

Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report

Welsh Church Fund 2018 - 2019

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Application Reference – WCF-18-01

Project Title	Heritage Book Project
Applicant	Pembrey Mountain Trust
Project Description	<p>Pembrey Mountain Trust have been granted the copyright to a set of 4 local books about Pembrey and Burry Port written by local historian, John A Nicholson, the books were originally produced by Llanelli Borough Council and then Carmarthenshire County Council. and this project is to re-produce these books titled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pembrey & Burry Port - Aspects of their History. • Pembrey & Burry Port - Further Glimpses • Pembrey & Burry Port – A Historical Miscellany • Pembrey & Burry Port – Some Historical Events and Recollections <p>The group have been working with John’s family for the delivery of this project and hope to have the new publication produced this year to mark the 25th year since they were last published.</p> <p>The books will be amalgamated into one large book, with four distinct sections representing the original books, also a version for E readers, by digitising the four books will ensure that they will be available for future generations, as once the books have been scanned, they can be stored and future prints will be possible if the demand exists.</p> <p>The books will give valuable information about the locality, they are informative and outline the history of the town. The books were extremely popular and remain so to this day and they are widely used in research projects and for information about the area by many people.</p> <p>Whilst some members of the local community may have copies, this re-print in one volume will allow many more, particularly</p>

	newcomers and the younger generation to have access to this unique collection of local history.
Total Project Cost	£7,200.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	£7,200.00 £200.00 – Scanning original books £600.00 – Editing £5,900.00 – Printing £500.00 – Launch & Publicity
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Consultation has been undertaken with the library service, local groups and the community. The following Councillors are supportive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John James • Cllr. Shirley Matthews • Cllr. Hugh Shepardson • Cllr Amanda Fox
Ownership/ Lease	Not applicable
Funding Package	£7,200.00
Value of Community Investment	£7,200.00
Amount of grant requested	£720.00 @ 10%
Value of Levered Funds	£6,480.00 £250.00 – Friends of Court Farm – secured £500.00 – Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society – secured £500.00 – Llanelli Civic Society – secured £1,000.00 – Pembrey & Burry Port Town Council – secured £2,500.00 – Arts Council – secured £1,250.00 – Local Sponsorship – secured Other funders to be applied for
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 8 • 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 • Public and private leverage funding - £6,480.00

Officer Comments	<p>This project will further the advancement of Education and Culture, the books will be available to the community and copies will be given to local schools.</p> <p>The books are unique to the community and will again raise public awareness of the importance of the heritage we have.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £720.00
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF-18-04

Project Title	Cwmifor Baptist Chapel
Applicant	Refurbishment of Chapel
Project Description	<p>The project idea is refurbishment work to Cwmifor Welsh Baptist Church, Cwmifor Baptist Church was built in 1789, enlarged in 1836 and renovated in 1864. The present building, dated 1864, is Simple Round-Headed in style with a long-wall entry plan. The Chapel is used regularly and is considered the centre point of the close community following the closure of the local primary school.</p> <p>However over the last few years the roof has started to deteriorate which has resulted in local volunteers giving up their time to fix the problems, however, this method is not sustainable and the group have decided to seek funding to fix the issue, which is essential works, ensuring the future sustainability of the church.</p> <p>As well as holding a service every other Sunday which is well attended by the community, the chapel holds a number of other events during the course of the year and is used by the local community for meetings, a number of fundraising events at both local and national level which is of great benefit to the community.</p> <p>The group have in the past used their own funds to refurbish the Chapel, which has included a new heating system, installing new windows and a sound system to ensure the building is suitable for the community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£15,228.00
Eligible Capital	<p>£15,228.00</p> <p>£3,140.00 – Scaffolding</p> <p>£7,200.00 – Roof</p> <p>£500.00 – Timberwork</p> <p>£1,850.00 – UPVC soffits, guttering & downpipes</p>

Eligible Revenue	VAT - £2,538.00
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<p>They have undertaken a mapping exercise which shows the chapel is the only facility within the community and utilised as a focal point for the community.</p> <p>Letters of Support have been received from residents of the area, community council and local county councillor who all support the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Edward Thomas
Ownership/ Lease Funding Package	Church of Wales
Value of Community Investment	£15,228.00 - Gross
Amount of grant requested	£15,228.00
Value of Levered Funds	£3,000.00 @ 19.7%
	£12,228.00 James Pantyfedwen – applied Garfield Weston – applied National Churches Trust – applied Church Care – applied All Churches Wales - applied
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 7 • 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 • Public and private leverage funding - £12,228.00
Officer Comments	<p>Cwmifor has a lot of local history and whilst the group have given up numerous volunteer hours and used a large amount of their own funds it is essential that the group seeks financial support for the future sustainability of the church as a local community venue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Edward Thomas
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-18-02

Project Title	Essential Equipment
Applicant	Cwmaman Bowls Club
Project Description	<p>Cwmaman are a local bowls club which has been ongoing for 25 years enabling participation for all across the Amman Valley. They target all age groups and genders paying particular attention to individuals with special needs or disabilities, both physical and emotional.</p> <p>The club currently has 24 members including 2 ladies, 1 junior who has recently represented the county and 1 member with a known Learning Disability. All pay an annual membership fee which is off set against the running costs inclusive of insurance and associated subscriptions.</p> <p>The season runs from April to September and as part of the playing season they have teams represented in Veterans (over 55) and Llanelli and District League. Matches are played weekly home or away with team selection giving everyone a chance to take part. Amongst our members we have over half who use Welsh as their first language and other members who have moved into the local community who are not Welsh. Each year they run an open day prior to the start of the season to promote the club, which is advertised in the local press to enable people to give bowls a try.</p> <p>In order to reduce overheads, this project is to purchase essential specialist equipment, which will include a mower, to enable them to maintain the facilities, which will be undertaken by the member volunteers, currently in excess of 7.</p> <p>The club is currently working with a local school in providing coaching for pupils, this is an area where they can increase the club profile and subsequently increase younger membership.</p> <p>The ambition from these sessions is for positive physical activity, teamwork, and social interaction. It will also give the members an opportunity to run more coaching sessions and upskill, as some of the members are retired and the opportunity to deliver coaching to young children would benefit the retired members to take ownership of this part of the club's objectives.</p> <p>Bowling is a sport for all that is open to all ages and gender, their current age range is between 13 and 84 years. All members look forward to a game not only for exercise but also for the social interaction, community engagement with friends, members and in particular with the younger members who play with a cross pollination of ideas and culture.</p> <p>The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Cwmaman and the surrounding</p>

	<p>area by the provision of facilities for the playing of the sport of bowls.</p> <p>Not only is bowls an excellent friendly and leisurely activity it also has advantages for health and well-being. It is a form of physical exercise for all ages and sexes. A match can last for over 3 hours and entails a great deal of walking, bending and stretching, an excellent way of keeping healthy.</p> <p>The project will provide opportunities for local communities to attend social activities and try out a session of Bowls which will provide multiple social and physical well-being benefits for the members and wider community.</p> <p>To further promote bowls, in June the club invited mixed groups of local school children from Ysgol-y-Bedol, years 5 and 6 to attend taster courses at the bowls green which is run over four weeks. The number of boys and girls attending the sessions in any one day can total around 80 children who are provided with refreshments. At the end of the course each child is presented with a certificate of attendance.</p> <p>Members of the bowls club have completed coaching courses and have been DBS checked allowing them to instruct the children on how to use the bowls equipment safely and responsibly. They follow the Welsh Bowls Association policies and procedures and have an identified/ named Safeguarding officer with robust Child Protection procedures in place.</p>
Total Project Cost	£10,350.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	£10,350.00
	£7,500.00 – Baroness mower
	£2,000.00 – Bowls green materials
	£600.00 – Green keeping equipment
	£250.00 – Bowls equipment for juniors
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<p>Consultation was undertaken between the local authority and all members who agreed the need for continued bowling facilities at Cwmaman Park.</p> <p>Discussions were undertaken around asset transfer with Cwmaman Town council. The Bowls Club and its members have had to formally agree to take over management of the green and all the surrounding greenery and assist in the maintenance of the pavilion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Kevin Madge • Cllr David Jenkins
Ownership/ Lease	Lease Agreement
Funding Package	£10,350.00

<p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p> <p>Value of Levered Funds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£10,350.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£1,035.00 @ 10%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£9,315.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£8,280.00 – Mynydd y Betws - applied £1,035.00 – Millennium Stadium Trust - applied</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 4 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 9 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • 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 - £10,350.00
<p>Officer Comments</p>	<p>As you can appreciate to maintain the green is a major cost which the club has to meet and as they have only just started on this venture, they are learning the process and obtaining the necessary equipment to make sure they can continue as a club.</p> <p>The equipment is essential for the bowls and without the funding there would be little financial benefits in enabling the bowls to continue at the park, due to the ongoing maintenance fees that would have to be paid, instead of being undertaken by the member volunteers.</p>
<p>Officer Recommendation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award - £1,035.00</p>
<p>Subject to</p>	

