

Annex 3

Welsh Church Fund 2023-2024  
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Balance Available - £108,022.11

Report Value: £3,000.00

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Application Reference – WCF-23-02

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Brynamman Public Hall Central Heating System</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Brynamman Public Hall and Institute</b>
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Cwarter Bach</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Public Hall central heating system needs to be replaced as the current central heating is no longer fit for purpose. Heating the building is essential for the day-to-day operation of the Public Hall during the winter. The building is very large and requires an appropriate system to adequately heat the space.</p> <p>The current oil-fired boiler has been in place since the 1970s. Yearly services to the boiler and regular maintenance has kept it in good condition for decades, but it has now come to the end of its usable life. but they cannot feasibly further maintain and sign off the safe use of the system. There are concerns of leakage due to the deteriorating state of the chimney and the boiler is not running efficiently or reliably.</p> <p>The project would see a full overhaul to the system, by removing the current boiler and sealing off the original chimney. A new gas fired boiler would be installed with its own dedicated flue, external to the building and not reliant on the original chimney. A gas supply will be run from the mains gas network into the building and a gas meter installed. Gas is the most efficient fuel type for a building of this size with such large heating requirements. The efficiency will be greatly improved over the old system, with a boiler operating at far above 90% efficient when burning fuel, vs the current boiler which is well below 90% efficient.</p> <p>With the improved efficiency of the boiler and the increased control over separate heating zones, they should see a substantial reduction in the energy bills. The boiler will burn less fuel to reach the desired temperature, and areas of the building that aren't needed can be isolated so that only the required areas are heating, again burning less fuel. There should also be a reduction in repair bills and service costs, as the new boiler will require far less maintenance outside of a yearly service.</p> <p>The project will benefit everyone that has any connection to the public hall e.g cinema and theatre customers, performing arts groups, Brynamman Players group, local schools, snooker players, children and parents and the staff and volunteers at the cinema.</p>

	The central heating is a core necessity for the sustainable operation of the public hall and it ensures continued sustainability throughout the whole business
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	County Councillor Glynog Davies
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Freehold
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£29,968.19 (Net)</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£29,968.19 (Net)</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b> Maximum award
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£9,968.19</b> Own Funds - £2,000 – Secured Community Council - £500 – Applied for Targeted Finance Fund - £20,000 – Applied for Williams Brown Hill - £4,470 - Applied for (panel 5 <sup>th</sup> July)
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of jobs safeguarded – 8 paid / 18 volunteers.</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of physical improvements - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of environmental improvement scheme -1</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of new community assets - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £9,968.19</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>The responsibility of organising these services and any other work that needs to be undertaken will be that of the Hall Manager.</p> <p>There is a huge need for this project, as without its success, the public hall could not continue to operate without suitable central heating. Installation of a modern system capable of heating the hall properly is essential for everyone who uses and visits the hall.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	Securing match funding