

## Tracy

**From:** Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>  
**Sent:** 24 October 2021 14:13  
**To:** Wendi Patience  
**Cc:** Mel ab Owain; Shan Bowden; Alun Harries  
**Subject:** NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in November / December  
**Attachments:** New Free training places Form 2020 Cym.doc; New free training places form 2020.docx; Bursary letter up to Feb 2021-22 - £100.docx; Bursary letter up to Feb 2021-22 £100 Cym.docx; Notification to Councils of Training Availability in 2021-22Cym2.doc; Notification to Councils of Training Availability in 2021-22.docx

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below details of Remote training sessions that are taking place in October, please bring this to the attention of your council.

The cost of the training is £30 for members or £50 per person for non members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place.

There is a bursary available to eligible councils.

Session times are listed against the module date.

02/11/2021	Tuesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8.00
02/11/2021	Tuesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
02/11/2021	Tuesday	Code of Conduct Module 9	6.30-8.00
03/11/2021	Wednesday	The Council Module 1	6.30-8.00
03/11/2021	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	2.00-3.30
03/11/2021	Wednesday	Effective Staff Management Module 18	6.30-8.00
04/11/2021	Thursday	Information Management Module 15	6.30-8.00
04/11/2021	Thursday	The Council Meeting Module 5	2.00-3.30
04/11/2021	Thursday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
04/11/2021	Thursday	The Councillor Module 2	6.30-8.00
08/11/2021	Monday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
08/11/2021	Monday	The Council Module 1	2.00-3.30
09/11/2021	Tuesday	Chairing Skills Module 10	6.30-8.00
09/11/2021	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00

09/11/2021	Tuesday	The Councillor Module 2	6.30-8.00
10/11/2021	Wednesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	2.00-3.30
10/11/2021	Wednesday	Information Management IN WELSH	6.30-8.00
11/11/2021	Thursday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8.00
11/11/2021	Thursday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
11/11/2021	Thursday	Code of Conduct Module 9	6.30-8.00
11/11/2021	Thursday	Equality & Diversity Module 14	6.30-8.00
15/11/2021	Monday	Health & Safety Module 7	6.30-8.00
15/11/2021	Monday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8.00
15/11/2021	Monday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
16/11/2021	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
16/11/2021	Tuesday	Introduction to Community Engagement Module 8	2.00-3.30
17/11/2021	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8.00
17/11/2021	Wednesday	The Council Meeting Module 5	6.30-8.00
17/11/2021	Wednesday	The Councillor Module 2	2.00-3.30
18/11/2021	Thursday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8.00
18/11/2021	Thursday	The Council Meeting IN WELSH	2.00-3.30
18/11/2021	Thursday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
22/11/2021	Monday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
22/11/2021	Monday	Code of Conduct IN WELSH	2.00-3.30
23/11/2021	Tuesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8.00
23/11/2021	Tuesday	Code of Conduct Module 9	6.30-8.00
23/11/2021	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8.00
24/11/2021	Wednesday	Effective Staff Management Module 18	6.30-8.00
24/11/2021	Wednesday	The Council IN WELSH	2.00-3.30
24/11/2021	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
25/11/2021	Thursday	Chairing Skills Module 10	6.30-8.00
25/11/2021	Thursday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
25/11/2021	Thursday	Creating a Community Place Plan Module 12	2.00-3.30

25/11/2021	Thursday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8.00
29/11/2021	Monday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8.00
29/11/2021	Monday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
30/11/2021	Tuesday	Information Management Module 15	6.30-8.00
30/11/2021	Tuesday	The Council Module 1	6.30-8.00
30/11/2021	Tuesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
30/11/2021	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	2.00-3.30
01/12/2021	Wednesday	Chairing Skills Module 10	6.30-8.00
01/12/2021	Wednesday	Community Engagement Part II module 13	2.00-3.30
01/12/2021	Wednesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8.00
02/12/2021	Thursday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
02/12/2021	Thursday	The Council Meeting Module 5	6.30-8.00
02/12/2021	Thursday	The Councillor IN WELSH	2.00-3.30
02/12/2021	Thursday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8.00
06/12/2021	Monday	Advanced Local Government Module 21	6.30-8.00
06/12/2021	Monday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8.00
07/12/2021	Tuesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8.00
07/12/2021	Tuesday	Code of Conduct IN WELSH	2.00-3.30
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# GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

8th - 12th November 2021



*Item no. 26*

## Celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week 2021 with Blaenau Gwent

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council will be celebrating Global Entrepreneurship 2021 (GEW) with a series of events in the area to highlight the success of Businesses and the support and advice available to those who want to do Business in Blaenau Gwent.

GEW is a UK wide event that has a mission to support and grow Business Entrepreneurs. These businesses and the people who run them drive every part of our economy.

Did you know small businesses and SMEs make up 99.9% of all private sector activity in the UK and employ more than 18 million people.

### What is happening in Blaenau Gwent?

November	Event	Format	Times	Venue	How to book
Monday 8th	Women's Business Network	Interactive Business Networking Session led by Your North at the Innovation Centre, Ebbw Vale	09:30 - 12:00	Innovation Centre	Go to: <a href="http://www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk">www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk</a> or call 01495 355700
Tuesday 9th	Business Clinic Day	Book to meet business advisors from Development Bank Wales, Business Wales and BGCBC	10:00 - 15:00	Virtual	Call Claire Vokes on 077254 78226 to make your appointment
	Business Builder: Understanding your customer	Virtual Team workshop Coleg Gwent/Natwest	13:00 - 14:00	Virtual	Call 01495 355700
	Business Builder: The Power of Mindset	Virtual Team workshop Coleg Gwent/Natwest	13:00 - 14:00	Virtual	Call 01495 355700
Wednesday 10th	Blaenau Gwent Resilient Town Centres: Digital Awareness Training	Virtual Teams Workshop	16:00 - 18:00	Virtual	Go to: <a href="http://www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk">www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk</a> or call 01495 355700
	Business Builder: Writing a Great 60 Second Pitch	Virtual Team workshop Coleg Gwent/Natwest	13:00 - 14:00	Virtual	Call 01495 355700
Thursday 11th	Business Start up support for 18-25 with Big Ideas Wales	Virtual drop in appointments	10:00 - 12:00	Virtual	Call 01495 355700
	BG Net Effect - Meet your Business Neighbour	Virtual Business Network	17:30 - 19:00	Virtual	Go to: <a href="http://www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk">www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk</a> or call 01495 355700
Friday 12th	BG Effect Fund - Business Start Up Drop in session	Based at Brynmawr Library	10:00 - 12:00	Brynmawr Library	Call 01495 355700

Visit and register with the Blaenau Gwent Business Hub [www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk](http://www.blaenau-gwentbusinesshub.co.uk) for free support, advice and networking opportunities for new and existing businesses.

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**Tracy**

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**From:** Janette Knapp <janette.knapp@sky.com>  
**Sent:** 15 October 2021 09:58  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: Grant application

I received the cheque in receipt of the bench for our communal garden, thank you very much. J Knapp

Thanks  
Janette knapp

On 9 Aug 2021, at 14:55, clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk wrote:

Hi Janette,

Many thanks for e-mailing your grant application - only issue is that I can't open it!

Could you send it through in another format please?

Many thanks

Tracy

**Tracy Hughes - Town Clerk**  
Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

E-mail: [clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk)  
Tel: 01495 292817

Monday - Thursday: 9am-3pm  
Friday: 9am - 1pm

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Janette Knapp" <janette.knapp@sky.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 August, 2021 21:24  
**To:** clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk  
**Subject:** Grant application

Sent from my iPad



# Integrated Wellbeing Networks Newsletter - November 2021

We've got lots to tell you about since our last newsletter.

Our Team across Torfaen, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent and Newport work with local people, organisations, groups and services to promote and enhance community wellbeing.

We've set up Well-being Networks in each area to achieve this aim, and Network members are working together on projects that address shared priorities and ambitions. Some of our projects are outlined here, these act as a springboard for development of initiatives that support well-being and recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



We are privileged to see these projects grow and hear from the people involved. As part of work to promote activities in the area we recently organised filming sessions in Caerphilly, we met a number of community groups, it was inspiring to hear the positive effects experienced by

individuals in the community. Keep an eye out for the videos soon!

The Team has continued support for community centres and hubs re-opening safely and developing their well-being offer ('what's on for local community') in the new context of pandemic recovery.

This includes gaining a detailed understanding of groups and provision that have re-started and proves invaluable for keeping health and social care partners updated on where community members can be signposted.

We are continuing to support the roll-out of [Connect 5 training](#) - the training gives people the skills and confidence to have conversations about mental health. We continue networking and linking the local workforce with well-being support and assets.

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Good progress is being made with developing local solutions for well-being information, including the development of local web portals complementary to Dewis, alongside video content mentioned previously, we hope to spread the word to both professionals and the public about local opportunities.

We've been pleased to welcome three new Community Involvement Officers to the team, situated in Torfaen, Newport and Blaenau Gwent. The new officers allow to us expand upon our engagement with the community, you'll hear some of what they've been up to in this newsletter.

We're excited to let you know about our Participatory Budgeting (PB) work in Blaenau Gwent, Newport and Torfaen in the following pages. You can also find more information on PB and on how we did it, [here](#).

In **Newport**, the Participatory Budgeting process '**Our Voice, Our Choice, Our Port**' took place between January and March 2021. 24 projects were awarded funding and we're proud to have helped facilitate this.

The winners included:

- **Fit and Fed'** initiative in partnership with County in the Community (Newport County AFC) which feeds young children and provides opportunities for sport and exercise . 
- **Shahporan Bengali Adult Mental Well-being Project**, organised by Shahporan Bangladeshi jam'e mosque. 
- **Laptops 4 Home Learning** Newport Uskmouth Rotary - Aims to upgrade used computers to benefit students at home. 
- **Well-being Ambassadors Social Group** Newport Mind – opportunities for socialising. 
- Programme of workshops for **Newport Women's Group for refugees and asylum seekers** via the British Red Cross. 

You can find out more about PB here.

The Ringland and Pill Well-being Collaboratives have been meeting and a number of brilliant projects are being progressed. The meetings present a good opportunity for organisations to come together and are key vehicles for spreading the word about local services and opportunities.

We're continuing to work with partner and community organisations to develop Well-being Centres/Safe Havens across

key areas in Newport so that they provide a 'minimum standard' of support and assistance. We also have plans to further develop green activities in hub areas and work with our new Community Involvement Officer, Hattie, and key partners to engage and involve local people.



**Ringland Community Hub**

A review of 'what's on' (opportunities and services beneficial to physical and mental health) guide in Ringland and Pill is underway.

We've worked with hubs and local organisations to ensure easy public access to key well-being websites and online resources including Dewis, Infoengine, Melo, national advice sites including Citizens Advice and more. We hope our work has played a part in making sure information gets to the people who may benefit from it.

We are developing a web portal to promote local wellbeing provision, and have started work on the Your Newport Your Wellbeing interactive map. We look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

Work continues to identify more socially vulnerable residents in IWN areas and in particular in Pill. A number of projects have started up to engage residents in activities available locally.

Community conversations will commence in Ringland in the w/c 25th October, and we are aiming to start in Pill at the end of October.

Work in **Torfaen** (Blaenavon and Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon) continues to develop. Initiatives and opportunities continue to build in the local area and it's great to see local people getting involved, and reaping the benefits of participation.

In Blaenavon, the resource centre stands as a good example of a local hub offering a broad array of services. Pobl, Torfaen Customer Care, Platform, Hafan Cymru and Citizens Advice have now returned and are delivering weekly outreach sessions at the centre.



**Blaenavon Resource Centre**

In response to recent conversations with the community and network members, we've now sourced signage and an intercom to facilitate easy access to the North Torfaen Wellbeing Team (Adult Social Care) who are based upstairs.

We recently held a productive partnership surgery between Gwent Police, Bron Afon, Community Safety and Torfaen Customer Care, where the benefits of partners working in a shared space was highlighted by attendees.

We're continuing our work at upskilling the team at Blaenavon Medical Practice, working with staff and Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners, to network and help them signpost to a broader range of well-being activities and support available locally. This includes developing a mental health pathway linked to the Melo website, building on the work started in Blaenau Gwent.

The Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Networks met in September at the

Woodland Road Sports & Social Centre, with more dates in the diary. The focus for this group is to develop 'community conversations': engaging the community in helping us develop future plans that address priority areas for local people.

Ensuring information reaches the right people can be a challenge. We work to ensure information disseminates as effectively as possible, and our networks serve as great 'vehicles' for getting information out to the community.

### What's On

#### Monday



**Dementia Support Group**  
12:30pm  
Blaenavon Centre



**Dance Fitness Classes with GEEJ Coaching**  
10am  
Blaenavon Centre



**Shining Stars - Ladies Choir**  
8:00pm  
38 Broad Street, Blaenavon



**Adults Walking Netball Club**  
Monday 7:45pm  
From 1st Dec 2017 (11 Blaenavon, Adults using Gwent Road)



#### Tuesday



**Arts Class - for able-bodied & disabled**  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
Blaenavon Centre



**Torfaen Take A Stroll**  
Next: 11th Dec 2017  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Progress: 11th Dec 2017  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
2:00pm - 3:00pm  
3:00pm - 4:00pm  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
8:00pm - 9:00pm  
9:00pm - 10:00pm  
10:00pm - 11:00pm  
11:00pm - 12:00pm

### Healthy Blaenavon What's On Webpage

We are developing our local, digital communications, supporting development of the [Connect Torfaen website](#), which provides information on local activities and organisations nearby. We are gathering feedback from partners (pictured above) and community members as the Healthy Blaenavon website continues to develop.

We're excited at the progress of Participatory Budgeting in Torfaen. Two webinars were hosted in October, this signalled the launch of the application process. Using the ['Vocaley.org' platform](#) - Community groups and individuals can create projects and ideas to support the community.

We'll let you know more soon.



Work in **Caerphilly** is continuing at pace. As mentioned in the introduction, we were pleased to meet a number of community organisations and groups in September and film their activities. Thanks to those who took part, we are pleased to highlight your brilliant work!

We've hosted productive meetings with our growing Well-being Networks in September and October. Here are some highlights from our busy borough:

### **Rhymney War Memorial Park**

The Friends of the Park group has continued to meet to collaborate on improving the park for all. The group hosted a community outdoor 'Love The Park' event on July 31st, involving Arts Development at Caerphilly County Borough Council, GAVO and Flourish, using a Planning for Real consultation approach. As a result of this, we have supported further discussions around a new walking group, heritage and community choir.

### **Dementia Friendly Bargoed**



[www.dementiafriendlybargoed.wales](http://www.dementiafriendlybargoed.wales)

The steering group has created a delivery plan for the remainder of the calendar year across 3 focus themes (businesses and shops, children, young people and students, community, voluntary, faith groups and organisations). We are also using the lessons learned for developing and extending to Dementia Friendly Risca.

### **Risca Hack of Kindness**

This event was held on September 16th at Channel View Community Centre with over 40 community members from various groups along with services in attendance. There was great feedback on the day. Wales Coop Centre who facilitated the event are preparing a report capturing ideas from the community that support wellbeing in the area. We hope will provide a firm basis for Participatory Budgeting.

We are looking forward to progressing Participatory Budgeting in Caerphilly in partnership with Caerphilly Borough Council over the next few months.



### **Nature Prescribing**

[www.naturewellbeing.wales](http://www.naturewellbeing.wales)

The Nature Prescribing pilot has been running with GP surgeries in Caerphilly and is just about to finish with around 40 referrals into our network of providers. Initial evaluation has been conducted and the final results will be available in October, looking at the perspectives of the participants, practices and providers to produce a model that can be rolled out going forward.

### **Caerphilly Wellbeing Friends**

We are developing on the Caerphilly Wellbeing Friends initiative alongside GAVO as our key partner, building up our social media presence and developing an online 'what's on' schedule – working to ensure local people know about opportunities available locally.

[Caerphilly Wellbeing Friends](#)

In **Blaenau Gwent**, we've carried out a series of PB sessions and allocated funding to a number of brilliant community organisations.

In mid-2021, Blaenau Gwent Council commissioned MutualGain\* to develop and deliver an online Participatory Budgeting programme.

\*MutualGain are specialists in building social capital and have an extensive track record of training and supporting the delivery of PB projects across the UK.

The scope and reach of the programme was agreed with key partners prior to the commencement of the community planning group training programme. Partners involved included: Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Aneurin Leisure, Natural Resources Wales, GAVO, Blaenau Gwent Integrated Wellbeing Network, and Tai Calon

**To find out more about the process and a complete list of winners head here.**

Here's a selection below, we're proud to have supported these brilliant projects.

- **Gelli Crug Park-** Initiative to improve facilities at Gelli Crug Park, Abertillery.
- **Families First Sow Pretty** - to set up a community gardening group for families, carers and young people.
- **Tredegar Torpedoes Swim Squad** -for new equipment and sessions.
- **Men's Den** - Funding for a range of activities. Including a mixture of no cost, walks and visits to local sights of interest. Addressing issues of isolation and loneliness for middle age/senior men exacerbated by Covid 19.

We've also continued working on a number of other priority areas and initiatives, and have been pleased to welcome our new Community Involvement Officer, Rosalin , to the role.

In response to feedback from the community about getting more physically active, we've linked with

Aneurin Leisure to implement further family activities at Brynmawr Welfare Park, (**Launch pictured below**) Aneurin Leisure will provide volunteers for the first 6 weeks and will fund training for community volunteers to take over the coordination of the Stroll going forward.



We've been pleased to carry out engagement within the community, including at the Brynmawr Fit & Fed sessions, at the Brynmawr Park, and at Coleg Gwent Ebbw Vale Fresher's Fayre.



It has been brilliant to speak to the community about priorities and issues important to local people. We also recruited a number of community members as Wellbeing Friends.

We're also working with the newly appointed DEWIS Coordinator to ensure the identified services are on DEWIS. As part of work to promote 'what's on' to the community, a partnership with a local radio station has been established. Providing a regular interview slot with community groups and services on a monthly basis. This gives an opportunity for local services to promote themselves to people living nearby.

In addition, our web portal and interactive map promoting local services, opportunities, groups and activities is developing, and we will update on this in the next issue.



## Contact us.

If you've got any questions about the programme or would like to get involved - we'd love to hear from you.

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**GWENT**  
**INTEGRATED**  
**WELL-BEING**  
**NETWORKS**

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

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## **Independent Remuneration Panel Wales**

### **Members Allowances November 2021**

#### **Introduction:**

Members will be aware of the annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales (February 2021) and One Voice Wales' report/advice on implementing these determinations.

#### **Report:**

Members will recall considering and approving the determinations contained within the IRPW report 2021/22. In addition to the statutory determinations relating to individual positions, the latest guidance requires the Council to approve a number of discretionary matters which are optional:

#### **Determination 45:**

Community/town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties.

#### **Advice:**

Whilst the payment of travel costs is optional, the Council must make and resolve a decision regarding travel costs.

#### **Determination 46:**

If a Community/Town Council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members.

#### **Advice:**

Whilst the reimbursement of subsistence payments to members is optional, the Council must make and resolve a decision regarding subsistence payments.

#### Determination 47:

Community/Town Councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties.

#### Advice:

Whilst the payment of financial loss compensation is optional, the Council must make and resolve a determination regarding financial loss compensation.

#### Determination 41: Contribution towards costs of care and personal assistance (CPA):

This is to enable people who have personal support needs and/or caring responsibilities to carry out their duties effectively as a member of an authority (including Town/Community Council). The IRPW believes that additional costs of care required to carry out approved duties should not deter any individual from becoming a member of an authority or limit their ability to carry out the role.

Members are entitled to claim towards the cost of care and personal assistance, for activities that the individual council has designated official business or an approved duty which might include appropriate and reasonable preparation and travelling time.

Information indicates that costs and claim vary but IRPW have stated:

- Formal (registered with Care Inspectorate Wales) care costs to be paid as evidenced.
- Informal (unregistered) care costs to be paid up to a maximum rate equivalent to the Real UK Living Wage at the time the costs are incurred.

For clarification, care costs cannot be paid to someone who is a part of the member's household.

This must be for the additional costs incurred by members to enable them to carry out official business or approved duties. Each authority must ensure that any payments made are appropriately linked to official business or approved duty. Payment shall only be made on production of receipts from the care provider.

#### Advice:

The payment is mandatory if claimed and meets the criteria detailed above. No decision is required by Council.

Tracy Hughes  
Town Clerk /RFO  
Revised: November 2021

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

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Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk/RFO

## Community Grant Application Form 2021/22

Please contact the Town Clerk if you require any information or assistance in completing the application form.

25 OCT 2021

### Section 1: Contact Information

TOWN COUNCIL

Applicant Name/Group Name:

Brynmawr Rotary – 'Stronger Together' Christmas Hamper Project

Contact Name:

Donna Wallbank

Contact Address:

7 Market Square

Brynmawr

Blaenau Gwent NP23 4AI

Contact Email Address:

ROTARY@DONNAWALLBANK.CO.UK

Daytime Telephone Number:

077778509001

Your position in the group:

Project Lead

### Section 2: Tell us about your group

What category does your project fall into (please tick all relevant boxes):

Children/Education

☐

Arts & Culture

☐

Health & Wellbeing

☐

Elderly

☐

Environment

☐

Active Lifestyles

☐

Other

☐

**Please provide a brief description of the activities you/your group undertake:**

In what year was the group founded?

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

☐

No

☐

If yes, please provide the registered number:

**If your application relates to sport**

Is the team a member of /or affiliated to a recognised sporting body?

Yes

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No

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If yes, which one?

**If your application relates to a children's group**

Have all the relevant DBS checks been completed?

Yes

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No

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### Section 3: Tell us about the community activity you wish to support

Are you applying for, or receiving funding from another source?

Yes

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No

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If so, where from and how much?

Fundraising and grant applications

Please explain what the community grant support will be used for?

We will be providing Christmas hampers to cover a weeks food for those in need in our communities.

The monies raised and gifted will purchase the necessary items to ensure the hampers are suitable and contain all items required. This will be followed on from the successful project delivery in 2020 and although the project was to be a one year activity because of Covid-19, it has been identified that the community need remains and has increased so therefore it will run for 2021.

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

It will include residents in Blaina and Nantyglo who will be identified via 3<sup>rd</sup> party agencies / groups such as Platform and other agencies who sent the referrals and helped in the delivery of the hampers to protect GDPR and their clients. Last year we included school head teachers who knew the most vulnerable families in the area, we are also pleased to take referrals form your group of councillors:



## Section 4: Independent Reference Details

Please give the name of someone who can provide an independent reference on behalf of you/your group:

Councillor John Hill – Councillor Wayne Hodgins – Councillor Lyn Elias

Job title/occupation of referee: Councillors

Referee contact address:

Head Teacher – Gail Watkins - Ystruth School 01495 290955

Head Teacher Coed Y Garn School - 01495 290044

Wayne - wayne.hodgins365@btinternet.com

Email address:

As above

Daytime phone number:

See above

Relationship to the group  
(if any):

Participated in packing and delivery in 2020 so aware of hampers

## Section 5: To be completed for all applications

Please tick here to confirm that you have read and accepted the grant selection criteria: ☒

Signed on behalf of (if you are applying on behalf of a group)

Donna Wallbank

Signature:



Date:

26-10-2021

## Tracy

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**From:** Rotary <rotary@donnawallbank.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 October 2021 13:10  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Brynmawr Rotary - Christmas Hamper Funding request

Dear Members of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

Brynmawr Rotary has a proud history since it was formed in 1968 of assisting the community we serve and across its geographical wider areas too, an example being that throughout the pandemic we supported the whole of Blaenau Gwent and we continue to do so.

I copy a few news article links below which highlight what we did to help and we proudly continue to support the community via the Rotary Supplementary Foodbank which we run. We deliver when people in need cannot collect and we now run the project from 2 community houses which are gifted to us by Tai Calon.

Ahead of **Christmas 2020** we created a project to provide 50 Christmas week food hampers...it escalated as they need was huge and we eventually delivered **184 Christmas Hampers** which were suitable for 7 days with 3 meals a day across Blaenau Gwent which included festive items, tins, jars, dried foods as well as Chickens, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables! We used funds we could raise, we begged, hunted for bargains and worked with companies we knew....it was a huge success as you will see from the pictures and articles.

Please watch this film of what we did with the 2020 Hampers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5RsMkeWkqE>

### Christmas 2021

Christmas 2021 already shows signs of need and although we undertook the project originally for one-year we agreed at our Rotary meeting this week that we must offer the food hamper service again in 2021...as I said we already cover the whole of Blaenau Gwent, so we are communicating with each Town Council in the Borough, as we know someone in all areas have been in receipt of a food parcel that we have supported them with...and many will need support at Christmas and into the New Year.

### So why do I write to you?

Well, quite simply Rotary are asking for your considered support of this project via a financial donation and if any of you wish to volunteer to let us know so we can schedule you a suitable slot for hamper packing.

If in doubt of what we did in 2020 please ask Cllrs John Hill, Wayne Hodgins and Lyn Elias who came and saw the work we did and helped bag the vegetables! Wayne with others delivered parcels, supported people who through schools, other 3<sup>rd</sup> sector groups, churches and community leaders identified as families and people in need. Wayne, continues to collect and deliver parcels and food when donated and can attest first hand to the need of the people we are helping.

Please visit our Facebook page or website and see images of people of action taking action and feeling good because a family or person was going to have a better Christmas than they would have had, if the project was not created. [www.facebook.com/BrynmawrRotary](https://www.facebook.com/BrynmawrRotary)

If you have questions or wish the project co-ordinators to speak to the Town Council at one time we would be delighted to do so physically or remotely.

### Links to articles

<https://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/18988789.brynmawr-rotary-supporting-community-help-youngsters/>  
<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/covid-heroes-amazon-brynmawr-coronavirus-19220944>

I can provide the bank details, or an office address should you wish to make a donation and all donations will be acknowledged after the Hampers have been delivered.

We truly need your support to continue to offer this help to those who are not as fortunate as we may be, 'please' consider a donation to what we believe to be a more than worthy use of our community efforts.

Yours in Rotary Service

Donna

Donna Wallbank

Proud Member of Brynmawr Rotary

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**Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel**

**Inspection of Salem Chapel – October 2021**

<b>MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Report of any defects And action taken</b>
Main Hall of Chapel	./	./	./	./	Dry rot detected on stage & part lifted. Further investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Pipe organ supports re-enforced Sept 2016.
Fire Alarm	./	./	./	./	Inspected 20/05/2021
Emergency Lighting	./	./	./	./	Inspected 20/05/2021
Stairways to Balcony	./	./	./	./	Stair lift not working, evidence of damp on walls
Balcony	./	./	./	./	Damage to display possibly from insects/woodworm. Greater evidence of damp on walls.
Toilets	./	./	./	./	Removed due to dry rot
High Street Entrance	./	./	./	./	Black mould on walls & ceilings
Office	./	./	./	./	Broken window secured
General Condition	./	./	./	./	General deterioration evident
Fire Extinguishers	./	./	./	./	Inspected & replaced as necessary 02/12/20
Observations/ Other Comments	./	./	./	./	R Dunham opinion is woodworm throughout building.
<b>ANNEX BUILDING</b>					
Ground Floor	./	./	./	./	
Kitchen	./	./	./	./	Newly formed mould/rot on floor – R Dunham informed. Floor rotten through. Kitchen units coming away from wall due to severe damp in floor of kitchen. R Dunham inspected.
First Aid Box	./	./	./	./	
Seating Area	./	./	./	./	Considerably amount of new damp on interior walls to left side of premises entering from the back entrance. Extensive rotting of wooden floor.
Stairway to upper room	./	./	./	./	
Upper Room	./	./	./	./	
Rear Entrance	./	./	./	./	Paint flaking off walls
Side Door	./	./	./	./	
Observations/ Other Comments					General deterioration evident. R Dunham opinion is woodworm throughout building.
<b>Statutory annual Inspections:</b>					Dragon Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 02/12/2020. Dragon Fire & Security Systems (Intruder & fire alarms) 20/05/2021.

**Signed:** *T Hughes*

**Town Clerk**

**Date:** 09/11/21

**Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee**