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Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report
Welsh Church Fund 2019-2020
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Balance Available: £8,351.99

Report Value: £6,000.00

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Application Reference – WCF-19-33

Project Title	**Mini Bus**
Applicant	**LLandysul Paddlers Canoe Centre Ltd**
Project Description	Llandysul Paddlers Canoe Centre is open to adults and young people from a large catchment area with many of the people coming from the rural communities of Carmarthenshire. The centre provides people opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable within the area, such as twice weekly sessions on both lake and river with tuition and progression through accredited learning syllabuses. In addition, the club organises regular trips away to other parts of Wales, UK, and France, which are competitive and recreational. They help develop skills as well as widening horizons and there are many examples of local people having developed into coaches and then gained employment through their involvement with the centre. They also act as a hub within the large outdoor community of West Wales, providing opportunities to socialise, develop skills in a range of outdoor activities, and access to other opportunities available in the surrounding area and beyond and they have also developed a first class slalom team to represent Llandysul, at British and European level. The requested funding would be used as match funding towards the purchase of a 17 seater mini bus which will be adapted to include a tow bar, roof rack and access ladder, which will be used to transport groups of people, in particular Young people, who do not have their own access to transport, to activities run by the Paddlers and by fitting a tow bar and roof rack, the bus will also transport the necessary equipment for the activities, such as mountain bikes, Canoes and Kayaks. The young people will have an opportunity to take part in outdoor adventurous activities, which they may not previously have been able to access due to lack of transport, thus increasing their health and wellbeing as well as acquiring a greater knowledge on the care and enjoyment of the countryside. Llandysul Paddlers also hold a Holiday Play Scheme and Fun

	Days, the minibus will enable them to organise additional activities and days out, to include mountain biking in Brechfa Forest. They currently collect young people using a minibus from the County's Secondary School after school and transports them to outdoor activities centres, and returns the Young people to their schools. With an additional minibus, they plan to expand their after-school activities club, to more schools in the rural area. This Afterschool activities club gives young people an opportunity to get more active and take part in activities they may not have the chance to do. The minibus will also enable the centre to target new users, who may not have used the facility in the past due to lack of transport. They have identified four Carmarthenshire Scout Groups they wish to work with, as well as Youth groups in the locality.
Total Project Cost **Eligible Capital** **Eligible Revenue** **Ineligible Costs**	**£27,052.95 - Net** **£27,052.95** Purchase of a mini bus **n/a** **n/a**
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	• Cllr Linda Evans – local member for Llangfihangel-ar-Arth • Ian Jones – CCC Head of Leisure
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package **Value of Community Investment** **Amount of grant requested** **Value of Levered Funds**	**£27,052.95 - Net** **£27,052.95** **£3,000.00 @ 11.09%** **£24,052.95** £19,000.00 – Statkraft secured £5,025.95 – Own funds secured
Economic Benefit	• Number of individuals into training/education • Number of Jobs safeguarded • **Number of individuals into volunteering - 3** • Number of individuals into employment • **Number of community assets 1** • Number of new services created • Number of physical improvements

	• Number of environmental improvement scheme
Officer Comments	The organisation are Key Account Managed closely by the CCC Bureau officer and regular meetings consist of further development and long term sustainability, the group's governance and business plan are strong. The organisation supports many groups that are disadvantaged along with bringing in a lot of visitors to the county to utilise the tremendous facilities that the river, town and county provides.
Officer Recommendation	**Award - £3,000.00**
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Application Reference – WCF-19-18

Project Title	**Refurbishment Works**
Applicant	**Ffynnonwen Community Centre**
Project Description	The Community hall formerly the Primary school, which closed in 1972 was leased to the community at a cost of £100.00 for 21 years, in 1993 the building was given to the community which is known as Ffynnonwen Community Hall. The centre is used daily for the Cylch Meithrin, which currently has 16 children aged 2-4 attending, with a current waiting list, also Cylch Ti a Fi every Friday morning for mothers and toddlers. As the majority users of the facility are the Cylch which have been providing this service in excess of 40 years, there is an essential need to refurbish the hall in line with CISW and Estyn health and safety requirements, making the building fit for purpose and the Cylch remaining to provide this essential service to the community. The funding will include plumbing & electrial works, supplying and fitting disabled toilets, also essential refurbishment of the building. Electrical works to include, re-wiring and new socket fittings of 6 light fittings in main hall, 2 light fittings and sockets in storeroom, also new electric heaters throughout. Building works will include new felt roof over the kitchen area, re-rendering external wall, also the installation of a disabled exterior ramp. The centre is utilised daily by various groups and organisations, also used by the community council every other month and for regular community meetings and events, which include the following; • Cylch Meithrin • Welsh Classes • Youth Groups • Cylch Ti a Fi • Relaxation and Mindfulness sessions • Creativity Events • Sewing Club • Social Events Individual letters of support have been received from residents, community council and users of the facility as supporting evidence for the need to deliver this project.
Total Project Cost **Eligible Capital**	**£30,007.56 Gross** **£30,007.56** Disabled toilets, electrical & building works

Eligible Revenue **Ineligible Costs**	**Nil** **NIl**
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	• Cllr Dorian Phillips
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package **Value of Community Investment** **Amount of grant requested** **Value of Levered Funds**	**£30,007.56** **£30,007.56** **£3,000.00 @ 9.10%** **£27,007.56** **External funders applied**
Economic Benefit	• Number of individuals into training/education • **Number of Jobs safeguarded - 4** • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community assets • Number of new services created • **Number of physical improvements - 1** • **Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1**
Officer Comments	The centre is a valuable asset to the rural community and has great beneficial links, holding successful events and fundraising activities. Modernisation of the facilities will prove invaluable to the continued success of the centre, providing a hub for all ages within the community.
Officer Recommendation	**Award - £3,000.00**
Subject to	