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MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2016

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR REGENERATION & LEISURE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN **COMMITTEE ROOM 2 - 3 SPILMAN STREET, CARMARTHEN**, AT **10.00 AM**, ON **MONDAY, 18TH APRIL, 2016**FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

Mark James

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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AGENDA

1.	DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.	
2.	TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH MARCH 2016.	3 - 4
3.	TO APPROVE THE REVISED CRITERIA FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUND: WELSH CHURCH FUND.	5 - 16
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR 2 REGENERATION & LEISURE

WEDNESDAY, 30 March 2016

PRESENT: Councillor: M. Gravell (Executive Board Member).

The following Officers were in attendance:

J Hancock, Flagship Social Enterprise Development Officer M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - 10.00am - 10.35 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interest.

- 2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY 2016.
 RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 16th February 2016 be signed as a correct record
- 3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TARGETED FINANCE FUND.

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

<u>Award</u>
£20,000.00
£12,727.75
£13,197.00
£15,442.00
£10,000.00
£11,000.00
£2,890.68
£2,412.00
£18,000.00
£10,249.32
£5,000.00
£10,000.00

CHAIR	DATE



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER 18/04/2016

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Meryl Gravell	Regeneration & Leisure

To approve the revised Criteria for the following grant fund: Welsh Church Fund

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Welsh Church Fund Criteria – Appendix 1

To agree the revised Criteria.

Reasons:

The Community Bureau has successfully administered the Welsh Church Fund for a number of years. Grant Criteria is reviewed periodically to ensure effective administration of the fund and to incorporate any changes to corporate policy and procedures.

Directorate Designations: Tel: 01267 242367 Name of Head of Service: **Development Manager Regen** HLMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov. uk

& Policy Helen L Morgan

> Tel: 01269 590216 **Community Regeneration**

Report Author: Assistant

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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 subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted :	



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER REGENERATION AND LEISURE 18th April 2016

To approve the revised Criteria for the following grant fund: Welsh Church Fund

To approve the following

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

Welsh Church Fund Criteria - Annex 1

To agree the revised Criteria.

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 :

Signed: Signed: Helen L Morgan Development Manager Regeneration & Policy

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

2. Legal

Applicants receiving the Welsh Church Fund accept and sign the Terms and Conditions of the grant.

3. Finance

The Welsh Church Fund can award both revenue and capital funding.

5. Risk Management Issues

CCC has robust grant compliance systems in place and all control systems are subject to checks by Officers and Managers.



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) Annual Councillor Briefings take place
- 2.Community / Town Council N/A
- 3.Relevant Partners CAVS
- 4.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

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 Master File	V2 – O1/04/2016	Community Bureau, Grants Section, Business Resource Centre, Parc Amanwy, New Road, Ammanford. Carmarthenshire. SA18 3EP







This form is also available in Welsh/ Mae'r ffurflen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg

Welsh Church Fund

Criteria and Guidance Notes

Section 1 Introduction

Carmarthenshire County Council has established the following criteria in order to aid the administration of the Welsh Church Fund under section 19 of the Welsh Church Act 1914.

Eligible to apply

- Churches & Chapels
- Organisations
- Individuals
- Informally or formally constituted consortia working on a particular project can also apply. All
 the organisations involved in an informal consortium must be eligible in their own right and
 must provide a copy of their constitution or governing document. The application form
 should be completed by the lead organisation that will be legally responsible for the grant
 and will receive the funding, should the application be successful.

Organisations must be either Carmarthenshire based, or if of a national or regional character must be able to demonstrate that the money requested would be used for a specific Carmarthenshire based project.

Organisations must either:

- Be registered as a charity
- Hold certificates of chartable status
- Or have funds which are exempt from income tax

Applications for grant support from individuals towards a specific activity will be considered provided the applicant is resident in the County.

Eligible expenditure/Grant rate

Applicants can apply for grant support for the following purposes:

- Advancement of Education
- Libraries, museums, art galleries, etc.
- Relief of poverty
- Advancement of religion
- Other purposes beneficial to the Community

The degree of support to be offered will be at the absolute discretion of the County Council.

Generally the following eligible expenditure and grant rates apply:

Churches/Chapels

Applicants can apply for **capital costs** including repairs and renewals at 25% to a maximum of £3,000.

Village Halls and Community Facilities

Applicants can apply for **revenue and/or capital costs**, including repairs and renewals at 12.5% to a maximum of £3,000.

Organisations

Organisations can apply for **revenue and/or capital projects**, to a maximum of £3,000 at a 10% intervention rate.

Individuals

Applications will be considered from individuals for assistance towards a specific activity within the county, apprenticeship, or work placement, to a maximum of £150.00.

Other

Enhanced financial assistance of up to £10,000 may be awarded, if the overall cost of the project is in excess of £100,000.

A grant award of £100 is eligible for each person taking part in Operation Raleigh.

Grants will not be awarded to projects that have commenced prior to the Council receiving an application form.

You will be eligible to apply within each financial year once you have spent your grant and final claim has been approved.

Ineligible Expenditure

- No grant will be awarded towards work that is subject of an insurance claim.
- No grant will be made to an applicant where there is a statutory responsibility of another Committee or the Council to support such activities.
- No grant will be made to organisations/individuals whose proposals include the construction of licensed bar facilities.

Having regard to the limited finance available for the fund, no grant support will be made to the following:

- Councils who are eligible to precept in their own right
- Twinning Associations
- National Government funded bodies and Appeals in connection with the purpose for which such bodies are established

Application Process

Applicants must contact the Community Bureau on **01269 590216** or alternatively via e-mail communityBureau@carmarthenshire.gov.uk to register your project and request an Application Form.

We will accept Applications on a rolling basis.

Development Officer Support is available via the Community Bureau to develop your project and to complete an Application.

If you submit an Application via e-mail at CommunityBureau@carmarthenshire.gov.uk a hard signed and dated copy must also be submitted.

Applications for building and improvement works from **Chapels and Churches only** will be considered for work that has been carried out within six months from the date of application.

All projects must be delivered within Carmarthenshire.

General conditions

Carmarthenshire County Council reserves the right to request additional information at its discretion.

Carmarthenshire County Council reserves the right to vary the conditions of the scheme at any time.

Carmarthenshire County Council's decision will be final and is entitled to refuse any application without disclosing its reasons or purpose in doing so.

Carmarthenshire County Council reserves the right to publicise any grant support.

Carmarthenshire County Council reserves the right to withdraw or reclaim grant monies whereby the above conditions are not met.

What other information you need to provide:

You will need to provide the below essential information with your Application Form:

- Copy of Governance Document (e.g. Constitution)
- Accounts and/or Projected Cash-Flow Forecast/Bank Statements
- Equal Opportunity Policy
- Environmental Policy/Statement
- Welsh Language Policy
- ICT Policy
- Insurance Certificates, schedule of covers including Public Liability
- Evidence of Need Information
- Support Letters

Additional information where applicable:

- Business Plan
- Quotations for Work
- Proof of Ownership
- Signed Lease Agreements (leases should have at least 15 years left to run)

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- Landlord Consents
- Maintenance Agreements
- Licences
- Bank Account Details
- Listed Building Consent
- Planning Permission
- Environmental Consent
- Conservation Consent
- Highways Consent
- Building Regulations
- Child Protection Policy
- Protection of Vulnerable Adults Policy

All submissions will be acknowledged by the Community Bureau.

If you are successful, an Offer Letter with the grant Terms and Conditions will be sent to you.

Once the grant offer Terms and Conditions have been returned and any procurement requirements and grant special conditions have been met, you will be sent your Letter to Proceed.

We will assist you to set up processes to manage the grant to ensure successful project delivery and completion, if required.

If your Application is unsuccessful we will give you feedback and suggest possible ways forward to secure alternative funding.

Procurement:

Requirement	Value (excluding VAT)	Procurement Process
All	up to £5,000	A minimum of 1 written Quotation must be obtained and retained. Best value for money must be obtained and reasonable care must be taken to obtain goods, works or services of adequate quality at a competitive price. A documented record to support the decision must be retained for audit purposes.
All	£5,000 and £25,000	A minimum of 3 written Quotations must be sought from competitive sources*. The quotes must be based on the same specification and evaluated on a like for like basis. A documented record of the quotes sought, the evaluation process and the decision to award must be recorded.

All	£25,000 and £75,000	 A minimum of 3 written Quotations must be sought from competitive sources*. The quotes must be based on: the same specification, the same evaluation criteria and evaluated on a like for like basis. It is best practice to establish an evaluation panel. the same closing date. A documented record of the quotes sought, the evaluation process and the decision to award must be recorded.
Goods and Services (Goods are material items i.e. equipment, food, vehicles etc. Services are tasks undertaken by people i.e. consultancy services, translation services etc)	£75,000 and £173,934	A minimum of 4 tenders must be sought from competitive sources*, with a minimum of 2 tenders to be received**. All those tendering must be provided with the same information: • the same specification of requirements, • an outline of the evaluation criteria against which the contract will be awarded and • the same closing date for receipt of tenders, after which no submissions will be accepted. The evaluation process you follow must be consistent with the original evaluation criteria outlined and an evaluation report produced detailing on what basis the successful tender was awarded. It is best practice to establish an evaluation panel to evaluate tenders. ** In the event that only one tender is received, you must contact CCC to provide details and justification of the procurement process you have undertaken. The decision to proceed to purchase must be approved by CCC on a case by case basis. In circumstances where it is evident that more than one tender could be sought, there may be a requirement to advertise via Sell2Wales.

Works (Works include landscaping, construction, building works etc)	£75,000 and £4,348,350	A minimum of 4 tenders must be sought from competitive sources*, with a minimum of 3 tenders to be received**. All those tendering must be provided with the same information: • the same a specification of requirements, • an outline of the evaluation criteria against which the contract will be awarded and • the same closing date for receipt of tenders, after which no submissions will be accepted. The evaluation process you follow must be consistent with the original evaluation criteria outlined and an evaluation report produced detailing on what basis the successful tender was awarded. It is best practice to establish an evaluation panel to evaluate tenders. ** In the event that only one tender is received, you must contact the CCC to provide details and justification of the procurement process you have undertaken. The decision to proceed to purchase must be approved by CCC on a case by case basis. In circumstances where it is evident that more than one tender could be sought, there may be a requirement to advertise via Sell2Wales.
Goods and Services	Above £173,934	If a contract for Goods or Services is likely to exceed £173,934 the applicant must inform CCC to confirm whether contract will be subject to EU Public Procurement Directives.
Works	Above £4,348,350	If a contract for Works is likely to exceed £4,348,350 the applicant must inform CCC to determine whether the contract will be subject to EU Public Procurement Directives.

^{*} It is possible for you to advertise on the National Procurement website, www.Sell2Wales.co.uk if you are in a situation where you have difficulty in identifying suppliers and/or would like to vary or attract new suppliers to quote or tender. Advertising via Sell2Wales is considered to be best practice. This facility is available to you free of charge please email support@buy4wales.co.uk for further information.

- However you may feel that you are better able to identify potential suppliers who could provide the best overall offer.
- Failure to observe the relevant procedures outlined above will be considered non-compliant and may lead to a withdrawal of the grant offer and potential claw-back of funding.
- In cases where you are unable to satisfy the requirements of these procedures you must always inform CCC.

• If you have any queries as to how these procedures should be applied, you should contact the Community Bureau for clarification and further guidance.

Avoiding conflicts of interest in procurement

We recognise it is possible applicants or persons connected with them (such as relatives, business partners or friends) may wish to tender for a contract being offered by the applicant. This is acceptable, but applicants will need to ensure that the tendering process is undertaken in an open, transparent and in a fair manner, as outlined above, which does not give one person or company tendering any advantage over another, which arises from the process.

If an applicant / developer or any person connected with them, has an interest in any of the potential bids for a contract offered:

- That applicant / developer, person or party with an interest must declare that interest in writing.
- That person or party with an interest should take no part whatsoever in any of the tender evaluation procedures.

Please contact the Community Bureau on 01269 590216 or CommunityBureau@carmarthenshire.gov.uk for further procurement guidance and information.

Decision Outcome

- Decision Outcome letters will be dispatched following Executive Board Members Meeting.
- All offers of financial assistance will be subject to three stages;
 - Stage 1 the Standard Terms and Conditions of the fund and any additional conditions recommended by the panel. The Terms and Conditions of the offer must be signed by two members of the organisation and returned to CCC within twenty days of the Offer Letter.
 - Stage 2 Procurement stage (where applicable, otherwise it's straight to Stage 3). On receipt of the signed Terms and Conditions a Project Procurement Form is sent. This will need to be completed with all details of procurement, e.g. tenders and quotes and signed and returned.
 - Stage 3 Subject to all the relevant documentation and quotes being in place, the organisations will be sent a Letter to Proceed.

It is important you allow sufficient time for an Application to be processed. The scheme cannot fund any costs incurred or committed to, <u>prior</u> to you receiving a formal Grant Offer.

Appeals

Applications which have been rejected have no right of appeal but feedback will be provided. We also welcome your feedback.

Retrospective Funding

CCC is a retrospective funder. Groups must <u>pay upfront</u> for all project expenditure and claim the allocated funding from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Complaints, Compliments and Comments procedure

As a Council we are determined to make the service we provide for you as effective as possible. We value your comments and want to work together to achieve this aim.

We recognise that it is important to learn from what you have to say, not only to deal with your particular issue, but also to ensure that we improve our services.

You can make a complaint, compliment or comment in a number of ways.

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You can:

- Visit any of our Customer Services Centres (in Llanelli, Carmarthen or Ammanford)
- Complete the pre printed form in the 'Have your say' leaflet.
- Visit the website www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- Write a letter to, phone or e-mail the Customer Complaints Compliments and Comments Officer for the service you wish to complain about (contact details given in the 'Have your say' leaflet).
- Speak to your local County Councillor.

Welsh Language

The Community Bureau believes that the Welsh language should be treated no less favourably than the English language in Wales.

Digital Inclusion

Digital inclusion is about ensuring that people, both citizens and consumers, benefit directly from the rapid pace of technological change taking place in our society. This especially applies with people being able to use the internet in ways that enhance their lives and contribute to helping them overcome other disadvantages they might face.

Please return the completed form to:

Welsh Church Fund
Community Bureau
Carmarthenshire County Council
Business Resource Centre
Parc Amanwy
New Road
Ammanford
Carmarthenshire
SA18 3EP

Please contact the Community Bureau on 01269 590216 or CommunityBureau@carmarthenshire.gov.uk for further information.

Agenda Item 4

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER 18/04/2016

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Meryl Gravell	Regeneration & Leisure

Award of Repayable Funding to support town centre regeneration in Llanelli

Purpose: To reduce the number of vacant, underutilised and redundant sites and premises, while supporting diversification in Llanelli town centre.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Carmarthenshire County Council's (CCC) Economic Development Division has been successful in securing an additional £50,000 funding towards the approved £700,000 town centre loan scheme.

Retrospective approval is requested for the

- draw down of the additional £50,000 funding which was required by March 25th 2016,
- addition of this funding to the original amount to use for the purpose described within the offer letter and summarised below.

Reasons:

The aims and objectives of the loan fund is to enable and incentivise property refurbishment and new build projects. This scheme will assist in addressing the decline in unoccupied sites and premises through direct use by CCC and/or use by the private sector.

The repayable funding will build upon recent initiatives within the town centre, such as the works completed under the ADREF scheme, Y Ffwrnes, Llanelli House and East Gate. It will also complement the ongoing Tackling Poverty "Opportunity Street" project which is to acquire and refurbish properties in order to create flexible, easily accessible, commercial / service space together with the provision of quality, affordable new residential units.

Although the loan has not yet been actively marketed, several enquiries for grants/loans have been received, and interested parties have been advised that the launch of the loan scheme is imminent.

The additional repayable funding was claimed by 25th March 2016 as requested by Welsh Government. This additional funding would have been lost if not claimed by the deadline set.



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Report Author:		01269 590241
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Declaration of Personal Interes	et (if any): None				
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Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):N/A					
DECISION MADE:					
a	DATE				
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EXECUTIVE BOARD N	/IEMBER				
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Recommendation of Officer	YES / NO				
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Recommendation of the Officer					
was adopted subject to the					
amendment(s) and reason(s)					
specified:					
Reason(s) why the Officer's					
recommendation was not					



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adopted:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

18th April 2016

Award of Repayable Funding for a Fund to support town centre regeneration in Llanelli

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Carmarthenshire County Council's Economic Development Division was successful in securing funding of £700,000 to provide a town centre loan scheme (July 2015). The Welsh Government has awarded an additional £50,000 towards this fund, which was claimed in full by 25th March 2016. This additional funding would have been lost if not claimed by the deadline set.

The purpose of the loan is to reduce the number of vacant, underutilised and redundant sites and premises while supporting diversification in Llanelli town centre. The full repayment of this repayable fund to Welsh Government will be expected during the 2030/31 financial year in one full instalment.

The aim and objectives for this funding is to enable and incentivise property refurbishment and new build through provision of support for the private sector, which will in turn encourage re-use of the properties and sites with provision of floor space for commercial, leisure and residential use.

The project will be focused upon the core town centre area and may be used -

- A) Directly by CCC to acquire and unlock sites and premises with the intention of packaging and selling a proposal on the open market within an agreed timeframe
- B) Directly by CCC to redevelop or refurbish sites and premises within an agreed timeframe and
- C) By CCC to provide loans to third parties for repayment within an agreed timeframe

Loans to third parties will be repaid within 5 years to allow for the fund to be recycled over a 15 year period. Loans will be interest free, however, CCC is able to charge an administration fee to recover costs of up to 15%.

In promoting the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre outcomes should focus on supporting job creation and economic growth, tackling poverty, increasing the supply and quality of accommodation offer, and supporting targeted training and recruitment during construction. The full governance arrangements including the detail of the third party terms and conditions will be formalised following the drawdown of funds from WG.

Although the loan has not yet been actively marketed, several enquiries for grants and loans have been received and the details have been added to a database. Approximately ten interested parties have been recorded to date, several are property owners but there is also interest from potential developers and investors. All interested parties have been advised that the loan scheme launch is imminent, and formal expressions of interest will be invited at that time.

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

This additional funding would have been lost if not claimed by the WG deadline of 25th March 2016.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?



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: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive

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

Legal

Legal provisions will need to be in place including terms and conditions for use with legal charge/restrictions required. The Economic Development team will liaise with the Legal Department in order to arrange details accordingly.

Finance

The Economic Development team will work with the Finance department to formalise and support the processes required to implement this scheme. Clear accounting arrangements will be formed

Risk Management Issues

All funds must be repaid to WG at the end of the 15 year loan period (2030/31).

The risk of default payment by third parties will be a significant risk to be considered with each interest. Proposed risk mitigation measures will need to be reduced which will reduce the level of risk to a satisfactory level. Such measure would include -

- Thorough investigation of each third party applicant
- Through investigation of the affordability of each repayable funding application
- Securing repayable funding applications of under £50,000 with legal restrictions
- Securing repayable funding applications of over £50,000 with full legal charge with the Land Registry
- Regularly monitoring the progress of works

Should CCC utilise the funding for its own direct use capital funds will need to be found at the time of repayment

Failing to utilise the funding available will result in the funds being repaid to WG. No funding is to be retained by CCC for longer than 6 months from 1st April 2017.



CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below Signed:

Wendy Walters

Assistant Chief Executive

- 1. Scrutiny Committee No
- 2.Local Member(s) No
- 3. Community / Town Council No
- 4. Relevant Partners No
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations No

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Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Town Centre Repayable Funding Scheme – Application form		The Beacon, Dafen, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ
Award of Repayable Funding		The Beacon, Dafen, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ



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