

Abergavenny Town Council  
Council Chambers  
Cross Street  
ABERGAVENTNY

13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Town Councillors

**Re: Request for consideration of increase in grant funding for Mind Monmouthshire**

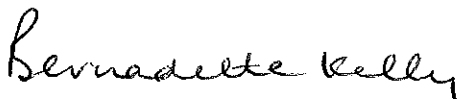
I am writing to express our gratitude for the continued support that Abergavenny Town Council provides to Mind Monmouthshire. The Town Council commitment to promoting mental well-being in the community has had a significant impact and we are truly appreciative of the grant funding that has been awarded to us.

In recent years Mind Monmouthshire has witnessed a growing demand for mental health services within Abergavenny and the surrounding areas. Having an office in the centre of the town provides an opportunity for people to call in and have face to face support on an ad-hoc basis, and it has been noticeable that there has been an increase in footfall at our office, reflecting the pressing need for mental health support in the community.

Whilst we deeply appreciate the current grant award of £10,000 that Abergavenny Town Council generously provides, we find ourselves facing escalating operational costs. These increased costs are primarily attributed to the rising expenses associated with maintaining and expanding our services to meet the growing demand for mental health support. To ensure the continued effectiveness of our service in providing timely assistance to those in need, we kindly request a consideration of an increase of grant awarded. We understand the fiscal responsibilities that the Town Council faces and appreciate your consideration of our request. We would be more than willing to provide additional information or attend a meeting, should this be thought appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support and for consideration of this request.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernadette Kelly".

Bernadette Kelly  
Operations Manager