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WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2019

TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER WHICH WILL BE HELD IN LEADER'S OFFICE - COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. SA31 1JP., AT 2.00 PM, ON THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2019 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Mark James CBE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



PLEASE RECYCLE

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A G E N D A

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST.
2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY, 2019. 3 - 6
3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: TARGETED FINANCE FUND & WELSH CHURCH FUND. 7 - 30
4. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION.
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THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT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.
5. CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS START UP/BUSINESS GROWTH FUND. 31 - 56

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

TUESDAY, 19 February 2019

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

The following officers were in attendance:

M. Bull, Economic Development Area Manager
S Jenkins, Economic Development Area Manager
B Hale, Economic Development Coordinator
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Leader's Office, County Hall, Carmarthen: 2.00 pm - 2.45 pm

- 1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**
There were no declarations of personal interests.

- 2. DECISION RECORD - 17TH JANUARY, 2019**

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 17th January, 2019 be signed as a correct record.

- 3. TARGETED REGENERATION INVESTMENT (TRI) PROGRAMME 2018 - 2021**

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing proposals to establish a Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) Programme 2018-2021 as a follow-on from the Vibrant and Viable Places programme, which Carmarthenshire County Council had successfully delivered within Llanelli town centre through the Opportunity Street project 2014-2017. The TRI programme proposed to support area based regeneration projects that promoted economic regeneration- creating jobs, enhancing skills and employability and creating the right environment for businesses to grow and thrive – with a focus on individuals and areas most in need to ensure prosperity is spread to all parts of Wales. The programme would be focused upon the two key areas of Llanelli (Town Centre & Station Road area) & Ammanford (Town Centre).

RESOLVED

- 3.1 that the proposals for the Regional Delivery of the Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme 2018-2021 be endorsed;**
- 3.2 to support the commitment of £1.5m capital match funding for the overall programme delivery of Carmarthenshire projects;**
- 3.3 the finalisation of the documentation be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Policy along with the Economic Development Manager.**

- 4. BEACON BURSARY**

The Executive Board Member considered a report seeking endorsement of the proposed principles and model for delivering the Beacon Bursary, an annual competition run for several years by Carmarthenshire County Council in partnership with Coleg Sir Gâr and University of Wales Trinity Saint David, which formed part of the Authority's commitment to developing entrepreneurship within

the county. The award provided new businesses and entrepreneurs with an opportunity to access finance, office space and a wealth of advice and support, and was open to further and higher education students studying or living in Carmarthenshire. Winners of the competition would be offered free office space within the Beacon Centre for Enterprise in Dafen, Llanelli, along with a cash prize of up to £5000 and mentoring support, so that they could develop their business. The budget for the Beacon Bursary was £8k per annum, all of which was contributed by Carmarthenshire County Council. As part of continuous improvement some operational and administrative points were being revised for the 2019 competition. These were being actioned in preparation for the launch of this year's competition and more importantly, in time for the application stage, delivery of the final and future claims by the winners.

RESOLVED that the Beacon Bursary Initiative be endorsed.

5. 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.

6. CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS START UP/BUSINESS GROWTH FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 5 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 transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure of this information would be likely to damage the applicants at this stage.

Further to minute 2 of the meeting held on the 19th February 2018 the Executive Board Member considered applications for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Start-Up Fund and Carmarthenshire Business Growth Fund. The priority of both funds was to support the creation of jobs and new businesses within the County.

RESOLVED that the following applications for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Start-Up Fund and Carmarthenshire Business Growth Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Carmarthenshire Business Start-Up Fund

Applicant

The Music House

Award

£2,768.50

Carmarthenshire Business Growth Fund

Applicant

Celtic Podiatry Ltd

Award

£10,000.00

7. CARMARTHENSHIRE BUSINESS FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 5 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 transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would be likely to place persons and businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Executive Board Member considered applications for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Flood Relief Fund.

RESOLVED that the following applications for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Business Flood Relief Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

Applicant

Hobbs Bikes, Llangynnor

WD Thomas & Sons, Llandysul

Richard Lewis, Abergwili

The Powerhouse, Pontweli

Laser Station, Carmarthen

General Stores, Pontweli

Latham, Latham & Berry, Ty Myrddin, Carmarthen

Jones & Davies Fruit Ltd., Pontweli

Station Garage, Llanybydder

Award

£1,500.00

£137.50

£4,616.63

£4,968.00

£983.79

£1,500.33

£2,441.37

£4,949.86

£4,999.00

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE

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Agenda Item 3

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

14TH MARCH 2019

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader

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

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1

3 Applications – Total Value = £58,792.00

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2

2 Applications – Total Value = £13,000.00

Total Number of Applications - 5 Total Value = £71,792.00

Reasons:

Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire

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

14TH MARCH 2019

Financial Assistance from the following grant funds: Targeted Finance Fund & Welsh Church Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:
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To approve the following:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1

3 Applications – Total Value = £58,792.00

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2

2 Applications – Total Value = £13,000.00

Total Number of Applications - 5 Total Value = £71,792.00

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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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: Helen L Morgan

Development Manager Regen & Policy

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

CONSULTATIONS

I 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-18- 06 TFF-18- 08 TFF-18- 09	Rural Business Development Centre, Nant y Ci, Carmarthen. Carmarthenshire. SA33 5DR
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-18-22 WCF-18-23	Rural Business Development Centre, Nant y Ci, Carmarthen. Carmarthenshire. SA33 5DR

**Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader
Targeted Finance Fund
2018 - 2019**

Report Author: Caroline Owen
CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
 Tel: 01269 590216

2018/19 Budget Available - £66,000.00

Full Report Value: £58,792.00

1 of 3

Application Reference - TFF/18/06

Project Title	Community Development Officer
Applicant	Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council
Ward	Pembrey and Burry Port
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>This project is to appoint a part time Community Development Officer to deliver the set up work required to meet the Council's Wellbeing Future Generations Act obligations, also the initial work regarding the asset transfers and service transfer agenda.</p> <p>As the Act requires public bodies to implement five key ways of working in its future decision making, looking to the long-term, taking an integrated approach, involving a diversity of the population, working with others in a collaborative way, and understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring, it is essential to appoint an Officer in delivering these implementations.</p> <p>As they are one of the larger Town and Community Councils in Wales, they need to make sure that when they make decisions, they think about how it will affect people living in the area, ensuring sustainability, being sustainable means using the things we need to live our lives but making sure that there are still enough left for future generations and this demands additional work and resources.</p> <p>The Town Council has recently finalised the asset transfer of six parks and</p>

	<p>play areas from the County Council and they in the process of agreeing a number of other asset transfers which have and will continue to add to their workload.</p> <p>The Town Council is very much aware of the need to give serious and detailed consideration to the potential transfer of some place based services from the County Council in the near future and such an exercise will need to involve the 'community consultation' element of the WBFG Act as well as due diligence, financial projections and planning before any decision can be considered by the Council, which will clearly require additional resources and skills.</p> <p>The Town Council has established a strategy and programme of work to deal with the requirements of the WBFG Act. In short this requires the organisation of a number of public meetings, the establishment of six standing focus groups involving members of the public to deal with each of the areas covered by the act, the delivery and ongoing monitoring and review of a community plan for the area.</p> <p>The proposed project is generally a new service rather than an enhancement of what they already offer and the appointed officer will support the work of the proposed six forums, with the seventh, a globally responsible community, being a cross-cutting theme picked up by all.</p> <p>The officer will produce a community plan which will meet the findings of the forums, the strategic objectives of the Town Council and the approval of the community.</p> <p>The officer will report directly to the Town Clerk on a daily basis but will take policy and strategic oversight from the sub-committee overseeing the project and the council overall.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education – 50 • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups/organisations assisted • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £12,258.00
Total Project Cost	£31,320.00
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	<p>£31,320</p> <p>£27,000 – FTE Salary 16% (including £4,320 pensions)</p>
Ineligible Costs	Nil

<p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£18,792.00 @ 60%</p> <p>£12,528.00 Own funds secured</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Shirley Matthews • Cllr. Hugh Shepardson • Cllr. Amanda Fox • Cllr. John James <p>Fully support the project and the employment of a Community Development Officer, as the current process of asset transfers, and the development of a place plan the CDO will work strategically with local groups and associations to achieve best results for the local community.</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>Pembrey & Burry Port Town Council has engaged in a range of consultation exercises intended to identify need, collate and receive input from the local community.</p> <p>The consultation helped identify the main beneficiaries being the people of Pembrey and Burry Port wards, but the wider community organisations will benefit as they will be involved in the creation of the Community Plan and also working in partnership in the delivery of the plan, to benefit the local and wider community.</p> <p>The local Business Sector will also benefit as the plan will also cover growing the local economy and job creation.</p> <p>The way in which the benefit will be delivered is multi-layered, by undertaking a number of Public meetings, preceded by leaflets and media campaign designed to maximise public engagement, leading to the creation of six community forums for each of the Wellbeing themes.</p> <p>These forums will be a mixture of members of the public, experts, and local councillors and their task will be to produce a 5 year plan covering their particular theme, which will then be amalgamated into one Community plan.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act sets out goals for a healthier stronger Wales with happy communities where every one is treated fairly and equally. Providing services that meet the needs of the families , young people are essential in creating a stronger sustainable communities actively addressing and improving the economic social environment in accordance with the sustainable development principles aimed at achieving the well being goals.</p> <p>Thinking together, Planning together, Doing Together – A Carmarthenshire Community Strategy 2004-2020 – Improving Health and Well Being by tackling the causes of ill health by offering strategies and courses to address these inequalities. Lifelong learning – offering a range of opportunities from older age to childhood.</p>

	<p>Welsh Language Strategy for Carmarthenshire P&BPTC intends to promote the strategy and facilitate the language in Wales, in particular, the conduct of public business and justice administration, on the basis of equality with English.</p> <p>Welsh Government Digital Inclusion Plan (2015) In preparing a strategic framework for the three areas, the CDO will engage with key stakeholders in the community. As a result, the CDO will align to the Digital strategy through an '<i>on the ground</i>' approach to digital inclusion through community based approaches.</p> <p>Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013 – 2030 Business growth, retention and specialisation Maximising job creation for all</p>
Ownership/Lease	Not applicable
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability</p>	<p>The project will assist in adding economic benefits and growth within the community which will be derived from the responses to the requirements of the Wellbeing Act.</p> <p>The forum focusing on a prosperous community will deliver in the community plan, supporting with increasing local wealth, creation of sustainable well paid local jobs and the delivery of a well-educated, well trained local workforce.</p> <p>The forum dealing with a resilient community will deliver a plan for a more resilient community in a more resilient environment which will greatly assist the tourist trade enhancing the community needs to further develop.</p> <p>The healthier community forum will strive to improve the health of the people to become more economically active and contribute to the local prosperity.</p> <p>The project will add to the services and impact of the Town Council and will increase the potential for the Town Council to enter into a number of new partnerships with others to deliver more for the community.</p> <p>The project will also increase the potential of the Town Council to access new and additional funding to deliver aspects of the Community Plan.</p> <p>In terms of ensuring the sustainability of the project after the grant period, the Town Council has the ability to increase its precept to sustain the project.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £18,792.00
Subject to:	

Application Reference - TFF/18/08

Project Title	“Adopt a tributary” Tywi Catchment Carmarthenshire
Applicant	West Wales Rivers Trust
Ward	Taf Myrddin to Tywi
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>Funding is required to employ a new Project Officer to deliver an exciting new project over 2 years focusing on specific tributaries of the River Tywi that enter the river between Carmarthen and Llandovery. The TFF will contribute towards Salaries, Travel & Subsistence, Scheme delivery and essential Equipment.</p> <p>An element of the project is to identify which of these tributaries are most in need of intervention with an initial focus on investigating the Rhosmaen Dulais, Crychiau and Pibwr.</p> <p>The overarching project aims to improve water quality, the river channel and riparian habitats which will benefit many aquatic species that are reliant on the river corridor including salmon, sea trout and brown trout which are listed on the Local Biodiversity Action Plan as priority species along with other riverine fish, eels and lamprey.</p> <p>WWRT has established an Environment and Habitats Group for Carmarthenshire (EHGC) with representation from NRW, Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water, Carmarthen Fishermen's Federation, Carmarthenshire County Council and the local community which ensures widespread involvement in the decisions that are taken by the group.</p> <p>The newly appointed officer will work closely with the current Development Officer to deliver the project. Key responsibilities will include training and managing Volunteers, utilising different survey techniques, identifying pollution problems through observation of microbial growths and invertebrate identification.</p> <p>The project will foster positive relationships with the farming community and will engage with Gelli Aur College to encourage student involvement in the project. Active participation will help them understand how farming practices can affect river ecology and they will also approach the college authorities to examine whether an appropriate study element can be built into course curriculum.</p>

	<p>The officers will engage with local communities, fishery owners, educational establishments, angling clubs and their members to tackle many of the problems that are affecting these streams.</p> <p>Many tributaries in the Tywi valley are degraded as a result of acidification, agricultural pollution, barriers to fish migration, littering and habitat degradation. Their restoration is essential to improve fisheries, water quality and biodiversity and to ensure their connectivity with the main river which is particularly important in terms of increasing resilience to the effects of climate change.</p> <p>A recent pilot project removed large debris dams that were obstructing the passage of fish and contributing to large amounts of entrapped silage wrap and other plastic debris.</p> <p>Tackling the plastic problem is one of the key objectives of this project not only for the benefit of the stream habitat but also to reduce the huge amount of plastics that are carried by rivers to the sea causing damage to the marine environment. There has been an enthusiastic response from the local community who actively took part in clear up operations and this involvement lead to communities taking more interest in their own environment and reporting and taking action on damaging activities such as agricultural pollution problems.</p> <p>This project will further develop the approach taken with the pilot study and expand the geographic area covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with fishery owners and community groups to adopt a tributary in their locality, a target for 10 tributaries to be adopted along the length of the river between the Brianne dam and the tidal reaches. • Existing data from river restoration plans will be examined to identify priority issues affecting the tributaries selected, with particular focus on those under Water Framework Directive prioritisation. • Targeted walkover surveys using standardised map based recording techniques would then be carried out to provide ground-truth/contemporary information. • Priorities for interventions will then be determined on the basis of the information gathered, such as the removal or easement to the passage of fish of obstructions such as log jams or weirs, fencing schemes to prevent encroachment of cattle or to allow the establishment of riparian vegetation, removal of plastic and other litter and control of invasive plants. <p>The long-term vision is to develop the scheme to a stage where local community groups, schools, individuals and businesses will be in a position to 'Adopt a Riverbank', acting as custodians of future river health. There would be potential for hundreds of local people to participate with the project.</p> <p>There will be a direct economic effect of improved fisheries and consequently development of the local area in response to angling tourism. Fisheries are worth an estimated £150m to the Welsh economy each year and support around 1,500 jobs, therefore, it is important to protect them.</p>
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 25

Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 70 • Number of individuals into employment - • Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 12 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £60,190.00
Total Project Cost	£80,190.00 (Gross)
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£80,190.00 £52,589.50 – Salaries and on costs (2yr Project delivery) £4,800.00 – Travel & Subsistence £20,300.50 – Scheme delivery £2,500.00 – Equipment
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£20,000.00 @ 24.94%
Match funding	£60,190.00 £29,000.00 – Dwr Cymru - secured £30,000.00 NRW - secured £1,190.00 – Greggs Foundation - secured
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Cefin Campbell • Cllr. Handel Davies • Cllr. Andrew James • Cllr. Ann Davies • Cllr. Dorian Williams • Rosie Carmichael – CCC Rural Conservation Manager • Stephen Edwards – CCC Arboriculture Officer • Huw Parsons – Assistant Media & Marketing Manager • Lucy Pitt - National Resources Wales • Director of Environment - Dwr Cymru Welsh Water • Chairman - Carmarthenshire Fisheries Federation • Kevin Harrington – Antur Teifi
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>In the Spring of 2018 members of Carmarthenshire Fisherman's Federation and WWRT undertook a walkover of the tributary from its source to the confluence with the Tywi and issues such as blockages, plastic pollution, tipping, defective fencing, over-shading, stock poaching, agricultural and householder bad practice and invasive species were noted.</p> <p>Shortly after, friends and neighbours in the Cilsane area of the lower stretch visited the Ford and noted tipped or washed down plastics, metals and</p>

	<p>animal carcasses in the pool below the ford and a work day was planned and the Friends of the Ford, picked plastics and metals from the river. This was then followed by a joint day with CFF removing timber and plastic waste from a large blockage near the confluence. Further work by the Friends has included a balsam pick, pruning of overhanging trees, dragging out of a large tree root with farmer help, clearing out a dumped section of blockwork wall and a walkover to identify post-flood blockages. CFF also removed a second large blockage impeding access to the main river and a feeder stream.</p> <p>Water quality issues such as sedimentation and algal blooms have been noted over recent months. CFF have also notified NRW of two pollution incidents and some bad practice issues along the lower stretch, which have resulted in cautions being issued to the farmer concerned.</p>
Contributing to key Strategies	<p>Carmarthenshire's Integrated Strategy:</p> <p>People in Carmarthenshire are healthier: The provision of an improved environment with flourishing fisheries will provide increased opportunities for outdoor pursuits which contributes to a healthier lifestyle</p> <p>People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential: The opportunities available to volunteers through training and participation in project delivery provides valuable learning opportunities which can lead to job opportunities.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire's communities and Environment are sustainable: Rivers are key to the connection and integration of our rural areas. They act as indicators of the sustainable management of the land in our countryside. Though our project we aim to make a direct contribution to the sustainability of the environment and communities.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy: The building of a programme of restoration projects will make a contribution to the rural economy through increased angling opportunities, tourism with the knock on benefits to accommodation providers, pubs, and tourism related businesses.</p> <p>Welsh Government's Wellbeing of Future Generations Act in particular its objective of "A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change)".</p> <p>Welsh Government's Marine and Freshwater Fisheries Strategic Action Plan – in relation to its objective of "helping anglers increase the economic value of freshwater fisheries".</p> <p>WG and NRW's Corporate Strategy 2015/20 through the Outdoor Recreation and Access Enabling Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of opportunities that bring the greatest health and well-being benefits to people and communities • Provision of opportunities that maximise the economic benefits across

	<p>Wales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities that support or lead to more sustainable use of natural resources [including linked to active travel] <p>Water Framework and Habitats Directives – helping to achieve the targets set by the directives for river quality and habitat improvement.</p>
Ownership/Lease	<p>Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is the Competent Authority for implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Wales. They have responsibility for drawing up the River Basin Management Plans - working in partnership with a wide range of public, private and voluntary organisations. NRW leads on the development of the plans for Wales and acts jointly with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The rivers of Wales are some of the country's most valuable natural assets and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and its partners play an important role in their restoration and maintenance.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	<p>Publicising the work undertaken will be an important element to gain wider support, which will include a poster campaign aimed at reducing the plastic litter problem, highlighting the problems caused by plastics in the environment and giving opportunities for engagement in plastic collection. Carmarthenshire County Council support will also be sought with the plastics initiative as they supported the pilot project.</p> <p>Dŵr Cymru will benefit from improved water quality and reduced treatment costs of water abstracted from this important catchment.</p> <p>Working in partnership with a variety of organisations and the community is key foundation to the project. The Project Officers will be responsible for the project management involving the design and implementation of survey programmes, training and supervision of volunteers, determining priorities for intervention, designing and implementing schemes, communication with and coordinating the involvement of partner organisations and interpretation of data and reporting project outcomes.</p> <p>Engaging with the community and other organisations will ensure successful delivery will hopefully result in continued financial and community support.</p> <p>Through this project others will see the benefits of the overall approach and the outcomes achieved which will prompt offers of funding and volunteer support, they will also approach business interests to make charitable donations to support this work.</p> <p>With their proven track record of implementing river improvement schemes and because of their relatively few overheads, the project offers countless improvements to local conservation. The project costs span three years, but the legacy will be there for decades to come.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £20,000.00
Subject to:	

Application Reference - TFF/18/09

Project Title	Village Hall Community Building Extension
Applicant	Llanarthne New Village Hall
Ward	Llanddarog
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>In July 2007 a 60 year legacy came into fruition and the community in and around the village of Llanarthne were to benefit from a purpose built community centre on land donated to the charity, which officially opened in 2008.</p> <p>The hall has a number of specific aims to ensure a variety of beneficial social activities take place and when the hall was constructed provision was made for further developments intending to increase the scope of general sustainability and community benefits. The design of the hall incorporates sustainability, including social, environmental and economic aspects and sits sensitively in its environment, with geothermal heating in association with solar panels ensure that its carbon footprint is light.</p> <p>The facility is well utilised by various community groups and is also available to hire for wedding receptions, parties, conferences, meetings and other events.</p> <p>The outdoor recreation facilities are utilised by the general public daily, due to the accessibility of the children's play area, green space, picnic area, and parking, irrespective of the hall being open, which has been a main reason for this project delivery, due to the community requesting accessible public toilet facilities.</p> <p>This project, which has full planning permission is to build an extension on the existing facility, which will incorporate disabled toilet, baby/changing facilities, shower facilities and a new meeting room, along with storage facilities, to free the existing meeting room within the hall to be refurbished into a coffee bar.</p> <p>This project will work in partnership with the Towy Valley Cycle path, creating an "Intermediate Hub" which will serve as a physical connection point to the route of the cycleway, providing people a sustainable and healthy travel option, connecting with villages between the two main towns of Carmarthen and Llandeilo.</p> <p>This project will inevitably create two jobs, a caretaker to ensure the toilet & shower facilities are open to the general public on a daily basis, and a</p>

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Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 4 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 16 • Number of individuals into employment - • Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 25 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of jobs created - 2 • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding – £142,385.00
Total Project Cost	£162,385.00
Eligible Capital	<p>£132,920.00</p> <p>£92,160.00 – Extension Building Costs & Internal works £15,000.00 – Plumbing, Electrics, Fittings £20,000 – Coffee Bar Facilities £2,160.00 – Furniture £3,600.00 – Fixtures/Fittings</p>
Eligible Revenue	<p>£29,465.00</p> <p>£7,280.00 – Caretaker Salary £16,785.00 – Catering Assistant £4,800.00 – Quantity Surveyor £600.00 – Architect plan fees</p>
Ineligible Costs	Nil

<p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£20,000.00 @ 12.3%</p> <p>£142,385.00</p> <p>£10,000.00 – Welsh Church Fund – applied £25,000.00 – Community Facilities Programme – applying £5,000.00 – Community Council – applying £15,000.00 – Garfield Weston – Applied £15,000.00 – Bernard Sunley – Applied £90,000.00 – Lottery People & Places – Applying</p> <p>Funders to be applied exceed overall costs due to some applications being rejected, due to insufficient funds available.</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ann Davies • Sam Palmer – Project Officer Towy Valley • Simon Charles – Transport Strategy & Infrastructure Manager • Judy Roberts - Llanarthne Community Council • Peter Bowen – Llanarthne Community Council • Dilwyn Morgan - Llanarthne Community Council • Mark Jewell – Library Services Manager • Julian Edwards – Development & Built Heritage Manager • Mike O'Shea – Welsh Government
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>Carmarthen to Llandeilo Cycle Route Stakeholder Consultation event in Llanarthne Village Hall, a well-attended event, confirming the need for “Intermediate Hubs” Consultation with the Tywi Valley Project lead to work in partnership with CCC Cycle path development.</p> <p>Feasibility consultation study undertaken by Llanarthne Community Council, which identified the need for accessible public toilets within the village.</p> <p>Consultation with the community and service providers has been undertaken at all opportunity over the past 4 years, at events, activities and with other organisations.</p> <p>Individual letters of support have been provided in support of this project, also in excess of 200 community signatures to date.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act sets out goals for a healthier stronger Wales with happy communities where every one is treated fairly and equally. Providing services that meet the needs of the families , young people are essential in creating a stronger sustainable communities actively addressing and improving the economic social environment in accordance with the sustainable development principles aimed at achieving the well being goals.</p> <p>Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013-2030, in that we will be in a position through the project activity for Business growth, retention and specialisation, also maximising job creation through strategic activity planning, processes will put organisation in a better position to grow, retaining and implementing innovation and knowledge in accordance with the changing competitive infrastructures.</p>

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Ownership/Lease	<p>Ownership Registered Charity -1080289</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	<p>This project aims to support the development of sustainable rural communities by improving access to services through the facilities it offers, which are community led, sustainable and of direct benefit to the community.</p> <p>Building connections with the wider community and engaging with all newcomers to the village, increasing footfall, providing additional income, this in turn will increase the hall's future sustainability and its ability to provide services and activities for future generations.</p> <p>The future development is ongoing as it is expected that the hall will continue to provide the community with the necessary services by adapting to the future needs of the village. It is intended that key services will continue into the future as part of the development of the hall as the hub of the community as all services are essential to the health and wellbeing of the community.</p>

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Recommendation	Award - £20,000.00
Subject to:	Capital Match funding being secured to deliver the project

Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report

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Balance Available: £60,070.00

Report Value: £13,000.00

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Application Reference – WCF-18-23

Project Title	Village Hall Community Building Extension
Applicant	Llanarthne Village Hall
Project Description	<p>In July 2007 a 60 year legacy came into fruition and the community in and around the village of Llanarthne were to benefit from a purpose built community centre on land donated to the charity, which officially opened in 2008.</p> <p>The hall has a number of specific aims to ensure a variety of beneficial social activities take place and when the hall was constructed provision was made for further developments intending to increase the scope of general sustainability and community benefits. The design of the hall incorporates sustainability, including social, environmental and economic aspects and sits sensitively in its environment, with geothermal heating in association with solar panels ensure that its carbon footprint is light.</p> <p>The facility is well utilised by various community groups and is also available to hire for wedding receptions, parties, conferences, meetings and other events.</p> <p>The outdoor recreation facilities are utilised by the general public daily, due to the accessibility of the children's play area, green space, picnic area, and parking, irrespective of the hall being open, which has been a main reason for this project delivery, due to the community requesting accessible public toilet facilities.</p> <p>This project, which has full planning permission is to build an extension on the existing facility, which will incorporate disabled toilet, baby/changing facilities, shower facilities and a new meeting room, along with storage facilities, to free the existing meeting room within the hall to be refurbished into a coffee bar.</p> <p>This project will work in partnership with the Towy Valley Cycle path, creating an "Intermediate Hub" which will serve as a physical connection point to the route of the cycleway, providing people a sustainable and healthy travel option, connecting with villages between the two main towns of Carmarthen and Llandeilo.</p>

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Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Value of Community Investment	£162,385.00
Capital costs	<p>£132,920.00</p> <p>£92,160.00 – Extension Building Costs & Internal works £15,000.00 – Plumbing, Electrics, Fittings £20,000 – Coffee Bar Facilities £2,160.00 – Furniture £3,600.00 – Fixtures/Fittings</p>
Revenue costs	<p>£29,465.00</p> <p>£7,280.00 – Caretaker Salary £16,785.00 – Catering Assistant £4,800.00 – Quantity Surveyor £600.00 – Architect plan fees</p>

Ineligible costs	Nil
Amount of grant requested	£10,000.00 – Maximum Award
Value of Levered Funds	<p>£152,385.00</p> <p>£20,000.00 – Targeted Finance Fund – applied £25,000.00 – Community Facilities Programme – applying £5,000.00 – Community Council – applying £15,000.00 – Garfield Weston – Applied £15,000.00 – Bernard Sunley – Applied £90,000.00 – Lottery People & Places – Applying</p> <p>Funders to be applied exceed overall costs due to some applications being rejected, due to insufficient funds available.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 4 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 16 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 25 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of jobs created - 2 • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £152,385.00
Officer Comments	<p>This project aims to support the development of sustainable rural communities by improving access to services through the facilities it offers, which are community led, sustainable and of direct benefit to the community.</p> <p>Building connections with the wider community and engaging with all newcomers to the village, increasing footfall, providing additional income, this in turn will increase the hall's future sustainability and its ability to provide services and activities for future generations.</p> <p>The future development is ongoing as it is expected that the hall will continue to provide the community with the necessary services by adapting to the future needs of the village. It is intended that key services will continue into the future as part of the development of the hall as the hub of the community as all services are essential to the health and wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>The hall to date is self-sustainable, however, in order to be able to develop new services for the benefit of the community it does require some assistance through grant funding.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £10,000.00
Subject to	Match funding being secured to deliver the project

Application Reference – WCF-18 -22

Project Title	Interior Improvements – Phase 1
Applicant	Glynhir Golf Club
Project Description	<p>This project is being implemented due to the request of the community which has been ongoing for a period of two years through consultation events, involving members, the wider community and users of the facility.</p> <p>The period of consultation has resulted in the need to improve the facilities, which are said to be dated, requiring the refurbishment in developing a pleasant and fit for purpose community environment, allowing in catering for social, educational and recreation needs, enriching relationships, reducing social isolation and interaction for all.</p> <p>Disabled facilities were identified as an issue, and a disabled toilet with baby changing facilities has been installed. This project is to revamp the conservatory room and lounge area, with a more modern feel, including new tables incorporating flexible sitting arrangements with comfortable chairs, fitted blinds, as currently there are no coverings for the windows, which causes issues from direct sunlight, also the installation of energy performance air conditioning system due to the unbearable heat in hot weather, also refurbishment of ladies and men's toilet facilities.</p> <p>The facility supports CCC Manor road day services activity programme in providing service users with a learning disability the opportunity in receiving valuable time to exercise, learn new skills and just feeling part of community activity, empowering them to feel valued, respected and making a new network of friends.</p> <p>The project hopes to involve more young children, their parents and the many elderly people living alone who feel isolated and on the periphery of society. The feeling of physical and mental wellbeing will be enhanced in individuals and will have a positive effect to the whole community.</p> <p>The "Quality" of care in the community would undoubtedly be greatly improved by this project and the redevelopment will create an attractive and visually improved multipurpose facility. This will physically, socially and environmentally benefit the area, which will impact positively on the lives of local residents, a step towards area renewal. The redevelopment of the facility will improve the delivery of services to members of the community.</p> <p>This overall re-development is to re-position Glynhir Golf Club in establishing a "Community Hub" committed to widening participation in recreational facilities, hence increasing footfall.</p>
Total Project Cost	£30,100.00

Eligible Capital	£6,689.53 – Tables/chairs/fittings/material £2,250.47 – Energy performance air conditioning £3,800.00 – Integral window blinds £1,560.00 – Solar Ceiling Film £9,500.00 – Refurbish toilets £6,300.00 – Decoration/flooring
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£3,000.00 (Maximum award)
Value of Levered Funds	£27,100.00 £10,000.00 – Lottery Awards for All – secured £17,100.00– Own funds secured /fundraising events
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Anthony Davies • Cllr Dai Nicholas • Stuart Griffith – Llandybie Community Council • Manor Road Day Centre
Ownership/Lease	Ownership is with Glynhir Golf Club
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 3 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 15 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £27,100.00
Officer Comments	<p>The Aim of the project is to address the present and future needs of the community by providing a range of activities and events that are accessible to all and that meet their needs. The aim being to revitalize the community, enrich relationships and reduce social isolation and make them more sustainable in the future.</p> <p>Apart from all the listed users of the facility, undertaking various community activities, they have a junior golf camp held in the school holidays open to all children between the ages of 6-18, also "new to golf" initiative to get ladies more active, also "slow play days" whereby a person with dementia can play with a buddy and taking this forward finding guests from the community to interact with individuals who have dementia.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

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