

**Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report****Welsh Church Fund 2016 - 2017****Report Author: Caroline Owen****[CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)****Tel: 01269 590216****Balance Available: £11,358.33****Report Value: £6,000.00****1 of 2****Application Reference – WCF-16-27**

Project Title	<b>Chapel Refurbishment</b>
Applicant	<b>Ebeneser Welsh Baptist Church</b>
Project Description	<p>The Baptist Chapel of Ebenezer was founded in 1849, with the growth in both the local population and the popularity of Welsh Baptism the building had to be completely rebuilt and enlarged to its present size in 1877, located in the centre of Ammanford with its own car park facility.</p> <p>The chapel is utilised on a regular basis with two services every Sunday, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Sunday School, Harvest Services, St David's day concerts, prayer meetings, Christmas parties, Area Denominational and Interdenominational meetings, quarterly ministerial meetings, meetings of the Baptist Association of Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire, Ammanford Town Civic Services and the Deacons and Trustees meetings.</p> <p>The facility is also utilised by outside organisations such as the Slimming World Club, Red Cross, Food Bank, Evangelical Church, Alzheimer's group, Country Cars Christian Aid meetings, youth and drama groups.</p> <p>Recent refurbishment has been under taken to make further use of the building to the wider community, to include new kitchen lowering of the ceilings to become more energy efficient and lower costs, along with new central heating and plumbing, new carpets and exterior refurbishment.</p> <p>This project is to re-plaster and paint the internal and external Vestry walls which are required to facilitate the stage, which has been requested by service users, which currently cannot be utilised due to the condition of the walls preventing the stage to be fit for purpose.</p> <p>Other repairs to the main chapel to include waterproofing, re-plastering and painting of cemetery side walls, also a covered walkway linking the external toilets.</p> <p>This project along with the recent refurbishment will build on existing activities and open up new avenues for income generation. There is no social boundary to this project and continues to provide</p>

	<p>an opportunity for people of all abilities to take part, with continued increase of intergenerational activity within the community.</p> <p>A wide programme of events and activities has helped attract all ages and by appealing to all age groups has been able to offer a range of activities from morning until evening.</p>
Total Project Cost	<b>£17,000.00 – Gross</b>
Eligible Capital	<p><b>£17,000.00</b></p> <p>£4,800.00 – Repairs to Vestry Walls  £8,400.00 – Repairs to Main Chapel  £3,800.00 – Covered Walkway/Canopy</p>
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Deian Harries</li> <li>• Jonathan Edwards – MP</li> </ul>
Ownership/ Lease	Baptist Union of Wales
Funding Package	<b>£17,000.00</b>
Value of Community Investment	<b>£17,000.00</b>
Amount of grant requested	<b>£3,000.00 @ 17.65%</b>
Value of Levered Funds	<p><b>£14,000.00</b></p> <p>Millennium Stadium Trust - £2,500.00 applied  Lottery Awards for All - £5,000.00 applied  Garfield Weston - £4,000.00 applied  External funds - £2,500.00 to be applied</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £14,000.00</b></li> </ul>
Officer Comments	This project funding is to make further use of the facility by upgrading at the request of service users, which will assist with

	sustainable development, meeting the needs of the community in having a venue that is accessible, comfortable, and warm and which has facilities suitable for a number of uses and users. The venue will allow a much broader range of activities and as a result the community will be revitalised, become stronger, happier, healthier and safer.
Officer Recommendation	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
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**Application Reference – WCF-16-28**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Purchase of Furniture</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>The Market Hall - Llanboidy</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Llanboidy Market Hall, an edifice of historic significance and of great importance to the Community of Llanboidy, it is an iconic venue for any civic, educational, cultural, social or celebratory event.</p> <p>Following a successful application for substantial grant funding from Carmarthenshire County Council RDP Funding in 2013 enabled the Market Hall Committee to embark on a program of renovation.</p> <p>The Hall, which already boasted modern kitchen facilities, has been completely rewired, state of the art fire warning and smoke detecting system installed, new emergency exit lighting, new high efficiency wall mounted radiant heaters and a public address system including a sound induction loop along with extensive draught exclusion work.</p> <p>This project is to <b>purchase new tables and chairs</b> due to the current furniture no longer being fit for purpose, and following the renovation of the hall is letting the facility badly down.</p> <p>This project will build on existing activities and open up new avenues for income generation.</p> <p>The community will have a venue that is accessible, comfortable, and warm and which has facilities suitable for a number of uses and users. The venue will allow a much broader range of activities and as a result the community will be revitalised, become stronger, happier, healthier and safer.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£12,000.00 - Gross</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	£12,000.00 Tables and Chairs
<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	Nil
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	Nil

<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Sue Allen</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£12,000.00</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£12,000.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<p><b>£9,000.00</b></p> <p>£5,000.00 – Lottery Awards for all applied  £2,500.00 – Millennium Trust applied  £1,500.00 – Own funds secured</p>
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £9,000.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	<p>Various activities are undertaken at the hall and it had become clear to all that the furniture is no longer fit for purpose, which is essential for the ongoing use of the facility for the benefit of the community and for future sustainability.</p> <p>Increased requirements of users identified the need for this project. To continue providing a service that meets the needs of the users it is essential that updated furniture is purchased to provide a fully fit for purpose facility for ongoing sustainability.</p>
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £3,000.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	