

**Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report**

**Welsh Church Fund 2017 - 2018**

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Application Reference – WCF-17-05

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Building Extension</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Penybanc Welfare Hall</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The hall was becoming less used month on month, while the fabric and facilities were rapidly deteriorating. A feasibility study was undertaken which recommended complete refurbishment in order that the local community could confidently use the hall once more as a central meeting point in the village. The hall stood as a complete eyesore situated on a very busy highway which runs through the village, with no modernisation since the hall had been built 60 years ago.</p> <p>Through successful fundraising and grant awards, a complete internal and external refurbishment has been completed providing the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lobby area</li><li>• Baby changing facilities</li><li>• Disabled access and WC</li><li>• Main Hall</li><li>• Fully equipped kitchen</li><li>• 2 Storage rooms (regular bookings)</li><li>• Parking for 20+ vehicles</li></ul> <p>Due to the success of the refurbishment, increased usage of the facility and regular groups storing equipment for daily activities benefitting the community, this project is to source <b>funding for an extension to the hall.</b></p> <p>This will consist of erecting a 5.7 x 4 metre extension to the rear of the hall, in compliance with planning and building regulations. This will enable the hall to cater for all users and storage of essential equipment, without utilising stage area as having to do currently and moving when the stage is required. Also incorporating a fit for purpose meeting room facility within the existing storage space.</p> <p>The hall serves the needs of the local community in terms of community cohesion and as a focus for community activity, which includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep fit classes for all</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring &amp; buy, auctions and other fundraiser events</li> <li>• Children's parties</li> <li>• Judo &amp; Karate</li> <li>• Senior Citizens</li> <li>• Line Dancing</li> <li>• Dog Training</li> <li>• Urdd Dance Clubs</li> <li>• Varied workshop activities</li> <li>• Whist evenings</li> <li>• Meetings</li> <li>• Mother &amp; Toddlers</li> <li>• Children's playgroup</li> <li>• Centre for young people</li> <li>• Development of an arts venue</li> <li>• Development of education classes</li> <li>• Development of a luncheon club venue</li> </ul>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£30,942.37 – Gross
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£30,942.37</b> <b>Full breakdown of costs – schedule of works supplied</b>
<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Alun Davies</li> <li>• Cllr. Peter Cooper</li> <li>• CCC Planning Department</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	£30,942.37 – Gross
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£30,942.37</b> <b>Full breakdown of costs – schedule of works supplied</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 9.70%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£27,942.37</b> £15,000.00 – Applied Mynydd y Betws £12,942.37 - Own funds secured
<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 - 4</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 17</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £27,942.37</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>Following extensive refurbishment, the hall is now a modern, fresh facility available for hire and due to the success of the facility and increased usage and extension is required to enable the hall to be fit for purpose for the community needs.</p> <p>The creation of an allocated room for meetings will build on existing activity and open up new avenues for income generation as well as building links with local business.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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Application Reference – WCF-17-07

<b>Project Title</b>	Essential Grounds Equipment
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Ammanford Town Bowling</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Constructive discussions were undertaken around asset transfer due to the bowls facility closing, due to the lack of funding being available from Carmarthenshire County Council in retaining the asset.</p> <p>Three groups were placed in a position that if they did not take over the running of the bowling facilities, the game would cease within the town. It was therefore decided after various consultation to combine into one organisation to take over the asset, all 3 clubs will filter into the umbrella charity as the figurehead.</p> <p>They constituted as a registered charity to form Ammanford Town Bowling, with the object of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ammanford and the surrounding area by retaining the continued provision of facilities for the sport of bowls, as well as promoting the physical and social wellbeing from the activity of bowls.</p> <p>In order to cut down on overheads, this project is to purchase essential specialist equipment, which will include a mower, to enable them to maintain the facilities, which will be undertaken by the member volunteers, currently in excess of 50.</p> <p>They are seeking to work with local schools in providing coaching for pupils, this is an area where they can increase their name and subsequently increase working with more schools, thus increasing younger membership.</p> <p>The ambition from these sessions is for positive physical activity, teamwork, and social interaction. It will also give the members an opportunity to run more coaching sessions and upskill as some of the members are retired and the opportunity to deliver coaching to young children would benefit the retired members to take</p>

	<p>ownership of this part of the club's objectives.</p> <p>Not only is bowls an excellent friendly and leisurely activity it also has advantages for health and well-being. It is a form of physical exercise for all ages and sexes. A match can last for over 3 hours and entails a great deal of walking, bending and stretching, an excellent way of keeping healthy.</p> <p>The project will provide opportunities for local communities to attend social activities and try out a session of Bowls, which will provide multiple social and physical wellbeing benefits for the members and wider community.</p> <p>It has social implications in that it is also a good spectator sport and in Ammanford Park they have many casual spectators who come in and sit on the benches to watch in convivial surroundings. With the recent cuts in funding many bowls greens are under threat of closure with two having closed recently, they intend to be one of the survivors which will make this facility even more relevant to the local and surrounding areas.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£8,510.96 Gross</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<p><b>£8,510.96</b></p> <p>£5,994.00 – Baroness LM56 sit down mower  £1,092.00 – De- thatcher reel  £225.00 – Webb mower  £150.00 – Webb blower &amp; Vac  £270.00 – 4 in 1 multi tool  £779.96 – Drakes junior professional bowls</p>
<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. Deian Harries</li> <li>• Stephen Morgan – Strategic Asset Manager</li> <li>• Emily Thomas – Asset Manager Surveyor</li> <li>• Paul Murray – Parks &amp; Grounds Manager</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Asset transfer Lease Agreement
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£8,510.96</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	£8,510.96
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£1,702.19</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p><b>£6,808.77</b></p> <p>Applied Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund</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 - 9</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 3</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £6,808.77</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>Once the equipment is purchased, the green and all the surrounding area will then be maintained to the highest standard that the members can achieve. Members of the charity will volunteer their labour freely, along with paid green keeping specialist firms who have the equipment and knowledge that we don't possess.</p> <p>The main source of income will be from member donations, there is also a facility for members of the public to play on a pay for play basis to encourage more participation and increase revenue. They will also be looking to increase membership by introducing open days for new players to come and try the game, also liaising with local schools, to offer and encourage outdoor bowling activity for juniors.</p> <p>The equipment is essential for the bowls and without the funding there would be little financial benefits in enabling the bowls to continue at the park, due to the ongoing maintenance fees that would have to be paid, instead of being undertaken by the member volunteers.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £1,702.19</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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Application Reference – WCF-17-01

<b>Project Title</b>	Remedial Works and Improvement
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Laugharne Congregational Church</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Welsh Town of Laugharne is where Dylan Thomas "got off the bus and never got on again." Wales' most famous poet lived at the Boathouse for the last four years of his life during which time Dylan wrote major pieces of work - including Under Milk Wood.</p> <p>However, Laugharne is more than just the town where Dylan Thomas lived, much more. It is an ancient town steeped in history sitting on the estuary of the River Taf, what was once a busy port is now popular with writers, artists, tourists, anglers, and bird-watchers. The town of Laugharne has an interesting mixture of small cottages and large Georgian houses. There is an active community, a Millennium Memorial Hall and a Primary School. There are two mini-markets, a pharmacy, a good mix of shops, and great places to eat and drink.</p> <p>The Congregational Church is a well utilised facility by the</p>

	<p>community and recently carried out a £40k project to carry out essential safety work.</p> <p>The trustees now wish to proceed with stage 2 which includes the provision of kitchen and toilet facilities to improve the facility for greater community use, enhancing the standard of the building to better support religious and community activities.</p> <p>The Church is not a listed building but located in a conservation area.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£72,000.00 – Gross
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£72,000.00 Gross</b>
<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. Jane Tremlett</li> <li>• Laugharne Township Community Council</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	£72,000.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£72,000.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 4.2%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p><b>£69,000.00</b></p> <p>Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charity CADW All Churches Trust National Churches Trust James Pantyfedwen Foundation</p>
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted -1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £69,000</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	The Laugharne weekend is an annual Literary and Arts festival held every spring. All events take place in the clubs, churches and Millennium hall, the principal venue being the Congregational

	Church.  The improvements are essential, which will endeavour to increase community usage of the facility.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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Application Reference – WCF-17-02

<b>Project Title</b>	Hall Refurbishment
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Llangadog Community Centre</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p><b>Llangadog</b> is situated in the heart of the Towy Valley half way between Llandeilo and Llandovery. A village with a population of approximately 1000 people it is situated on the western edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park and is surrounded by beautiful rolling hills and pasture with stunning views towards the Black Mountain. The main business is agriculture but there are several small and medium sized businesses, including a builder's merchant and an agricultural feed and supply shop. The beautiful countryside surrounding the village and its nearness to the Brecon Beacons makes it a draw for tourists. The village is well served by places to stay, eat and drink.</p> <p>Llangadog Community Centre was built in 1973 and continues to host a number of activities for the community. It is also home to the villages Ysgol Feithrin and Cylch Meithrin, essential to the community, which enables parents to work, whilst providing their children with essential early life learning opportunities.</p> <p>Llangadog community centre is a large well utilised hall with a smaller hall attached, which is used regularly by various groups such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Feithrin</li> <li>• Cylch Meithrin</li> <li>• Llangadog Angling Association</li> <li>• Llangadog OAP Association</li> <li>• Cagog Film Club</li> <li>• YMCA</li> <li>• Choral Society</li> <li>• Family History Society</li> <li>• Llangadog Community Charitable Association</li> <li>• Llangadog Gardening Club</li> <li>• Keep Fit Group</li> <li>• Beekeeping Group</li> <li>• Llangadog Women's Institute</li> <li>• Brownies</li> <li>• Young Farmers</li> </ul> <p>This project is to undertake essential repairs to replace the roof of</p>

	<p>the smaller hall and if not addressed soon then the village may lose this facility.</p> <p>The roof for years has been patched up when needed but the centre has been advised to take urgent action in replacing it soon before anything serious occurs, all details are included in the schedule of works.</p> <p>The whole community will benefit from the project.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£27,720.00 - Gross
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£27,720.00</b>
<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. Andrew James</li> <li>• Llangadog Community Council</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	£27,720.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£27,720.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	£3,000.00 @ 10.8%
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£24,720.00</b>
	<p>£5,000.00 – Secured Awards for All</p> <p>£19,720 – Applied to various external funders</p>
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 14</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £24,720.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	The Community Association was set up with the aim to collaborate with other community groups, help and support groups and individuals within the area of Llangadog; as well as to advance the wellbeing and development of the community, also to promote local events.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	



<b>Project Title</b>	Screen 3 – Recording the Past & Securing the Future
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Brynamman Public Hall &amp; Institute</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This large project has two main strands: ‘Digital Histories’ and ‘Hall Development’:</p> <p><b>Digital Histories</b> - project wishes to capture the stories and recollections of the hall, its events, and performers and what the Hall has meant to people over the years, in their lives and loves. Material will be captured to: <a href="http://www.peoplescollection.wales">www.peoplescollection.wales</a> and selections will be available in a gallery that will be created in a specially created area within the Hall accessed through the doors marked Screen 2 Select Lobby on the attached plan.</p> <p><b>Hall Development</b> - In order to continue to flourish as an Institute the management recognise that the cinema going audience is now offered more choice by the film distributors who also make stipulations about screening times, placing constraints upon cinemas. The upshot is that there is a need for smaller auditoriums and for cinemas to show more films simultaneously (on different screens) in order to maintain profitability. This will split the 709 seat auditorium into two smaller auditoriums of approximately 300 seats each.</p> <p>A projection system and an extra sound system for the new screen created will be installed in the upper screen area. The project will also undertake a complete refurbishment of the auditoriums. Work undertaken to date indicates that all of this can be achieved without compromising the original art Deco nature of the hall.</p> <p>The Welsh Church funds will be used as a major contribution to the preliminary costs of the project including: engineering drawings and calculations, building regulations engineering and asbestos survey as well as a contribution to the project management cost.</p> <p>This project will secure Brynamman Cinema as a community hub and a centre for recreation, culture and education for which it was built by subscription from miner’s wages in an era when the area was industrial and there was significant deprivation. There is still deprivation, but the Hall continues to serve the valley and beyond.</p> <p>This project is a last chance to capture the cultural essence of so many local people who worked in, for or around the pits in the valley and to enshrine them within a building that has been the focus of their entertainment, rest and recreation for so long. This project seeks to capture the effect the Institute has had on people’s lives and thereafter to be a cultural resource for future generations.</p> <p>The Hall provides a venue for Eisteddfodau and school activities at a rate that can be afforded by schools and that cannot be accommodated anywhere else, benefitting 17 schools. It has and will continue to have a stage for performances of all sorts with the very latest sound and lighting system. The third screen will enable</p>

	<p>wider choice and will broaden the opportunities for cultural offerings including the screening of ‘alternative content’ such as niche cinema, sport and opera.</p> <p>The hall accommodates and subsidises the Town Cylch through the provision of space and at a very low rent with free electricity/heating thus offering a service to young families of the village. It is also a place for volunteering, the development of skills and job preparation. A significant number of young people apply each year for places in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Scheme in order to gain skills in a uniquely technical and social environment. This has led a number of volunteers to develop skills and to gain full time employment as a result.</p> <p>The hall therefore plays a central role in the lives of people in the community as a successful social enterprise. This project addresses the themes of community, recreation culture and education and embeds them into a sustainable model designed to ensure a robust financial model for the Institute moving forward. Put another way, without a financially sound social enterprise underpinning the Institute, the cinema will close.</p>
<p><b>Total Project Cost</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Capital</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Revenue</b></p> <p><b>Ineligible Costs</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">£258,000.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£225,600.00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">£10,200 – Preliminaries/planning  £3,000 – Asbestos survey  £98,400 – Structural acoustic wall  £54,000 – Projection equipment  £19,200 – Sound equipment  £1,800 – Screen  £16,800 – Redecoration  £6,000 – Display materials</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£32,400.00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">£4,800 – Project Development costs  £9,600 – Project Management costs  £18,000 – Digital history facilitator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p>
<p><b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Glynog Davies</li> <li>• Cllr. David M Jenkins</li> <li>• Cllr. Kevin Madge</li> <li>• Cllr. Colin Evans</li> <li>• Quarter Bach Community Council</li> <li>• Roy Noble OBE</li> <li>• CISWO – Andrew Morse Regional Manger</li> <li>• Jonathan Edwards M.P.</li> <li>• Adam Price A.M.</li> <li>• Jill Evans M.E.P.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ownership/ Lease</b></p>	<p>Ownership</p>

<b>Funding Package</b>	£258,000.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£258,000.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 1.16%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£255,000.00</b> £210,000 – Heritage Enterprise applied £15,000 – Mynydd y Betws applied £2,500 – Millennium Stadium Trust applied Sundry donations
<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 - 4</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• Number of community groups assisted</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• <b>Number of full time jobs created - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of jobs safeguarded – 2</b></li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £255,000</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>The promotion and marketing of the Hall and the generation of increased revenues are key to ensure the survival of the Hall. The Development Officer is aware of the nature of the modern cinema audience and has made huge progress in analysing audiences in general and the Brynamman PH in particular which is key to the development of the public profile of the Hall and increasing revenue.</p> <p>The majority of promotion will be undertaken through the website and social media channels. A Cinema 'App' has been developed to 'push' "what's on?" information to potential customers. These channels will be further developed and managed as core elements of the marketing of the cinema, adopting other 'channels' as necessary.</p> <p>All promotional activity including advertising will be evaluated on a cost benefit basis by the analysis of gathered 'stats'.</p> <p>Acknowledgements and gratitude to funders will be posted on the website and through social media with appropriate logos together with 'links' to the funding body.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Pontyberem Park Play Area</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Pontyberem Community Council Park's Association</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Pontyberem Park was a busy and a central park within the Gwendraeth Valley in its industrial past and up until the mid-1990's. The Park is the home to the Rugby, Cricket, and Football clubs. There is a children's play area within the park and the parameter of the park is framed by trees hedgerows and pathways into and around the local community.</p> <p>The Gwendraeth Fawr River meanders through the park making the location idyllic. The Park was previously owned and managed by the Community until 1974, until the running costs became too expensive. Consequently, Llanelli Borough Council took on the responsibility of the park and the land. Following a re- organisation Llanelli Borough Council was absorbed into the now Carmarthenshire County Council.</p> <p>Over the years there has been little investment in the park and its facilities, although the park was maintained to a good standard, other requirements necessary for the upkeep of the park were neglected. Whilst first impressions make the park appear inviting, a closer look will identify that most of the park facilities are in a state of disrepair and run down. There has been significant vandalism at various sites within the park which has had an impact on the way the park is now viewed and used.</p> <p>The Changing Rooms which are crucial to the sustainability of the sports clubs in the village are in a state of disrepair both internally and externally requiring substantial work to ensure that they are safe and fit for purpose. They are the shop window for visiting clubs, people and players sending out a negative message about the village it's facilities and ambition. The playing fields have drainage problems which make playing on the fields difficult and in some conditions impossible due to Health and Safety implications.</p> <p>The football posts have had to be moved to ensure the field is playable. As in all parks the Children's Play area is important, however, the children's play area requires new equipment and a designated area for toddlers to play away from older children. There is very little in terms of playground equipment for a village of its size.</p> <p>Government and financial situations changed; budget cuts and austerity measures subsequently squeezed local authority budgets and Carmarthenshire County Council found the running of the park too expensive and planned to close the park. Pontyberem Community Council took the brave step of taking back the full responsibility of the park, by way of the asset transfer, rather than</p>

	<p>have the gates closed permanently.</p> <p>Pontyberem is home to 2,878 residents and has above the national average of people over the age of 45. It has the highest number of Welsh speakers in Carmarthenshire yet also has the highest numbers of people with no qualifications. This is above the national average of people with life limiting health conditions. The village has some areas that are the 46<sup>th</sup> most deprived in Carmarthenshire and the 764 most deprived areas in Wales.</p> <p>The village has an historic link with coal mining and a high percentage of people were employed in the industry until the late 1980's. Since that decline in the coal industry the area has had to look to other areas to secure employment and to be sustainable. The Village is according to ONS 2016 an area of multi -deprivation a long way from the more affluent days of its industrial past. Deprivation, although less obvious to many people in the village has other negative effects in terms of future generations. Poverty and deprivation is the foundation for Mental Health Problems, addiction and offending behaviour. There is a clear link between physical health and mental health. This being the case the future of the park for all generations is crucial and is the key to positive outcomes in terms of health and wellbeing and also a pathway to economic success for future generations. People are living longer and will be required to work until they are older, a healthy village will ensure health, wellbeing and positive contribution by all.</p> <p>Pontyberem Park Association plans to replace the existing sparse and run down play area with a new vibrant area, spurring the imagination of the children, creating a sense of adventure and positivity among future generations. The Play area will attract children to the area, ensuring physical exercise and social interaction. The Park will be a space where children can play side by side understanding how to overcome barriers together in play.</p> <p>The Park will have equipment which meets the needs of the disabled children with specific play equipment integrated into the park design where all children can play side by side.</p>
<p><b>Total Project Cost</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Capital</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Revenue</b></p> <p><b>Ineligible Costs</b></p>	<p>£179,070.00</p> <p><b>£179,070.00</b> <b>Full breakdown of costs provided</b></p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Joy Sewell Williams</li> <li>• Stephen Morgan – Strategic Asset Manager</li> <li>• Emily Thomas – Asset Management Surveyor</li> <li>• Paul Murray – Parks &amp; Grounds Manager</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pontyberem Community Council</li> <li>• Rachel Bowen – Contributions Officer</li> <li>• Llinos Quelch – Head of Planning</li> <li>• Chris Munro - WRU</li> <li>• Ceri Richards – Sport Wales</li> <li>• Russell Dobbins – Aggregates Levy</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Asset transfer lease agreement
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£179,070.00</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	£179,070.00
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 1.68%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p><b>£176,070.00</b></p> <p>£10,000 – Section 106 secured  Lottery People &amp; Places - Applied  WRU, Sport Wales, Millennium Trust – Applied  Local Business Sponsorship/donations  Crwbin Quarry  Coalfields Regeneration Trust  Fundraising Events &amp; Activities</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 - 14</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 2</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £176,070</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>The Community Council/Park Association have a Strategic Plan which, following a wide public consultation, identified the need for the re-development of the children’s playground within the Park. Ideas and opinions were gathered from the children in the area through collaboration with the local schools. Social Media also gathered opinion and polls were held on preferences and ideas for the development area.</p> <p>The Community Council established a steering group known as Pontyberem Park Association made up of representatives of the local Sports Clubs, and the parents of children who attend schools in the village and surrounding locality.</p> <p>The Park is crucial to the future and cohesion of the village. Physical activity at any age is known to have positive effects on all ages in young children Health and Wellbeing educational attainment and long term economic outcomes.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

**Application Reference – WCF-17-04**

<b>Project Title</b>	Create a Flexible Community Space
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Llandybie Parish Church</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Llandybie Church is primarily a place of worship, with a number of regular services on Sundays and weekdays. However its present layout does not cater very well for the social aspects of worship and also limits the use of the facility for other community purposes.</p> <p>This project therefore involves creating a flexible space more suited to present day needs, which will incorporate the following benefits to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make better use of the existing space at the front of the Church.</li> <li>• To create a flexible space to enhance more traditional activities and cater for new, more social and community activities.</li> <li>• To create a more disabled friendly area to accommodate wheelchairs comfortably and fuss free during services, concerts, funerals, weddings, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Architects have been appointed and quotes have been obtained for this proposed project.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£40,000.00
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£40,000.00</b> <b>Architects full breakdown of costs provided</b>
<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. Anthony Davies</li> <li>• Cllr. Anthony Jones</li> <li>• Llandybie Community Council</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£40,000.00</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£40,000.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 7.5%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£37,000.00</b> £15,000 – Applied Mynydd y Betws Community Fund £10,000 – Applied Awards for All Applying to James Pantyfedwen, Garfield Weston and All Churches Trust
<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 - 4</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £37,000</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	Having the new flexible space would make possible increased use of the facility for social community purposes, significantly improving long term sustainability of a community asset.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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Application Reference – WCF-17-10

<b>Project Title</b>	Gwelliannau Canolfan Gymdeithasol Alma
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Canolfan Gymdeithasol Alma Community Centre</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Alma Community Centre provides the local and neighbouring communities a vital meeting place in a very rural and isolated area of Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>The centre is regularly used by local organisations such as Merched y Wawr, Alma Bowls Club, Trelech Community Council, and Ty Hen Chapel, as well as the committee organising events such as monthly whist drives and the recently introduced coffee mornings and afternoon teas aimed mainly for the older generation but where all are welcome and are proving popular and are attracting attendance from the wider area.</p> <p>The ward of Trelech is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> poorest in Carmarthenshire in terms of access to services on the WIMD survey, and 5<sup>th</sup> overall across Wales and so the centre wishes to develop in order to deliver further services and in so doing will be addressing the issue social isolation as well.</p> <p>The community bought the venue in 1972 when the then village school closed. Despite the endeavours of the trustees and volunteers to maintain the building, it has deteriorated and is in need of modernising to bring it up to an acceptable level for all users. The current kitchen is of single skin and is no longer “weather proof”, and the toilets are outside and as well as being in poor repair, the location is off putting especially to the elderly and especially in bad weather.</p> <p>Planning permission has been obtained to demolish the kitchen area which is of single skin and to replace with a new build to house a fitted kitchen and indoor toilets. The main hall is in need of new windows, and wifi/internet access will be installed. The committee are currently looking towards developing service provision to include outreach services such as health and wellbeing classes, luncheon club, library, post office, IT and creative classes</p>



	and workshops.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£160,000.00 Gross</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£160,000.00</b> £125,000 – Building works, toilets, new kitchen & refurbishment works £10,000 – Furniture & chairs £19,000 – Windows £6,000 - WIFI equipment
<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 Jean Lewis</li> <li>• Cyngor Bro Trelech a'r Betws Community Council</li> <li>• Carmarthen County Council Planning Department</li> <li>• Rhian Furlong – Grants support officer</li> <li>• Katie Crane-Davis – Asset Management Surveyor</li> <li>• Rhian Phillips – European Programme Manager</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Purchased in 1972.
<b>Funding Package</b>	£160,000.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£160,000.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 1.88%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£157,000.00</b> £128,000 - WG RCDF stage 2 £5,000 Own funds secured £6,000 - Garfield Weston applying £6,000 – Bernard Sunley applying £12,000 - Other/fundraising
<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 - 6</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted – 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £157,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of physical improvements – 1</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	Following the closure of Alma Primary School in 1972, it was decided to purchase the building. Alma Community Centre was established and officially opened in 1976 with the intention and purpose to be the social hub of the community and wider community.

	<p>Although efforts have been made by volunteers to decorate the centre, its makeup has deteriorated and is in dire need of transformation. This project will address several issues as there are a number of disadvantages associated with living in rural areas especially if there are no preventative measures in place.</p> <p>In accordance with the Well Being Act, it is the intention of the Community Centre to offer access of multiple and a wide spectrum of activities to the community.</p> <p>Isolation is regarded as a factor that contributes to health issues especially in the elderly. Young families can also feel isolated and welcome community and social activities It is hoped that by modernising the present building, it will be more attractive and appealing to its users.</p> <p>Broadband and digital inclusion is limited in the area and would be of a huge benefit to school pupils and business who cannot access such services.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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Application Reference – WCF-17-11

<b>Project Title</b>	Whitland Rugby and Cricket Club's Parc Llwyn Ty Gwyn
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Parc Llwyn Ty Gwyn Ground Development Project</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Whitland Rugby and Cricket Clubs are prominent centres for sport in the local community and surrounding areas and extra facilities will enable increased participation numbers and a greater number of fixtures and events for both sports. The clubs have been working in partnership and created a new organisation in which to develop a piece of land owned by Whitland Rugby Club to create 2 additional rugby fields and one cricket pitch, which will have six strips in total including one artificial surface.</p> <p>The new facilities will be used by the town clubs and by the schools for ages from 6 years upwards, and the new entity will manage both the physical development of the venue and the personal development of new and current sporting men and women.</p> <p>The developed site will allow the clubs to host cricket and rugby tournaments which will attract participants from further afield who will require overnight accommodation. This will have the added benefit of contributing to the local economy by additional spend in the shops, restaurants and visitor attractions.</p> <p>The improved facilities will not only host sporting activities, but will also be a secure site to host numerous and varied community</p>

	<p>events, such as the West Wales Vintage Car Rally, Young Farmer's Club activities and Whitland Week, which is an annual 7 day event and the funds raised are for the benefit of the entire community.</p> <p>The Rugby and Cricket Clubs are very much at the heart of the community and have tremendous support from every generation in the town. The area is extremely proud of its sporting achievements and by providing the best facilities as possible the clubs will continue to achieve and prosper, attract more players and local interest, encourage more social inclusion and benefit the health &amp; wellbeing of all.</p> <p>Both clubs are renowned for their development of young players with coaches of high calibre providing excellent guidance and tutelage for keen sportsmen and women and these extra pitches are essential for future development for the community and its surrounding area.</p> <p>The clubs have already spent £50k from their own funds to secure and prepare the ground, which shows their commitment for this joint project.</p>
<p><b>Total Project Cost</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Capital</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Revenue</b></p> <p><b>Ineligible Costs</b></p>	<p><b>£110,292.00 - Gross</b></p> <p><b>£110,292.00</b>  £4,180.00 – Site preparation  £81,522 – Outfield drainage, grade, seed and sand  £5,760 – Post construction  £9,800 – Artificial cricket square  £6,000 – Ongoing site costs</p> <p>Nil</p> <p><b>£3,000.00</b>  Ongoing maintenance</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Sue Allen</li> <li>• Chris Munro – Welsh Rugby Union</li> <li>• Richard Stradling – CCC Business &amp; Projects Manger</li> <li>• Ian Jones – CCC Head of Leisure</li> <li>• England Cricket Board</li> </ul> <p><b>Individual letters of support have been received from the following in support of the project;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daryl Morgan – Women's Regional Rugby</li> <li>• Gordon Eynon – WRU Board Member</li> <li>• Gabriela Poore – Whitland Memorial Hall</li> <li>• Suzanne Davies – Whitland Town Council</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head teacher – Dyffryn Taf School</li> <li>• Carmarthenshire 50+ Forum</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	£110,292.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£110,292.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 2.72%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p><b>£107,292.00</b></p> <p>£30,000 – Own funds secured  £15,000 – WRU secured  £30,000 – England Cricket Board secured  £15,000 – Sport Wales secured  £10,292 – Additional External funding applications</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 - 4</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 2</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £107,292.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>The Sports Clubs in Whitland are very much at the heart of the community and are supported by every generation, which in turn contributes to social inclusion and everyone's health and wellbeing. The town/school is very proud of its sporting achievements, and these successful players, who are both inspirational to the younger players but are also very present in the locality. Being in close proximity to the A40, and with ample parking the new facility will not only attract and develop future sportsmen and women but will be a convenient site for attracting non sporting events which will be of great benefit to the local economy.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

<b>Project Title</b>	Llandeilo Fawr Festival
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>The Llandeilo Fawr Festival of Music</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>To promote the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Llandeilo Fawr Festival of Music which will take place entirely in the Llandeilo area of Carmarthenshire and will bring leading musicians and choirs from Britain and abroad to perform in various Festival venues throughout the town in an intensive week of music-making which will consist of both celebrity evening concerts and free lunchtime recitals. The week will also feature workshops and masterclasses, held in conjunction with the local junior schools, which will involve hundreds of children in innovative music-making under the tutelage of leading professional musicians and experienced teachers. The cost of financing a venture such as this is of course a substantial, and ever-increasing one and the grant would be used to reduce the financial deficit which will inevitably incur year on year.</p> <p>The project will bring clear and demonstrable benefits both to the community of Llandeilo and to the wider area of Carmarthenshire and south-west Wales.</p> <p>Since its inception in 2001, the Festival of Music has brought performances of some of the greatest music ever composed, by artists of truly international stature, to the very doorsteps of local inhabitants. Music lovers in this part of Wales have therefore been able to enjoy the highest standards of musical excellence, without having to incur the considerable cost of travel, accommodation and subsistence which would otherwise be involved. At the same time, through its free Daytime Concert Series, the Festival has not only catered for those unable to afford the evening concerts: it has also given invaluable performing opportunities to young Welsh students from some of the country's leading music conservatoires.</p> <p>The Festival funds a comprehensive Schools Outreach Programme, which sees hundreds of local junior schoolchildren benefit from workshops and masterclasses.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£48,194.00</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	<p><b>£48,194.00</b></p> <p>£26,200 – Artists  £2,000 – Day time events  £2,500 – Outreach  £600 – Exhibitions  £6,407 – Marketing  £5,721 – equipment hire  £4,766 – Accommodation/hospitality</p>
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Edward G Thomas</li> <li>• Cllr Andrew James</li> </ul>

<b>Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Daffyd O Thomas</li> <li>• Cllr Ivor Jackson</li> <li>• Cllr Joseph Davies</li> <li>• Roger Phillips – Town Clerk</li> <li>• Llandeilo Town Council</li> <li>• Huw Parsons – Assistant Media Marketing Manager</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Funding Package</b>	£48,194.00
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£48,194.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00 @ 6.22%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p><b>£45,194.00</b></p> <p>£3,000 – Town Council secured  £7,000 – Business sponsorship secured  £2,000 – Leche Trust secured  £3,194 – Arts Council of Wales applied  £5,000 – Colwinston Trust applied  £25,000 – Ticket sales</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 -</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted -</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £45,194.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	This project also exudes the sort of communal spirit which brings people together in a unique way. The streets are bedecked with flags of different nations. St Teilo's church is resplendent in its floral decoration and shop proprietors compete with each other to create the best festival window displays
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award – £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	