

**Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report****Welsh Church Fund 2018 - 2019****Report Author: Caroline Owen****[CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)****Tel: 01269 590216****Balance Available: £100,683.00****Report Value: £5,363.20****1 of 2****Application Reference – WCF-18-05**

<b>Project Title</b>	Final Modernisation Project
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>St Edmunds Church Hall</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This project is for the final phase of the church hall development in restoring the existing facilities to ensure all users have a safe and comfortable environment, which is fit for purpose.</p> <p>This project incorporates part energy efficient measures, to reduce utility bills, which includes new flooring, roof insulation, new heaters, installation of a Zip water heater and fitted kitchen cupboards and worktops, also a new front gate.</p> <p>The redevelopment will create an attractive and visually improved multipurpose facility, which will physically, socially and environmentally benefit the area, which will impact positively on the lives of local residents, a step towards area renewal, thus enabling a sustainable future for a central, historic key building within the community.</p> <p>The hall already provides a venue for a variety of health pursuits, namely dance and keep fit classes. The provision of additional activities to meet the local community need for the hall will be socially inclusive and will aim to reduce feelings of isolation, particularly in older vulnerable adults. The complete redevelopment will allow extended provision to a cross section of the community which will increase intergenerational links and boost community cohesion.</p> <p>The community have been instrumental in supporting the hall by re-establishing community life to the vibrancy it had been in the past, ensuring a better quality of life, in being able to come together and interact socially with others in order to build strong relationships and take greater control and responsibility for their own environment and we need to be able to pass this legacy on to</p>

	<p>future generations and this project will address all these needs by creating a fit for purpose long term social hub.</p> <p>The community decide on a continuous programme of events and activities to suit all ages and abilities, ensuring the Hall is self-sufficient for future generations and by delivering a programme of activities designed by the people and suited to the particular needs of the community will engender a sense of pride in the project.</p> <p>By encouraging participation in activities that are both physically rewarding and socially inclusive the hall committee seeks to improve the quality of life of its community and contributes to social cohesiveness in the village and neighbouring communities.</p> <p>Cylch Meithrin Ty @ fi, due to the refurbishment, have used the facility twice a week from June 2018, from September 2018, have contracted to use the hall on a daily basis, as a safe and pleasant environment for the children, also various meetings undertaken by CCC.</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>£12,363.20 - Gross</b></p> <p><b>£12,363.20</b></p> <p>£1,116.00 – Front gate  £4,579.20 – New flooring  £2,800.00 – Kitchen cupboards &amp; worktops  £1,220.00 – Roof insulation  £1,190.00 – Zip water heater  £1,458.00 – New heaters</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Kevin Madge</li> <li>• Cllr David Jenkins</li> <li>• Cllr Deain Harries</li> <li>• Cllr Tina Higgins</li> <li>• Cllr Betsan Jones</li> <li>• Cllr Anthony Davies</li> <li>• Cllr Glynog Davies</li> <li>• Cllr Carl Harris</li> <li>• Cllr Dai Thomas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ownership/ Lease</b></p>	<p>Ownership</p>
<p><b>Funding Package</b></p>	<p>£12,363.20</p>
<p><b>Value of Community Investment</b></p>	<p><b>£12,363.20</b></p>

<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£2,363.20 @ 19.11%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b> Lottery Awards for All – 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 - 2</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 15</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 - £12,363.20</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	The Community Benefit that this project will address aims to raise standards and expectations, giving access to social interaction, warmth and hospitality on the door step for many people. The facility is widely used by the community and following the successful completion of phase 1 refurbishment the wider vision is to further enhance the facility, increase footfall and raise income capacity which will aid future sustainability.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £2,363.20</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

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Application Reference – WCF-18-09

<b>Project Title</b>	Centre Refurbishments
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Black Mountain Centre</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Black Mountain Centre is a multi-functional community facility based in the village of Brynaman. It was set up to provide a focal point and venue for a number of community activities and services that support residents of the Upper Amman Valley and surrounding area, thus improving access to services and activities in an inclusive way.</p> <p>The Centre encourages community participation and partnership working, also volunteering and learning opportunities in supporting personal development, also providing courses, activities, events and clubs with a focus given to health, recreation and education.</p>

	<p>The Centre is a 'one-stop-shop' for the community and houses the Doctor's surgery, library, police service and the Black Mountain Gallery and the Cafe is also housed within the Centre and provides local residents and visitors with a much needed community cafe and meeting point.</p> <p>They provide a number of Educational opportunities, working in partnership with Swansea University, Aberystwyth University, Coleg Sir Gar and private training companies to hold formal and informal courses and workshops, currently facilitating the following courses;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Technology for beginners</li> <li>• Digital Media</li> <li>• Photoshop</li> <li>• Web design</li> <li>• Maths GCSE,</li> <li>• English GCSE,</li> <li>• Welsh for beginners,</li> <li>• Spanish for beginners and many more.</li> </ul> <p>The Centre also provides work experience for people through organisations such as Workways and Coleg Sir Gar, enabling them to develop work-related skills to assist them in securing employment.</p> <p>The Centre serves approximately 1500 visitors a week who either use the self-sufficient café or attend various courses, workshops and groups. Due to the age of the building / facilities, it has become apparent that the condition of the Centre is having a detrimental effect on the ability to not only conduct these events safely but also to be of sufficient aesthetic standard to encourage course providers to use our venue over others.</p> <p>This Project is to support internal and external refurbishments in order to provide a more convivial and aesthetically pleasing environment for people to enjoy all available facilities, also funding a new and upgraded website.</p> <p>The primary beneficiaries of the services available at the Centre are residents of the Upper Amman Valley (UAV). The UAV is a deprived area, with high level of unemployment, benefit dependency and ageing population.</p> <p>The Centre has an open door policy, and encourages people of all ages and abilities, also attracts visitors/tourists and businesses.</p>
<p><b>Total Project Cost</b></p> <p><b>Eligible Capital</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>£23,815.88 - Net</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£23,815.88</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">£1,509.00 – New energy efficient boiler  £2,029.60 – Adaptions to disabled chair lift  £364.42 – Repairs to dishwasher  £540.00 – Commercial microwave  £4,500.00 – Tables &amp; Chairs  £2,000.00 – Exterior painting &amp; clean up</p>

<p><b>Eligible Revenue</b></p> <p><b>Ineligible Costs</b></p>	<p>£1,600.00 – Upgraded website  £143.99 Projector Screen  £269.99 – Projector  £2,455.88 – Display Fridge  £240.00 – Fire Extinguishers  £1,800.00 – New Alarm System  £3,588.00 – Refurbishment in old Surgery  £1,280.00 – Post Office counter  £495.00 – Car park re surfacing  £1,000.00 – Display unit</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Glynog Davies</li> <li>• Kim Rees – Coleg Sir Gar</li> <li>• Quarter Bach Community Council</li> <li>• Workways</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ownership/ Lease</b></p>	<p>Ownership</p>
<p><b>Funding Package</b></p> <p><b>Value of Community Investment</b></p> <p><b>Amount of grant requested</b></p> <p><b>Value of Levered Funds</b></p>	<p>£23,815.88</p> <p><b>£23,815.88</b></p> <p><b>£3,000.00</b> Maximum Award</p> <p><b>£20,815.88</b>  £8,100.00 – Awards for All – Secured  £10,000.00 – Community Council – Secured  £2,715.88 – Own funds- Secured</p>
<p><b>Economic Benefit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of individuals into training/education - 150</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of individuals into volunteering - 20</b></li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 8</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 - £20,815.88</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Officer Comments</b></p>	<p>The Black Mountain Centre has a robust management structure and governance arrangements supported by written articles of association and memorandum of association that make up the constitution of the organisation. The management team at the Centre will be responsible for the future maintenance and</p>

	<p>sustainability of the project. Through increased footfall and improved access, we expect the income generation arm to increase which in turn will allow us to improve our current services, introduce new facilities and continue to be a sustainable social enterprise.</p> <p>As well as playing a key role in community life in Brynaman, The Black Mountain Centre offers a wealth of facilities for visitors and business customers throughout the year from Tourist Information to delicious home-cooked food, free Internet access, interesting Heritage displays, Gallery and Conference rooms; the Centre has everything to offer you from the heart of Carmarthenshire. All these income generating facilities assist the Centre to achieve sustainability and any profit made is gift aided back into community activities.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	