

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

**TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE,
CULTURE AND TOURISM**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE
**CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE,
CULTURE AND TOURISM** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN
**CABINET MEMBER OFFICE, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN,
SA31 1JP AND REMOTE, AT 10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY,
27TH SEPTEMBER, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE
BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE CABINET MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007.
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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

**CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE
AND TOURISM**

FRIDAY, 11 August 2023

PRESENT: Councillor: G.H. John (Cabinet Member);

The following officers were in attendance:

M. Bull, Economic Development Funding & Business Manager;
J. Leonard, Economic Development Officer: Business & Grants;
A. Nicholas, Rural Market Towns Officer;
C. Owen, Bureau Co-ordinator;
M. E. Pemberton, Rural Programmes Co-ordinator;
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 11.00 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 11TH JULY 2023

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 11th July 2023 be signed as a correct record.

**3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS:
TARGETED FINANCE FUND**

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

Targeted Finance Fund	
Applicant	Award
Parc Stephens Community Association	£3,999.00
Drefach Community Sports Club	£20,000.00
Trimsaran Family Centre	£8,259.20

4. 10 TOWNS REVENUE FUND

RESOLVED that the following application for assistance from the 10 Towns Revenue Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Applicant	Award
Newcastle Emlyn Town Council	£4,999.00

5. TOWN CENTRE LOAN SCHEME

The Cabinet Member considered a report detailing proposed changes to some of the criteria of the Town Centre Loan in order to meet the current needs of

economy and to match other funding offers that Carmarthenshire County Council had on offer, in particular the Vacant Property Fund and Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed changes to the criteria of the Town Centre Loan detailed in the report to meet with current market demand.

6. ORIEL MYRDDIN TRUST

RESOLVED, in order that the Oriel Myrddin Trust [OMT] can comply with its legal and regulatory duties, that Neil Confrey, Louise Morgan, Sally Moss and Nigel Roberts be reappointed as Independent Trustees to OMT with effect from 23rd September 2023.

7. 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.

8. ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 7 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 Cabinet Member considered applications received for assistance from the Enterprising Communities fund.

RESOLVED

8.1 that the following applications for assistance from the Enterprising Communities fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Applicant	Award
Atebol	£75,000.00
Camp Out West	£28,000.00
Carlam Cyf	£75,000.00
Carmarthen Deli Caerfyrddin	£75,000.00

Decus	£75,000.00
Diod	£32,801.97
Equal Education Partners	£43,106.00
Jenkins Garden Machinery Limited	£57,801.80
Old Oak Kitchens	£38,500.00
Olew Solutions – Pigo a Paco	£35,000.00
Onesta	£69,353.20
Carmarthenshire School of Gymnastics	£18,213.83
Swim Like a Fish	£29,400.00
Teilwr bach	£24,500.00
Tref Bach Tots	£73,564.00
Caffi Lolfa	£44,016.00
Mel Gwenyn Gruffydd	£23,411.50
Pruex	£24,779.00

8.2 that the following applications for assistance from the Enterprising Communities fund be not supported as they do not align with the key criteria of the fund:

Applicant
E.J. Thomas & Son
Little bit different
Llanelli Goods Shed
Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli
Mentrau Creadigol Cymru
Pinopolis
Sylen Lakes
Ynni Sir Gar
The Cattle Vet

8.3 to note that the application from Tadourna Wildlife had been withdrawn.

9. TOWN CENTRE LOAN

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 7 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 Cabinet Member considered an application received for a Town Centre Loan.

RESOLVED that the following application for a Town Centre Loan be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

Applicant	Award
Phillips Lane Ltd	£331,275.00

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE & TOURISM

27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Hazel Evans	Portfolio: Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism
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SHARED PROSPERITY FUND BUSINESS RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND – LIKEAFISH SWIM SCHOOL LTD

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To approve the project submitted to Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund

Reasons:

To approve the project submitted to Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund, so that the business can proceed with their proposed project.

Directorate Name of Head of Service: Jason Jones	Designation Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital	Tel No. 01267 242336
Report Author: Mike Bull	E Mail Address: <u>MABull@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</u>	

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

Yes. Applicant (Russell Sparks) is County Councillor for Carmarthen Town West. Plaid Cymru

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET 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

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE & TOURISM

27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

SHARED PROSPERITY FUND BUSINESS RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND – LIKEAFISH SWIM SCHOOL LTD

1. Background

Likeafish Swim School Ltd is a swimming school based at Pensarn, Carmarthen who provide swimming lessons and other aquatic activities.

The proposed project involves the installation of a 60kw solar panel system with a 10kw battery storage support.

It is expected that the project will reduce the businesses demand on the grid by as much as 60-70% and produce an annual output of around 48,000kWh

It is estimated that 30.57552 tonnes of carbon will be saved over the course of 3 years.

Recommendation:

To approve a grant award of £25,000 towards an eligible project cost of £56,656.42 for the installation of 60k/w solar panel system and a 10kw battery storage support, subject to:

- Legal charge placed on lease,
- Landowner consent query being resolved.

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: Jason Jones Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

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

1. Finance

The funding will come from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund.

2. Legal

The Shared Prosperity Fund Business Renewable Energy Fund constitutes a subsidy and is governed by subsidy control rules. The proposed grant award is a subsidy by way of Minimal Financial Assistance (MFA). The grant recipient has confirmed that they have not received any other subsidy that would result in this award exceeding the MFA limit of £315,000 in this and two previous financial years.

As a condition of grant Legal charges will need to be registered on the lease for the building that is supported under the scheme.

The terms and conditions and grants agreement for the Shared Prosperity Fund Business Renewable Energy fund have been approved by legal.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of: Regeneration, Policy & Digital

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A

2. Local Member(s) Local Member has been advised of the recommendation.

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:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Application Panel Paper	SPF- BREF-23- 03	Available on Council File Plan

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Business Renewable Energy Fund

Officer Report

1.0 Applicant details

Applicant's Trading or Business Name:	Like a Fish Swim School Ltd
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1.1 Background Information:

Trading Status:	Limited Company
Nature of and brief history of business:	<p>The applicant is a swimming school based at Pensarn, Carmarthen. They provide swimming lessons and other aquatic activities.</p> <p>The business started trading on 24/02/2021</p>
Directors / Trustees or Shareholders named as applicants in application	Cllr Russell Sparks
Applicant's agent	N/A

1.2 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest	Cllr Russell Sparks is the elected member for Carmarthen Town West
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2.0 Project Details

Project Location:	The Swim Centre, Wales Parc Pensarn Carmarthen SA31 2NF
Project Title:	Solar Panels and Battery Storage
Brief Project Description:	<p>As part of their commitment to decarbonisation Like a Fish intends to install a 60kw solar panel system with a 10kw battery storage support.</p> <p>It is expected that this will reduce their demand on the grid by as much as 60-70% and produce an annual output of around 48,000kWh from and average use of around 72,000 KWh.</p> <p>This would involve installing 168 individual panels – 84 on each side of the roof and 23.2kWh of battery storage</p>

Status of Proposal in respect of Planning Permission, Location as Employment Land and other relevant consents	Applicant has submitted planning (PL/06019) and are seeking certificate of lawful development. Building regs will also be required and the applicant has been in conversation with Steve Pound COMMENT- DAI ROBERTS
Estimated Start Date	June 23
Estimated Completion Date	July 23

3.0 Eligibility Checklist

	Y / N	Comments
Is it within an eligible area?	Y	Pensarn, Carmarthen
Is the proposed end use eligible for BREF support	Y	Yes, equipment funded will help reduce energy bills by up to 70%
Is all expenditure eligible	Y	Solar panels and storage battery

4.0 Projected Costings & Funding

4.1 Costings

	Net Cost £	VAT £	Gross Cost £	Eligible Cost
Solar Equipment	£51,006.42	£10,201.28	£61,207.70	£51,006.42
Scaffolding	£850	£170	£1,020	£850
Electrical Installation	£4,800	£960	£5,760	£4,800
Total Project Costs	£56,656.42	£11,331.28	£67,987.70	£56,656.42

4.2 VAT

Is VAT recoverable by this organisation? (Y/ N)	Y
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If yes, all figures below and in the development appraisal are ex VAT.

4.4 BREF Assistance Request / Recommendation

Grant Requested by Applicant	£25,000
Grant recommended by Officer	£25,000

4.5 Intervention Rate

Total Eligible Project Costs	£56,656.42
BREF Assistance recommended	£25,000
Intervention Rate %	44.126%

4.6 Private Sector Investment Match Funding

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Funding Status
Own Funds*	£31,656.42	Confirmed
TOTAL		

4.7 Funding Comments

* Applicant is to obtain a loan from Carmarthenshire Energy. However the loan has not gone live at this time. Letter has been obtained from Carmarthen energy. In the interim the applicant has confirmed that they have £20,000 available in their bank account as well as a credit limit of up to 30,000 available on their business credit card.

The applicant can reclaim VAT.

The applicant has gone with the 2nd cheapest quote due to the cheapest not being able to meet the minimum specification of the brief. The brief stated that being able to produce 60kWh from their solar panel was a requirement and the cheapest only managing to give a price for 56.8kWh

5.0 Carbon Saving Outputs

	Proposed Outputs
Current Usage – 22/23	78,037
Predicted usage per annum	30,037
Tonnes of carbon equivalent saved over 3 years	30.57552 tonnes

6.0 Checklist of information required

	Received? Y / N	Comments
Completed application form	Y	
2 years historical accounts (or management accounts if available)	Y	
Statutory Consents incl. Planning Permission, Licences (if applicable)	TBC	
Proof of premise ownership, or copy of lease and landlords written consent	Y	Sublease provided
Written quotes	Y	Applicant obtained 3 quotes. The lowest quote did not meet the required

		spec so the applicant has chosen to go with the second cheapest
Proof of match funding	Y	Applicant has provided evidence of match via a bank statement and credit card whilst they await for a loan to launch from Carmarthenshire energy
Conflict of interest acknowledgement (if applicable)	Y	The applicant is a county councillor for Carmarthen Town West. Application will require to go to full cabinet
Welsh Language Standards Responses	Y	Applicant has provided responses
Environmental Policy	Y	Provided
Completed Business Wales Green Growth Pledge	Y	Applicant has signed up to the Pledge

7.0 Project Officer's comments

- Applicant is looking to install a 60kWh system along with a 10kWh battery storage system which is expected to reduce bills by 60-70% whilst saving over 10 tonnes of carbon equivalent per year
- The applicant has chosen to go with the 2nd lowest price due to the cheapest not meeting the minimum specification of 60kWh; the difference in cost between the two quotes is £1362.42. A grant of £25,000 towards total eligible costs has been requested – This represents a grant of 44.126%.
- The applicant has provided confirmation of match funding via a bank statement to show they have circa 20k in the business bank account, whilst having approx. 30k available on the business credit card to get application through panel; However the applicant will replace this with a Carmarthenshire Energy loan as soon as the loan is open ;
- A planning application has been submitted for a certificate of lawful development with the decision outstanding, building regulations will also need to be confirmed
- The applicant has obtained consent from the leasehold owner – however permission may be required from the landowner (WG)
- Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) and building regs will not cover systems over 50kWh; for systems over 50kWh there is an accreditation process called ROO-FIT has been set up by Ofgem for which the installer should be accredited to
- Recommendation: To award a grant of £25,000 towards total eligible project costs of £56,656.42 subject to:
 - Confirmation of planning/building regs
 - Confirmation of installers accreditation to ROO-FIT
 - Landowner consent
 - Legal charge

- **Evidence of loan from Carmarthenshire Energy**

Signed.....

Dated.....

8.0 Project Coordinator comments

- All items listed are within

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Agenda Item 5

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