

Welsh Church Fund 2021-2022
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Application Reference – WCF-21- 07

Project Title	Penyfan Facilities Improvement project
Applicant	Llanelli Town Council
Ward	Bigyn
Project Description	<p>The Penyfan Facilities Improvement project is the first stage of a whole park approach to transform the facilities available to the people of the Penyfan Area. The first stage will be to transform the hugely popular, well used but dilapidated and damaged Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) by providing a state-of-the-art facility available to the schools, sporting clubs and community of Penyfan and wider Llanelli area.</p> <p>The facility will also be available to the County Council, Schools, Sporting Clubs, Health Board, Police and others to deliver activities in the area. The subsequent stage of the project will be to transform of the current modular changing room building into a new combined changing facility and community centre, which is much needed, as identified by community consultation.</p> <p>The project will work with the Cruyff Foundation which seeks opportunities to support communities in need of Community Facility improvement. Their ethos is to create spaces where young people can develop, ‘a space where they can make friends, and a space where they can improve their physical and mental health. A space to become who you are.’</p> <p>Funding is required towards the overall cost of the project enabling provision of a state-of-the-art Cruyff Court in Penyfan, a first of its kind in Wales.</p>
Total Project Cost	£113,500 (net)
Eligible Capital	£105,000 Removal of current facilities Design and project management Groundworks Ball Court and surfacing Signage Drainage
Eligible Revenue	£8,500 Caretaker and maintenance staff costs Engineering and Planning Fees

Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<p>County Councillor Jeff Edmunds County Councillor Eryl Morgan</p> <p>The Penyfan Community Facilities working group has undertaken extensive consultation over the last 18 months with community members and via community networks, these have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Community Consultations in the park • Ongoing online Community Survey • Online School Surveys x 3 • Sporting Club Surveys x 2 • Consultation with organisations who utilise the park • Direct meetings with each organisation • Town Council and County Council Elected Members • Consultation with the Llanelli AM and MP <p>Penyfan Park: Young Peoples' Survey received - 619 responses. Bigyn Survey - Sport Club Consultation – 97responses.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	99-year Lease from Carmarthenshire County Council
Funding Package	£113,500
Value of Community Investment	£113,500
Amount of grant requested	£10,000
Value of Levered Funds	Cruyff Foundation - £75,000 – Secured Llanelli Town Council - £8,500 – Secured CCC Targeted Finance Fund - £20,000 – Applied for
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education – 5-10 • Number of individuals into volunteering – 5-10 • Number of community groups assisted • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £103,500 <p>Other Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new services available – 5-10 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1
Officer Comments	<p>This exciting project in an area of disadvantage aligns with the Welsh Church Fund criteria.</p> <p>The use of the facility will be at a very low cost or no cost for the organisations, clubs and schools using them, this will be a major</p>

	boost to their finances and their ability to create additional opportunities to residents.
Officer Recommendation	Award £10,000
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Application Reference – WCF-21-10

Project Title	Energy Efficient Heating
Applicant	Capel Cefnberrach
Ward	Llanfihangel Aberbythych
Project Description	<p>Capel Cefnberrach is a Welsh Calvinistic Methodist chapel, which in 2022 will celebrate 275 years since the construction of the original building. This year, celebrations will take place to mark 150 years since the chapel was rebuilt and both milestones will be marked with many community driven activities and celebrations, following COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Since the closure of Maesybont school, there has been a need for a suitable location for concerts, assemblies, coffee mornings etc. Similar activities have taken place previously in the chapel and have been very successful in terms of community engagement and fundraising potential.</p> <p>It is hoped that the usual calendar of events will commence again in the coming weeks and months, with Sunday school, community events and fundraising events taking place safely within the chapel.</p> <p>To welcome back current members, attract new members and bring the community back into the chapel comfortably, a permanent new energy efficient heating system is required, to replace portable radiators, which are currently being used and no longer fit for purpose.</p> <p>This grant funding would contribute to the purchase and installation of an energy efficient and cost-effective heating system, thus enabling the chapel to reduce its carbon footprint and contribute to the County Councils goal of being carbon neutral by 2030, also assisting towards the long-term sustainability of the Chapel, reducing utility costs.</p>
Total Project Cost	£4,984.32 Gross
Eligible Capital	£4,984.32 New energy efficient heating system
Ineligible Costs	Nil

Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ann Davies Llanddarog • Cefin Campbell Senedd Member, Mid and West Wales
Ownership/ Lease	Owned by The Presbyterian Church of Wales
Funding Package	£4,984.32
Value of Community Investment	£4,984.32
Amount of grant requested	£1,246.08 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	The Presbyterian Church in Wales Strategy Fund £3,500 - Applied Chapel funds £238.24 – Secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of physical improvements 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £3,738.24
Officer Comments	This project fits within the Welsh Church Fund criteria, full support provided by Cllr. Ann Davies Llanddarog and Cefin Campbell Senedd Member, Mid and West Wales
Officer Recommendation	Award £1,246.08
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF-21-11

Project Title	Capital works
Applicant	St Elli Parish Church Llanelli
Ward	Elli
Project Description	<p>The historic Parish Church of St Elli is a Grade 2* listed building located in a conservation area in the centre of Llanelli, the town taking its name from the Church. It has been at the core of Llanelli's community since the 13th century and is the prime focus for Anglicanism in the area.</p> <p>Today the Church fulfils many roles within the town and surrounding communities. Regular services in Welsh and English, ecumenical and civic services are held as well as many other secular events and occasions. Remembrance services are well attended and there is considerable interaction with local schools especially at Christmas</p>

	<p>and Easter. Tri-lingual services are hosted with the Lutheran Church as well as the Llanelli/Agen twinning events.</p> <p>Despite these activities the Church is underutilised, membership is declining, and it is increasingly difficult to meet its community obligations because of the difficulties of access and a total lack of sanitary and other facilities</p> <p>The project aims to preserve and safeguard for future generations a listed building of historic and architectural importance, whilst creating a flexible space suitable for a wide variety of uses both religious and secular and fully relevant to the community it serves.</p> <p>It is necessary to refurbish and reorder parts of the Church to make it more accessible with a much needed general and accessible entrance, toilet facilities and community room suitable for a wide variety of secular uses by: -</p> <p>Re-building the west steps, enabling the Great West Doors to be brought back into use, thereby creating a second viable entry/exit point.</p> <p>Installing unisex and assessable toilets with baby changing facilities.</p> <p>Automatic internal doors, to the ground floor of the Tower.</p> <p>Creating a permanent accessible ramp at the North West corner of the Church.</p> <p>Modifying the existing Vestry to provide a multi-purpose Community room, soundproofed and insulated, with independent heating and refreshment facilities.</p>
Total Project Cost	£298,787 Net
Eligible Capital	<p>£298,787</p> <p>Re-building the west steps Install unisex and assessable toilets Install automatic internal doors Create a permanent accessible ramp Modify existing Vestry</p>
Ineligible Costs	Nil
CIr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Nia Griffith, Member of Parliament for Llanelli Lee Waters, Member of the Senedd for Llanelli
Ownership/ Lease	Owned by The Church in Wales
Funding Package	£298,787 Net
Value of Community Investment	£298,787
Amount of grant requested	£10,000

Value of Levered Funds	£288,787
	Match funding £162,537 (£162,000 building sales & £537 local fundraising)
	Funds received G. Weston £25,000
	Funds pledged J Rank £30,000
	Pantyfedwen £10,000
	Laing £5,000
	Additional local fundraising £2,250
	Balance of £54,000 to be secured from -
	NCT re-application £20,000
	Diocesan grant £3,000 -
	Applied
	9 religious specialist funders in Sept. £31,000
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 10 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £288,787
Officer Comments	This project fits within the Welsh Church Fund criteria.
Officer Recommendation	Award £10,000
Subject to	Subject to securing the necessary funds listed above.