

Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader
Welsh Church Fund 2020-2021

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Balance Available: £50,748.71

Report Value - £2,545.00

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Application Reference – WCF-20- 11

Project Title	Total Electrical Re-wiring of Capel Bethlehem
Applicant	Bethlehem Capel - Llangadog
Project Description	<p>Bethlehem is a village to the south of Llangadog perched on the hillside overlooking the Towy flood plain. Bethlehem Hall is renowned for stamping cards at Christmas time and hundreds of people each year bring their cards to be stamped with the Bethlehem stamp. Behind the village is Garn Goch which is a bracken covered hillside which turns a glorious red in Autumn and Winter and is the site of an Iron Age Hill fort.</p> <p>The chapel currently have more than 40 members and regular Sunday services are undertaken; however, they do not have their own minister and rely on the availability of ministers from other establishments.</p> <p>This project is for the total electrical re-wiring of Capel Bethlehem. SWALEC electrical company have undertaken a survey and they found that there is no electrical earth present and the electrics need updating on health and safety grounds. A local electrician confirmed the findings.</p> <p>Maintaining the chapel is essential to continue with regular services for the members.</p>
Total Project Cost	£2,880.00
Eligible Capital	£2,880.00 Total electrical re-wiring of Capel Bethlehem
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Andrew James

Ownership/ Lease	Independent Chapel
Funding Package	£2,880.00
Value of Community Investment	£2,880.00
Amount of grant requested	£720.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£2,160.00 Williams Brownhill Applied
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 groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £2,160.00
Officer Comments	The re-wiring of the Chapel is essential for the safe running of the Chapel and to allow the Chapel to service the community spiritually.
Officer Recommendation	£720.00
Subject to	Subject to match funding from Williams Browns hill being secured

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Application Reference – WCF-20- 12

Project Title	Fabric Repairs
Applicant	Dafen Church
Project Description	<p>St Michaels and all Angel's Parish Church is a grade II listed building, in the Dafen ward of Llanelli.</p> <p>The Church hosts regular mass services as well as Christenings, Weddings and Funerals, they also hire the hall for exercise classes, karate, youth rock band, food bank outlet and elections. Youth groups and Church groups carry out regular fundraising on behalf of the church when restrictions are not in place.</p> <p>The project is seeking funding for repairs needed to the West walls and windows, repairs to Church porch and vestry area roof which needs attention for safety issues. The church hall roof also requires</p>

	<p>repair work due to weather damage and vandalism not covered by insurance. Due to the seriousness of potential damage to the west wall, work has already been undertaken.</p> <p>The repairs are urgently required to ensure that it does not cause injury. Water seeping through walls is also causing damage to the internal fabric of the Church.</p> <p>The Church is well looked after and maintained by volunteers and members. They do repairs when needed to avoid long term problems. Usually the church actively fund raise for repair work, unfortunately due to very limited opportunity to fundraise this year funds are depleting.</p>
Total Project Cost	£5,300.00
Eligible Capital	£5,300.00 West wall repair - £1,500 Church Roof Repair - £1,300 Church Hall Roof repair - £2,500
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Rob Evans
Ownership/ Lease	Church in Wales
Funding Package	£5,300.00
Value of Community Investment	£5,300.00
Amount of grant requested	£1,325.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£3,975.00 Own funds secured
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 groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £3,975.00
Officer Comments	Some urgent works have begun from this funding request is and is in line with the Welsh Church Fund criteria.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for building and improvement works from Chapels and Churches only will be considered for work that has been carried out within six months from the date of application.
Officer Recommendation	£1,325.00
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF-20- 13

Project Title	Publication of an additional <i>Carmarthenshire Antiquary</i>
Applicant	The Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society
Project Description	<p>Established in 1905, the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society is one of Wales’ oldest and foremost local history societies and promotes the study of the County’s history, archaeology, and folklore. An annual journal is produced for its 250 members.</p> <p>During the current pandemic and enforced isolation of all, the Society wishes to publish an additional copy of its journal <i>The Carmarthenshire Antiquary</i> for the benefit of members and the wider community.</p> <p>Society members and the wider community will have access to this provision, and the additional journal will help alleviate feelings of isolation and vulnerability whilst all normal activities are suspended. The project will ensure that interest in heritage, history and conservation issues will be maintained and strengthened over the winter months.</p> <p>The grant would be used to assist with financing the typesetting and printing of this additional publication, free copies will also be distributed to schools and tertiary colleges.</p> <p>During the enforced isolation due to Covid-19, all Society activities have been suspended and the consequent decrease in footfall and monthly financial contributions have had an adverse effect on the Society’s income</p> <p>The Society regularly advertises its activities and consistently emphasises the Society’s inclusivity and appeal to all citizens of Carmarthenshire who have an affinity with the county’s rich past.</p>

	<p>As part of the Society's digital inclusion strategy, portions of the <i>Antiquary</i> will be included on their website for all to peruse and enjoy.</p> <p>Distribution of the additional <i>Antiquary</i> will be carried out by a combination of post and delivery by members.</p>
Total Project Cost	£5,000.00
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£5,000.00 Printing and typesetting of additional Antiquary Publication
Ineligible Costs	
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Thorley Chairman, Carmarthenshire Civic Society • Cllr. Alun Lenny • Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths
Ownership/ Lease	Not applicable
Funding Package	£5,000.00
Value of Community Investment	£5,000.00
Amount of grant requested	£500.00 @ 10%
Value of Levered Funds	£4,500 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 groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services available • Number of physical improvements • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £4,500.00
Officer Comments	The need for the extra publication has been evidenced by the society through consultation exercise. The publication meets the needs of its members and the wider community through the website and to schools and colleges.
Officer Recommendation	£500.00
Subject to	