provide opportunities for employment and volunteering.

Our aim is to ensure that it is affordable for local families and accessible to everyone, with the diverse needs of the population in mind. Importantly, the lido would have long-term benefits as an investment in the future of the town and it therefore consistent with the Wales' FutureGen policy.

The project will also benefit the community of Abergavenny indirectly. The only outdoor lido in Wales at present (Ponty-Lido in Pontypridd) is extremely popular and attracts swimmers from a wide radius. Given the growing popularity of outdoor swimming, the Abergavenny Lido is likely to have a wide catchment, including all of Monmouthshire and the neighbouring authorities of Blaenau Gwent and Powys as well as other parts of South East Wales. These visitors would bring additional income to the town and contribute to the financial sustainability of the lido.

In addition, we envisage that the year-round lido would be a great addition to Abergavenny's attractiveness as a tourist destination, enhancing our reputation as a place with plenty of activities on offer, whatever the weather or time of year.

h. If your project involves working with young people does your organisation have a safeguarding policy?

Yes	No
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i. When will your project start and finish?

Start date (of feasibility study)	October 2021
Completion date (of feasibility study)	January 2022

j. Are there any outstanding permissions i.e. planning permission required before this project can start? If so, please list together with expected dates when permission will be granted

Not at this stage.
(Planning permission is not required for the feasibility study)

Section 4

This application is to be signed by a person holding a position in the organisation applying for the grant. Before submitting the application please ensure that you have all the additional information as set out in the guidance.

Signed


Abergavenny Lido Group
23/09/21

On behalf of
(name of group)

Date