



ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FORM 2020/21

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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e. Position in Group	Secretary to the Trustees
f. Contact tel no	01873 855760

g. Bank Account
Details

Name of your organisation's bank account
Abergavenny Community Trust

Section 2 – Tell Us About Your Group

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

The Trust manages Abergavenny Community Centre where it organises a range of activities for different groups as well as providing meeting facilities for a range of community groups and public sector organisations needing a community venue. The Trust runs a parent and toddler group called Community Kids and has hosted other children's activities including Ti a Fi and Rugby Tots. Indoor activities have been very limited in the past 12 months due to Covid, however Action for Children have recently re-started their regular after school activities. During the summer holidays we held a very successful series of outdoor play sessions for small groups of parents and children observing the social distancing rules in force at the time. Feedback from parents demonstrated strong demand for these activities to be repeated when possible. [Please see the report attached with this application]

b. Charity Details
(if applicable)

Charity Number 1177133

i. 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.

The lockdowns associated with the Covid pandemic have denied children the usual opportunities for socialising with their peers, so essential for their development, and for learning. Parents/carers have also missed out on contact with others that they

would normally have at parent & toddler groups or at the school gate. The intensity of lockdown where many parents will have been trying to work from home at the same time as supporting home schooling will have put a lot of pressure on the relationships within families. Our project provides opportunities during the Easter school holidays for children and their parents/carers to meet together for creative learning through play in the stimulating environment of the grounds of Abergavenny Community Centre. Skilled play workers/experienced forest school practitioners will run sessions that make the most of the natural resources at the Centre. Young children who have lacked contact with others will have the chance to rediscover the joy of playing with others in a Covid secure & safe environment. The feedback from parents from the sessions held last summer suggests that the experience will be very beneficial for the wellbeing of both children and adults. Parents involved before also noted how they had learned new play activities from the workers that they had been able to replicate at home.

c. Total Project Cost

£1600

d. How much are you applying for from Abergavenny Town Council?

£1000

e. Have you raised the balance of funds?
(25% of the total project costs should come from other sources)

Yes

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

The grant will pay for two highly skilled & experienced play workers and materials for sixteen half-day sessions, and for the additional cleaning costs required to maintain a Covid secure environment.

The grant will be used to meet costs in the second week which falls into the Council's new financial year.

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

After a period where households have had little choice but to turn in on themselves, these activities will benefit the community by providing an opportunity for neighbours to reconnect and for children to develop again in the company of their peers. After a time of externally imposed limitations on freedoms & opportunities for creativity, it will be a chance for people to feel part of the community again. Since the summer series we have begun talking with parents who may be interested in taking a leadership role in terms of planning further activities for children, with a view to fundraising for activities during the summer.

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

Yes	No
X	

i. When will your project start and finish?

Start date

Week beginning 29 March 2021

Completion date

09/04/2021

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

No

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

Jeremy Gass

On behalf of
(name of group)

Abergavenny Community Trust

Date

2nd March 2021