

Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report

Welsh Church Fund 2018 - 2019

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Application Reference – WCF-18-10

Project Title	External Refurbishments
Applicant	Llangathen Village Hall
Project Description	<p>The hall has been extensively restored to its former glory since securing funding, with only external works to be completed and restoration of some windows.</p> <p>The community now have a place to socialise, take exercise and enjoy cultural events that have engendered the community support and pride.</p> <p>Through extensive consultation undertaken, identifying the need for the restoration, to enable a delivery of activities designed by the community, has been a great success and the hall is now providing these activities on a daily basis, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts @ the Hall • Pure fitness Pilates • Jungle body konga • Lau gar kung Fu • Strong and slow yoga • Keep fit classes • Knitting at the hall • Walking and gardening groups • Swing dance • Creative writing • Bingo, whist & film evenings <p>The hall is now also an attractive venue for weddings and has undertaken 4 functions with further bookings being made for 2019, assisting in the long term sustainability.</p> <p>Organisations, groups and Charities, now have a venue suitable to hold functions and events which have improved the recreational, cultural and educational needs of the community, which has positively impacted on people's health and wellbeing, encouraged social interaction and reduced social isolation as well as benefiting the charities.</p>

	<p>Unfortunately, the exterior of the hall does not justify the internal refurbishments, also, the uneven grounds are dangerous for accessibility into the hall, especially for the elderly and disabled, more so when there has been heavy rain.</p> <p>This project is to enable the grounds to be landscaped and new parking area laid, also disabled access paths and seating area. In order to carry out this work they will use volunteer labour from the community.</p> <p>Also, to install fitted roller black out blinds to the 6 bay windows, as the extensive sun and light has an impact on the majority of activities undertaken within the hall, as identified by its users, also afraid of damage to the restoration of the parquet flooring, due to the direct sunlight, raising and fading the wood.</p> <p>Also a portable fold away stage is also required, to undertake various events, which has been identified, which need to be raised off the floor for maximum effect, in showcasing Arts, also theatre, choir and cultural events, enabling ease of viewing from the seated community.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p>	<p>£21, 896.48 - Gross</p> <p>£889.42 – Concrete/sand/cement £180.00 – Planters £1,669.20 – Aggregate £3,034.86 – Railway sleepers £257.00 – Plants/trees £486.00 – Soil/turf £2,086.00 – Labour £1,794.00 – Paving £9,000.00 – 6 Fitted black out blinds £2,500.00 – Portable Stage</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cefin Campbell
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Ownership</p>
<p>Funding Package</p> <p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p>	<p>£21,896.48</p> <p>£21,896.48</p> <p>£3,000.00 @ 13.7%</p>

Value of Levered Funds	<p style="text-align: center;">£18,896.48</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lottery Awards for All - £10,000.00 Own funds secured - £8,896.48</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 20 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 12 • 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 - £18,896.48
Officer Comments	<p>The outcomes of the project have proven the community to become stronger, people have a place to meet, and integrate, learning to enjoy the satisfaction of working together and decision-making on activities and services to be provided.</p> <p>Individuals and families have improved social interaction, which has fostered understanding and tolerance across all age groups also cultural/educational backgrounds, enabling families to become stronger, being able to participate in activities together as a unit and integrate with others.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-18-11

Project Title	Development of a MUGA
Applicant	Gate & District Welfare Association
Project Description	<p>Five years ago a survey was conducted regarding facilities at the hall and it emerged that a sports surface was a priority and the committee proceeded with plans to carry out the community's request. This turned out to be very frustrating as initial plans to drain and re-seed the field to an open access playing sports field had to be abandoned due to the discovery of the Marsh Fritillaries habitat and agreement had to be made for the protection and management of this with Caeau Mynydd Mawr SAC project, a special area of conservation.</p> <p>The past four years have been very challenging in undertaking consultation with various parties and the community in identifying a way forward in meeting the needs of the community but adhering to conservation restrictions, but agreement was finally made to support Butterfly Conservation Wales in conjunction with Caeau Mynydd Mawr and accepting that they can only utilise a reduced area of the field, and full planning permission has been received.</p> <p>The hall is the hub of the community utilised on a daily basis for various activities and the community commitment and support is overwhelming, and whilst consultation was being undertaken regarding the field and to maintain community spirit and engagement, they received grants for various projects including the installation of a toddlers play area, raised beds and seating areas, which involved 20 volunteers from residents of the local and wider community and was conceived through consultation with children and parents in the local community.</p> <p>The loss of the sports field amenity has been compensated by the proposed construction of a multi-use games area on a small part of the land and full planning permission has been received.</p> <p>The proposed area at the rear of the hall will consist of approximately 600 sq. metres and the development has a very low risk element as careful consideration has been made of the safety element, with secure and rigid 2.4m height fencing around the perimeter, suitable surfacing, curved and rounded surfaces for sporting and structural appliances, accommodating areas suitable for 5 a side football, tennis and netball courts, indicated and identified by colour coding.</p> <p>The MUGA will provide a 'breathing space' and play opportunities for the communities that surrounds it. The site already enjoys the support of the local community and visitors and the proposed work</p>

	<p>will increase its attractiveness through improving and increasing the facilities and widening the range of activities within the grounds.</p> <p>The committee have engaged in separate consultation exercises with the local residents and wider community to identify their needs and views, resulting in this project development.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p>	<p>£87,392.00 - Gross</p> <p>£87,392.00 £4,166.00 - Equipment £6,296.00 – Tarmacadam £71,760.00 – MUGA £5,170.00 – Design & Planning</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cefin Cambell • Cllr David Thomas • Jonathan Edwards MP • Adam Price AM • Amanda Evans – CCC Conservation Officer • Alan Davies - PCSO • Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council
<p>Ownership/ Lease Funding Package</p>	<p>Ownership</p> <p>£87,392.00</p>
<p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p> <p>Value of Levered Funds</p>	<p>£87,392.00</p> <p>£3,000.00 @ 3.43%</p> <p>£84,392.00 £79,222.00 - Lottery People & Places - Applied £5,170.00 - Own funds secured</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 20 • 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 - £84,392.00

Officer Comments	<p>Success of the project has been reflected on how successfully the play area has been embraced by the community, it has demonstrated a picture of change in the lives of the children and closer communities emerging, demonstrated by children playing outside on a regular basis contributing to a healthier and more physically active generation which is of benefit to the wider society.</p> <p>The community engagement has continued to strengthen and even though the hall is well utilised for daily activities, the community wish to improve on this and provide the opportunity to include additional diverse use of the hall grounds, providing more opportunities for outdoor inter-generational activities.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-18-08

Project Title	Equipment & Marketing
Applicant	Ammanford Community Theatre Group
Project Description	<p>Ammanford Community Theatre is a voluntary organisation which has been in existence for six years, producing theatre in the community and raising participation in the Arts, by creating sell out productions, such as Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella, held within Ammanford Miners Theatre.</p> <p>The group will create and produce two brand new theatre productions to be held at the local Miners Theatre involving approximately 80 participants of all ages. The funding is required to purchase 12 microphones, additional staging and publicity.</p> <p>This project is for the group to purchase equipment and marketing of the organisation. They would like to purchase more staging as currently this is very minimal, by improving this they can raise the standard of their productions, also produce marketing material to promote and publicise their group, by creating banners, posters and flyers. They would also like to include adverts in the local press and create more online presence.</p> <p>They also want to purchase microphones, which will enable them to offer more singing opportunities rather than just acting and dance, through their partnership with a local dance company, especially in their pantomimes, which will attract a wider range of people to the group.</p> <p>It will enable the group to expand their repertoire and support other events in the area providing further opportunities for people in performance whilst also improving social cohesion and partnerships with other organisations in the area.</p> <p>This year they will be holding two productions, a comedy play in June and a pantomime in December. They hope to develop their already successful beginnings by creating more community based theatre and engaging with a wider audience and by purchasing new equipment, they will be enhancing the experience not only for their participants but also their audience. This in turn will attract more people to the group, also more involvement within the arts in a wider sense.</p> <p>Being actively involved in a group like this encourages social cohesion and enhances connections and networks giving a stronger sense of place and identity. Community theatre and arts increase civic participation and foster a positive perception.</p> <p>They are hoping to develop more Welsh performances.</p>
Total Project Cost	£4,300.00 - Gross

Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£4,300.00 £2,000.00 – Headset microphones £600.00 – Removable staging £200.00 – Printing equipment £1,000.00 – Publicity material £500.00 – Press
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Kevin Madge • Cllr David Jenkins • Cllr Deain Harries • Cllr Tina Higgins • Cllr Betsan Jones • Cllr Anthony Davies • Cllr Glynog Davies • Cllr Carl Harris • Cllr Dai Thomas
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package	£4,300.00
Value of Community Investment	£4,300.00
Amount of grant requested	£430.00 @ 10%
Value of Levered Funds	£3,870.00 Secured from Mynydd y Betws
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 10 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 3 • 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 - £4,300.00
Officer Comments	<p>Ammanford Community Theatre's productions have been a sellout, and due to command have had to provide additional performances.</p> <p>Being actively involved in a group like this encourages social cohesion and enhances connections and networks giving a</p>

	<p>stronger sense of place and identity. Community theatre and arts increase civic participation and foster a positive perception.</p> <p>They involve local craftspeople and builders in the creation of the staging and invite new people in to help paint the scenery and help as stage hands at performances</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £430.00
Subject to	