

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024

**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
**COMMITTEE ROOM 1 (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
 ROOM) - COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. SA31 1JP AND
 REMOTELY, AT 10.00 AM, ON TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2024** 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

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE AND TOURISM

THURSDAY, 9 May 2024

PRESENT: Councillor: H.A.L. Evans (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

R. Phillips, Economic Development Area Manager
T. Bufton, Town Centre Regeneration Manager
M. Bull, Economic Development Funding & Business Manager
M. E. Pemberton, Rural Programme Co-ordinator
A. Spencer, Economic Development Officer Shared Prosperity Fund - Property Development Fund
A Ralph, Economic Development Officer
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Chairman's Room, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP. - 9.30 - 9.50 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL 2024

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 8th April, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3. TEN TOWNS CAPITAL FUND

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

Applicant	Project	Award
Llandeilo Town Council	Phase 2 of the Ten Towns Project to enhance the new attraction in the town by providing a dedicated parking area, fencing of the pump track and purchase of street furniture at the site	£72,391.00

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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained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. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - VACANT PROPERTY FUND

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 maintaining the exemption under the 1972 Act in respect of this report outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information therein, as disclosure would be likely to place the businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered two applications received for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund - Vacant Property Fund.

RESOLVED that the two applications detailed in the report for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Vacant Property Fund be approved subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report:

6. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - BUSINESS START UP & GROWTH FUND

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 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 seven project applications received from businesses seeking assistance from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Startup and Growth Grant Fund, the aim of which was to support businesses to start, sustain, grow and create jobs.

RESOLVED that the seven projects submitted to the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Start up and Growth Grant Fund as detailed in the report be approved.

7. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - BUSINESS RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND

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 maintaining transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would be likely to place the person and business named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Cabinet Member considered an application received for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund - Business Renewable Energy Fund to enable businesses to undertake renewable energy improvement projects leading to business efficiencies and carbon reduction.

RESOLVED that the application received for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Renewable Energy Fund as detailed in the report be approved.

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

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

4TH JUNE 2024

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr Hazel Evans	Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: RURAL INNOVATION FUND

Purpose

To consider 1 application submitted under the Rural Innovation Fund which is funded from the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund as part of the Rural Anchor.

The Rural Innovation Fund provides opportunity for third sector and public sector organisations to pilot and test new ways of working that provide innovative solutions to rural challenges.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To approve the following application:

Applicant name: Golden Grove Trust
Project name: Adfer Gelli Aur
Grant requested: £44,901

Reasons:

Development of sustainable, yet innovative solutions to address some of the economic, social and environmental challenges facing rural Carmarthenshire.

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Report Author: Mared Pemberton	Rural Programme Co-ordinator	Tel: 07812 475386 MEPemberton@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

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

4th June 2024

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: RURAL INNOVATION FUND

Summary of purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to consider an application submitted under the Rural Innovation Fund.

The Rural Innovation Fund provides opportunities for third sector and public sector organisations to pilot and test new ways of working that provide innovative solutions to rural challenges. The Rural Innovation Fund is funded via the Shared Prosperity Fund as part of the Rural Anchor.

Background

The application was considered by the Rural Anchor and Sustainable Communities Grant assessment panel in July of 2023.

The application was originally presented by Adfer Gelli Aur, a newly formed Community Interest Company (CIC), whose purpose is to support the re-development of the Golden Grove estate, Gelli Aur Carmarthenshire.

The main focus of the application was to commission specialist consultants to look at how the estate could be redeveloped providing both economic and community benefit. The panel supported the principle of the project however as the CIC had no legal claims over the estate, it was recommended that the application be resubmitted by an entity that would be able to implement the outcomes of the project.

Due to this recommendation, the application for support was re-submitted by the new board of directors of the Golden Grove Trust with the project activity remaining the same.

Following satisfactory due diligence being undertaken and supported by the assessment panel, this application is now presented to Cabinet Member for approval.

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Applicant: Golden Grove Trust

Project title: Adfer Gelli Aur

Total project cost: £44,901

Amount requested: £44,901

Gelli Aur, near Llandeilo, is known as one of the most important country house estates in Wales. By the 19th century, the estate comprised more than 50,000 acres locally and so its

history is inextricably interwoven with the history of the area.

The current estate is in a state of disrepair resulting in the new directors of the Golden Grove Trust seeking support to rescue the entire estate from its current condition and build a sustainable future for the site, benefiting the local community, where public access is secured in perpetuity.

The application will undertake a review into the future viability of the estate, providing an action plan for the Trust on ways that the estate could be redeveloped as a sustainable enterprise to attract future investment and to secure its future. This will include detailed consultation with a variety of stakeholders to include the local community as well as a detailed business planning model. To raise the profile of the estate, the project will create digital content to capture the history and local importance of the estate to actively engage with stakeholders.

A memorandum of understanding is in place between the Golden Grove Trust, Adfer Gelli Aur CIC and the Golden Grove Residents Association to ensure that all parties work efficiently and effectively together providing local volunteering opportunities.

Project timelines

The project will begin as soon as awarded and will be completed by the end of December 2024 in line with the Shared Prosperity Fund's delivery timelines.

Outputs to be achieved

Number of local events or activities supported	2
Number of volunteering opportunities supported	15
Number of people reached	1000
Number of feasibility studies supported	1

Recommendation

To approve a grant request of £44,901 from the Rural Innovation Fund

OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

The option of not approving this project in whole or part is open to Cabinet Member. However non approval will put at risk the Council's ability of delivering the Rural anchor programme within the UK Government's programme timeframe.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED

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closely monitor progress of the project individual awards. Where a lack of progress is being made, applicants will need to provide clarification as to how they will be able to deliver against the original approved amount. As a last resort this may mean suspension of a project mid delivery.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Ainsley Williams

Designation: Director of Place and Infrastructure

1. Local Member(s) – Cllr Ann Davies has been consulted as Cabinet member for rural affairs, community cohesion and planning policy and is supportive of the project.

2. Community / Town Council - N/A

3. Relevant Partners - The application was recommended for approval by the rural anchor and sustainable community fund assessment panel whose members represent a wide range sectors and organisations across Carmarthenshire.

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
SPF-RIF-13		HELD DIGITALLY