

**Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report
Welsh Church Fund 2017 - 2018**

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Balance Available: £33,787.05

Report Value: £6,721.26

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Application Reference – WCF-17- 20

Project Title	Kitchen Room Refurbishment
Applicant	Brechfa Church Hall PCC
Project Description	<p>This grant application is to support a capital expenditure project incorporating the redevelopment of an old kitchen space into accessible multipurpose rooms, which will be utilised by a number of groups for activities and events.</p> <p>The hall is currently supported by community groups and hosts regular events including a weekly bowls club, a monthly market, Women's Institute, Autumn craft fair, Spring plant sales, a lantern festival and a weekly foot clinic.</p> <p>The refurbishment to the hall will include making good the walls, replacing single glazed windows and exterior door, replacing flooring, insulation of walls, re-plastering and upgrading lighting and heating.</p> <p>This will enable the facility to provide additional services, such as educational workshops, IT training, Language and music skills, Welsh Language conversational skills and any other services or activities required by the community.</p> <p>Currently it is too costly to run too many services from the main hall, particularly during the winter months, so having the use of an easy to heat room, would enable services and new activities to be undertaken all year round.</p>
Total Project Cost	£15,846.15
Eligible Capital	£15,846.15
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	A survey was conducted in the village regarding the requirements for using the hall, feedback suggested a warmer, safer, upgraded environment, also providing more than one space and be capable of delivering hot food.

	Cllr Mansel Charles
Ownership/ Lease	Brechfa PCC
Funding Package	£15,846.15
Value of Community Investment	£15,846.15
Amount of grant requested	£1,980.76 @12.5%
Value of Levered Funds	£13,865.39 Own funds secured through fundraising events
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers • Number of jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Number of new services available - 4 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement schemes –1 • Number of new community assets • Public and private leverage funding - £13,865.39
Officer Comments	<p>This project will provide a safe, comfortable and unique space in the village, which will be accessible to all. The hall currently receives good support from the community and this room will assist in providing the villagers with a venue to support ongoing future needs.</p> <p>No funding has been received from CCC in the last three years</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £1,980.76
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-17- 22

Project Title	Chapel Exterior Refurbishment
Applicant	Aberduar Baptist Chapel
Project Description	<p>Llanybydder is a rural market town with a population of about 1,700 with three quarters being Welsh speaking. The activities undertaken at the Chapel are conducted through the medium of the Welsh language, though bilingual events are arranged if requested.</p> <p>At this present time the Chapel currently have 93 members and 40 members attend regularly for Sunday services, organisations who regularly utilise the facility for activities and events are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Institute • Merched y Wawr • Cor Lleisiau'r Werin • Llanybydder Community Council • Old People's Welfare Committee • Diabetic Group • Carmarthenshire County Council Housing Department <p>The chapel also supports the local care home and primary school which has around 10% of its pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds, whose parents are employed at the large abattoir. The building is important to the community not only as a place of worship but also as a community centre for integrating and socialising.</p> <p>To ensure the facility is in good repair and remains fit for purpose for the current and future members and users, essential refurbishment works are required, which will include replacing, existing wooden windows, doors, soffits, fascia boards, guttering and down pipes.</p> <p>The windows are believed to be over 100 years old and have been painted and repaired regularly over many years but have now deteriorated so badly, have to be replaced with UPVC.</p>
Total Project Cost	£25,596.00
Eligible Capital	£25,596.00
Eligible Revenue	£17,580.00 – New UPVC windows and doors
Ineligible Costs	£5,016.00 – Fascia's, soffits, guttering & downpipes
	£3,000.00 - Scaffolding
	Nil
	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ieuan Davies • Chapel Members • Chapel Trustees

Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package	£25,596.00
Value of Community Investment	£25,596.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 (Maximum award)
Value of Levered Funds	£22,596.00 Applied to Heritage Lottery Wales, Pantyfedwen Trust, Garfield Weston, Bernard Sunley Own funds secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers • Number of jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement schemes • Number of new community assets • Public and private leverage funding - £22,596.00
Officer Comments	<p>The Chapel are in a fortunate position of being able to contribute around £15,000 of their own funds and evidence of this has been provided with the application, additional funds have been applied from other funders and decisions will be made within the next six weeks.</p> <p>No funding has been received from CCC in the last 3 years</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-17-23

Project Title	Development of St Mary's Church, Court Henry
Applicant	St Mary's Church, Court Henry
Project Description	<p>St Mary's Church, Court Henry is situated close to the village of Dryslwyn and is one of five parish churches within the community of Llangathen.</p> <p>The church is well used in the community, not only for normal Sunday service, and the annual church calendar celebrations – Easter, Harvest and Christmas, but also for regular meetings of the Mother's Union, and continual usage by the primary school e.g. Christmas and St David's Day concerts.</p> <p>This additional usage is of huge benefit to community life as it is not only an opportunity for social interaction, but also attracts non regular church members through the church doors and the donations contribute to the future sustainability of the venue. Additionally the church is used for weddings, christenings and funerals. The church is available to other organisations to use/hire.</p> <p>Recent inspection identified essential works needed to the church roof – ingress of rainwater due to perished lead valleys which are allowing water to penetrate the ceiling of the church, which if not addressed, would escalate to a detrimental and costly state of disrepair. Inspection by an architect and a conservation and repair specialist agreed the works to be carried out as detailed in project costs below.</p> <p>It is imperative that the church be kept in a good state of repair, not only for the preservation of the building for future generations to enjoy, but also to provide a safe and comfortable environment for current usage and congregation but also to attract additional users and services for the long term future sustainability.</p>
Total Project Cost	£6,962.00 Gross
Eligible Capital	<p>£6,962.00</p> <p>£2,438.00 – Repairs to defective Hip Valley to South Transept £3,364.00 – Repairs to defective Hip and Flat Valley to front entrance porch and vestibule £1,160.40 – vat at 20%</p>
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil

Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Mansel Charles (referred project to Community Bureau) • David L Smith dip. Arch (hons) RIBA
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership via Deed of Gift in 1938.
Funding Package Value of Community Investment Amount of grant requested Value of Levered Funds	<p style="text-align: right;">£6,962.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£6,962.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£1,740.50 @ 25%</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£5,221.50 Own funds secured</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers • Number of jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement schemes • Number of new community assets • Public and private leverage funding - £5,221.50
Officer Comments	<p>The church council are looking to the future and are considering a phase 2, which would include installing water and toilet facilities in the church. This will enhance the facility as far as fundraising opportunities are concerned as well as providing a more comfortable venue for those having travelled a distance to attend the church for any reason.</p> <p>The church were keen to carry out the repair works as soon as the problem was identified, and therefore this is a retrospective application. They were directed to Community Bureau for WCF support via their Local Elected Member Cllr Mansel Charles.</p> <p>No funding has been received from CCC within the last 3 years</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £1,740.50
Subject to	