

**Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Member Report
Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund
2015-2016**

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Application reference: MYB-15-02

Project Title	Ammanford SAC Diving RIB
Applicant	Ammanford Sub Aqua Club
Ward	Ammanford
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Ammanford Sub Aqua Club is a small, friendly, very active scuba diving club located in Ammanford with members from the surrounding area</p> <p>A key requirement for the club's diving activities is a Rigid-Hulled Inflatable Boat (RIB) to facilitate off-shore trips typically around the Pembrokeshire coastline, but occasionally further afield.</p> <p>The ambition is to procure an additional club RIB to facilitate safe dive trips for the club that will also enable the club to grow significantly beyond current membership limits This funding is to purchase a RIB that will accommodate up to 8 divers plus dive equipment and will be suitable for accessing dive sites up to 25 miles off-shore.</p> <p>The ambition is to grow the club and provide the opportunity for more members of the local community to participate in this very worthwhile and rewarding activity, potentially doubling the size of the club over the next two years.</p> <p>The club is active, vibrant and welcoming and they have integrated with other Sub Aqua clubs, the most recent being Llantrisant and have run some great joint events raising money for the club while advertising some of the great visitor attractions in the area such as Carreg Cennen Castle, Glynhir Mansion, Glanaman Golf Club and Aberglasney Gardens.</p>
Total Project Cost	£24,766.68 - Gross
Eligible Capital	<p align="center">£24,766.68</p> <p align="center">£8,516.67 – Humber Destroyer RIB £490.83 – Double skin hypalon tube £741.67 – Fuel tank £575.00 – Cylinder storage rack £662.50 – Steering system £570.84 – Fuel system £412.50 – Navigation frame</p>

<p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£380.00 – Electrics £12,416.67 – Outboard motor</p> <p>Nil Nil</p> <p>£15,000.00 @ 60.56%</p> <p>£9,766.68 £5,000.00 – Awards for All £3,000.00 – Welsh Church Fund £1,766.68 – Own funds secured</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>Ammanford Sub Aqua Club currently has a capped membership of 28. The cap is mainly driven by the desire to avoid over subscription of club facilities, primarily the existing single club RIB which means they can only go diving with a maximum of 8 members at any one time.</p> <p>Oversubscription of the club RIB show that on only 2 out of 18 ‘dive days’ were they able to accommodate all who wished to dive. The Committee minutes for July and August 2014 also illustrate how this is constraining the capacity for growth.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation - There is no doubt that Scuba Diving is a growing sport, and Ammanford Sub Aqua Club consistently sees high numbers for their annual try-dive events. Members of the public are trying out Scuba Diving on their holidays, sparking an interest to continue the experience back home. Scuba diving is open to people of varying capabilities. There are virtually no age limits and have had try-dives for children as young as 8 and one of the try-divers has recently decided to join the club at age 62, no gender limits, no major fitness limits, no size limits and certainly no ethnicity limits. Club members benefit from meeting new people, having fantastic experiences, a weekly social event, having an interest that can surpass weekend diving and learning new skills that can be enhanced & developed year-on-year.</p>
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes</p> <p>Welsh Language</p> <p>ICT</p> <p>Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<p>The following policies have been provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Policy for children and vulnerable adults in Snorkelling and Scuba Diving. • Welsh Language Policy • Diver’s Code of Conduct Policy
<p>Roles and responsibilities within organisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Ensures club rules are followed and chairs monthly meetings and AGM • Diving Officer – Responsible for all diving operations and diver safety • Training Officer – Responsible for managing and delivering

	<p>(along with other club instructors) all club training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary – Correspondence, meeting minutes, venue management • Membership Secretary – Administers club memberships, annual fees and BSAC memberships • Treasurer – All finances into and out of the club, financial reporting and forecasts • Equipment Officer – Management of club assets • Publicity Officer (and Vice-Chair) – Club promotion, web site maintenance and assistant to Chairman
Mapping of service/facility within the area	<p>As a BSAC club, we are able to offer our own training opportunities (the club has its own highly qualified instructors) and unlike other Diving Organisations (e.g. PADI) all training is free apart from training materials. Scuba also opens a world of other related interests, for example underwater photography, underwater archaeology (the club has received training from the Nautical Archaeology Society), marine biology and more advanced technical diving.</p>
Exit strategy	<p>The club's ambition is to allow more members to join so we can introduce the sport to an increasingly interested community. A new RIB would allow us to achieve that ambition, and could potentially allow the membership to double.</p>
<p>Outputs to be achieved</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 25 • New community asset – 1 <p>Club membership records will demonstrate increase in club numbers.</p> <p>Dive logs will be retained for all diving activities and these will demonstrate the usage of the new RIB and how it has facilitated an increase in 'diver days'</p> <p>Club minutes will record any other activities, including any increase in affiliations with other BSAC clubs and use of the new RIB by other community groups.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>Without the funding from the Mynydd y Betws community benefit fund, external funding would be difficult to source if at all, other than the Awards for all funding to a maximum of £5k and the Welsh Church Fund</p> <p>Very strong application and supporting documentation.</p> <p>No previous funding has been received.</p> <p>Project was approved by the Mynydd y Betws panel in June 2015 but was unable to award due to insufficient funds being available. Panel agreed if slippage became available to award this project, final approval has been received from ESB to present at EBM.</p>

Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 25 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £24,766.68
Recommendation	Award - £15,000.00
Subject to:	Providing an Equal Opportunities Policy

Application reference: MYB-15-05

Project Title	Community Inspirational Creative Project
Applicant	Splat Development Cymru
Ward	Glanamman
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Splat Cymru is the first social enterprise to operate within the educational and community sector originated from a small reading business called Splat Education.</p> <p>Its aim was to provide and support pupils through art and technology aimed at the education sector, however, it became apparent that there was a need for this in the community.</p> <p>Inspiration came from being a part of the Raise project which looked at raising self esteem of children within deprived areas. This was an extremely positive and beneficial project which enlightened and enriched children's outlook on what they could achieve.</p> <p>The ongoing aim is to provide communities with the skills and confidence needed to lead engaging projects which will raise their self confidence, enlighten their aspirations and take ownership, and with all of this combined creating solid, sustainable foundations for the next generation.</p> <p>This project aim is to continue from the growing pilot schemes and provide an art camp to be run during holiday times, supporting Pupils Learning through Art and Technology, getting the children out of the house first and foremost, engaging children in the great outdoors and giving them a sense of ownership of objects in public spaces and play areas but also getting them talking about what they are doing by being involved in creating things and taking ownership of them.</p> <p>Splat Cymru will be focusing its energy towards the Amman Valley area using Art and Technology based strands, offering a wide range of accessible activities to schools and communities, with the Glanamman, Garnant as the main ward; however its reach will extend its project towards Ammanford, Betws Pontamman, Penygroes, Saron, Tycroes and Llandybie.</p>
Total Project Cost	£21,980.00
Eligible Capital	<p>£3,300.00</p> <p>£500.00 – Ipad</p> <p>£650.00 – Camera</p> <p>£200.00 – Printer/photocopier</p> <p>£500.00 – Easels</p> <p>£500.00 – Office furniture</p> <p>£1,500.00 m- Desk top computer</p> <p>£800.00 – Laptops x 2</p>

<p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£18,680.00 £15,600.00 – Salary £480.00 – Office rent £400.00 – Heating/lighting £200.00 – Phone/postage/stationery £2,000.00 – Marketing/materials</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£12,980.00 @ 59.05%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£9,000.00 £5,000.00 – Lottery Awards for All - secured £1,000.00 – Own funds - secured £3,000.00 – Welsh Church Fund - applied</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>The need for Splat Cymru within the educational sector is expanding at a rapid rate. Art and Technology are two of the outlining subjects which are at times the weak points of Schools when dealing with inspections as these two subjects are able to bring together many skills and opportunities for both academic and non academic children.</p> <p>Schools are seeking to provide a rich and fulfilled curriculum and this is where Splat Cymru can provide the support and guidance needed in producing both creative and exciting projects. Splat education engaged 134 pupils over 4 schools with pilot projects, aimed to build creativity, exploration and education. Pupil's feedback was very positive and Head teacher feedback was very encouraging.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Education • Environment • Health • Culture
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<p>The following Policies have been provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality & Diversity Policy • Environmental Policy • Welsh Language Policy • Child Protection Policy <p>As outlined in the Environmental Policy, Splat Cymru intends to be a green organisation promoting the use of environmentally friendly materials and continuing best practice in recycling and fully engaging with key environmental partners and agencies to ensure best practice followed by any environmental matters considered through any project design, implementation and delivery stage.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 10 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created - 1 • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created - 3 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £21,980.00
Recommendation	Award - £12,980.00
Subject to	

Application reference: MYB-15-09

Project Title	Kitchen facility
Applicant	Gwyl y Gwter Fawr & Brynaman Rugby Football Club Juniors
Ward	Quarter Bach
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The Gwyl is working in partnership with Brynamman Junior Rugby teams with the objective to sell snacks and beverages to the public with the aim of raising funds to put back into the community, at the same time making the games and events more enjoyable by having a catering facility on site.</p> <p>The group are seeking funding for a canteen kitchen at the side of the rugby field, to provide snacks and beverages to the community for various events and activities that are held, which will bring the community together, promoting community inclusion, supporting volunteers and helping to raise funds for the benefits of the community.</p> <p>Without this facility there would be no means of fund raising in supporting the junior rugby teams.</p> <p>This project is to install equipment, including plumbing and electricity for a 24x9 ft anti vandal canteen which will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi point locking door • Aluminium windows with shutters • Consumer unit • Standard fluorescent vapour proof lights and switch • 13amp twin switched double socket • 2kw convector heaters • Counter with flap top • Single drainer, sink, cold tap, cupboard, worktops, 2kw water heater and double sockets below and above worktop. <p>Full planning permission is required for this facility and has been applied for.</p>
Total Project Cost	£8,970.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	£8,970.00
Eligible Revenue	Fully fitted anti vandal canteen
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	Nil
Match funding	£7,176.00 @ 80%
	£1,794.00 – Own funds from fundraising

Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	Various activities are undertaken at the field in Brynamman and it had become clear to all that catering facilities were required for the benefit of the community, players and for future sustainability for the juniors
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Education
Ownership/ Lease	Rugby Football Club, the location of the catering facility lies within the Carmarthenshire boundary.
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<p>The following Policies have been provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Opportunities Policy • Welsh Language Policy • Environmental Policy <p>Recycling Compositing Low energy bulbs</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	The Management Committee which is run by Volunteers from both the Gwyl and Brynamman Juniors committee.
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	The canteen will be accessible to all organisations within the community and there is no other similar facility within the area.
Exit strategy	Raising funds to put back into the community.
Outputs to be achieved Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 20 • New community asset - 1 • New groups – 1 <p>Users of facility</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>No previous funding has been sourced from Mynydd y Betws.</p> <p>Project was approved by the Mynydd y Betws panel in June 2015 but was unable to award due to insufficient funds being available. Panel agreed if slippage became available to award this project, final approval has been received from ESB to present at EBM</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 20 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £8,970.00
Recommendation	Award - £7,176.00
Subject to	

Application reference: MYB-15-10

Project Title	Upgraded Community Room
Applicant	Amman United Rugby Football Club
Ward	Glanaman
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The project is to reconfigure and refurbish the existing upstairs floor space within the club house.</p> <p>Current facilities within the club are oversubscribed by bookings from local organisations particularly during evenings and weekends.</p> <p>The new function room to be delivered as a result of this project will provide greater flexibility, host more community based events and promote a greater range of activities at the club. This project will enable to convert a redundant under utilised area of the club into a multipurpose community space, providing a fit for purpose facility to host a wide spectrum of new activities and services ranging from a meeting venue for local clubs and Organisations to a venue for birthday parties, christenings and weddings.</p> <p>Participants of all ages and abilities will be accommodated by the wide range of activities delivered on site and the new function room and ancillary facilities will safeguard a community asset, enhance a community amenity and enable them to forge stronger relationships between the villages, making the community of Glanaman a better place to live.</p> <p>The upgraded facilities will be accessible to all members of the local community throughout the year. The club acts as an essential resource for many local people particularly during the winter months for those more vulnerable members whose participation in club based activities is very often the only social interaction they experience.</p>
Total Project Cost	£69,883.00 - Net
Eligible Capital	£69,883.00
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£9,883.00 @ 14.28%
Match funding	<p>£60,000.00</p> <p>£50,000.00 – Applying to Wren Dec 2015</p> <p>£10,000.00 – Applied WRU decision October 2015</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>The need of the project has been identified by carrying out robust consultation with all potential group users and the community.</p> <p>Letters of support have been received from;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmaman Town Council • Rhodri Glyn Thomas AC/AM • Jonathan Edwards AS/MP • Cor Meibion Dyffryn Aman • Cwmaman Bowls Club <p>A petition signed by over 130 residents demonstrates the need and wider support for the project.</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation/Health – delivering opportunities for children and young people resulting in a membership of over 180 players and the new function room will provide a fit for purpose facility to host a wide spectrum of new activities.
Ownership/ Lease	Lease Agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<p>The following Policies have been provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Welsh Language Policy <p>The new and improved facilities will be provided in a central venue, within easy walking distance of the majority of users reducing the reliance on cars and public transport.</p> <p>The club have recently adopted a new Environmental Policy and will ensure that all steps are taken to ensure that energy efficiencies are incorporated wherever possible.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>A project team consisting of manager, architect, three representatives from the club committee and club operations adviser from the Welsh Rugby Union.</p> <p>The whole process of acquiring the funding package, Identifying the need, procurement, project delivery and management will be coordinated by the project team.</p>
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	Glanaman is an extremely close knit community and current facilities within the club are oversubscribed by bookings from local organisations, the new function room will provide greater flexibility for the community and will not duplicate any other provision within the area due to close links with other organisations.
Exit strategy	To sustain the investment the club committee will be responsible for implementing a long term maintenance plan for the facilities, protecting a currently under utilised part of the premises and promoting a positive dedicated use.
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 20 • Jobs safeguarded – 1 • New services available – 5 • Physical improvements – 1 • New community Assets – 1

<p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<p>Beneficiaries, community organisations and volunteers will be consulted and information will be recorded as appropriate on a daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis.</p> <p>This will be achieved by using a combination of both quantitative and quality procedures. enabling to track that the outcomes are being met, explore reasons if not being achieved and identify changes or improvements that need to be made.</p>
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>Previously received MYB funding in Round 1 to the value of £8,681.84 to install shower facilities.</p> <p>Project was approved by the Mynydd y Betws panel in June 2015 but was unable to award due to insufficient funds being available. Panel agreed if slippage became available to award this project, final approval has been received from ESB to present at EBM subject to the condition stated below.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 20 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £69,883.00
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Award £9,883.00</p>
<p>Subject to</p>	<p>Condition of award is to ensure that a lift or stair lift is included within the refurbishment of the upstairs floor space.</p>