

**Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader****Welsh Church Fund 2017 - 2018****Report Author: Caroline Owen****[CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)****Tel: 01269 590216****Balance Available: £5,795.54****Report Value: £3,000.00**

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Application reference – WCF-17-29

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Community Café Refurbishment</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Trimsaran Village Forum</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Trimsaran Village Forum have successfully managed the Leisure Centre as community owned facility since 2002, over the past 16 years the Centre has developed projects and provided additional services for the benefit of the community. The community cafe was added to the Leisure Centre in 2005 and has provided a much needed income stream for the centre while providing the community with a place to meet, eat and socialise.</p> <p>In order to maintain standards and provide customers with the best experience the Forum wish to refurbish the cafe and kitchen counter area in line with modern cafe expectations. The kitchen cooking equipment was upgraded in 2016 with funds from the Lottery Awards for All, the remaining areas are in dire need of decoration, new lighting, new furniture, new counter, and freezers as well as a professional coffee machine.</p> <p>The Forum have a Business Development plan that clearly identifies the need to be competitive in all areas of the service provision and are constantly looking at ways to make the facility sustainable . As the only such cafe in the village it is important to maintain standards that will ensure the future of the cafe as the place to visit for all generations.</p> <p>The cafe is used by young and old and in many cases addresses isolation by being a safe place to meet, positioned at the heart of the village with the only public toilets it is essential that the Forum look to retaining standards of the amenity.</p> <p>The project contributes to the Welsh Church Fund as it will enhance community life and help achieve community resilience. The cafe plays a big part in the life of the community of Trimsaran; the staff are friendly and welcoming as well as caring the customers are known by their first names, many of the elderly people use the facility to meet people and access good food at reasonable prices.</p>

	<p>Trimsaran is part of the Community First Llanelli Cluster and has deprivation issues of health, education and low income, there are also issues of transport and not all the population have cars to some the cafe is the only place they have access to. The aim of the Forum is to provide the best affordable facility and products to the community and therefore address some of the issues of deprivation and poverty that the village has.</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>£135,045.00</b></p> <p><b>£125,000.00</b> Leisure Centre Building Extension - CFP</p> <p><b>£10,045.00</b> Coffee machine - £1,995.00 Café tables - £1,550.00 Café chairs - £1,840.00 Refurbishment - £1,530.00 Lighting - £960.00 2 Counter freezers &amp; counter alterations - £1,790.00 Cash register - £380.00</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Kim Broom</li> <li>• Trimsaran Community Council</li> <li>• Forum Management Team</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ownership/ Lease Funding Package</b></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><b>Value of Community Investment</b></p> <p><b>Amount and % of grant requested</b></p> <p><b>Value of Levered Funds</b></p>	<p><b>£135,045.00</b></p> <p>£135,045.00</p> <p><b>£3,000.00 (Max)</b></p> <p><b>£132,045.00</b> £7,045 – Solar Farm funding – secured £125,000 – CFP Applied</p>
<p><b>Outputs to be achieved</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of new volunteers - 3</b></li> <li>• Number of jobs created</li> <li>• <b>Number of jobs safeguarded - 6</b></li> <li>• Number of new services available</li> <li>• <b>Number of physical improvements - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of environmental improvement schemes - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of new community assets</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £132,045.00</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Business Plan/Officer Comments</b></p>	<p>The Community Benefit that the project will address will be to raise standards raise expectations and give access to good</p>

	<p>food, company, warmth and hospitality on the door step for many people. The cafe is widely used by the community from patients for the Doctors Surgery and Nurses Clinics that are on the premises to family groups, mums and dads that bring young people to sports and disco events held at the centre to users of the facilities training and education events there is welcome for all.</p> <p>It is therefore important to make the experience the best and comparable to other such facilities in towns and cities, being a rural location identified by the Welsh Government as deprived should not reflect on standards which the Forum aim to be the very best they can provide.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	