

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

13/12/2023

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Hazel Evans	Portfolio: Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism
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Subject: Welsh Church Fund Applications

Purpose:

To consider applications submitted under the Welsh Church Fund

Recommendations / key decisions required

To approve 2 applications submitted under the Welsh Church Fund:

- Llanddarog Parish Church - £10,000
- Penybanc Welfare Association - £1,875.00

Total - £11,875.00

Reasons:

The Welsh Church Fund is administered by Carmarthenshire County Council's Bureau. Approved projects support the development of sustainable communities within the county.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____

CABINET MEMBER

DATE:

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
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SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

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Background

Carmarthenshire County Council has established the following criteria to aid the administration of the Welsh Church Fund under section 19 of the Welsh Church Act 1914.

Eligible to apply

- Churches & Chapels
- Organisations
- Individuals
- Informally or formally constituted consortia working on a particular project can also apply. All the organisations involved in an informal consortium must be eligible and must provide a copy of their constitution or governing document. The application form should be completed by the lead organisation that will be legally responsible for the grant and will receive the funding, should the application be successful.

Organisations must be either Carmarthenshire based, or if of a national or regional character must be able to demonstrate that the money requested would be used for a specific Carmarthenshire based project.

The Welsh Church fund supports projects that address one of the following themes:

- Advancement of education
- Libraries, museums, art galleries, etc.
- Relief of poverty
- Advancement of religion
- Other themes that benefit the local community

The Bureau accepts applications on a rolling basis. All projects must be delivered within Carmarthenshire.

Recommendation:

2 Applications have been received and assessed by the internal Grants Panel and have been recommended for approval:

- Llanddarog Parish Church - £10,000
- Penybanc Welfare Association - £1,875.00

Please see Annex 1 for further details.

OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

The option of not approving these projects in whole or part is open to Cabinet Member. However non approval will mean that local communities will lose out on the opportunities identified.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED

No

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy and Crime & Disorder

The Welsh Church Fund complements other funding streams being delivered by Carmarthenshire County Council and other external funders which increases investment into the area.

The Bureau is satisfied that the grant award recommendations are in line with published policy and strategic direction of the authority, in particular the Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives. The grant awards will also support the Authority's Vision Statement by Making our communities and environment, healthy, safe and prosperous places to live.

2. Legal

All applicants will be issued with grant agreement letters which will set out the terms and conditions of the grant.

3. Finance

The Bureau is satisfied there is sufficient budget available in 2023/24 to support the proposed recommendations.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A

2. Local Member(s) – Cllr. Ann Davies and Cllr. Karen Davies are fully supportive

2. Community / Town Council - as per as per Annex 1

3. Relevant Partners - as per as per Annex 1

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - as per as per Annex 1

**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
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-23-07 WCF-23-10	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP