

**WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2020**

**TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR LEADER**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **2.00 PM, ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2020** 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. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.**
- 2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY, 2020.** 3 - 4
- 3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: MYNYDD Y BETWS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND, WELSH CHURCH FUND AND TARGETED FINANCE FUND.** 5 - 16

*Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

**TUESDAY**, 7 July 2020

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

**The following officers were in attendance:**

C. Owen, Bureau Officer;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 11.00 am - 11.10 am

**1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**  
There were no declarations of personal interest.

**2. DECISION RECORD - 26TH JUNE, 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the decision record of the meeting held on the 26<sup>TH</sup> June 2020 be signed as a correct record.

**3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: MYNYDD Y BETWS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

**RESOLVED** that the following application for assistance from the Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Award</b>
Cwmaman Town Council	£1,000.00

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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**DATE**

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 22/07/2020

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. Emlyn Dole</b>	<b>Leader</b>

**Financial Assistance from the following grant funds:  
Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund, Welsh Church Fund and Targeted Finance Fund**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

**Mynydd y Betws – Annex 1**  
1 Application – Total Value = £1,000.00

**Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2**  
1 Application – Total Value = £1,00.00

**Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 3**  
1 Application – Total Value = £8,500.00

**Total Number of Applications - 3      Total Value = £10,500.00**

**Reasons:**

**Covid-19 Community Response Fund** to support voluntary sector organisations and community groups in Carmarthenshire to:

- maintain or increase activities that support the vulnerable during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis
- ensure that organisation/community groups have the resources needed to deliver vital services for their communities
- encourage robust health and safety protocols during all activities that safeguard voluntary sector staff, volunteers, helpers and beneficiaries.

Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire.

<p><b>Directorate</b></p> <p><b>Name of Head of Service:</b> Helen L Morgan</p> <p><b>Report Author:</b> Caroline Owen</p>	<p><b>Designations:</b></p> <p><b>Development Manager Regen &amp; Policy</b></p> <p><b>Bureau Officer</b></p>	<p><b>Tel: 01267 242367</b> <b>HLMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</b></p> <p><b>Tel: 01269 590216</b> <b>CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</b></p>
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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 <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

**Financial Assistance from the following grant funds:  
Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund, Welsh Church Fund, Targeted Finance Fund**

To approve the following:

## **RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

### **Mynydd y Betws – Annex 1**

1 Application – Total Value = £1,000.00

### **Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2**

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**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:**

**Helen L Morgan      Development Manager Regeneration & Policy**

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

## **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
Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund	MYB-20-02	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-20-03	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
Targeted Finance Fund	TFF-19-09	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP



# Covid 19 Mynydd y Betws Report

ANNEX 1

Report Date - 02 July 2020  
 Total Number of Covid 19 Applications - 1  
 Total Amount - £1,000.00  
 Panel date: 02 July 2020

Fund	Name of Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Geographic area	Area of Benefit / Target group	Comments	Consultation	Award Recommendation
MYB	Betws Family Centre	Remote working with families	<p>The Centre has been adapting the way they work due to COVID19, by working remotely to support families. They have been providing online support through Zoom, supporting on Facebook and messenger, also phone calls. Unfortunately, they do not have the technology to make this easy for the families to get in touch with them due to not having a works mobile phone so cannot give a number out. When somebody does want that 1:1 they give them a ring with no caller ID on their personal phones.</p> <p>This project is to purchase the technology to make sure they continue responding to families just like they would if they came to the centre for support and it will also assist to work better with local organisations as they can only get in touch with the centre staff via email. Working better with organisations will give families holistic support and making sure everyone is supporting them for all their needs.</p> <p>Families will feel less isolated and using more communication platforms they will be able to support more families with 1:1 support and families will be able to get in touch with them directly when needed.</p> <p>The Centre has been extremely lucky being fully funded for all other needs during the COVID pandemic and have not had to apply to any other funders as they have been supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBC Children in Need</li> <li>• Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund</li> <li>• Flying Start</li> <li>• Comic Relief</li> </ul> <p>This funding request fits the criteria of the MYB fund, and the technology is needed for the centre to continue responding to the needs of the community during COVID, the devices will only be shared with staff members in the centre and will be password protected.</p> <p><b>Project Costs – £1,000.00</b>                      Samsung Galaxy tablet @ £302.40 x 2 = £604.80                      Samsung Phone &amp; Sim Card for 12 months unlimited minutes and texts - £395.20</p>	Betws	Families within the community currently supported by the Centre	<p>There is a great need for the continued support of families unable to attend the centre.</p> <p>Improved technology is essential in the service provided while families remain at home.</p>	Panel Assessment Team/ Cllr Betsan Jones	£1,000.00
Page 9 Total No Applications	1							<b>Total Amount</b> <b>£1,000.00</b>

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# Covid 19 – Welsh Church fund Report

ANNEX 2

Report Date - 02 July 2020  
 Total Number of Covid 19 Applications - 1  
 Total Amount - £1,000.00  
 Panel date: 02 July 2020

Fund	Name of Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Geographic area	Area of Benefit / Target group	Comments	Consultation	Award Recommendation
Welsh Church Fund	Church In Wales	Zoom Support	<p>Church In Wales cover the following parishes: Llanpumsaint, Llanllawddog, St Celynin Bronwydd , St Alban's CwmDuad, St David;s Abergwili, St Peter's Carmarthen, St John's Carmarthen, Christchurch Carmarthen, Langunnor, Newchurch and Cynwl Elfed.</p> <p>They are requesting a grant to enable them to purchase a business user Zoom Licence for a year, this allows up to 8 hosts. A host can have unlimited meetings supporting up to 100 participants.</p> <p>They already use Zoom extensively to support local communities; however, this support could be extended across the Local Ministry area with the purchase of more appropriate licences.</p> <p>They hold Zoom Youth groups, Funeral Bereavement support coffee mornings and Church services.</p> <p>Zoom has broken down barriers of attendance for the housebound, disabled and rurally isolated (without transport many of their churches are not served by public buses on Sundays). They have seen some people return to church and church social activities have increased numbers attending. They plan to continue virtual provision even when lockdown is completely lifted.</p> <p>They have plans to offer Zoom Meditation sessions soon, which may be of benefit to people's mental and spiritual health.</p> <p>Zoom has also allowed them to have staff and volunteer training, committee meetings etc. during lockdown to enable the continued smooth running of their projects and outreach. They recognised the benefits of Zoom especially regarding reducing the need for travel and subsequent impact on the environment. They will continue to use Zoom if they are able to fund the relevant licences.</p> <p><b>Project Cost:</b>                      Business Zoom Licence, unlimited use for up to 8 hosts, each meeting being able to support 100 participants. This licence lasts for a year.  <b>£1,151.04</b> the £151.04 will be funded by Church in Wales</p> <p><b>Amount requested    £1,000.00</b></p>	County Wide	All in the community, including those in rural isolation		The Assessment Panel Team	£1,000.00
Total No Applications	1							Total Amount £1,000.00



## Targeted Finance Fund

**Application Reference: TFF-19-09**

<b>Project Title</b>	Climate Emergency Actions
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Carmarthenshire Energy</b>
<b>Ward</b>	Carmarthenshire Wide Project
<b>Key Account Management</b>	<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"> <li>• Existing social enterprises that have the potential to grow, be sustainable and create employment ✓</li> <li>• Emerging projects that have the potential to create jobs ✓</li> <li>• Third sector organisations that deliver vital services within our communities</li> </ul>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Climate change is currently the biggest challenge facing our planet and this project looks at ways of mitigating these issues. Welsh Government and Carmarthenshire Council have declared a Climate Emergency, demonstrating the importance of taking action. The aims of this project of Renewable Energy generation and education on energy are both important parts of mitigating climate change.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire Energy's community owned 500kW wind turbine is situated with stunning views of the Tywi Valley of Carmarthenshire. Groups that have visited are inspired that this wind turbine can produce enough electricity for 400 homes, whilst co-existing with nature.</p> <p>The nearby village hall has had installed 10kW of PV, 5kWh batteries and an electric vehicle charging point. This village hall no longer has electricity bills.</p> <p>This project has two main aspects -</p> <p><b><u>Renewable Energy</u></b></p> <p>Carmarthenshire Energy (CEL) will investigate the potential for renewable energy generation on farms and other sites in Carmarthenshire. Looking at a broad number of sites that are both viable and have the greatest potential.</p> <p>CEL will also investigate best practice in other areas as well as exploring innovative approaches to making renewable energy schemes financially viable, piloting these approaches and demonstrate ways to help renewable energy installations to work out financially.</p> <p>CEL have been exploring an Energy Local model at 400V for selling electricity directly to domestic customers. It will soon be possible through Energy Local to sell electricity from a nearby renewable energy generator</p>

	<p>to businesses as well, including on the 11kV network. This has potential to help greatly in making small and medium scale renewable energy schemes financially viable.</p> <p><b><u>Education</u></b></p> <p>CEL will work to promote the understanding of energy and the importance of using it efficiently. This will be done through both arranging site visits to our wind turbine and visiting schools, colleagues, universities, businesses and other groups to talk about renewable energy, energy efficiency and how actions we take as individuals can help mitigate climate change.</p> <p>The aim is also to assist local schools and colleges to adapt their teaching of skills and knowledge that are compatible with climate emergency mitigation.</p> <p>The expectation is that when the work starts in Autumn 2020 social distancing regulations will still be in place and what would otherwise have been a school assembly, classroom talk or similar event, will be an online talk or webinar, and resources for pupils to use both as part of the event and with teachers for follow up. Carmarthenshire Energy staff already have some experience in preparing online resources on community energy.</p> <p>CEL will also work with Carmarthenshire County Council to assist in the measures currently being taking to improve energy literacy of Carmarthenshire residents.</p> <p>CEL would also look at best practice across Wales and the UK, both for education on energy, energy justice and community energy, and seek to incorporate that into Carmarthenshire.</p> <p><b>This fund will be used to match fund the RDP LEADER funding that is currently in its stage 2 process by means of –</b></p> <p><b>Staff costs:</b> Two full time equivalent members of staff. Both members of staff would work on the renewable energy and education aspects of the project.</p> <p>Other costs (listed below) will be funded through the RDP LEADER fund -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small scale capital costs - For a pilot renewable energy scheme.</li> <li>• Room Hire - Predominately hiring rooms for events</li> <li>• Marketing and Promotion - To include producing materials for the education and training aspect</li> <li>• Travel - Staff visiting sites and groups they will be working with</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education - 500</li> <li>• Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 5</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported -1</li> <li>• Number of jobs created - 2</li> <li>• Public and private leverage funding £125,000</li> </ul>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£133,500</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	Nil

<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	<b>£133,500 - Salary costs for the creation of 2 x Full time Officers</b>
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	Nil
<b>Amount and % of grant requested</b>	<b>£8,500 @ 6.37%</b>
<b>Match funding</b>	<b>£100,000 CCC RDP LEADER Funding approved</b> <b>£25,000 Own Funds</b>
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	Kendall Davis - Sustainable Development Manager Local Action Group - Supported to Full Application Cllr. Aled Vaughan Owen Ysgol Bro Myrddin Yni Dda
<b>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</b>	<p>Climate change is currently the biggest challenge and this project looks at ways that this can be mitigated. The aims of this project to include Renewable Energy generation and education on energy are both important parts of mitigating climate change.</p> <p><b>Renewable energy:</b> CEL staff have worked with many landowners and know of a number of farmers who have expressed interest in renewable energy schemes on their land, as well as a range of organisations keen for renewable energy installations. CEL staff have worked extensively on potential Renewable Energy schemes in Carmarthenshire and dealt with many landowners. This knowledge could be drawn on in identifying suitable sites for renewable energy development.</p> <p><b>Education:</b> CEL are regularly approached by groups who have asked for talks on renewable energy/EVs/energy efficiency, or have asked to visit the Carmarthenshire Energy wind turbine. This offers an opportunity to both educate Carmarthenshire residents, as well as bring visitors into the area</p>
<b>Contributing to key Strategies</b>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council has become the first local authority in Wales to publish a climate change action plan detailing how it will work towards becoming net zero carbon in the next 10 years. Addressing the climate emergency is also listed as a challenge facing Carmarthenshire in the Councils' Corporate Strategy. This project will help Carmarthenshire on these.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire Councils Local Development Plan outlines how 5.1.5 Sustainability and SD are central to the LDP, its strategic direction and its policies. In realising the importance of tackling the causes and effects of climate change and in delivering a sustainable strategy, the LDP must balance the provision made for economic growth and social equality against the need to protect and enhance the environment. This project will both protect the environment by tackling the causes of climate change, and also help with economic growth and social equality by keeping the ownership of energy generation as local as possible.</p>

	<p>This project also helps support the high level aims and objectives of the Local Development Strategy.</p> <p>Aim 1 - Reducing both the cost and usage of energy will support business growth by reducing overheads such as energy bills.</p> <p>Aim 2 - New technologies require a skilled workforce to adapt them, and through this work we will encourage and facilitate businesses and employees in working with low carbon technologies.</p> <p>Aim 3 - This work will both reduce the overheads of local businesses, and provide demand for the installation and servicing of energy schemes, both of which increase the capacity of local business to generate employment</p> <p>Aim 4 - Part of this work will be encouraging and incentivising businesses to use new energy efficient and low-emission technology.</p> <p>Aim 5 - Eco-tourism is a growing market, and Carmarthenshire Energy has already had visitors from abroad come to Carmarthenshire specifically to visit our wind turbine, who stopped off at local businesses both before and after the turbine visit. This work will help Carmarthenshire become a leader in implementing community energy and will encourage further visits of this nature.</p> <p>Aim 6 - Community energy schemes can reduce the overheads for community buildings, as well as often having a community benefit fund that can be used to support local services.</p>
<b>Ownership/Lease</b>	N/A
<b>Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability</b>	<p>Publicising the work undertaken will be an important element to gain wider support from the residents of Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>Working in partnership with a variety of organisations to include schools, colleges, business and communities is key foundation to the project. The Officers will be responsible for the project management involving the design and implementation of the training and educational visits, identifying key strategic areas and helping to mitigate climate issues. The education aspect will encourage people to think sustainably, lowering their personal energy usage which again helps fuel poverty</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £8,500</b>
<b>Subject to:</b>	