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Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 7th January 2011

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 75/10/11

RESOLVED that the Powys Business Development Grant of £2,500 be approved for the applicant trading as 'Designs 4 Ewe'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £1,250, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders**Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development****Decisions Taken 13th January 2011****Applications for Community Enablement Support Capital Fund**

Organisation	Grant Awarded
Berriew Recreation Association	£5,756
Middletown Village Show Committee	£404
Total	£6,160

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.
Officer report to Portfolio Holder
County Councillor Mr W Jones
13th January 2010

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Regeneration Manager

SUBJECT: Community Enablement Support Fund Capital and Revenue applications

REPORT FOR: Decision

This report details the applications that have been received for the additional round of CESF grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. This has resulted from previously approved projects being under spent or the applicant organisations unable to raise the additional funding they required.

Proposal

Applications have been assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations revised in 2005/06. Where the recommendation suggests supporting organisations, the purpose of an organisation's application meets the objectives of one, if not more, of the Authority's strategies or plans.

A summary of the requests is shown in the following tables for ease of reference to the full contents of the report:

Community Enablement Support Fund Capital Applications (See Appendix 1)

The remaining budget is £6,810 and there will be £650 remaining for allocation if the recommendations in this report are approved.

Organisation	Request	Recommendation
Berriew Recreation Association	£5,756	£5,756
Middletown Village Show Committee	£404	£404
Total Recommendations	£6,160	£6,160

Corporate Improvement Plan

Providing financial assistance is in accordance with one of the key priorities of the Corporate Improvement Plan, namely to enhance Social and Economic Development within the Authority's area

Options Considered/Available

Not applicable

Preferred Choice and Reasons

As outlined in the report, the preferred choices are the recommendations detailed at Appendix 1

Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Other Policies

Comments of Portfolio Holder

The financial support provided through the Funds to Community and Voluntary Organisations is one the key factors in maintaining and sustaining our local communities in Powys

Comments of Local Member(s)

Not applicable

Other Consultations Undertaken

Consultation has been undertaken with Officers of the Authority with specialist knowledge

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve individual awards listed Appendix 1	In line with current criteria as outlined in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations (dated 2005).

Person(s) To Action Decision:	Community Regeneration Manager
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Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:	
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Relevant Policy (ies):	Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations Powys Arts and Culture Strategy Powys Community Strategy		
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes
Relevant Portfolio Member(s):	Cllr Wynne Jones		

Relevant Local Member(s):	All Powys Members where applicable
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Appendix 1 – Capital applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
CG4702 Middletown Village Show Committee Purchase of Marquee, tables and chairs	£803.66	£404	An award of £404 is recommended.
<p>Reason for recommendation</p> <p>Middletown Village Show Committee are seeking financial assistance towards the purchase of three small marquees.</p> <p>The Committee have found it increasingly difficult to rely upon borrowed and renting of equipment, particularly as last year they were let down at the last minute for the loan of some equipment and without satisfactory marquees, there are various logistical problems in running the show.</p> <p>The Annual show was resurrected after a 50 year absence in 2008 and held in the summer, the next event being Saturday 9th July 2011, and last year drew a crowd of approx 1,000 people from the locality. The Show has widened its scope including local art and craft worker demonstrations and music and intends to develop its activities further over the next couple of years.</p> <p>The applicant has stated that the balance of the cost of the proposal will come from income generated on the day of the Show or reserves. The amount requested is modest, and if awarded will undoubtedly enable the Show Committee to carry out many duties on the day more efficiently, also taking into consideration health and safety issues.</p> <p>A grant of £404 is recommended.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requested	Reason for recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG</p> <p>Berriew Recreation Association</p> <p>Childrens play equipment</p>	£11,512	£5,756	<p>A grant of £5,756 is recommended subject to satisfactory health and safety requirements being in place.</p>

Reason for Recommendation

Berriew Recreation Association provides leisure facilities for the occupants of Berriew and the surrounding area.

There is currently a shortfall in the amenities available within the play area and the current equipment caters for toddlers and children up to 11 years old.

The application received is for funding towards replacing the current ageing and unsafe whirling platform and the replacement of the perimeter fencing so that both comply with the current Health and Safety regulations.

It is understood that no planning permission is required. The applicant also shows evidence that they meet statutory obligations with insurance, ROSPA Inspections, playground maintenance and repairs

An award of **£5756 is recommended on this occasion**, subject to satisfactory health and safety requirements being in place.

Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 18th January 2011

Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To approve the changes to the selection & prioritisation and capping thresholds of the fund.	To implement the Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund and to provide assistance for eligible works

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 76/10/11

RESOLVED that the Powys Business Development Grant of £719.94 be approved for the applicant trading as ‘Belle Aime Beauty’. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £359.73, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

18th January 2011

REPORT AUTHOR: HEAD OF REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: SEVERN VALLEY BUILT HERITAGE FUND

REPORT FOR: Information and Decision

1 SUMMARY

To inform Portfolio Holder of changes to the selection and prioritisation procedures and the capping thresholds of the awards available under the Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund.

2 INTRODUCTION

To ensure the achievement of all the fund's objectives a prioritisation assessment criteria was established in the form of a scoring matrix to enable a comparison to be made between projects therefore helping to identify those projects that would go furthest in helping to meet the fund's objectives.

Following our initial assessment of the prioritisation process upon applications received and the comments received at the meeting of the Montgomery Built Heritage Sub Committee on the 8th September 2010 the following changes are being proposed:

3 PROPOSALS

a) Prioritisation

- 1) Within the scoring matrix (Appendix A) there are two threads to the criteria economic outputs and built heritage factors. Although economic outputs are to be fulfilled by this fund to meet the requirements of WEFO, too much weighting was being given to that particular thread, therefore to address this over emphasis the following changes are proposed to the matrix.
 - Removal of criteria 'Number of Jobs created'. Any jobs created would be adequately catered for within the criteria 'jobs accommodated'. Therefore this output had the potential of being double counted. The number of jobs created is an estimated output unlike the other outputs which are actual; therefore it would not be appropriate to prioritise application on that basis.
 - Some of the scoring of the built heritage criteria have been adjusted to give them more weighting. Scores have been increased where items are felt to be of more significance/importance to the sustainability of our historic building stock.
- 2) Criteria 4 (Cumulative impact) – the word potential has been inserted so not to disadvantage those applications received early on in the lifetime of the programme or those from towns where no previous grant schemes have been operating. The low

and medium cells have been combined within this criteria as it was felt that there was little distinction between the two descriptions.

b) Capping

Thresholds were applied to ensure that the take up of assistance was spread as wide as was possible, to ensure that as much benefit as possible could be achieved from this funding. Initial thresholds were agreed as follows:

- under 30 -deferred
- 30-49 –capped at £50,000
- 50+ - capped at £75,000

From carrying out trials on potential applications it has become clear that the thresholds maybe set incorrectly, placing too many and also worthy applications on to a deferred list.

The establishment of a deferred list initially was to make sure that the opportunity was given for exceptionally worthy applications to come forward at a later date and for not all of the funds to have be allocated early on in the process.

Having reviewed this deferral option it has been decided that it may be very difficult to keep large numbers of applicants on such a list and to be able to justify the length of time to be allowed before re-considering their application. There is also an issue with applications requiring urgent repair works who simply could not afford to wait.

Therefore it is proposed to remove the option of the deferred list and to replace this with a third capping of £25,000 and refusal for those applications that score under 14. This would still allow small scale yet worthy projects to proceed as chances are the cost of these projects will be small enough for a maximum of £25,000 to make significance.

The revised capping thresholds are as follows, and have been approved by WEFO.

- under 14 – refused
- 14-29 – capped at £25,000
- 30-45 – capped at £50,000
- 46+ - capped at £75,000

4 CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund, by offering assistance to maintain and restore the fabric of historic buildings, supports the Corporate Improvement Plan priority of enhancing and sustaining the built environment.

Recommendation:		Reason for Recommendation:	
That the Portfolio Holder approves the changes to the selection & prioritisation and capping thresholds of the fund.		To implement the Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund and to provide assistance for eligible works	
Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes
Relevant Local Member(s):			

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Prioritisation Assessment Criteria Matrix				(PROJECT NAME)	
Assessment Criteria	Minimal	Low	Medium	High	Total Score
1. Square metres of vacant floor space made available for economic use/re-use	1 to 10m ² will be made available. (Score 1)	15 to 35m ² will be made available. (Score 2-4)	40 to 60m ² will be made available. (Score 5-7)	More than 60m ² will be made available. (Score 8-10)	
1a. Potential Additional Enterprises Accommodated	No additional enterprises would be accommodated by the scheme (Score 0)	An additional enterprise may be accommodated (Score 2)	An additional enterprise would be accommodated (Score 5)	2 or more additional enterprises would be accommodated (Score 10)	
1b. Potential Additional Jobs Accommodated ^f	No more than one additional part time position would be accommodated (Score 0)	1 additional full time equivalent (FTE) position would be accommodated (Score 2)	2 to 4 additional full time equivalent (FTE) positions would be accommodated (Score 4-8)	5 or more additional full time equivalent (FTE) positions would be accommodated (Score 10)	
2. Listed Building / Conservation Area	Not Listed and not within a Conservation Area (Score 0)	Not Listed but within a Conservation Area (Score 4)	Grade II Listed Building (Score 8)	Grade I or II* Listed Building (Score 10)	
3. Prominent Position	The building occupies an inconspicuous position and makes little contribution to the street scene (Score 0)	The building occupies an inconspicuous position but plays an important part in the street scene (e.g. building forms part of the primary shopping frontage) (Score 4)	The building occupies a prominent position (e.g. a corner site within the settlement or town centre) (Score 8)	The building occupies an important position (e.g at the entrance to a settlement or town centre or on a major transport route) (Score 10)	

4. <i>Potential Cumulative Impact</i>	The building is isolated from other properties that have received, or have the potential to receive, funding (Score 0)	The building forms part of a street scene with properties that have already received, or have the potential to receive funding (Score 4)		The building forms part of a group of prominent buildings some or all of which have already received, or have the potential to receive, funding (Score 6)	
5. <i>Conservation or re-instatement of Architectural Features</i>	The proposed scheme includes minimal works to architectural features. (Score 2)	The proposed scheme includes the conservation / re-instatement of architectural features (e.g. conserve and re-instate cast iron guttering) (Score 4)	The proposed scheme includes the major conservation / re-instatement of architectural features (e.g. conserve and re-instate sliding sash windows) (Score 8)	The proposed scheme includes the / re-instatement of significant architectural features (e.g. balconies or spires) (Score 10)	
6. <i>Visible Impact and/or Structural Necessity of the Proposed Works</i>	The proposed works are neither highly visible nor of structural necessity. (Score 0)	The proposed works will have a high visible impact OR be of structural necessity (Score 4)	The proposed works will have a high visible impact AND are of some structural necessity (Score 8)	The proposed works will have a high visible impact and are essential structural works (Score 10)	
Total Score					

Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 24th January 2011

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 77/10/11

RESOLVED that the Powys Business Development Grant of £508.30 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'Hafron Hypnosis'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £254.15, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 6th February 2011

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 78/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £2,500 be approved for the applicant trading as 'Bubbling Stove'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £1,250, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

Powys Business Grant Application 79/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £2,500 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'R M Films'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £1,250, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

Powys Business Grant Application 80/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £604.87 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'Gavin Upson Electrical Services'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £302.43, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

Powys Business Grant Application 81/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £790.12 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'Sky Energy Installations Ltd'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £395.06, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

**Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development
Portfolio Holder for Housing and Public Protection**

Decisions Taken 8th February 2011

Section 106 Agreement Template Amendments

DECISION	Reason for Decision
To approve the amended Section 106 Agreement clauses for use immediately.	To reflect the requirements of mortgage and development finance lenders in dealing with Housing Associations and encourage the lending of finance for affordable housing in order to support its delivery.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

January 2011

REPORT AUTHOR: Terry Flynn, Affordable Housing Officer

SUBJECT: Section 106 Agreement Template Amendments

REPORT FOR: Decision

Background:

1. Legal agreements under Section 106 of the Planning Act are the means used to secure affordability in perpetuity on properties required under planning gain rules.
1. For some time there have been issues of difficulty in securing funding where these agreements are in place. This is primarily due to lenders being unwilling to provide mortgages on what they see as encumbered assets.
2. In recent months this became an issue for Housing Associations as well as private individuals and Powys CC was asked to assist in finding a solution.

Action Undertaken:

2. A meeting of DC, Legal, Planning Policy and Housing representatives, chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, was held and agreed that the risk of a mortgagee taking possession of Housing Association properties was so small as to be negligible and therefore should be accepted as a manageable risk.
1. Legal officers were asked to draft and circulate a form of words acceptable to all parties. This was done and a copy of that wording is attached at annexe 1.

Action requested:

3. That the Portfolio Holders for Regeneration and Housing, with the agreement of the Shadow Portfolio Holder for Housing, Approve the use of this form of words in all Section 106 agreements pertaining to Housing Associations.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to amend the wording of the Affordable Housing Section 106 Agreement Template to encourage financial lending against property or land subject to an Affordable Housing Section 106 Agreement.

The main proposed amendments are a flexible interpretation of policy only to be applied in repossession circumstances and will only affect a mortgagee in

possession of the affordable property. The proposed amendments do not apply in normal circumstances when an affordable property is marketed for sale by a developer, initial or subsequent occupier. The main proposed amendments include:

National Planning Policy Context

Section 12 of Technical Advice Note (TAN) 2: Planning and Affordable Housing addresses securing affordable housing and advises that; *'both planning conditions and planning obligations may be used'*.

Further key points raised in TAN 2 include:

to ensure that the affordable housing provided is occupied in perpetuity by people falling within particular categories of need.' (Para 12.2)

This paragraph goes on to explain that; *'should lenders seek the inclusion of such clauses in planning obligations relating to the provision of affordable housing, local planning authorities will wish to weigh the balance of interests carefully and make their own judgements before agreeing to such clauses. The Assembly Government would take steps to persuade lenders against open market disposal, but could not prevent lenders from doing so if the terms on which they had lent allowed such disposal.'* (Para 13.3)

It is considered that in current financial climate, it is reasonable to apply the circumstances outlined in Para 13.3 to all affordable housing developers and not just registered social landlords.

The **Housing MIPPS 01/2006** states that Development Plan Policies should: *'also state what the authority would regard as affordable housing and what arrangements it would expect to ensure that such housing remains reserved for those who need it.'*

Relevant Powys Unitary Development Plan Policies

In considering the proposed amendments, it is important to highlight the Powys Unitary Development Policies on Affordable Housing.

Policy HP7 – Affordable Housing within Settlements:

'Unless the affordable housing is to be provided by a Registered Social Landlord, planning permission will only be granted if the developer has first entered into a planning obligation to ensure that the housing remains affordable in perpetuity.

: 'The removal of the requirement that the housing remains affordable in perpetuity will only be considered on the basis of realistic assessments of the continuing need for its retention and where substantial but unsuccessful efforts have been made for at least 12 months to sell or let the property at a price that realistically reflects the existence of the occupancy condition.'

HP10 – Affordability Criteria:

6. : *'Both initial and subsequent occupiers shall not already own a residential property and shall have not recently sold a property unless the Council is satisfied that the occupier has an exceptional need for the affordable home.'*

(The cascade): *'References in this policy to community are defined for initial occupiers as the community council area in which the site lies together with immediately adjoining community of parish council areas. If successive occupiers cannot be found within the community, occupiers' resident at the time in the appropriate shire areas in Powys should be next sought, followed by occupiers*

resident in the rest of Powys and adjoining local authority areas. The Council will require proof that substantial efforts have been made to find a local occupier before the eligible areas is widened to the next level.'

Proposal

An amended Section 106 Template with the changes highlighted in blue is provided in Annex A. The main proposed amendments to the Section 106 Agreement Template are summarised below:

th January 2010. A verbal update will be presented to the Board.

& iv) have been reduced from 6 months to 4 months reduce the period of sale to a total of 12 months in accordance with Policy HP7, criterion D. As before, the property can be offered for sale to a registered social landlord (housing association) in the first instance in accordance with the second schedule, clause 2 i).

Further Justification

The amendments are proposed to allow a lender/mortgagee in possession to sell at the earliest opportunity and to get the best price for the property so that the borrower's debt does not continue to rise.

The Council for Mortgage Lenders (CML) advises that a cascade mechanism should be used to address the perpetuity and occupancy controls on a property. This involves offering a property to a very local market and gradually widening the net until the property can eventually be sold on the open market. The CML also advise that the cascade should take no more that 18 weeks before the property could be offered on the open market. The cascade approach adopted by Powys County Council is explained in Para 3.3. The cascade set out in Policy HP10 is interpreted in the Section 106 Agreement template and is only expanded to allow disposal on the open market as a last resort where a mortgagee is in possession. The CML point out that if there is a strong and continuing market for affordable homes in the area, then there should be no problems selling the property locally.

The cascade set out in the second schedule, para 2. where a mortgagee is in possession is accelerated to a maximum of 20 weeks rather than 12 months & application to remove process. This accelerated process and flexible interpretation of policy only in circumstances of repossession, is considered justified.

The CML advises that the Local Authority or a Housing Association could be given the opportunity to buy the property back. The Section 106 agreement already includes provisions to allow an affordable house to be purchases by a Registered Social Landlord. However, it is proposed that where a mortgagee is in possession, this agreement also includes the provision to offer the property for purchase by Powys County Council once the first three steps of the cascade have been

undertaken. If the Council does not wish to purchase the property, then the property can be sold on the open market.

Corporate Improvement Plan

The Council's CIP identifies the lack of affordable housing as a risk and consequent area for improvement, making the delivery of affordable housing through planning policy a key challenge. This is reflected by the following CIP measure:

Options Considered / Available

To approve the amended Section 106 Agreement Template in part or full.

Preferred Choice and Reasons

Approve the amended Section 106 template in full for the reasons explained in the section 4. & 5.

Sustainability and Environmental Issues / Equalities / Crime and Disorder / Other Policies

.1 The sustainable development scheme 'One Wales: One Planet' sets out the Assembly's aim of making sustainable development the 'central organising principle' for Government and the wider public sector in Wales.

.2 In October 2007, the Council agreed its first Sustainable Development Strategy. The strategy states that, 'the Council will put sustainable thinking at the front of our decision and policy making and at the heart of our service delivery.'

The provision of affordable housing in rural areas supports the development of sustainable rural communities.

The amendments proposed are considered to be a flexible interpretation of policy to encourage lending and subsequent delivery of affordable homes.

Other Consultations Undertaken

Council officers met with Principality Building Society on Friday 4th December 2009. The Principality highlighted their concerns relating to the Section 106 agreement wording and possible amendments were discussed. Following discussion regarding alternative wording, the Principality considered the proposed amendments to be acceptable. A commentary of the old Section 106 Agreement Template by the Principality Building Society is provided in Annex B. Other banks & building societies are being consulted on the proposed amended Section 106 Agreement template wording and letter was sent to the mortgage lenders listed below on 14th December 2009:

& Gloucester
& Leicester

Further consultation with Ceredigion County Council and Jonathan Brown, Land for People was undertaken during the preparation of the amended Section 106 Agreement template.

The AHTG will be asked to consider this report on 8th January 2010. Comments from the AHTG will be reported at the Board meeting. The AHTG includes representation from Housing, Planning, Finance, Estates, Housing Associations, Council Members, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA), BBNPA members and Rural Housing Enabler(s).

The Council's Chief Financial Office, Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services, Head of Regeneration & Development and Head of Housing and Public Protection have been consulted.

Recommendation:

Approve the amended Section 106 Agreement clauses for use immediately

Reason for Recommendation:

To reflect the requirements of mortgage and development finance lenders in dealing with Housing Associations. encourage the lending of finance for affordable housing in order to support its delivery.

th January 2010

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Agreed Wording of the relevant Clauses

“RSL Mortgagee” means a mortgagee of an Affordable Housing Unit where the mortgagor is a Registered Social Landlord (including for the avoidance of doubt the Mortgagee) or any receiver appointed by such mortgagee

PROVIDED ALWAYS that an RSL Mortgagee of an Affordable Housing Unit may dispose of an Affordable Housing Unit on the open market in exercise of its statutory power of sale or otherwise and the obligations contained in this Agreement shall not apply to that disposal and the Affordable Housing Unit subject to that disposal shall thereafter cease to be subject to the obligations under this Agreement

Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 13th February 2011

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 82/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £1,788.50 be approved for the applicant trading as 'Checkpoint Garage'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £894.25, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 20th February 2011

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 83/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £2,500 be approved for the applicant trading as 'Sanderson Eco Fuel'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £1,250, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

Powys Business Grant Application 84/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £2,500 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'Adventure Retreats'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £1,250, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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Decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

Decisions Taken 24th February 2011

Community Enablement Support Fund Capital and Revenue Applications

Organisation	Decision
CARAD	£1,695
Four Crosses Village Centre Committee	£8,041
Llangyniew Community Council	£500
Guilfield Football Club	£12,000

Applications for Business Development Grants

Powys Business Grant Application 85/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £1,150.40 be approved for the applicant trading as 'Helen Simms Training Consultancy'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £575.20, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

Powys Business Grant Application 86/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £987.73 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'Vintage Barbers'. Grant to be paid in 1 tranche of £987.73, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

Powys Business Grant Application 87/10/11

RESOLVED that a Powys Business Development Grant of £2,496.20 be 'approved' for the applicant trading as 'The Checkers Inn'. Grant to be paid in 2 tranches of £1,248.10, as outlined in the Agreement Letter.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.
Officer report to Portfolio Holder
County Councillor Mr W Jones
23rd February 2011

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Regeneration Manager

SUBJECT: Community Enablement Support Fund Capital and Revenue applications

REPORT FOR: Decision

This report details the applications that have been received for the additional round of CESF grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. This has resulted from previously approved projects being under spent or the applicant organisations unable to raise the additional funding they required.

Proposal

Applications have been assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations revised in 2005/06. Where the recommendation suggests supporting organisations, the purpose of an organisation's application meets the objectives of one, if not more, of the Authority's strategies or plans.

A summary of the requests is shown in the following tables for ease of reference to the full contents of the report:

Community Enablement Support Fund Capital Applications (See Appendix 1)

The remaining budget is £22,293 and there will be £98 remaining for allocation if the recommendations in this report are approved.

Organisation	Request	Recommendation
CARAD	£1,695	£1,695
Four Crosses Village Centre Committee	£8,041	£8,041
Llangyniew Community Council	£500	£500
Guilfield Football Club	£12,000	£12,000
Total Recommendations	£22,195	£22,195

Corporate Improvement Plan

Providing financial assistance is in accordance with one of the key priorities of the Corporate Improvement Plan, namely to enhance Social and Economic Development within the Authority's area

Options Considered/Available

Not applicable

Preferred Choice and Reasons

As outlined in the report, the preferred choices are the recommendations detailed at Appendix 1

Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Other Policies

Comments of Portfolio Holder

The financial support provided through the Funds to Community and Voluntary Organisations is one the key factors in maintaining and sustaining our local communities in Powys

Comments of Local Member(s)

Not applicable

Other Consultations Undertaken

Consultation has been undertaken with Officers of the Authority with specialist knowledge

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve individual awards listed Appendix 1	In line with current criteria as outlined in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations (dated 2005).

Person(s) To Action Decision:	Community Regeneration Manager
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Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:			

Relevant Policy (ies):	Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations Powys Arts and Culture Strategy Powys Community Strategy		
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes
Relevant Portfolio Member(s):	Cllr Wynne Jones		

Relevant Local Member(s):	All Powys Members where applicable
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Appendix 1 – Capital applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p>CG4026</p> <p>CARAD</p> <p>Replacement of central heating boiler</p>	<p>£3,390</p>	<p>1,695</p>	<p>A grant of £1,695 is recommended</p>
<p>Reasons for Recommendation</p> <p>The aims of CARAD are <i>'to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Mid Wales – advanced education, provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure activities with the object of improving the conditions of life'</i>. CARAD works to achieve its aims, through running arts, crafts, media performance and local history sessions, which build the skills and confidence of local people and contribute to local, social, and economic regeneration plans.</p> <p>The application received to the Community Enablement Support Fund is for funding towards the replacement of the central heating boiler in the Arts Space building. It is twelve years old and has become very unreliable, having been repaired repeatedly, it now requires immediate replacement.</p> <p>An award of £1,695 is recommended on this occasion.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p>CG3645</p> <p>Four Crosses Village Centre Committee</p> <p>New disabled toilet facilities</p>	<p>£19,083 (including VAT)</p>	<p>£8,041</p>	<p>A grant of £8,041 is recommended</p>

Reason for Recommendation

Four Crosses Village Centre Committee, owned and managed by the local community is in generally good condition. The Hall was refurbished some 10 years ago and 3-phase electric has recently been installed into the building

The Hall is used by a number of regular groups to include the Youth Club and Community Council. The facilities have a large hall which will seat 200 for concerts etc, 175 for evening functions with tables and 140 seated individually around tables. There is a room off the main hall for a bar plus kitchen and side room.

This request for financial assistance is towards a disabled toilet facility.

The applicant wishes to undertake the work as soon as possible and can meet any shortfall of grant from their own accounts and fundraising efforts. The application meets the criteria of the Fund and it is recommended that a grant of £8,041 is considered on this occasion.

A grant of £8,041 is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p align="center">CG3706</p> <p>Guilsfield Football Club</p> <p>Access to sports pitches</p>	<p align="center">£74,475</p>	<p align="center">£12,000</p>	<p align="center">A grant of £12,000 is recommended</p>

Reason for recommendation

Guilsfield Community Centre and Mid Wales Housing are working together to provide new low cost housing and additional sporting and leisure opportunities for all ages and abilities in the community.

The population of Guilsfield has expanded rapidly over the last 10 years and the sports facilities were inadequate for the local needs. The Guilsfield Community Centre Committee acquired a site of 9.5 acres to ensure that it is not lost to further building development and to protect existing sporting facilities and provide new sporting facilities. The Committee have provided a new football pitch and a floodlit all weather area. There are currently 358 sport club members in Guilsfield and it is expected to rise to 600.

The current application received is to install mains water and electricity to the pitchside of the senior pitch and install floodlights to both the senior and second pitches. Relevant planning permission has been obtained.

The Committee has received confirmation that they have been successful with their application for National Assembly of Wales, Community Facilities and Activities programme, securing £50,000 for the project.

A grant of £12,000 is recommended on this occasion and the Organisation has sufficient funding in reserves to start the project immediately...

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<p data-bbox="268 185 392 219">CG3121</p> <p data-bbox="177 259 483 331">Llangyniew Community Council</p> <p data-bbox="161 405 499 477">Purchas of portable IT equipment</p>	<p data-bbox="568 185 724 293">£1,199 (including VAT)</p>	<p data-bbox="874 185 951 219">£500</p>	<p data-bbox="1066 185 1340 257">A grant of £500 is recommended</p>

Reason for Recommendation

Llangyniew have seen a significant amount of development in recent years, benefiting from a good range of community services and infrastructure and having the capacity to accommodate additional development.

Llangyniew Community Council have made this application with the support of local organisations, they wish to purchase a digital projector that can be used at the playgroup, mother and toddlers, Women’s Institute, Gardening and Wildlife club, Art classes and various other local community groups.

It was felt that the Community Council is best placed to make the application for grant funding, so that the groups in the Community Council area can benefit from the purchase of the IT equipment which includes an ASUS notebook, digital projector and screen. It will be available for hire for a nominal fee, which will be used to cover insuring the equipment, from the Clerk of the Community Council. The Applicant has sufficient funding in place to purchase the equipment immediately.

A grant of £500 is recommended.

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