

**FRIDAY, 11 JUNE 2021**

**TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR LEADER**

**I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10.00 AM, ON FRIDAY, 18TH JUNE, 2021 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.**

*Wendy Walters*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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# **A G E N D A**

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*Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.*

# Agenda Item 2

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER

**THURSDAY**, 22 April 2021

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

**The following officers were in attendance:**

C. Jones, Economic Development Coordinator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

**Virtual Meeting:** 10.30 am - 10.40 am

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**2. DECISIONS RECORD - 13TH APRIL 2021**

**RESOLVED** that the decision record of the meeting held on the 13th April 2021 be signed as a correct record.

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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION**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amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**4. CARMARTHENSHIRE COMMERCIAL TRANSFORMATIONAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 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 maintaining transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would be likely to place persons and businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Executive Board Member considered an application for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Commercial Transformational Property Development Fund.

**RESOLVED** that the following application for assistance from the Carmarthenshire Commercial Transformational Property Development Fund

be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:-

Applicant	Award
Sterling Developments SSAS	£491,937.17

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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**DATE**

## Executive Board Member Leader 18/06/21

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>	
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader	
<b>FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> To consider and approve the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To approve the establishment of a third party fund to help tackle food poverty and food insecurity</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> Approve the delivery of the Food Poverty Fund via a Third-Party Grant</p>		
<p><b>Reasons:</b> To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable organisations to meet local needs.</p>		
Directorate Name of Head of Service: Jason Jones	Designation  Head of Regeneration	Tel No.  01267 224124
Report Author: Rhian Phillips	E Mail Address: MRPhillips@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 <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER LEADER**  
**18/06/21**

**Food Poverty WLGA Grant**

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity EU Transition Funding Bid, Carmarthenshire County Council has been allocated a budget for financial year 21/22 of £45,591 of capital and £56,609 of revenue funding by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed through a third-party grant, administered by the Authority. The third-party grant will be open to any constituted organisation which is seeking to help tackle food poverty in Carmarthenshire. Capital grants of between £1,000 and £9,999 and Revenue grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 will be made available.

The funding will be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of organisations to strengthen the infrastructures that address food poverty. The following are examples of eligible activities:

- Develop and strengthen food partnerships with a view to creating healthy, sustainable local food systems that help tackle food insecurity.
- Support initiatives such as outreach work, training volunteers and to build resilience through the development of community hubs which co-locate a range of support services such as debt and housing advice, all built around community food provision.
- Support for organisations to access, store and distribute additional supplies of good quality food, including good food surplus, in particular, larger amounts of fresh food, boosting the capacity of organisations to provide good quality, nutritious food to their customers. It can be used in a variety of ways to suit the requirements of the organisation, for example but not limited to - purchasing fridges, freezers, cooking equipment, developing infrastructure to include databases to improve referrals and pathways, supporting collaborative agency working.
- Projects such as community cafes, growing projects, social supermarkets, community shops (reducing food waste by selling residual stock) and sharing skills through mobile cooking schools would be considered.

The fund will be administered by the CCC central Bureau team via a third-party grant process and will be open to 'not for profit organisations' that have an appropriate constitution.

The fund will be promoted via our corporate website, inviting groups to apply on a first come first serve basis.

All applications submitted for the Food Poverty Fund must support the aim of tackling food poverty and food insecurity. The project must benefit the residents of the Carmarthenshire and meet one or more of the Well-being Objectives within Carmarthenshire County Council's own measurements:

Applications will be assessed on the need for the project or activity, how they plan to target the most in need, the sustainability of the project, collaborative working and projects that can be delivered and fully claimed by the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Eligible applications will be presented to a grants panel that will assess against the criteria and make recommendations for funding and if successful, they will be presented to EBM for approval.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO**

## 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: Jason Jones**

**Head of Regeneration**

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

### 1. Finance

A total budget of £ £102,200 (Capital £45,591 and Revenue £56,609) is made available via the WLGA Food Poverty Fund to provide support to organisations across the county.

## CONSULTATIONS

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

**Signed: Jason Jones**

**Head of Regeneration**

**1. Scrutiny Committee N/A**

**2. Local Member(s) N/A**

**3. Community / Town Council N/A**

**4. Relevant Partners N/A**

**5. 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:**

THERE ARE NONE



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 18/06/2021

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. Emlyn Dole</b>	<b>Leader</b>

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: WELSH CHURCH FUND

#### **Recommendations / key decisions required:**

**Welsh Church Fund – Annex 1**

2 Applications – Total Value = £5,000.00

**Total Number of Applications - 2      Total Value = £5,000.00**

#### **Reasons:**

Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire

<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Designations:</b>	<b>Tel: 01267 242367</b>
<b>Name of Head of Service:</b>	<b>Development Manager Regen &amp; Policy</b>	<b>HLMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</b>
<b>Helen L Morgan</b>		
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Bureau Officer</b>	<b>Tel: 01269 590216</b>
<b>Caroline Owen</b>		<b>CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</b>

**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 <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Financial Assistance from the following grant funds: Welsh Church Fund**

To approve the following:

**RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

**Welsh Church Fund – Annex 1**

2 Applications – Total Value = £5,000.00

**Total Number of Applications - 2      Total Value = £5,000.00**

**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: Helen L Morgan**

**Development Manager Regen & Policy**

Policy and Crime & Disorder <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>NONE</b>	ICT <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>NONE</b>	Organisational Development <b>NONE</b>	Physical Assets <b>NONE</b>
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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 report

**2. Community / Town Council** As per individual report

**3. Relevant Partners** As per individual report

**4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** As per individual report

**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-21-03 WCF-21-04	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP

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**Welsh Church Fund 2021-2022**  
**Report Author: CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk**  
**Tel: 01269 590216**  
**Balance Available: £65,741.06**

**Report Value: £5,000.00**

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**Application Reference – WCF-21-04**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Essential Equipment</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>PONTYATES RFC</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Rugby Club is an essential asset for both the village of Pontyates and surrounding areas. Over recent years, there has been a significant increase in housing developments in the local area providing a diverse mix of socio-economic groups. However, incidences of social and economic disadvantage are still highly prevalent amongst the community.</p> <p>The Rugby Club has served the village of Pontyates for 52 years providing sporting and recreation opportunities for residents of all ages. As they slowly emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, they consider themselves to be a valuable community resource and this project will help the club to grow its activities and services to directly address the identified needs of people within Pontyates and beyond.</p> <p>The Club has applied to the Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund for help in addressing the drainage issues that we are facing on our two pitches. The Club has appointed a specialist consultant to oversee the work and if successful with the application will use a sports turf contractor to complete the work.</p> <p>They have also held a series of meetings with the Welsh Rugby Union to put in place a development plan to start a mini and junior section (starting at the mixed age group of under 7's) by approaching each of the local Primary Schools (all of which are Welsh language and servicing low socio-economic areas).</p> <p>As lockdown restrictions continue to ease, their recruitment drive will now start again in earnest and they are extremely confident that by working in conjunction with the WRU, the establishment of the mini and junior section will be a great success. The proposed works to the pitch will enable the club to facilitate a gradual and sustainable return to training for both the seniors and the new mini section this summer that is in line with the WRU Pathway to Participation Framework.</p> <p>A 3-month maintenance period is to be built into the contract on completion of the drainage works. Following this it will be the club's responsibility to maintain the pitch. It is requested that the grant</p>

	<p>from the <b>Welsh Church Fund is used to purchase a ride on mower</b> to enable our volunteers to maintain the pitch in the longer term.</p> <p>The project will provide opportunities to participate in sustainable recreational activities. In turn this will increase the health and wellbeing of residents who are not able to take part in similar activities in the local area without travelling a significant distance.</p> <p>The purchase of the equipment will provide long term savings for the club by reducing the requirement to pay for external contractors to undertake the works on behalf of the club. The savings generated from this will be re-invested into pitch renovation works that will sustain the facilities in the longer term.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£35,706.00
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	£35,706.00
<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	Nil
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	Nil
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Tyssul Evans</li> <li>• Chris Munro – WRU – National Club Development Manager</li> <li>• Ceri Richards – Sport Wales</li> <li>• Hywel Thomas – Actif Communities Area Co-ordinator</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	£35,706.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	£35,706.00
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	£3,000.00 – (Max award)
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p>£32,706.00</p> <p>Sport Wales – Applied</p>
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• <b>Number of individuals into volunteering - 3</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £32,706.00</b></li> </ul>

<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>Our club volunteers will be upskilled to maintain the pitches using the new equipment providing meaningful activities that directly impact upon the quality of provision serving the local area.</p> <p>We will be supported by the Welsh Rugby Union and the Local Authority Actif Sport and Leisure Department who have approached us to provide activities at the club.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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**Application Reference – WCF-21-03**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Solar Panels</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Penybanc RFC</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>During the COVID lockdown it highlighted to the club that any facility can be vulnerable, and they have spent significant time looking at ways to strengthen their position within the community to have a sustainable facility that can remain cost effective to upkeep. They are seeking to improve on all aspects of the club, including utilities, creating own energy, improving lighting and heating system in delivering an energy efficient community building.</p> <p>They have been in consultation with the Welsh Rugby Union, who approached them with the opportunity to be part of their Innovation Fund, which is focused on 6 clubs. They partnered with Renew Wales and are being mentored by Huw Caswell and have received a Club Efficiency Report detailing all the club's areas for improvement and have a Club Action Plan report from Renew Wales.</p> <p>This project is to provide sustainability to the club and is part of a phased approach to completely look at reducing their carbon footprint, in having solar panels installed with battery storage, which will provide further opportunities in improving the lighting within the club, provide LED lighting.</p> <p>The emphasis is to provide a community venue that is sustainable, reducing the running costs of the club utilities, providing an improved facility, for wider use to the community.</p>

	<p>This project is to install solar panels with battery storage on site and the funding will assist to appoint an approved contractor to install the new system, which will store the electricity on site rather than sell back to the national grid and by storing the energy this will allow them to run the lights and energy systems within the club house and the flood lights. By having this system will vastly reduce the utility bills plus help to provide sustainability and energy efficiency at the club.</p> <p>The project will deliver an improved venue and facility for the local community to benefit from and having the new solar system is the first part in energy savings for the club and reductions in their utility bills, means savings made through the new system can then be transferred to future projects such as new LED lights in all rooms, dimmers also included for function room, PIR sensors in WC, along with boiler and heating system upgrade.</p> <p>All the above will create an improved, sustainable facility and act as the HUB for the community, changing the feeling that the club is just for rugby and open the facilities for all fellow clubs and groups to use as well as hold events and parties for club members and the community.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£20,004.00
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	£20,004.00
<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	Nil
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	Nil
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Karen Davies</li> <li>• Cllr Carl J Harris</li> <li>• Chris Munro – WRU – National Club Development Manager</li> <li>• Ceri Richards – Sport Wales</li> <li>• Hywel Thomas – Actif Communities Area Co-ordinator</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£20,004.00</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£20,004.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£2,000.00 @ 10%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£18,004.00</b> £10,000.00 – WRU applied £7,000.00 – Coalfield applied
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• <b>Number of individuals into volunteering - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 1</b></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• <b>Number of jobs created - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of jobs safeguarded - 2</b></li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £18,004.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	Moving forward the club has a clear path of what they want to achieve and partnering with Renew Wales and grant funders they aim to continue with their improvement projects for the community and long-term sustainability of the club.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £2,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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