

**Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund
2023-2024 – Round 2**

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Full Report Value: £56,834.30

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Application reference: MYB-23-07

Project Title	Secure Financial Viability
Applicant	Black Mountain Centre
Ward	Cwarter Bach
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The Board of the Charity following detailed consideration of its trading position through the Pandemic period and its immediate aftermath have decided to continue providing the same level of services for the time being and to review on a 3 monthly basis. Its business plan for 2023 /24 has indicated an increase in external revenue support to a target of £60k will be required to sustain this position.</p> <p>An annual payment of £12k is received from the Cwarter Bach community council towards the centre's running costs and £5k towards the post office.</p> <p>The Charity wishes to retain its role in the local community at current levels but without additional financial support to its revenue budget it will have to limit what it can provide or facilitate in an area that is at the periphery of many essential public services.</p> <p>The Charity routinely consults users (both local and visitors) in its service provision and any loss of what is provided will have a severe impact on the wellbeing and social cohesion of the wider community.</p> <p>Funding required to support with utility bills, the charity has been revenue self-funded for the last 9 years and anticipate being back to this position within the next two years.</p>
Total Project Cost	£168,000 - Net
Eligible Revenue	£168,000 2023/24 running costs.
Amount and % of grant requested.	£14,000.00 @ 8%

<p>Match funding</p>	<p>Utilities</p> <p>£154,000 £121k - Trading activities £15k – Cwarter Bach Community Council £18k – External funding</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation, Education, Health, Environment, Energy efficiency/sustainability & Culture.</p>
<p>Officer Comments</p>	<p>All the required Policies have been provided.</p> <p>The project contributes to all themes of the fund.</p> <p>Significant Community Benefit to many target groups, with satisfactory evidence of need, with ongoing community consultation undertaken on a regular basis.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery, strong management group, evidence of financial sustainability in place.</p> <p>This funding request is to secure the long-term financial viability of the Centre, which was agreed at the last panel to support only Community Hub's with revenue funding.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • 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 - 9 • Public and private leverage funding - £154,000
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £14,000</p>

Application reference: MYB-23-09

Project Title	Integrated Technology System
Applicant	Glynhir Golf Club
Ward	Llandybie
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Glynhir is situated in rural Carmarthenshire but with outdated computerisation and associated technical devices, which results in numerous communication and failures.</p> <p>This project would deliver the installation of improved computers, devices and Cloud telephony which will update and improve the facility especially the accounting, financial, staff and catering modules. The improved system would allow Glynhir to work efficiently and to scale, be cost saving and will significantly increase employee collaboration and productivity throughout the day.</p> <p>The project using cloud computing offers greater flexibility and security regardless of size, employees stay productive and connected on the go and empowers you to stay connected with one contact number, not to miss out on any calls or meetings on/off the facility – this aspect will greatly assist with all elements of the business including staff, health & safety, well-being, and catering.</p> <p>Improving the communication and computerisation is essential for the facility, the system is quick to install, easy to upscale, cuts down on maintenance and saves on rental costs. This project will allow access to sophisticated telephony services without needing intensive on-site hardware and one server runs multiple programs and systems which in line reduces the carbon footprint.</p> <p>This project is a valuable improvement which will benefit the facility and users and work towards future proofing the ongoing and worthwhile initiatives and services for all the community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£3,039.00 - Net
Eligible Capital	£3,039.00
Amount and % of grant requested	Computer, till & telephone integrated system £2,735.10 @ 90%
Match funding	£303.90 Own funds secured
Net	Recreation, Health, Energy Efficiency/sustainability
Officer Comments	<p>All the required Policies have been provided.</p> <p>Provided evidence of contribution to three themes, limited community benefit, with no evidence of need provided from the community, no community consultation.</p>

	<p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery, strong management group.</p> <p>There have been numerous near misses with the present system recently as they needed to call an ambulance for a gentleman with a suspected heart attack and struggled to get a signal, the Wi-Fi often falls out which halts all communication and business transactions which impact on the community, WI, meals on wheels, visitors etc.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • 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 - • New services available - 1 • New community assets - 3 • Public and private leverage funding - £303.90
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £2,735.10</p>

Application reference: MYB-23-11

Project Title	Increased Inclusion
Applicant	Dawnswyr Penrhyd
Ward	Llandybie
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The aim of Dawnswyr Penrhyd is to support Children and young people to learn about the culture of Wales, different methods of this include Dance; Singing; reciting and musical instruments.</p> <p>The group are known throughout Wales as competing and winning in the National Urdd Eisteddfod, they also participate in local events which include concerts, street shows and travel across many parts of Wales to participate in charity events and hold charity events themselves.</p> <p>Competing in local and national Eisteddfod's there is additional demand in holding practice sessions to learn new and develop existing skills regarding Welsh culture to perform within these events, therefore venue hire costs have increased.</p> <p>To fulfil the community potential the project would not be able to proceed without financial support, therefore the 2 main elements of this funding application will be, the purchase of new equipment, which includes clogs and traditional Welsh costumes, also venue hire costs.</p>
Total Project Cost	£9,174.00 – Gross
Eligible Revenue	<p>£9,174.00</p> <p>£2,850.00 – Clogs</p> <p>£2,400.00 – Traditional Welsh Clothing</p> <p>£3,924.00 – Venue Hire</p>
Amount and % of grant requested	£7,339.20 @ 80%
Match funding	<p>£1,834.80</p> <p>Williams Brown Hill – secured</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation & Culture
Officer Comments	<p>Limited number of polices provided.</p> <p>Evidence provided to show the project contributes to two themes.</p> <p>Consultation has been undertaken with parents and guardians, residents and other community groups have been contacted, letters of support have been provided.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 1 • Number of individuals into employment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 - £1,834.80
Panel Recommendation	Award - £7,339.20

Application reference: MYB-23-12

Project Title	Urgent repairs
Applicant	Penybanc Welfare Association
Ward	SARON
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Acoustic ceiling tiles and roof insulation need to be replaced at Penybanc Hall due to a recent infestation of squirrels. A pest control company attended 3 times in 2022 to attend to the issue.</p> <p>The squirrels are thought to have originally entered the premises during the Covid lockdown, when the hall was unattended. The committee has paid a company to extend coverage of inadequate sized weatherboards where the squirrels had access to the roof space, this work should stop future entry.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the squirrels had nested in specific areas and have gnawed through ceiling tiles causing significant damage.</p> <p>Funding is required to purchase materials, including insulation and tiles. Essential works will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.</p>
Total Project Cost	£15,000 – Gross
Eligible Capital	£15,000.00
	£3,000.00 – Hire of skips
	£12,000 – Replacement insulation/ceiling tiles & labour
Amount and % of grant requested	£12,000 @ 80%
Match funding	£3,000.00
	£1,875.00 – Welsh Church fund - applied
	£1,125.00 – Own funds
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Education, Health, Environment, Energy efficiency/sustainability & Culture.
Officer Comments	<p>All the required Policies have been provided.</p> <p>The project contributes to all themes of the fund.</p> <p>Significant Community Benefit to many target groups, with satisfactory evidence of need, with ongoing community consultation undertaken on a regular basis.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery, strong management group, evidence of financial sustainability in place.</p>

	<p>Currently the hall is losing income, so the work is essential for the long-term sustainability of the hall, which has previously been funded with the support of this funding.</p> <p>They will be able to re-open the hall for parties and events, which has had a negative effect on their rental income and has caused disappointment to potential hirers who had previously returned regularly, following COVID to celebrate at the hall.</p> <p>This funding request would be difficult to source from elsewhere, due to the urgency of the repairs to re-open the facility, due to the income being lost.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering -2 • 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 - £3,000
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £12,000</p>

Application reference: MYB-23-13

Project Title	Caffi Pafiliwn Penygroes
Applicant	Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli
Ward	PENYGROES
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>As an organisation, since COVID, have taken over the asset of the Pavilion Community Centre in Penygroes, which includes a hall for community activity and a small community café. They have taken on the asset because of community needs, following consultation on social media linked to the area. So many organisations are using the facility such as Police Cadets, Early Years Integration Team, sports teams, youth organisations, dance groups, mother and toddler groups which support all the themes of this grant.</p> <p>After two years, the community asset is busy morning, afternoon, and evening but with the increase of staffing, food, and running costs, it is difficult. Groups contribute whilst using the venue, but they also feel the same money pressures, whilst we are in this cost-of-living crisis.</p> <p>The grant will be used to support staffing costs and overheads of running the community centre and café, to sustain a successful project which has created a positive impact on so many people's lives in the last two years.</p> <p>Education – a variety of clubs and activities are offered to children, young people. Welsh learners, local sports teams. The school is also near the venue, which means they work together to offer new, innovative educational projects. The project will directly address identified issues, needs and opportunities in a particular community or group of communities, and will demonstrate added value to the local communities through clear objectives and outcomes.</p> <p>All activities meet the needs of other communities in the wider region, contributing to the sustainability of these communities, and will recognise and respond to the diversity and uniqueness of the community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£18,750.00 - Gross
Eligible Revenue	£18,750.00 Café Officer
Amount and % of grant requested	£15,000 @ 80%
Match funding	£3,750.00 Own funds secured

Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Education, Health, Environment, Energy efficiency/sustainability & Culture.
Officer comments	<p>All the required Policies have been provided.</p> <p>The project contributes to all themes of the funding.</p> <p>Considerable evidence of need has been provided; community consultation clearly demonstrates the service is needed and a vast number of individuals and groups evidenced the need for the Pavilion to be open, offering a variety of activities. This project improves on so many different aspects, of day-to-day life, such as isolation, mental health, healthy way of living.</p> <p>This funding request is to secure the long-term financial viability of the Centre, which was agreed at the last panel to support only Community Hub's with revenue funding.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • 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 - £3,750.00
Panel Recommendation	Award - £15,000

Application reference: MYB-23-15

Project Title	Replacement Boiler
Applicant	Mynydd Sion Chapel
Ward	PENYGROES
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Mynydd Sion Chapel has been managed for over 100 years and is widely used by the community other than by chapel members.</p> <p>The building is used by various organisations, on a regular basis for the local community and surrounding area., which include chiropody group sessions, cultural Society, local history association and the Penygroes cancer committee.</p> <p>This project is to replace the existing heating system, which is no longer fit for purpose, and will be replaced with a new energy efficient boiler.</p> <p>The Chapel is an essential part of the community, a valued and well-loved asset, a safe and friendly environment which encourages new friendships and brings people together, facilitating health and mental wellbeing, also encouraging the use of Welsh Language.</p>
Total Project Cost	£7,680.00 - Gross
Eligible Capital	£7,680.00 Replacement boiler
Amount and % of grant requested	£5,760.00 @ 75%
Match funding	£1,920.00 Welsh Church fund - secured
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Education, Health, Environment, Energy Efficiency/Sustainability & Culture.
Officer Comments	<p>All the required Policies have been provided.</p> <p>The Chapel has consulted extensively with all residents and have provided this evidence with the application.</p> <p>The new boiler is essential for the Chapel and will reduce energy consumption.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 3 • 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 -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of environmental improvement schemes – 1 • Number of new community assets – 1 • Number of environmental schemes - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £1,536
<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Recommendation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award - £5,760</p>