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FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2017

TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR LEADER

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN **COMMITTEE ROOM 2, 3 SPILMAN STREET, CARMARTHEN**, AT **10.00 AM**, ON **FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 2017** 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 INTERESTS.
2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH OCTOBER 2017. 3 - 6
3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: WELSH CHURCH FUND. 7 - 20

Agenda Item 2

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE
LEADER**

THURSDAY, 12 October 2017

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

The following officers were in attendance:

S. Walters, Economic Development Manager
J. Hancock, Flagship Social Enterprise Development Officer
C. Jones, Physical Regeneration Programme Coordinator
Y Pellegrotti
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer
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Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - 2.00 - 2.30 pm

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 12th September 2017 be signed as a correct record.

3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: WELSH CHURCH FUND

RESOLVED that the following applications for assistance from the Welsh Church Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Award</u>
Carmarthenshire Families Respite Breaks	£2,897.20
Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli	£3,000.00

4. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. CARMARTHENSHIRE TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FUND- ASPECT DEVELOPMENTS WALES LTD

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 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.

The Executive Board Member considered an application from Aspect Development Wales Ltd. for a grant towards the conversion of the former Courthouse building, Margaret Street, Ammanford, for the development of new office space which would accommodate 17 jobs in Ammanford Town and bring 3560sqft of previously vacant space back into employment space.

RESOLVED that the following application for a grant from the Carmarthenshire Transformational Commercial Property Development Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

Applicant / Property

Award

Aspect Development Wales Ltd./
former Courthouse building,
Margaret Street, Ammanford,

£155,733.16

6. CARMARTHENSHIRE TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FUND: ELLISTON LETTING LTD

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 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.

The Executive Board Member considered an application from Elliston Letting Ltd. for a grant towards the construction of a 2 storey office block on land adjacent to number 9 Elliston Terrace, Carmarthen, which would accommodate 7 jobs in Carmarthen Town and create 1510.70 sq ft of net internal lettable area of office space over 2 floors.

RESOLVED that the following application for a grant from the Carmarthenshire Transformational Commercial Property Development Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

Applicant / Property**Award**

Elliston Lettings Ltd./
9 Elliston Terrace, Carmarthen

£158,000.00

**7. CARMARTHENSHIRE RURAL ENTERPRISE FUND - IAN THOMAS
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 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.

The Executive Board Member considered an application from Ian Thomas Construction Services Ltd. for a grant towards the demolition of a steel framed building and construction of a new office facility at Llwydcoed, Llandeilo, which would create 7 full time jobs as well as bringing 585m2 of floor space back into use.

RESOLVED that the following application for a grant from the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

Applicant / Property**Award**

Ian Thomas Construction Services Ltd./
Llwydcoed, Llandeilo

£128,000.00

8. CARMARTHENSHIRE RURAL ENTERPRISE FUND- PADDA CARE LTD

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 4 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.

The Executive Board Member considered an application from Padda Care Ltd. for a grant towards the conversion of a former Carmarthenshire County Council

building at Llandybie to suit a new use as a Nursing Home with 28 bedrooms. The project would create 20 full time jobs and 15 part time jobs.

RESOLVED that the following application for a grant from the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

Applicant / Property

Award

Padda Care Ltd./
Former Glanmarlais Care Home,
Llandybie

£128,000.00

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 17/11/2017

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

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

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 1

1 Application – Total Value = £2,923.05

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 2

2 Applications – Total Value = £28,683.60

Total Number of Applications - 3 Total Value = £31,606.65

Reasons:

Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire

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

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
17th November 2017

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

To approve the following

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:
Welsh Church Fund – Annex 1
 1 Applications – Total Value = £2,923.05

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 2
 2 Applications – Total Value = £28,683.60

Total Number of Applications – 3 Total Value = £31,606.65

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 Regeneration & Policy

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



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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
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-17-27	Community Bureau, Grants Section, Business Resource Centre, Parc Amanwy, New Road, Ammanford. Carmarthenshire. SA18 3EP
Targeted Finance Fund	TFF-17-05 TFF-17-06	Community Bureau, Grants Section, Business Resource Centre, Parc Amanwy, New Road, Ammanford. Carmarthenshire. SA18 3EP

Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader**Welsh Church Fund 2017 - 2018****Report Author: Caroline Owen****CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk****Tel: 01269 590216****Balance Available: £15,168.59****Report Value: £2,923.05**

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Application reference – WCF-17-27

Project Title	Bethesda Refurbishment & Upgrade
Applicant	Bethesda Congregational Church Tumble
Project Description	<p>The Church is utilised on a regular basis and provides religious services, Sunday school activities, thanksgiving, weddings, funeral services, baptism, and St David's Day concert, also Christmas nativity play and carol services.</p> <p>The venue is strongly supported by Tumble Primary School and Mynydd Mawr Choir who practise there twice a week, also supporting non-religious events such as regular coffee mornings, encouraging the community to utilise the building.</p> <p>The vestry is a key space of the facility and there are issues of water penetration and dampness, also the front entrance and parapet walls are in a poor condition and contributes to water ingress issues internally. The surveyor has also identified woodworm in the vestry and church which requires urgent specialist treatment.</p> <p>The sound system within the church requires improving and upgrading, due to complaints received from the elderly and those with hearing difficulties.</p> <p>This project is for the required repairs, in line with the surveyors report and the installation of an upgraded sound system, which will greatly improve the audio reproduction throughout the church. Incorporating a loop system will relay the output of the sound system to any person wearing a hearing aid fitted with a coupler. This work will ensure that the building is fit for purpose and improve the whole experience and enjoyment for the community who utilise the facility on a regular basis.</p> <p>The grant will accelerate the implementation of this project, the church is fully sustainable in both the short and long term. The refurbishment will ensure the facility is fit for purpose and therefore lead to its long term sustainability.</p>

	The inspection has revealed that the Church remains in sound structural and superficial order throughout and it is clear the facility is well maintained by the members.
Total Project Cost	£11,692.20
Eligible Capital	£11,692.20 £5,593.20 – Repairs to front entrance porch £2,304.00 – Specialist woodworm treatment £2,670.00 – Sound system £1,125.00 – Loop system
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Emlyn Dole • Cllr. Dot Jones • Ferrier Hart Thomas – Chartered Building Surveyors
Ownership/ Lease	Union of Welsh Independents
Funding Package	£11,692.20
Value of Community Investment	£11,692.20
Amount and % of grant requested	£2,923.05 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£8,769.15 Own funds secured
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community groups assisted – 1 • Physical Improvements - 3 • Public and private leverage funding - £8,769.15
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>Surveyors report supplied and the project funding request is for repairs and upgrade to the facility, which meet the criteria of the fund.</p> <p>This project will maintain the Chapel and vestry for the local and wider community for future generations and conserve their heritage.</p> <p>No funding has been received from CCC in the last three years</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,923.05
Subject to	

**Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader
Targeted Finance Fund
2017 - 2018**

Report Author: Jonathan Hancock

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2017/18 Budget Available - £50,151.60

Full Report Value: £28,683.60

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Application Reference: TFF/17/05

Project Title	Development Officer
Applicant	Carmarthen Town Council/Cyngor Tref Caerfyrddin
Ward	Carmarthen Town/Tywi Area
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>Carmarthen Town Council is subject to the FGWB Act, and as part of this Act the velodrome will form part of their Well-being place plan. The overall aim is that the velodrome will ensure that Carmarthen is a prosperous place to live and work by providing a wonderful new resource for the community. A healthier place where people's physical and mental well-being is maximised as cycling is very much seen as a dynamic, family sport. Attracting local, regional and national races to the town would bring huge benefits from a visitor, tourist perspective, increasing the profile of the town and the County as a, healthy, vibrant, sporting hub for the region.</p> <p>The redevelopment of Carmarthen Velodrome contributes to a wider regional policy of enhancing Carmarthenshire as a destiny for different types of cyclists (including the forest cycling trails at Brechfa, the introduction of the Carmarthen to Llandeilo cycle path and the cyclo-cross facility at Pembrey Country Park.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to work alongside partners such as Sport Wales, British/Welsh Cycling as well as Carmarthen Town Council and local/regional cycling clubs to support the development of talented riders, coaches and clubs in West Wales, acting as a hub within the region. This will directly feed the Wales Performance program, with a view to increasing the potential talent pool, and development of riders for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games & beyond.</p>

Events and races returning and coming to this fantastic, historic venue would include:

- Individual regional and National track meetings
- Elite, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Category (adult racing categories), including ladies only Categories
- Track leagues for all categories and ages
- Fixed wheel track coaching and racing.
- Para cycling
- Leagues set up for the Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter months
- Potential duathlons and triathlons, similar to Maindy track.
- Use by private coaches for cycling based group fitness sessions

In terms of the participation agenda, the facility could also be used to develop and increase sessions across a number of areas:

- Youth fixed wheel track coaching and racing. This would include track leagues for all categories
- Elite, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Category (adult racing categories)
- Ladies only Category
- Para cycling
- Youth Categories – Under 8's, Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's & Under 16's.
- Leagues could be set up for the Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter months if appropriate surface was used. Also, Individual regional and National track meetings would be held.
- Youth clubs using it for freewheel sessions or coached sessions.
- Female only taster sessions and skill development linking into club structures.
- Novice adult group skill development, prior to group road rides.
- Potential link to duathlons and triathlons, similar to what has happened at Maindy track.
- Potential use by private coaches for cycling based group fitness sessions

Current and Proposed usage:-

Towy Riders (136 members) and TRCC (73 members) are the main users of the velodrome currently and train two nights a week.

West Wales RT (60 members) utilise the track on a quarterly basis for training purposes.

As part of the project development, initial consultation has taken place with local/regional clubs to gauge potential interest in utilising the velodrome on completion, below is some feedback received: -

Name Of Club	Current Membership No	Their Response
Towy Riders & TRCC	136 & 73	Towy Riders & TRCC use it twice a week and support competitions
West Wales RT		West Wales RT use for training quarterly – support any competitions

	Swansea University RT	80	Swansea University RT would probably use the facility bi-monthly or quarterly. Support competitions. Also promote inter Club Championships Or between Local Teams/Varsity Competitions.
	Tenby Aces	130	Tenby Aces have indicated they are keen to use facility on a weekly or fortnightly basis throughout the Winter for training. Support Competitions.
	Bynea CC	226	Bynea CC would use it fortnightly for training and support competitions.
	Gower Riders	60	Would probably use the facility bi-monthly or quarterly. Support competitions. Also Club Championships
	<p>To ensure that the Velodrome has the best possible start and allow groups and individuals to use the course, there is demand for a full time member of staff to market the facility, undertake community engagement, encourage new users and coordinate bookings.</p> <p>Therefore, the funding required would contribute towards the funding of <u>one post</u> - Development Officer - who would be permanently based at the Velodrome.</p> <p>It is envisaged this person would be the Town Council's main point of contact with all users and would develop excellent working relationships with beneficiaries including local cycling clubs, Welsh Cycling and the community.</p> <p>The post holder will have responsibility for the booking system and ensuring the facility is regularly cleaned and maintained.</p>		
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 5 • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 1 • Public and private leverage funding – £9,122.40 		
Total Project Cost	£22,806		
Eligible Capital	N/A		
Eligible Revenue	£22,806		
Ineligible Costs	N/A		
Amount and % of grant requested	£13,683.60 (60%)		
Match funding	£9,122.40 – Own Funds		

<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Gareth John • Cllr. Alun Lenny • Public Consultation • Ian Jones – CCC's Head of Leisure
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>Consultation with the local (and wider) cycling community, bookings already received for the use of the velodrome on a regular basis and feedback from social media clearly demonstrate that there is a great deal of interest in this facility and that there will be growing levels of demand for its use.</p> <p>Evidence of need provided to funders to include Sports Wales, demonstrating that the velodrome will be utilised for the whole of West Wales.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>Integrated Strategy for Carmarthenshire for 2011-2016 five strategic outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in Carmarthenshire are healthier • People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential • People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer • Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable • Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy <p>The project will contribute towards the achievement of the Integrated Strategy for Carmarthenshire and also help achieve the priorities of the local Well-being Plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who will use the velodrome will inevitably be healthier by participating in outdoor exercise and in addition to its use by the cycling community it is intended to specifically target people who currently may not participate in cycling or indeed any sports – and these include older generations, schoolchildren of all ages and females. • People will be able to learn about the benefits of participating in healthy activities that help create healthier lifestyles • Carmarthen Velodrome was built over a hundred years ago and this current redevelopment will hopefully enable it to thrive for at least a further hundred years. The plan to maximise the use of the facility and make it more accessible to all categories of cyclists (and current non-cyclists) in a safe environment will help to foster even greater community spirit and strengthen the regeneration and prosperity of the local economy. <p>Carmarthenshire Local Development Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic aim 1: To support business growth, retention & specialisation • Strategic aim 2: to support a skilled and ambitious workforce • Strategic aim 5: to develop the distinctiveness and attractiveness of the area in terms of tourism and business investment whilst ensuring that Wales as a nation is resilient <p>Welsh Government Digital Inclusion (2015): Delivering Digital Inclusion – A Strategic Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help businesses make smart use of information technology and data • Ensure citizens benefit from the digital age

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underpin economic growth <p>Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013 – 2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business growth, retention and specialisation • Maximising job creation for all
Ownership/Lease	Leasehold from CCC Full planning approved – Obtained (W/35170)
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	The velodrome redevelopment has been the most significant project associated with Carmarthen Town Council for many years. It has attracted widespread media coverage and during the latter stages of the construction phase it has become very apparent that there is a great deal of interest in the facility across the region. It is vital for the future of the velodrome that its use is maximised and this will contribute towards the long term sustainability of the facility and the role of velodrome attendant. Increased use of the velodrome will create income that will be invested in the continuing development of the facility and in ensuring that this post is retained into the future.
Previous Funding from CCC in last 3years	2015 Leisure Department (Velodrome redevelopment) £286,000
Recommendation	Approve grant funding - £13,683.60
Subject to:	

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Application Reference: TFF/17/06

Project Title	Carriage and Display Unit
Applicant	Gwili Railway Company
Ward	Cynwyl Elfed & Abergwili
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	The Gwili Railway Company is a company limited by shares. It owns the land that the railway runs on and most of the locomotives and rolling stock. All shares are regarded as donations and all profits are ploughed back into the company to further develop the railway. The employees are assisted by a

large group of volunteers (approximately 100) without whom the railway could not operate.

The Company employs a General Manager and together they share a common vision to realise the facility's potential as Carmarthenshire's leading tourist attraction through a phased 5 year Development Plan to extend the distance of the railway southwards to Glangwili and northwards to Llanpumsaint and improve the current facilities to create an appealing visitor destination.

The Gwili Railway operates over part of the old Carmarthen to Aberystwyth Railway line which was closed in 1965. The railway opened in Easter 1978 and has operated every year since. Initial operations were over one mile of track, with one engine and coach. Since then the railway has developed and now operates over 2.5 miles of the old line towards Cynwyl Elfed and a further extension of the line to Carmarthen itself was opened in March 2014, thus doubling the length of line. The railway has also focused efforts on ancillary attractions such as dining trains, cream teas, a miniature railway, picnic site adjacent to the river and a new cafe to enhance the overall visitor experience. Key focus for them is to target key economic growth areas with a view to becoming sustainable.

The Railway's USP has always been a ride behind a Steam engine through the beautiful Gwili Valley, the river never being far away and offering unprecedented views of the wildlife and natural habitat. The experience has evolved into an educational one highlighting a bygone era that no longer exists.

This application is for the supply and erection of a Carriage and Display unit adjacent to Glangwili Hospital, measuring 90m by 10m, 4.5m high. The shed will have two purposes:

1. Will be a storage unit/ shed holding up to four of the railway's main passenger vehicles (known as "MK1's). These carriages are themselves over 50 years old and need protecting from the elements.
2. Will be a museum display. It will have rotating exhibits but with an emphasis on some of the historic railway vehicles at the Gwili Railway.

It is proposed that the shed will accommodate a makeshift classroom for schools, in a novel way and in the form of an externally restored railway carriage.

- A Schools package is to be developed based around the railway carriages and engine, which will supplement our existing "evacuee experience"
- It will encourage new visitors to both the Gwili Railway and the area generally
- It will protect some of Wales' valuable railway heritage for future generations
- It will allow more volunteers to become involved in the Gwili Railway through better facilities (guided talks in the shed, maintenance on carriages under cover)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better facilities for schools with a classroom inside a railway carriage • It will allow some of our day-to-day carriages to be stored undercover thus prolonging their working life • It will introduce a “new” attraction to Carmarthen • It will allow more of Wales’ valuable railway heritage to be displayed to the public • It will allow the Gwili Railway to operate a Victorian train <p>From a business point of view it is critical Gwili Railway has the appropriate storage to protect its assets and be able to explore continuous development opportunities. The new building will provide a suitable and fit for purpose facility which will result in reduced maintenance and overhead costs and create increased visitor numbers. The facility will allow them to create further employment and additional volunteering opportunities will be created, along with linkages with Coleg Sir Gar’s further education department.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals receiving training/skills - 20 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 10 • Number of social enterprises supported - 1 • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 10 • Public and private leverage funding - £231,985
Total Project Cost	£246,985 + VAT (Grounds and unit construction)
Eligible Capital	£40,550 + VAT (Ground works)
Eligible Revenue	N/A
Ineligible Costs	£206,435
Amount and % of grant requested	£ 15,000 (36%)
Match funding	(Private donors £135,000, Gwilli Railway £6,985, Heritage Lottery applied £60,000, GWR Communities applied £30,000)
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Cllr. Irfon Jones, Cllr. Dorian Williams, Huw Parsons CCC Tourism, Coleg Sir Gar, Gwilli Railway Preservation Society
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>During recent years the railway has strived to increase its community participation by means of benefiting the community and the neighbourhood by associating, together with the community, local authority and voluntary organisations. A common effort has been forged to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare to promote healthy recreation, volunteering, learning & education opportunities and leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving conditions of life for those in the locality.</p> <p>Regular opportunities are made available to the community to consult and provide any feedback. This is achieved by mail drops, promoting their web site and Twitter accounts, communicating their events scheduled for the year along with the opportunity for community shares. The local councillor is also</p>

	kept up to date with any developments and this is then communicated in the local magazine.
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Agenda - Encourage local spend and increases organisational profile to the young person, organisation and wider community • Building resilient communities - Integrate young people with the community and local organisations, encourage intergenerational collaboration • Regional Delivery Plan for Employability and Skills - Working closely with organisations, with the possibility to gaining full time or part time employment post education, up skilling clients/beneficiaries • Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential ○ Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy ○ Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable • The Regeneration Partnership • Welsh Government Skills Implementation Plan • Carmarthenshire Corporate Strategy 2015 – 2020 • 14 - 19 Learning Pathways
Ownership/Lease/ Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gwilli Railway Company owns the land • Planning Approved
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	<p>Under business plan 2 of the RDP programme a Development/Marketing Officer was funded for a period of 12 months which has since become permanent, helping to prove the sustainability of the railway. This officer has assisted in the growth of the business and increased the number of visitors, this in turn improving the financial position of the Railway into a profit making organisation. This project is part of the overall 5 year plan for the railway.</p> <p>Greater Digital Inclusion focus will promote the use of on line bookings, purchase of vouchers, calendar of events and community engagement.</p>
Previous Funding from CCC in last 3years	<p>2015 Targeted Finance Fund £13,200</p> <p>2016 Community Fund £500</p>
Recommendation	£15,000
Subject to:	Securing funds from the Heritage Lottery & GWR Communities