

Aberlemno Community Council Participatory Budgeting

How does it work?

What is Participatory Budgeting (PB) and how does it work in Aberlemno?

Participatory Budgeting has been around for a long time now and started in Porto Alegre in Brazil in 1989. It's a process that was born from a desire to see public money being allocated to areas of need and in Brazil that meant tackling severe poverty and inequality in living standards among many other things.

It's a process that is now widely used around the world and since 2014 the Scottish Government has been raising awareness of PB and encouraging its use by local authorities. 20 local authorities across Scotland now have some involvement with PB.

How much money is available in Aberlemno?

£1,200. Each group can apply for a maximum grant of £500 to start or move forward with a project. Projects need your vote as not every project can or will be funded.

Who can apply?

Anyone who lives in or has a project/group in the Aberlemno Community Council area can apply.

Then what happens?

Fill in the application form and submit to the email address on the application form or post it to the address on the application form. If you are an applicant, you or someone who can represent you **must** be able to attend the voting event on 1 February 2020 to present your ideas to voters.

Who decides who gets funding?

The people who live in the Aberlemno Community Council area do!

The Steering Group will host an event on 1 February 2020 for everyone who has made an application for funding and everyone who lives in Aberlemno Community Council area is invited.

At the event those who made a funding application will be asked to tell people what it is they want the money for.

Those residents of the Aberlemno Community Council area who attend the event will be asked to vote for the projects they like best.

Money will be given to the group with the most votes, then the group with the second most votes, then third and so on until the £1,200 has been allocated.

Will there be monitoring of the grants?

Yes, the Steering Group will ask people to show how the money was spent.

Do the group have to be constituted?

No.

What if a group doesn't get funding?

The Steering Group and the Communities Team will work with any group who wants to progress their project to try to identify other funding.