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MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2019

TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR LEADER

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE LEADER'S OFFICE - COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. SA31 1JP., AT 10.00 AM, ON FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2019 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



PLEASE RECYCLE

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A G E N D A

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST..
2. TO SIGN AS CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER, 2019. 3 - 4
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FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007.
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Note:- The press and public are not be entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

Agenda Item 2

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

THURSDAY, 3 October 2019

PRESENT: Councillor: E. Dole (Executive Board Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

L. Alvarez, Bureau Officer;
R. Furlong, Economic Development Co-ordinator;
C. Owen, Bureau Officer;
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Leader's Office, County Hall, Carmarthen: 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Name	Minute No (s)	Nature of interest
Cllr. E. Dole	Minute No. 3 - application WCF-19-15 Caersalem Independent Chapel	Part-time Minister

2. DECISION RECORD - 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 16th September 2019 be signed as a correct record.

**3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS:
TARGETED FINANCE FUND & WELSH CHURCH FUND**

RESOLVED that the following applications for assistance from the Targeted Finance Fund and Welsh Church Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report.

Targeted Finance Fund		
App. Ref	Applicant	Award
TFF-19-01	Tywi Gateway Trust	£20,000.00

Welsh Church Fund		
App. Ref	Applicant	Award
WCF-19-14	Tywi Gateway Trust	£3,000.00
WCF-19-16	Bethel Church – Carmarthen	£10,000.00
WCF-19-17	Trinity Methodist Church	£2,333.50

NOTE:

As Cllr. Dole had earlier declared an interest in the following application it would be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

App. Ref	Applicant
WCF-19-15	Caersalem Independent Chapel

4. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to The Local Government Act 1972 as, amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. BUSINESS GROWTH FUND

NOTE: This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

6. CARMARTHENSHIRE RURAL ENTERPRISE FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about the business and financial affairs and ambitions of the applicants. In this case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under the 1972 Act in respect of this report outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information therein, as disclosure would be likely to place the person and businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Executive Board Member considered applications received for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund.

RESOLVED that the following applications received for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund		
App. Ref	Applicant	Award
CREF 102	Ian Thomas Construction Services Ltd	£128,000.00
CREF 087	Carreg Law	£33,579.99

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 15/11/2019

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: TARGETED FINANCE FUND & WELSH CHURCH FUND

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1

2 Applications – Total Value = £34,000.00

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2

13 Applications – Total Value = £43,570.92

Total Number of Applications - Total Value = £77,570.92

Reasons:

Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire

Directorate Name of Head of Service: Helen L Morgan	Designations: Economic Development Manager	Tel: 01267 242367 HLMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Report Author: Caroline Owen	Bureau Officer	Tel: 01269 590216 CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE:_____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

15th November 2019

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: TARGETED FINANCE FUND & WELSH CHURCH FUND

To approve the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1

2 Applications – Total Value = £34,000.00

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2

13 Applications – Total Value = £43,570.92

Total Number of Applications - 15 Total Value = £77,570.92

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Helen L Morgan**

Economic Development Manager

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Helen L Morgan

Development Manager Regeneration & Policy

1. Local Member(s) As per individual reports

2. Community / Town Council As per individual reports

3. Relevant Partners As per individual reports

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations As per individual reports

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Targeted Finance Fund	TFF-19-02 TFF-19-03	Ty Parcyrhun, Ffordd y Rhyd, Ammanford. Carmarthenshire. SA18 3EZ
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-19-19 WCF-19-20 WCF-19-21 WCF-19-22 WCF-19-23 WCF-19-24 WCF-19-26 WCF-19-27 WCF-19-28 WCF-19-29 WCF-19-30 WCF-19-31 WCF-19-33	Ty Parcyrhun, Ffordd y Rhyd, Ammanford. Carmarthenshire. SA18 3EZ

**Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader
Targeted Finance Fund
2019-2020**

Report Author: Jonathan Hancock
JonHancock@cararthenshire.gov.uk
 Tel: 01269 590216

Budget Available - £90,000.00

Report Value - £34,000.00

1 of 2

Application Reference: TFF-19-02

Project Title	Development Officer
Applicant	Llandysul paddlers Canoe Centre Ltd
Ward	Llanfihangel-Ar-Arth
Key Account Management	<p>The Targeted Finance Fund is a discretionary fund available to Key Account Management (KAM) clients. For an organisation to become a KAM client they must be a third sector not for profit organisation that falls into one of the following 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing social enterprises that have the potential to grow, be sustainable and create employment • Emerging projects that have the potential to create jobs ✓ • Third sector organisations that deliver vital services within our communities
Project Description	<p>Llandysul Paddlers Canoe Centre is open to adults and young people from a large catchment area. The centre acts as a catalyst for many people in terms of personal, social and economic benefits". The new building that has recently opened will help support the skilled workforce that are able to engage and educate, and will perform a pivotal role in the lives of children, young people and adults of the local community and the wider area".</p> <p>Many of the people who access the club come from the rural communities of Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. The centre gives people access to opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable within the area. These opportunities include sessions on both lake and river with tuition and progression through accredited learning syllabuses. In addition, the club organises regular trips away to other parts of Wales and the UK, and also to France, of which are both competitive and recreational. They help develop skills as well as widening horizons and have many examples of local people having developed into coaches and then gained employment through involvement with the club. The club also acts as a hub within the large outdoor community of West Wales, providing opportunities to socialise, develop skills in a range of outdoor activities, and access to other opportunities available in the surrounding area and beyond.</p>

	<p>The recently opened new 'Blue shed' development will employ an experienced member of staff to ensure that the business is well-organised, efficient and effective for the community it serves and for future sustainability.</p> <p>This fund will support the salary of this Development Officer (DO) to help move the centre to the next level, providing additional services and income streams whilst addressing issues of economic inactivity, health and wellbeing, basic skills, and social isolation. All of this in turn will contribute toward the regeneration of the local community.</p> <p><u>Main purpose of job</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Link between the Centre and statutory/voluntary organisations in order to increase participation /involvement in the use of the Centre ➤ To develop and sustain services and initiatives to help improve the quality of life and general wellbeing of local residents ➤ Liaise with working partners and develop cross-border links to expand and develop new initiatives and activities at the Centre. ➤ Promote a healthy life style, raise environmental awareness, through organising events that increase Centre participation. ➤ Undertake administrative tasks and sporting activities ➤ Assist in monitoring and evaluating service and produce reports as required ➤ Organise, design and advertise promotional literature ➤ Ensure that all policy documents are adhered to, e.g. Health and Safety ➤ Have a strong commitment to furthering the success of the Centre <p>Canoe Wales fully support this development role and have agreed to financially support the match funding element for the first year, with potential for a further year.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 10 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 2 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported 1 • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 2 F/T & 3 P/T positions • Public and private leverage funding £9,300
Total Project Cost	£23,300.00
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£23,300.00 For the FT post of 1x Development Officer
Ineligible Costs	Nil

<p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£14,000.00 @ 60%</p> <p>£9,300.00 Canoe Wales secured</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Linda Evans • Canoe Wales • Ian Jones - Head of Leisure
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>The organisation currently caters for 25,000 – 30,000 visitors per year. In addition to the above mentioned establishments, the Blue Shed development will support the following: Llandysul Paddlers Slalom Team, Welsh Canoe Slalom Team, British Junior and Veteran Championships, Welsh Slalom Championships, All secondary schools within Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire offering relevant BTEC course, Carmarthenshire disability sports club, Urdd organisations, D of E groups from all over the UK, Regional foster placements for Ceredigion and the Carmarthenshire First Aid provision.</p> <p>The proposed project is a result of many years consultation with visitors, staff, users, customers and public authorities which have been received via questionnaires, expressions of interest and conversations. In recent years this has included the building of a training lake, the building of storage and office facilities, and the acquisition and conversion of existing buildings to develop the main club house which also serves the community. With these services now in place it is vital that the Blue Shed project is developed to complement this growing, successful and sustainable social enterprise.</p> <p>There are strong collaborative working arrangements with many key voluntary and statutory services, school, FE and HE institutions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhydygors School – 2 days per week • Newcastle Emlyn School – 2 days per week • Cardigan, Tregaron, Penglais, Lampeter and Aberaeron schools for 1 day per week. • Swiss Valley, Old Road and Burry Port Schools stay on residential visits each year. <p>Canoe Wales play an important part for the centre and continue to support both through officer time along with financial contributions.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>The proposed project will identify closely with the new Integrated Strategy for Carmarthenshire in a number of ways.</p> <p>People in Carmarthenshire are Healthier</p> <p>1.2 Preventing ill health and encouraging healthy and active living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By improving inclusive access to volunteering, employment, leisure and play opportunities. <p>1.3 Improving the Emotional, Mental Health and Well-being of all people in the county</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By increasing the self-esteem and resilience of children, young people and adults. <p>People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their Learning potential</p>

	<p>2.1 Providing the best opportunities for lifelong learning and development for all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By improving skills in literacy, numeracy, IT, bilingualism and communication in learners of all ages • By increasing the aspirations of all of our children, <p>2.2 Improving skills and training to increase employment opportunities for all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By targeting support to young people not in education, employment or training to achieve accreditation/an accredited qualification.. • By encouraging volunteering as a way of developing transferable skills and supporting volunteers. • By working with the local employers, colleges and schools to provide lifelong learning opportunities. • By providing access opportunities to learning facilities. <p>Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy</p> <p>5.1 Retaining and attracting young people to the county and maximise their achievements and aspirations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By working in partnership with schools and further education to develop short courses. • By providing opportunities for young people in the lifestyle environment through arts, culture & sports. <p>Tourism Destination Management Plan (2015-2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a prosperous visitor economy in Carmarthenshire, based on its unique strengths and character, which generates higher spend and local income, enhances its image and reputation and improves the quality of life for local communities' • 'Be somewhere that has a distinctive image and identity which is meaningful to residents and visitors'
Ownership/Lease	Freehold
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	<p>Llandysul Paddlers is led by a team of committed Directors and supported by able employees and enthusiastic team of volunteers. The centre has been in operation for many years and continuously moves from strength to strength. The new role and centre will help to generate additional revenue through a variety of means, including room hire, additional courses, and income from marketing new group visits, experiences and additional events. It is planned and anticipated that this new role will be instrumental in creating additional interest through marketing, and this in turn will generate additional income.</p> <p>Regular meetings and support offered in their bid for additional funding and any highlighted organisational support. The group will receive continued KAM support on offer whenever possible</p>
Recommendation	Award - £14,000.00
Subject to:	

Application Reference: TFF-19- 03

Project Title	Digital 4 Youth
Applicant	Carmarthen Youth Project (Dr Mz)
Ward	Carmarthen South
Key Account Management	<p>The Targeted Finance Fund is a discretionary fund available to Key Account Management (KAM) clients. For an organisation to become a KAM client they must be a third sector not for profit organisation that falls into one of the following 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing social enterprises that have the potential to grow, be sustainable and create employment • Emerging projects that have the potential to create jobs ✓ • Third sector organisations that deliver vital services within our communities
Project Description	<p>The majority of young people who utilise the youth project are aged between 8 to 18 years and they are often dis-engaged and struggle to communicate effectively with their families, which often causes great distress. Sometimes disruptive and challenging behaviour usually begins with truanting from school, and, unchecked, can develop to substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, offending, or emotional and mental ill-health. Poor parenting, abuse, neglect, and a lack of support and opportunity within the family unit, mean the young people desperately need confidence, motivation, and self-esteem.</p> <p>DigiLab 2024 is a creative hub that will inspire and encourage young people to engage and use new technologies in creative and exciting ways, building on their skills and confidence.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a young person coming to the lab would be able to engage in a range of activities, with an Ipad suite being facilitated by a group of young people to discuss their emotions and feelings regarding the pressures at school and growing up, which will help in building resilience, also teams of young people will be busy designing and building equipment and competing in challenges.</p> <p>Community consultation projects will be undertaken, with young people editing video clips, adding music and design features and interviews, to produce a summary of needs and concerns identified by the local community.</p> <p>The new equipment will inspire young people to set up a community enterprise offering design and printing work as initially they undertook designing flyers and social media posts to promote the club and hire of facilities, which sparked new interest and grew into a small social enterprise providing training and enterprise skills.</p> <p>The project funding will be to employ a Digital Youth Worker for initially 12 months to develop the project, deliver taster sessions, workshops and</p>

	<p>accredited courses in all digital technology, also replacing some of the IT equipment and developing a new refreshed website.</p> <p>Corporate groups will be able to book the lab to run a facilitation day using the graffiti wall and hiring the youth run café to provide them with refreshments and an additional income stream for the organisation.</p> <p>A growth plan will be developed to deliver courses to young people and the wider community, hiring out the facility to increase revenue, to ensure that the centre continues to grow and remain sustainable.</p> <p>The provision of training will aim to reduce the number of young adults that are not in education, employment or training and will also tackle poverty by helping people into further education and work.</p> <p>The project will also help people in the county achieve their learning potential by providing opportunities for local people to volunteer at the centre and by developing individuals' information technology skills.</p> <p>They also aim to develop intergenerational projects working closely with the 50+ network with Carmarthenshire County Council and Digital Communities Wales</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 50 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported -1 • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 7 • Public and private leverage funding £13,300.00
Total Project Cost	£33,333.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£33,333.00 Creation of 1x full time post
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£20,000.00 @ 60%
Match funding	£ 13,333.00 £3,000.00 – Welsh Church fund applied £10,333.00 – Own funds secured
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Gareth John • Cllr Alun Lenny • Jill Adams – Principle Manager – Youth Support Services

Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Dr Mz is the only dedicated youth centre within a 15-mile radius. There are public computers in the libraries, but these are just for use and not teaching skills. They work closely with Carmarthenshire Youth Support Services and other voluntary youth groups and organisations across Wales</p> <p>Dr Mz is unique in Carmarthen linking in with the Youth Support Service and provide space for them to run some of their services offering activities and workshops to those young people.</p> <p>The management team regularly carry out consultation events with young people, schools, CCC Youth Services and other key partners across Carmarthenshire to find out their needs. This information has been widely used to support the most recent bids to include Children in Need, Communities Facilities Programme and The Garfield Weston Foundation.</p>
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013-2030 • Regional Delivery Plan for Employment and Skills for South West and Central Wales 2014-2024 • Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire 2011-16 • Welsh Government 'Digital Agenda' • Welsh Government Strategy ACEs Adverse Childhood Experiences • Personal and Social Education Framework for 7-19 year olds in Wales • Children and Young People: Rights to Action • Learning Pathways 14-19 Learning Core • Social Services Well-being Act • Child Poverty Strategy for Wales • Families First • Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Action Plan • Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 • Youth Work Strategy For Wales
Ownership/Lease	<p>Ownership</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	<p>Bureau officers have continued to work with the trustees and Dr Mz management for a number of years and have assisted them to secure funds in the region of £450k (Children In Need, Communities Facilities Programme, Garfield Weston) in 19/20 to buy and refurbish their leased property as well as funding to develop their café and gardening project. This funding will now put them in a stronger financial position saving in excess of £14,000 PA in rent.</p> <p>The upgraded Digilab will attract organisations to hire space here and in the other areas of the building and with the re-development of the website to incorporate photos of the new building and booking information this will help us to double our income from room hire.</p> <p>The project will allow Dr Mz to increase collaboration with other organisations and perhaps be able to sell services including workshops and taster sessions.</p> <p>During the project, the team will work with young people to seek opportunities for developing enterprise opportunities to generate funds - These could involve film-making, web design, desktop publishing, marketing</p>

	<p>materials. Further enquiries with Hywel Davies from Yr Egin is required to identify possible progression for the students in the area of Film making for employment development.</p> <p>When the funding comes to an end, we aim that the funds raised through enterprise projects will allow the project to continue. We also plan to develop volunteer skills in Digital so we can utilise their skills more.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £20,000.00
Subject to:	

Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report
 Welsh Church Fund 2019-2020
 Report Author: Caroline Owen
CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01269 590216

Balance Available: £57,401.66

Report Value: £43,570.92

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Application Reference – WCF-19-20

Project Title	Replacement Windows
Applicant	Bethlehem Chapel - Llangadog
Project Description	<p>Bethlehem is a village to the south of Llangadog perched on the hillside overlooking the Towy flood plain. Bethlehem Hall is renowned for stamping cards at Christmas time and hundreds of people each year bring their cards to be stamped with the Bethlehem stamp. Behind the village is Garn Goch which is a bracken covered hillside which turns a glorious red in Autumn and Winter and is the site of an Iron Age Hill fort.</p> <p>The chapel currently have in excess of 40 members and regular Sunday services are undertaken, however, they do not have their own minister and rely on the availability of ministers from other establishments.</p> <p>This project was to replace five rotten windows within the chapel, which were leaking and the glass panes were in a dangerous state, with some having to be safeguarded with plywood, until the windows were replaced, which was undertaken and completed in September.</p> <p>Maintaining the chapel was essential to continue with regular services for the members.</p>
Total Project Cost	£5,740.00
Eligible Capital	£5,740.00 Replacement of 5 Windows
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil

Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Andrew James
Ownership/ Lease	Independent Chapel
Funding Package	£5,740.00
Value of Community Investment	£5,740.00
Amount of grant requested	£1,435.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£4,305.00 £2,500.00 – Secured Williams Brownhill £1,805.00 – Own funds secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services created • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme – 1
Officer Comments	<p>Replacement of the five windows was completed in September 2019, by Ultimate Window Systems Limited, this project funding request is retrospective and is in line with the Welsh Church Fund criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for building and improvement works from Chapels and Churches only will be considered for work that has been carried out within six months from the date of application.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £1,435.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 19

Project Title	Rendering of Front Gable Elevation
Applicant	Saron Independent Chapel
Project Description	<p>The Chapel celebrates 150 years of Worship, although the congregation is elderly, the facility provides a continuance of worship as it has done for some families for three/four generations.</p> <p>It also assists in maintaining the use of the Welsh language and promotes wellbeing and is a good focal point for the older members, also it's important in a social gathering for some residents who rarely meet others due to living in a rural setting.</p> <p>Occasionally other organisations use the building for concerts or special services and we also work closely with Capel y Ddol Methodist Chapel and on occasion's alternate services.</p> <p>This project is to re-render the front elevation of the Chapel, due to severe roof damage years ago, resulting in the appearance of cracks above window recesses up to roof level, also water ingress on the South Western facing wall has since become a problem.</p> <p>Despite coating the wall with "Spraytex" the rendering has blown and detached in some areas and further to frosty weather has deteriorated and is a worry to some of the Worshippers from a Health & safety aspect.</p> <p>In 2017 the Chapel was re-wired and provided disabled access from their own funds.</p> <p>Celebrating 150 years has been an achievement for Saron Chapel and they genuinely feel a renewed energy within the membership who are keen to develop innovative ways to broaden its purpose within the community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£14,256.00
Eligible Capital	£14,256.00
Eligible Revenue	Rendering to front elevation
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Anne Davies
Ownership/ Lease	Independent

Funding Package	£14,256.00
Value of Community Investment	£14,256.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 21.04%
Value of Levered Funds	£11,256.00 £7,128.00 – Applied National Churches Trust £4,128.00 – Secured own funds
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services created • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme – 1
Officer Comments	<p>The members are responsible for building maintenance and have three structures to maintain. The Chapel Vestry itself is in need of considerable investment but they are concentrating on the Chapel at present.</p> <p>The Chapel House is a rented dwelling which provides a modest rental income, and the members have spent in 2017, in excess of £7,000 on a new sewerage system.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19-23

Project Title	Tool Kits for Apprentices
Applicant	Cyfle Building Skills Ltd
Project Description	<p>The Cyfle Building Skills Shared Apprenticeship Scheme commenced in September 2013 with 3 Regions, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion/Pembrokeshire and Neath Port-Talbot/Swansea. In October 2016 the organisation was awarded Charitable Status.</p> <p>Cyfle Building Skills is a Multi Award Winner Regional Shared Scheme that currently employs over 140 apprentices and is a Scheme that was launched by South West Wales Regional Shared Apprenticeship Ltd (SWWRSAL) and CITB in 2013 which is currently the largest Shared Apprenticeship Scheme in the UK. The aim is to provide a service which supports young adults into sustainable employment within the construction industry. This will help young people further their careers and their chances of gaining employment. They will have the opportunity to gain an NVQ level 2 & 3.</p> <p>This project is to support the following 38 Individual apprentices with the necessary start up tool kits to the value of £150.00, in line with the funding criteria;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jon Norman – Llanelli • Mr Scott Turner – Llanelli • Mr Jordan Watts – Ammanford • Mr Iwan Davies – Peniel • Mr Dan Gealy – Llanelli • Mr Alex Carmichael – Llanllawddog • Mr James Gunning – Pencader • Mr William Rees-Thomas – Ammanford • Mr Kalan Davies – Burry Port • Mr Edvinas Krioga – Carmarthen • Mr Kieron Thomas – Rhydargaeau • Mr Leon Fuge – Llanelli • Mr Owen Williams – Llanelli • Mr Michael Bayliss – Burry Port • Mr Tyler Howells – Llanelli • Mr Liam Davies – Ammanford • Mrs Bella Romain – Garnant • Mr Morgan Howell – Burry Port • Mr Daniel Evans – Pwll • Mr Hywel Rees – Burry Port • Mr Ieuan Roberts – Dafen • Mr Fin Jeffries – Ammanford • Mr Liam Evans – Hendy • Ms Shannon Whittle – Cross Hands • Mr Liam Krauss – Newcastle Emlyn

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Teifion John – Newcastle Emlyn • Miss Wendy Owen – Cynwyl Elfed • Mr Cutis Bennet – Pontyates • Mr Dafydd Webb – Ammanford • Mr Ashley Hooper – Ammanford • Mr Cory Urch – Llandybie • Mr Jeremy Kennedy – Llanelli • Mr Ryan Dodd – Llwynhendy • Mr David Miles – Penygroes • Mr Cogan Edwards – Bryn • Mr Cory Jenkins – Llanelli • Mr Joshua Williams – Seaside • Mr Callum Taylor – Llanelli
Total Project Cost	£5,700.00 – Net
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£5,700.00 38 Individual tool kits
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Deian Harries • Jane Lewis – Regional Partnership Manager • Rachel Clegg – RLSP Development Co-ordinator • Construction Industry Cluster Group • Phil Lumley – Board Member
Ownership/ Lease	Not Applicable
Funding Package	£5,700.00
Value of Community Investment	£5,700.00
Amount of grant requested	£5,700.00 (38 Individuals @ £150.00)
Value of Levered Funds	Nil
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created - 38 • Number of jobs safeguarded

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and private leverage funding - £48,000
Officer Comments	<p>Cyfle is a not for profit organisation, with all incomes going back into the Apprenticeship Scheme which allows for the sustainability of the Scheme.</p> <p>An agreement was made with Cyfle that at induction stage the individual apprentices, completed and signed the individual Welsh Church Fund application forms, which have now been received.</p> <p>Re-imburement of the fund on behalf of the individuals would be made to Cyfle Building Skills Ltd for the supported evidence of the purchase of 38 tool kits.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £5,700.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19-22

Project Title	“My Fair Lady”
Applicant	Carmarthen & District Youth Opera
Project Description	<p>This project aims to deliver six performances of the popular family musical “My Fair Lady” at the Lyric Theatre, February 2020, rehearsals start this month and it is a fitting production to prepare for in celebration of this their 40th Anniversary.</p> <p>40 years ago in the Carmarthen Further Education, a small group of dedicated and enthusiastic adults formed an organisation that would provide an opportunity to young people in the area to develop their artistic musical talents, whilst also providing a stage to display their talents. Few would have dreamt that, four decades later, that same organisation would have become one of Carmarthenshire’s most successful cultural stories, whose reputation for high quality musical entertainment extends way beyond the County’s boundaries.</p> <p>As a result of continued success, even the larger St Peter’s Civic Hall could not sustain its growing audiences and by the mid 1980’s, the then empty and almost derelict Lyric Cinema proved to be the unlikely, but challenging solution. Following considerable negotiation and public sector funding, together with a huge manual effort by their adult volunteers, the Cinema was transformed into today’s wonderful 600 seater Lyric Theatre.</p> <p>Its future as a home to perform musical productions secured, the Youth Opera has thrived in staging major and at times, lavish productions.</p> <p>Their aim as always is to reflect the objectives of Carmarthen Youth Opera in an effective and responsible way ant to the highest standards they can achieve.</p> <p>The performances will take place on Tuesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Matinees on the Wednesday and Saturday.</p> <p>The cast with an age range from 6 to 21 years, will benefit enormously from the experience and exposure of being part of a major musical production and the productions have consistency gained Awards at National level.</p> <p>In April 2018 they were delighted to receive an Award in the “Performing Arts” category at the inaugural “Celebration of Culture” evening, hosted by Carmarthenshire County Council and Media Wales.</p>
Total Project Cost	£65,875.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	Nil

Eligible Revenue	£65,875.00
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Davies – CCC Cultural Service Manager • Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths • Masonic Province of West Wales
Ownership/ Lease	Not applicable
Funding Package	£65,875.00 - Gross
Value of Community Investment	£65,875.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 4.55%
Value of Levered Funds	£62,875.00 £2,700.00 – Ticket sales £6,000.00 – Business Sponsorship £8,740.00 – Gift aid & subscriptions £3,500.00 – Donations £3,800.00 – Programme sales & adverts £38,135.00 – External grant funding
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 70 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services created • Number of physical improvements • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £65,875.00
Officer Comments	<p>Carmarthen Opera has a long and excellent reputation for the outstanding quality of its productions and they continue to provide high quality performances and family entertainment, which has a wide appeal and support throughout the whole County.</p> <p>They offer young people high quality tuition in all aspects of the Performing Arts and play an important role in their development and inter personal skills.</p> <p>They have Royal Patronage from the HRH, The Duchess of Cornwall, this carries a high expectation and an awareness and compliance with protocols at all times.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19-21

Project Title	Carmarthen 4 Youth
Applicant	Carmarthen Youth Project Dr Mz
Project Description	<p>The majority of young people who utilise the youth project are aged between 8 to 18 years and they are often dis-engaged and struggle to communicate effectively with their families, which often causes great distress. Sometimes disruptive and challenging behaviour usually begins with truanting from school, and, unchecked, can develop to substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, offending, or emotional and mental ill-health. Poor parenting, abuse, neglect, and a lack of support and opportunity within the family unit, mean the young people desperately need confidence, motivation, and self-esteem.</p> <p>DigiLab 2024 is a creative hub that will inspire and encourage young people to engage and use new technologies in creative and exciting ways, building on their skills and confidence.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a young person coming to the lab would be able to engage in a range of activities, with an Ipad suite being facilitated by a group of young people to discuss their emotions and feelings regarding the pressures at school and growing up, which will help in building resilience, also teams of young people will be busy designing and building equipment and competing in challenges.</p> <p>Community consultation projects will be undertaken, with young people editing video clips, adding music and design features and interviews, to produce a summary of needs and concerns identified by the local community.</p> <p>The new equipment will inspire young people to set up a community enterprise offering design and printing work as initially they undertook designing flyers and social media posts to promote the club and hire of facilities, which sparked new interest and grew into a small social enterprise providing training and enterprise skills.</p> <p>The project funding will be to employ a Digital Youth Worker for initially 12 months to develop the project, deliver taster sessions, workshops and accredited courses in all digital technology, also replacing some of the IT equipment and developing a new refreshed website.</p> <p>Corporate groups will be able to book the lab to run a facilitation day using the graffiti wall and hiring the youth run café to provide them with refreshments and an additional income stream for the organisation.</p> <p>A growth plan will be developed to deliver courses to young people</p>

	<p>and the wider community, hiring out the facility to increase revenue, to ensure that the centre continues to grow and remain sustainable. The provision of training will aim to reduce the number of young adults that are not in education, employment or training and will also tackle poverty by helping people into further education and work.</p> <p>The project will also help people in the county achieve their learning potential by providing opportunities for local people to volunteer at the centre and by developing individuals' information technology skills.</p> <p>They also aim to develop intergenerational projects working closely with the 50+ network with Carmarthenshire County Council and Digital Communities Wales.</p>
Total Project Cost	£33,300.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£33,300.00 £31,153.000 – Salary/Associated costs £680.00 – Laptop/software £1,500.00 – Website Development
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Consultation has been undertaken with the following Councillors and they are fully supportive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Gareth John • Cllr. Alun Lenny • Jill Adams – Principle Manager – Youth Support Services
Ownership/ Lease	Owned – see Land Registry confirmation
Funding Package	£33,330.00
Value of Community Investment	£33,333.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 9%
Value of Levered Funds	£30,333.00 £10,333.00 – Own funds secured £20,000.00 – Targeted Finance fund applied
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs created – 1 • Jobs Safeguarded – 7 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • Number of people receiving skills/ training - 50 • Number of new services – 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and private leverage funding - £10,333.00
Officer Comments	<p>Carmarthen Youth Project is supported by various external funders due to the excellent services they provide and were successful in securing funding from the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme and the Garfield Weston Foundation to purchase and refurbish the previously leased building, saving them £14k revenue per annum.</p> <p>This financial year they have also secured additional external funding to the value of £342,000, over a 3 year period to continue delivering the essential services they provide.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19-27

Project Title	Clubhouse Facilities Upgrade
Applicant	Llandeilo RFC
Project Description	<p>Llandeilo Rugby Club was formed in 1871 and in 2021 will be celebrating 150 years of its existence and but for a few years during the Second World War the game has been an integral part of the town and its surrounding communities.</p> <p>Indeed it was only in 1866 that the first recorded game of Rugby was played in Wales between Lampeter College and Llandovery College, and of course they are founder members of the Welsh rugby Union, and they are in the planning stages of how to celebrate this important milestone.</p> <p>The improvements which they have made at Cae William have included new floodlights and improved drainage to the pitches, these enhancements have been completed in cooperation with the WRU enabling them to achieve a category 3 status reinforcing their position as a premier Community club, which will give them opportunity for hosting Area games and tournaments but most importantly ensuring that Cae William remains one of the foremost sporting facilities in West Wales.</p> <p>This project is to support advanced planning improvements to their Clubhouse which has served Llandeilo well for over 20 years but now requires updating and improvements including improved access to DDA standards, a full breakdown of the capital costs has been provided in support of this application and planning permission has been applied.</p> <p>Currently the club is available for conferences, weddings, meetings and family parties but this project to enhance the facilities will be for the benefit of the community, providing improved access to services, encourage community development and engagement, increase participation, develop skills, and offer a range of valuable services and support that will meet the needs of the local community and further afield, ensuring that the project will not duplicate or compete with any existing provisions within Llandeilo but work in conjunction with existing services.</p> <p>The outcome will enable them to deliver services to their members and the local community underpinned by the much improved and futureproof open access facilities on offer, overall the works are deemed essential for safeguarding the future of the club.</p> <p>They believe that their efforts in establishing high level standards for training and coaching at an early stage actively contributes to the whole Clubs development plan, moreover with the strong support of their volunteer's base they have proven the ability to host regional tournaments attracting large crowds which have been well received from the WRU and it is important for the club to continue hosting such prestigious and high profile events capitalising on</p>

	<p>interest generated for their grounds but also for the region.</p> <p>Their wish is to create a multipurpose community facility that is accessible to all, children of all ages and abilities, their friends and families as well as to other local community groups. It is evidenced that providing a facility that harnesses the virtues of Sport and community engagement, also participation has a direct correlation in respect of improved community cohesion and long term sustainability.</p>
Total Project Cost	£150,000.00
Eligible Capital	£150,000.00
Eligible Revenue	Tender specification provided – full breakdown of costs Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Edward Thomas • Eleri Owen – WRU • Chris Munro – WRU Development Manager • Owain Gruffydd– Menter Bro Dinefwr Chief Executive • Sara Rees – Menter Bro Dinefwr Community Services Manager • Hywel Thomas – Actif Communities Area Co-ordinator • Ian Jones – Head of Leisure • Ceri Richards – Sport Wales
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package	£150, 000.00 – Gross
Value of Community Investment	£150,000.00
Amount of grant requested	£10,000.00 @ 6.7%
Value of Levered Funds	£140,000.00 £25,000 – WRU applying £20,000 – TFF applying £25,000 – WG Community Facilities Programme applying Williams Brown Hill applying Lottery People & Places applying
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 6 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services created

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £140,000.00
Officer Comments	<p>Consultation and research is being undertaken with community, businesses, stakeholders, similar projects, and partners to establish what services and activities are currently available, this will ensure that the project will not duplicate or compete with anything existing.</p> <p>A strong management structure with defined roles and responsibilities exists at the Club, which ensures that all stakeholders' interests are represented at all times.</p> <p>A Financial Procedures policy is in place which describes in greater detail the Club's financial management framework, other policies include the Club's Constitution, Equality, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, and Welsh Language.</p> <p>The committee is responsible for providing the overall direction and are accountable for the success of the Club, among its roles include providing unified direction, providing the resources and authorising the funding of projects, and ensuring effective decision-making.</p> <p>In addition to business as usual for running successfully, excellent reputational links with like-minded rugby clubs and key stakeholders including WRU and others they will focus their attention this year on delivering the improved clubhouse building in readiness for celebrating its existence for 150 years with the community.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £10,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 26

Project Title	Precious Plastics Amman Valley
Applicant	Cwmaman Town Council
Project Description	<p>The Precious Plastic concept has been proven in numerous projects across the globe, however, their proposed version of this project is as follows:</p> <p>The development of 4 distinct machines, in partnership with Swansea University and Ysgol Dyffryn Aman, which will allow for low cost, localised recycling of waste plastics.</p> <p>The placement of these machines within a shipping container which will serve as a community production project where volunteers, vulnerable groups, local creatives and students of all ages can create products from waste materials.</p> <p>A source of income, through the sale of these items, to support further development of community projects within the Amman Valley.</p> <p>An educational venue which will provide a tangible and engaging opportunity to promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction to local schools and people throughout our communities.</p> <p>A means of promoting engagement with science, technology, engineering and design which will seek to compliment the work of local schools and colleges whilst promoting these fields to those who may never see themselves engaging with such activities.</p> <p>A mobile venue which can be taken to other communities in order to encourage them to develop their own projects similar to this, providing a sense of achievement to the local children who will be invited to come to other locations and talk about their project.</p> <p>Enrich community events by recycling, in real-time, the plastic waste generated by turning drinks bottles into bracelets at a carnival. Support community clean-up events by providing an unusual and exciting opportunity to see waste become something functional, decorative or playful.</p> <p>The project will be owned by the local community from the earliest stages. Indeed, the concept has resulted from recent consultation within another project being delivered by the Town Council. This will continue throughout the project by involving local school children in the design of the interior and exterior of the shipping container along with the design of the interpretations board and information sheets.</p> <p>Planned inclusion of volunteering opportunities for local residents within the refitting of the shipping container, supporting a retired welder to support younger volunteers and the identification and development of Community Champions within the project.</p>

	<p>It is anticipated there will be volunteers from the local community that develop a passion for the project and can act as advocates. Once developed the project will provide on-going volunteering opportunities for local people for years to come. This will be developed in a way which provides the greatest benefit to both the individuals volunteering and to the wider community. Some examples of the ideas proposed during consultation include, local young people producing items for sale to support youth projects and events.</p> <p>Partnership with Shadows, mental health support service, to provide personal development opportunities for their clients whereby they can contribute to their community whilst seeking to overcome their personal barriers within a supportive setting.</p> <p>Retired or older residents utilising the skills from their previous employment to make a positive and rewarding contribution to their community; either through the production of items or by supporting others.</p> <p>The funding will be used to;</p> <p>Produce each of the machines needed to process the plastic waste into a final "Community Product", seeking to engage volunteers with the relevant skills in this aspect of the project as they feel that this is in-keeping with the community ownership principle. However, there are some processes and materials needed which will require them to utilise the services of other companies or suppliers. A large portion of this cost, when compared to a purely commercial venture, will also be off-set through the partnership with UWTSD and their Engineering Department and they will also be building these machines as a key part of the project. In order to maintain the ethos of the project to reuse and reclaim materials, resources and equipment, they will also seek to utilise salvaged components and materials where possible. This will also help to reduce the overall cost of the project.</p> <p>Purchase and refurbish a shipping containers. A shipping container is the preferred option as it is highly secure, mobile and very simple/cost effective to modify into a very functional working venue. The lifetime of these units is also significant and should the project no longer be needed these units would serve as a valuable asset for the community in another form. Many Precious Plastic models in other countries utilise a 40 foot container as they are often left in one place for a long time, they hope to transport part or all of the facility to other locations and have been advised by logistics companies, to purchase two 20 foot containers. This will also allow more flexibility in regards to placement of the containers at the various sites.</p> <p>Pay for the production of interpretation boards, information sheets, posters, education worksheets and other print.</p> <p>Pay for any electrical works required in order to connect power</p>
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	<p>to the container and safety check the installation once completed.</p> <p>Project Management. Due to the breadth of the project, and potential for growth, it is seen as essential that hours be included for the deployment of a sub-contracted project manager.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p>	<p>£17,257.75 – Gross</p> <p>£13,857.76 £3,179.88 – Machinery builds £6,002.58 – Container & conversion £3,075.30 – Solar panel system £1,600.00 – Electrical works</p> <p>£3,399.99 £1,699.99 – Education Interpretation £800.00 – Project management £900.00 – Transportation</p> <p>Nil</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Kevin Madge • Cllr David Jenkins • Simon Peddy – Keep Wales Tidy
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
<p>Funding Package</p> <p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p> <p>Value of Levered Funds</p>	<p>£17,257.75</p> <p>£17,257.75</p> <p>£1,725.78 @ 10%</p> <p>£15,531.97 £10,000 – Targeted finance fund secured £4,631.97 – Cwmaman Town Council secured £900.00 – Amanwy Development services secured</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 30 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded – 3 • Number of new services available – 4 • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental Improvements - 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £15,532.00

Officer Comments	<p>The Town Council intend to utilise this project to help educate people of all ages within the community on topics within the broad heading of “environmental” and the areas of Science, Technology and Engineering.</p> <p>They see this project, and the education potential, as a key way to improve the aspirations, ambitions and confidence of residents in the Amman Valley to access careers, or education courses, which they may otherwise feel are out of their reach.</p> <p>They aim to ensure that the Amman Valley becomes a cleaner, less polluted and more sustainable community for the current residents and those that are yet to come.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award £1,725.78
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 24

Project Title	New Disabled Toilets for Bryn Iwan Vestry
Applicant	Eglwys Annibynol Bryn Iwan
Project Description	<p>Capel Bryn Iwan is a Welsh Independent Chapel situated within the ward of Cynwyl Elfed.</p> <p>The chapel is very popular within the community and has in excess of 60 members, also host various groups and activities such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merched y Wawr Bro Elfed, • Young Farmers Clubs • Youth Clubs • Local Dance group – Dawnsywyr Talog • Religious Services • Ysgol Sul • Trustee Meetings <p>The only existing toilets for the chapel and vestry are external, which were built in the 1960's and not fit for purpose, as currently the elderly, disabled and young people, use a private facility, situated in a house across the road.</p> <p>There have been continuous comments made regarding the inadequacy of the existing toilets by members and various other individuals and organisations who use the Chapel.</p> <p>This project is to refurbish the chapel with the installation of new disabled toilet facilities, adjoining the existing vestry, which will involve demolition of part of the vestry's porch, creating a bigger adjoining build to house both a passage for direct access to the vestry and a new modern disabled toilet room.</p> <p>The project will also install a new external disabled ramp for access, also the provision of waste disposal, involving a new septic tank and the necessary tarmacking and trench work.</p> <p>This project will be of great benefit to the local community as the facility is utilised on a regular basis throughout the year, although primarily it is a place for worship, effectively the facility is a community asset and with the new facilities, other organisations will make use of the venue, which is available to the wider community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£31,692.00 - Gross

Eligible Capital	£31,692.00
Eligible Revenue	£30,192.00 - Installation of disabled toilets £1,500.00 – Planning/building regulations
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr H Irfon Jones • Cynwyl Elfed Community Council
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package	£31,692.00
Value of Community Investment	£31,692.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 9.47%
Value of Levered Funds	£28,692.00 External church funders to be applied to include; James Pantyfedwen All Churches Trust Garfield Weston
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted • Number of new services available - 1 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £28,692.00
Officer Comments	<p>The members of Bryn Iwan Chapel maintain a regulated budget as identified within the audited accounts, and have sufficient maintenance budget for ensuring the sustainability of this project.</p> <p>The board of trustees will take on the responsibility for managing and delivering this project.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 28

Project Title	Renewal at St Cwrdaf's Church
Applicant	St Cwrdaf's Church
Project Description	<p>St Cwrdaf Church is a Grade 2 listed building in the village of Llanwrda, situated in the Towy Valley, between the market towns of Llandovery and Llandeilo and in recent years, like many rural communities the village has lost its post office, public house and the school.</p> <p>The Church was rebuilt in 1812 and restored in 1870 and new windows were added in the 1870s and more extensive alterations were carried out in 1895, the lych gate which is also listed was added in 1903.</p> <p>Following a recent Quinquennial and engineers report, also subsequent Architects visit, remedial works are required to ensure the facility is fit for purpose.</p> <p>This project is for the renovation of the church building and facilities to continue providing a space for worship and cultural celebration, in particular to provide a comfortable environment for musical and faith based activities involving young people and the wider community.</p> <p>Music offers the opportunity to celebrate creative talent, and the festivals of the church year provide a focus around which to organise cultural events, to include Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas which are particularly important in the life of the community, and what might, in the past, have been services in the local school, are now more than ever offered by the church.</p> <p>This project implementation represents the 1st phase in a programme of restoration and improvements which they hope in the future, will include the installation of toilet and kitchen facilities.</p>
Total Project Cost	£32,496.00 – Gross
Eligible Capital	<p>£32,496.00</p> <p>£16,152.00 – Replacement boiler & ancillaries'</p> <p>£840.00 – Rainwater goods</p> <p>£840.00 – Labour</p> <p>£9,264.00 – Maintenance repairs</p> <p>£3,600.00 – Redecoration</p>

	£1,800.00 – Repairs to boundary walls
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Arwel Davies • James Yeandle – CCC Conservation Officer
Ownership/ Lease	Church of Wales
Funding Package	£32,496.00
Value of Community Investment	£32,496.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 9.23%
Value of Levered Funds	£29,496.00 £5,000.00 – Own funds secured Applied Williams Brown Hill
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 15 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted • Number of new services available - 1 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £29,496.00 •
Officer Comments	The move to being a LMA, Local Ministry Area, a body of eighteen churches within the St Davids Diocese, is part of the drive for efficiency within the Church in Wales, the PCC – Parochial Church Council is now known as the church committee.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 29

Project Title	External Roofing Work
Applicant	Salem Congregational Chapel
Project Description	<p>Salem Independent Chapel located in Llandovery is affiliated to the union of Welsh Independents, designated as a Grade II listed building, being a fine example of a “Substantial Pyramid Roofed Chapel”</p> <p>The Chapel is an historical building which has its history archived in the Royal Commissions, the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.</p> <p>The Chapel delivers many services benefiting the community and a weekly Sunday school is also held in the vestry, and they also host a young farmers club.</p> <p>This project is for external roof repairs, currently between the chapel and vestry there is a lead valley which completely needs replacing due to rain water entering inside the vestry, also the slated roof over the vestry passage needs replacing.</p> <p>The roof has been patched over several years but the issue has now become a health and safety risk, and essential repairs are needed to provide a safer more comfortable environment for the members and users of the facility.</p>
Total Project Cost	£9,135.56 – Gross
Eligible Capital	£9,135.56 £1,020.00 - Scaffolding £465.56 – Carpentry works £7,650.00 – Roof repairs
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Handel Davies • Revd Gwyn Elfyn Jones – Chairperson Union of Welsh Independents • Alun Charles – Secretary Union of Welsh Independents
Ownership/ Lease	Union of Welsh Independents
Funding Package	£9,135.56
Value of Community	£9,135.56

Investment	
Amount of grant requested	£2,283.89 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£6,851.67 Own funds secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £6,851.67
Officer Comments	<p>There are over 400 Independent Congregational churches affiliated to the Union of Welsh Independents and the overwhelming majority communicate primarily through the medium of the Welsh language.</p> <p>Full audited accounts have been provided with this funding application and the funding requested fits the criteria of the Welsh Church fund.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,283.89
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 31

Project Title	Repair to Church Vestry Roof
Applicant	St Peter's Church Llanybydder
Project Description	<p>St Peters Church, Parochial Church in the diocese of St David's, serves the Llanybydder community, situated within a curvilinear churchyard, with a Grade 2 listed building status.</p> <p>The church in addition to normal services, also welcomes all from the community to attend regular activities hosted, such as coffee mornings, history groups, harvest festivals, carol services, remembrance services and also the local school utilises the facility for various activities.</p> <p>This project funding is due to essential roof repairs, which is now a health and safety issue, as the water runs very close to the electricity supply, which has meant the vestry has had to be closed to all services and activities until the repairs have been undertaken.</p> <p>The cost of the repairs will include the supply of scaffolding, stripping off slates, provide new breathable felt and treated battens, replace slates and provide new lead soakers to parapet wall.</p> <p>The church is aiming to be the hub of the community and as such needs to provide and cater for the needs of everyone, which is why these repair works are essential in re-opening the vestry, benefitting the entire community, within a rural area.</p>
Total Project Cost	£10,620.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	£10,620.00
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ieuan Davies • Arch Deacon Canon Eileen Davies • Church Wardens
Ownership/ Lease	Diocese of St David's
Funding Package	£10,620.00
Value of Community Investment	£10,620.00
Amount of grant	

requested	£2,655.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£7,965.00 £500.00 – Community Council secured £7,465 – Own funds secured via fundraising
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £7,965.00
Officer Comments	<p>Consultation is currently being undertaken with the wider community, to evidence what additional activities, currently not being provided for the community can be established within the church, to ensure the needs of everyone are catered for, also to provide long term sustainability for the Church.</p> <p>A Quinquennial inspection of the church was undertaken in November 2018, with various repair recommendations to be undertaken within the next 5 years, the PCC will ensure that funds are available for the future maintenance of the building.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,655.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 32

Project Title	Kandersteg Queens Scout International Challenge Trip
Applicant	Merlin's Explorer Scout Unit
Project Description	<p>The Queens Scout Award is the highest award available in Scouting and in order to achieve this prestigious award, Explorer Scouts are required to complete two international challenges.</p> <p>To achieve the international element of the award the group is travelling to Kandersteg, Switzerland for a winter Educational activity camp. As well as taking part in outdoor activities, they will be meeting Scouts and Guides from around the world and sharing our Welsh language and culture with them.</p> <p>This project contributes to the objectives of the Welsh Church Fund by providing an educational opportunity. The Explorer Scouts will continue on developing an understanding of the wider place of Wales in the World and helping them to spread an understanding of the unique Welsh language and Culture.</p> <p>They will be taking part in cultural activities during camp organised by the Kandersteg team, where the Explorers will showcase Wales to an international audience. The members attending are aged between 14 and 17, they will gain a unique understanding of lives and issues facing Scouts and Guides from around the world.</p> <p>This project is to support the following 13 individual Explorer Scouts to achieve the International Challenge element of the Queens Scout Award. Contributing £150.00 towards the cost of the trip, in line with the funding criteria;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Barrett – Carmarthen • Tom Butterworth – Peniel • Luke Gilby – Llansteffan • Owen Howell – Carmarthen • Tom Howell – Carmarthen • Alex Johns – Carmarthen • Mabli Wyn Jones – Llanpumsaint • Rhys Lewis – Carmarthen • Alison Owen-Yeates – Llanelli • Wyn Owen – Llanelli • Dafydd Talbot – Carmarthen • Ffion Talbot – Carmarthen • Taryn Williams - Carmarthen
Total Project Cost	£6,240.00 – Gross
Eligible Capital	Nil

Eligible Revenue	£6,240.00 (13 Individuals @ £480.00)
Ineligible Costs	= Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Peter Hugh Griffiths • Cllr. Alan Speake
Ownership/ Lease	Not applicable for this project
Funding Package	£6,240.00
Value of Community Investment	£6,240.00
Amount of grant requested	£1,950.00 13 Individuals @ £150.00
Value of Levered Funds	£4,290.00 Own funds secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 15 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £4,290.00
Officer Comments	<p>Merlins Explorer Scouts is a charity which supports young people in the Carmarthenshire area to build skills and confidence.</p> <p>An agreement was made with Merlin Explorer Scouts Unit that all individual members participating, will have completed and filled the individual Welsh Church Fund application forms, which have now been received.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award £1,950.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-19- 30

Project Title	Internal Repairs
Applicant	Nebo Welsh Independent Chapel
Project Description	<p>Nebo Welsh Independent Chapel with Grade 2 listed building status is situated in a very small rural community, with a population of over 100 inhabitants, and is the only public building between the villages of Bronwydd and Llanpumsaint. There is a defibrillator located at the chapel belonging to its members.</p> <p>The Chapel welcomes people of all denominations and faiths, hosts regular weekly services for the community, also provides special services to include, Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms in the area.</p> <p>The Chapel, following an inspection has renovated part of the interior to secure a safe place for services and other events which are periodically held in the chapel.</p> <p>This funding request is for retrospective works, which have included the removal of stairs to facilitate damp treatment, hacking and re-rendering all walls, replacement of stairs and side panelling with new timber, also painting and decorating throughout.</p> <p>The Chapel have been able to meet the costs but the Welsh Church fund grant award is required, to reimburse chapel funds for the future ongoing maintenance costs, in ensuring the venue remains open to benefit the community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£11,285.00 – Gross
Eligible Capital	<p>£11,825.00</p> <p>£2,000.00 – Soft Wood and Stairs</p> <p>£8285.00 – Renovation work</p> <p>£ 1,000.00 – Painting and decorating</p>
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. H Irfon Jones • Cllr Alun Lenny, a prominent member of the Union of Welsh Independents
Ownership/ Lease	Union of Welsh Independents
Funding Package	£11,285.00
Value of Community	£11,285.00

Investment	£2,821.25 @ 25%
Amount of grant requested	£8,463.75
Value of Levered Funds	Own funds secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £8,463.75
Officer Comments	<p>The application meets the criteria of the Welsh Church Fund as stated below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for building and improvement works from Chapels and Churches will be considered for work that has been carried out within six months from the date of application. <p>This project has primarily been managed by the trustees and deacons but all matters have been discussed and approved by the members.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,821.25
Subject to	

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR THE LEADER 15TH NOVEMBER 2019

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader	
<div>ARFOR</div>		
Recommendations / key decisions required: To approve the proposed application & prioritisation process for ARFOR.		
Reasons: Maximising Job Creation in rural Carmarthenshire		
Directorate Name of Head of Service: Jason Jones Report Author: Rhian Phillips	Designation Head of Regeneration	Tel: 01267 242336 jajones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

LEADER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR THE LEADER
15th November 2019

ARFOR

Background

The aim of the ARFOR programme is to ensure economic growth and prosperity, by enabling people to obtain employment opportunities within local communities which will contribute towards securing the prosperity of the Welsh language in rural communities.

Led by Gwynedd County Council, the programme will be delivered in Carmarthenshire, Gwynedd, Ceredigion and Anglesey with the 4 Local Authorities working in collaboration due to their social and cultural similarity.

ARFOR is seeking to promote entrepreneurship, business growth and community resilience with a focus on promoting the use of the Welsh language by providing an opportunity for new and existing businesses.

ARFOR is a third party grant scheme, which can include both capital and revenue funding.

Proposed Eligibility Criteria

All projects must demonstrate how they contribute towards the programme's objectives;

- The fund is only available to new or existing SMEs within the eligible sectors that are located in or planning to locate within rural Carmarthenshire. Support is aimed primarily at businesses operating in the food and drink sector and creative industries.
- promoting enterprise and supporting business growth in areas with a high proportion of Welsh speakers
- generating more and better paid jobs to retain local people in these areas and encourage those who have left to return
- promoting the wide ranging value of the use of Welsh and bilingualism in business creating a vibrant sense of place
- encouraging the businesses and people who move to rural areas to value and use the Welsh language
- All applicants must be economically and financially viable.
- The maximum grant is £50,000 with each grant award based on up to 60% of the total eligible costs
- Grant applications must be able to demonstrate new jobs being created as a result of ARFOR assistance

Application Process

The Arfor fund will be administered as follows:

- A two stage application process will be followed with initial expressions of interest being considered by a project panel made up from representatives from the Local Action Group – Grŵp Cefn Gwlad, who also administer LEADER funding for rural Carmarthenshire. This approach will ensure a more co-ordinated and joined up approach in the delivery of both programmes.
- Subject to the panel's recommendations, successful applicants will be invited to proceed to stage 2 which will involve the submission of a detailed application.
- Stage 2 applications will be assessed by Grwp Cefn Gwlad against the Programme's objectives.
- The decision making panel and Council's Executive Board Member will then assess and consider the individual stage 2 applications.

Recommendations:

1. To approve the proposed application & prioritisation process as set out above

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	No
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jason Jones

Interim Head of Regeneration

Policy and Crime & Disorder NONE	Legal YES	Finance YES	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Organisational Development NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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1. Policy

- All applicants will be required to provide a copy of their Welsh Language Policy as part of the application process.
- All signage displayed on or in a building supported under the fund will need to be displayed bi-lingually.

2. Legal

- The terms and conditions of grant that will be issued to applicants are being considered by CCC legal
- As a condition of grant Legal charges will need to be registered with the land registry on all buildings that are supported under the programme

2. Finance

- The £456,250 capital and revenue funding for third party grant applicants has been confirmed by Welsh Government in their grant offer letter of July 2019.
- In line with current policy, the finance department will undertake a financial assessment of proposed applicants over £25k and list their recommendations in a report for the decision making panel.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones Interim Head of Regeneration

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council N/A

4. Relevant Partners N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

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List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

ARFOR Grant offer letter

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