

**Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader
Welsh Church Fund 2019-2020**

**Report Author:
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Balance Available:**

Report Value: £3,000

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Application Reference – WCF – 19-11

Project Title	Chapel And Vestry Updating Services
Applicant	Eglwys Gynulleidfaol Bethesda Y Tymbl Bethesda Congregational Church Tumble
Project Description	<p>The Church is utilised on a regular basis and provides religious services, Sunday school activities, thanksgiving, weddings, funeral services, baptism, and St David's Day concert, also Christmas nativity play and carol services.</p> <p>The venue is strongly supported by Tumble Primary School and Mynydd Mawr Choir who practise there twice a week, whilst also supporting non-religious events such as regular coffee mornings, encouraging the community to utilise the building.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project idea centres upon the installation of a more economical condensing boiler and new safe bunded oil tanks for the chapel and vestry. 2. With an ageing congregation, there is the need to improve visual communication methods within the chapel so that they marry up to the loop system installed last year. <p>This project is for the required repairs, in line with the surveyors report, along with the installation of an upgraded sound system, which will greatly improve the audio reproduction throughout the church. Incorporating a loop system that will relay the output of the sound system to any person wearing a hearing aid fitted with a coupler.</p> <p>The report also states that the condition of the chapel boiler is old and inefficient and the latest service report notes that the tank does not comply with current regulations and that the location of the storage tank presents a potential fire hazard.</p> <p>This work will ensure that the building is fit for purpose and improve the whole experience and enjoyment for the community who utilise the facility on a regular basis.</p> <p>Restricted funds are in place to cover ongoing running costs of the Church. These costs include the wages of the Minister, Organist, heating, electricity, insurance, Chapel and Vestry upkeep and the</p>

	maintenance of the graveyard and administration costs.
Total Project Cost	£12,251.23 – Gross
Eligible Capital	£12,251.23
	Oil Tank (Chapel) £2,249.71 Oil Tank (Festri) £2,183.52 Heating Boiler (Chapel) £5,700.00 Installation of visual system £840.00 2 TV monitors £798.00 Brackets for above £480.00
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Consultation has been undertaken with the local and wider community, also current users of the venue, which identified the need for this project and individual letters have also been received from the local junior school.
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Funding Package	£12,251.23
Value of Community Investment	£12,251.23
Amount of grant requested	£3,000 @ 24.49%
Value of Levered Funds	£9,251.23 Own funds
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community assets - 2 • Number of new services created • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1
Officer Comments	<p>Bethesda Chapel has a lot of local history and whilst the group have given up numerous volunteer hours and used a large amount of their own funds it is essential that the group seeks financial support for the future sustainability of the chapel as a local community venue.</p> <p>The grant will accelerate the implementation of the project. The Church is fully sustainable in both the short and long term. The repair works will ensure that the church is fit for purpose and therefore lead to its long term sustainability.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000
Subject to	