

Regeneration & Policy Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting Report

Welsh Church Fund 2017 - 2018

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Balance Available: £21,065.79

Report Value: £5,897.20

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Application Reference – WCF-17- 24

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| Project Title | Kids Cancer Charity – Christian Lewis Trust |
| Applicant | Carmarthenshire Families Respite Breaks |
| Project Description | <p>This Project is to provide respite breaks for Carmarthenshire families affected by childhood cancer by offering families the opportunity of a week, at one of their four mobile homes on the coast at Porthmadog, North Wales, Lydstep and Manorbier in South Pembrokeshire.</p> <p>The Respite Breaks are either around their treatment or where a final memorable break for the family is sadly needed. The charity understands that a normal holiday is impossible with a child with cancer, so respite breaks offer families a much needed break and affords them the chance of spending quality time together away from the strict medical regimes of hospitals, invasive treatment and other pressures around their usual "normal" home life. It gives them something positive to look forward to and a goal to achieve, an opportunity to recharge their batteries, rebuild relationships which are often fractured in times of family crisis.</p> <p>The aim is to improve the quality of life for children and teenagers affected by cancer and provide emotional and practical support, for them and their families, which complement and add value to the services provided by statutory authorities.</p> <p>The trauma caused by childhood cancer spreads amongst the immediate and extended family, friends, neighbours, the schools, clubs and parents work environment. These disadvantaged children and teenagers include those who have cancer themselves, have a sibling or close relative with cancer or have been bereaved by cancer. They and their families often have to endure many months or even years of difficult and painful treatment which has an emotional impact on the whole family. They are all devastated and can feel frightened, worried, anxious and confused by everything that is going on around them. Those bereaved by cancer are trying to cope with their loss and the various stages of grief.</p> <p>The continued emotional and mental health and wellbeing of everyone involved when a close family member is diagnosed with cancer is of paramount importance for their future health, welfare and happiness. This community of families who have a child or teenager affected by cancer are brought to our attention by three</p> |

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| | main professional departments- Health, Social Services and Education who are working with the family at home as well as the hospital based Social Workers. |
| Total Project Cost | £28,972.01 |
| Eligible Capital | Nil |
| Eligible Revenue | £29,972.01 £3,929.76 – Site fees Manorbier £4,586.58 – Site fees Greenacres £5,236.38 – Site fees Lydstep £6,805.00 – Site fees Lydstep 2 £7,605.00 – Cleaning, utilites & repairs £325.00 – Subsistence |
| Ineligible Costs | Nil |
| Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Glynog Davies • Cllr. Jane Tremlett • Cllr. Mair Stephens • CCC – Childrens Services • Eleri Girt – Macmillan Patient Information & Support • Brother Michael – Skandavale Hospice • Ty Bryngwyn – Llanelli • Ty Cymorth – Carmarthen • Cancer Information Support Services |
| Ownership/ Lease | Not applicable for this project |
| Funding Package | £28,972.01 |
| Value of Community Investment | £28,972.01 |
| Amount of grant requested | £2,897.20 @ 10% |
| Value of Levered Funds | £26,074.81 £3,000.00 – Secured Kentown Wizard Foundation £6,600.00 – Secured Sun Life Financial £250.00 – Secured Cannock Lions Club £250.00 – Secured Jim Marshal Charitable Trust £550.00 – Secured Rotary Club of Corby £1,500 – Secured Leyland Trucks £550.00 – Secured Lewes Lions Club £1,100.00 – Secured St Austell Brewery Charitable Trust £8,169.81 – Secured Fundraising Events |
| Economic Benefit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers - 4 • Number of jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Number of new services available |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of physical improvements • Number of environmental improvement schemes • Number of new community assets • Public and private leverage funding - £26,074.81 |
| Officer Comments | <p>Since the foundation was established in 1989, the organisation have a history of supporting Carmarthenshire families and intend to continue responding to future requests.</p> <p>In the last four years 27 families from the County have benefited from their therapeutic services in their homes, hospitals and at the Family Service Centre in Swansea. The Services provided include Counselling, Bereavement Counselling and Play</p> <p>The respite breaks are particularly beneficial for Carmarthenshire families as the Pembrokeshire sites are within comfortable traveling distance from their homes and hospitals</p> <p>No funding has been received from CCC in the last three years</p> |
| Officer Recommendation | Award - £2,897.20 |
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Application Reference – WCF-17- 26

| Project Title | Cwtch 2 |
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| Applicant | Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli |
| Project Description | <p>Menter Cwm Gwendraeth was launched in 1991 as a pilot project for the Gwendraeth Valley. From the outset, emphasis was on working at a community level and ensuring that local residents are involved in all the Menter's activities.</p> <p>Since 1998, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli has been working strategically according to the Welsh Government and Carmarthenshire County Council's Community Planning Framework, developing projects in the field of Health and Wellbeing, Community Regeneration, the Environment, Life Long Learning and Children and Young People. They ensure that the Welsh Language is core to the development of each project.</p> <p>The project aims for the organisation to move to the second phase of their plans in expanding the merged bookshop and café. The current 96 sq. meters is insufficient to adequately cater for the social activities for all the community and social activities associated with the hub.</p> <p>This fits in and underscores the desire to make progress towards achieving the Welsh Assembly Government target of enabling one million residents to be able to speak Welsh by 2050.</p> |

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| | <p>The increased space will provide opportunities to organise community and social activities which encourage the normalisation of Welsh in everyday use. It will enable them to market their activities successfully and enable them to increase the footfall in line with their corporate strategy.</p> <p>They will be able to more accurately assess their customer and stakeholder base and to be able to more confidently utilise their social media outlets and encourage business turnover and growth.</p> <p>The expanded Hub will provide people with the support needed to avert the feelings of isolation and give them an opportunity to partake in local community facilities. The average income in the Gwendraeth Valley is very low compared to the national average. The proposed investment will improve access to vital services such as improved public transport and bringing important services to local communities by the use of their community mini bus.</p> <p>The Hub is also used in conjunction with the local public transport service, as well as a drop in prior to attendance at the local GP practice, community pharmacy or local village library. The Hub aims to serve all the people of the Gwendraeth Valley and residents of Carmarthenshire and beyond. In particular the facility is one that can benefit all generations as it has a family feel. Whilst the facilities – the shop and café are trading entities - the staff are “community officers” and are therefore well versed in picking up early social problems or opportunities to strengthen social cohesion by signposting to appropriate agencies and support networks, whilst simultaneously looking for ways to promote and normalise Welsh in everyday use.</p> |
| <p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> | <p>£160,000.00</p> <p>£160,000.00 Design & Construction– £160,000 Architect’s full breakdown of costs</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> |
| <p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Liam Bowen • Cllr. Tyssul Evans • Eryl Pellow – Pontyberem Community Council • Gwyn Elfyn Jones – Chairperson • Dyfrig Williams – Vice Chairperson • Rhian Furlong – CCC Funding Officer • Leader Local Action Group |
| <p>Ownership/ Lease</p> | <p>Long term lease agreement</p> |
| <p>Funding Package</p> | <p>£160,000.00 - Gross</p> |

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| Value of Community Investment | £160,000.00 |
| Amount of grant requested | £3,000.00 @ 1.87% |
| Value of Levered Funds | £157,000.00 £128,000.00 – RCDF Applied £10,000.00 – Lottery Awards for All Applied £19,000.00 – Own funds |
| Economic Benefit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers • Number of jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 4 • 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 - £157,000.00 |
| Officer Comments | <p>This project is crucial to ensure the sustainable development of Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli by meeting their social, economic, environmental and cultural objectives simultaneously.</p> <p>The proposed project will therefore assist the sustainable development of the “Community Hub”. This will meet social, economic, environmental and cultural objectives, preserving protecting and improving the environment thereby providing a high quality attractive place for people to live, work and to enjoy recreation in Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>The project will provide opportunities for people to experience educational projects in the natural surroundings of the “Community Hub”.</p> <p>Previous grant funding: 2015 - £12,776 Targeted Finance Fund 2016 - £20,000 Targeted Finance Fund</p> <p>2 Service level agreements with CCC in respect of the Welsh Language and Over 50's</p> |
| Officer Recommendation | Award - £3,000.00 |
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