

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**Officer report to Portfolio Holder
County Councillor Mr W Jones
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**SUBJECT: Community Regeneration and Development Fund
Capital Applications**

REPORT FOR: Decision

Summary

This report details applications that have been received for the first round of Community Regeneration and Development Fund capital grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations.

Proposal

On the 12th April 2011, following a review of the grant funding to the Third Sector, Board approved the establishment of the Community Regeneration and Development Fund. A summary of the request for funding is shown in the following table for ease of reference to the full contents of the report:

Capital project awards (See Appendix 2)

There is £230,000 for allocation in the 2012/13 financial year, the recommendations detailed in the report amount to £114,482. If all recommendations are approved this will leave £115,518 for the second round allocation.

Organisation	Request	Recommendation
Community Regeneration Unit - Village Hall / Community Asset Transfer	£10,000	£10,000
Knucklas Community Centre	£15,000	£15,000
Llanidloes Football Community Trust	£15,000	£15,000
Llangurig Community Centre	£5,100	£5,100
Llangorse Sailing Club	£11,382	£11,382
Mid Powys Mind	£3,000	£3,000
Mid Wales Entertainment Circuit	£22,500	£15,000
Presteigne and Norton Town Council	£10,000	£10,000
St Ffraid's Church, Llansantffraid	£15,000	£15,000
Wyeside Arts Centre	£15,000	£15,000
Total Recommendations	£121,982.	£114,482

Powys Change Plan

The Community Regeneration and Development Fund is designed to help and support voluntary and community organisations. Generally, it will consider applications for grants which:

- support the Authority's Corporate Objectives
- assist in delivering its core values and principles detailed within the Powys Change Plan and the Corporate aims specifically through regeneration of Powys communities.

Options Considered/Available

Not applicable

Preferred Choice and Reasons

As outlined in the report, the preferred choice is the recommendation detailed at Appendix 1

Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc)

None

Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

None

Local Member(s)

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

Other Front Line Services

Not applicable

Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)

Not applicable – within policy and budget

Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

The proposed grant award has no need for the involvement of or implications for the LSB.

Communications

Not applicable.

Statutory Officers

The proposal is within budget.

Members' Interests.

Not applicable..

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 2011).	
Relevant Policy (ies): Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary			
Person(s) To Action Decision:		Community Regeneration Manager	
Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:			
Organisations			
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes

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

Powys Change Plan

Powys Regeneration Strategy

Community Regeneration and Development Fund guidance.

Organisation	Community Regeneration Unit Village Hall Community Asset Transfer
Project meets Capital grant selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>Since 2009, the Community Regeneration Unit has been working with identified Village Halls Committees throughout Powys to complete a community and facility audit to help ensure that village halls within Powys are of high quality and fit for purpose</p> <p>The review has included the management committee's processes and the engagement other community organisations in business planning with the aim to transfer the building to the Community under the Authority's Community Asset Transfer programme.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>A report was approved by Board regarding the Community Centre and Village Hall review, detailing the proposal to encourage asset transfers that 'ensure that the Community Buildings throughout Powys that have local community support will flourish and become local hubs for community activity.'</p> <p>An audit of Community Centres and Village halls subsequent to the above report identified the following communities as having facilities that could be transferred from the Council to their local management group:</p> <p>Aberhosan Community Centre Aberhaseph Village Hall Bwlch Y Sarnau Cillage Hall Clatter Community Centre Derwenlas Village Hall Knucklas Community Centre Knighton Community Centre Lliartywaen Community centre Presteigne Memorial Hall Tirabad Village Hall Trecastle Village Hall</p> <p>To ensure that the prospective transfer of the individual community buildings is correctly administered, there are various costs that must be met, such as valuation fees, legal fees and on occasions a full independent survey of the property is required. In order to ensure the continued progression of the community asset transfer programme with village halls/community centres, the Community Regeneration Unit wish to undertake a program where funding is available to assist with these activities.</p>	

Links to other regeneration initiatives

This project is to support Community Centres and Village Halls that are an integral part of the Regeneration Strategy Specifically supporting:

- Regeneration priority 1 – Harnessing community strengths
- Regeneration priority 2 – Council assets as regeneration catalyst.

Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:

Adult Living

Village Halls and Community Centres have been the focal point of rural community activity for over 100 years and with the decline in village schools, shops and post offices are now, in some villages the last place where communities meet and interact. The uniqueness of village halls is recognised by many statutory agencies and voluntary groups

Learning in the Community

This grant is to enable the Community Regeneration Unit to initiate a programme not previously undertaken.

Regeneration

This program will support the aims and objectives of the “harnessing Community strengths” within the Powys Regeneration Strategy.

Climate Change

The wide activities under the community asset transfer proposals will enable current community resources to become more sustainable “community hubs”.

Value for money:

This will considerably reduce time and financial restraints on the Authority and ensure a simplified application process for the grant recipients

Total Activity / Project Cost	£60,000
Total Grant Requested	£10,000
Grant Award	15%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture’s delegated approval of the grant award of £10,000.

- Support eligible community associations through the community asset transfer process and create “Community Hubs” fit for purpose throughout Powys.

Organisation	Knucklas Community Centre
Project meets Annual Partnership selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>The overall aim is to provide a multi-activity, interactive Village Hub. The replacement of the hall is very much a community led, bottom up, sustainable project. It is 'owned' by the community. The Community Centre includes a sports field (PCC) a hard court, a children's play area with equipment (PCC) and a car park (PCC). The hall building is an essential part of this integrated facility. It is the subject of the CFAP and CRDF Capital grant application.</p> <p>The new hall will provide an excellent facility for the local people, for lectures, club meetings, educational activity, children & toddler groups, the Youth Club, etc. A new hall could provide outside agencies to establish outreach facilities in the community.</p> <p>It is a very important focus for many activities, but is especially important for the young people, who have little else to participate in. There are no other meeting places in the village except the pub.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>The Project is to replace a dilapidated, but well used and popular community centre building with a purpose built, community hall to provide adaptable accommodation including a communal meeting hall, ancillary meeting room, kitchen facilities, toilets with changing facilities (serving the sports field and hard court) and storage area. To comply with current regulations and to meet energy efficiency/conservation requirements.</p> <p>If a new hall is not built the existing building will become unusable. There would be a significant loss to the County and the local community.</p> <p>Also various costs to the community that are not required now would arise. For instance, local people would have to travel further for activities they now enjoy locally. The village loses its focus and many educational, socialising and other opportunities would be lost. The quality of life would be diminished.</p>	
<p>Links to other regeneration initiatives</p> <p>The Beguildy Community Council is joint lessees, and also supporters. The County Council currently own the land.</p> <p>CFAP (Community Facilities and Activities Programme) are funding most of the rebuild costs.</p>	
<p>Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:</p> <p>Adult Living</p>	

Various groups would use the improved centre for their activities. Activities such as health clubs, cooking classes, gardening and vegetable growing clubs will be encouraged. The many elderly people locally will have a comfortable and warm centre for leisure activities.

Learning in the Community

The hall would be used to provide teaching and advice to the community. Computer classes have been here and they would be encouraged to return. Also advice on job searching etc. would be useful in this deprived area.

Regeneration

Various regeneration activities would be encouraged to use the hall's facilities. The Knucklas Castle Project has inspired regeneration through its allotment and community growing scheme and public access to this monument. Planning permission has been granted to sites near to the Centre giving outline permission for the erection of approximately 35 properties. The Local Development Plan, now in the course of preparation, indicates there could be further development opportunities, including affordable housing, close to the Centre. A New Hall, with its many activities and opportunities for social interaction could provide an impetus for developers to take up proposals afforded by the Local Development Plan

Climate Change

The existing hall is un-insulated timber frame and cladding with single glazed windows, thus wasting a great amount of energy. The new hall would be to modern standards (BRE Green Guide category A+ or A). Being adjacent to the rail station and bus stop encourages users to use their public transport.

Value for money:

A new community centre (village hall) will be provided for the community at a very competitive construction cost of approximately £866/sq.m. For comparison, the Big Lottery application was to a design and budget provided by the County Architect, priced at £2450/sq.m. The tenders ranged from £200,883 to £255,747. It should be noted that one of these, not the lowest cost, was for a demountable type of construction likely to have a limited life. This was invited so as to obtain a base cost for comparison with more traditional buildings. The adopted traditional building is lower cost than the demountable type.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£ 297,621
Total Grant Requested	£15,000
Grant Award	5%

Overall Assessment

- **The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £15,000.**
- Children or young people

Youth Club (and Scout Group previously) has been an important user for many years and is extremely important in maintaining a constructive and engaged focus for local children and young people in the community; many are from low-income and/or single parent families

- Older people

Various clubs with older members have used the hall for many years (for example, gardening clubs, art classes, Ladies Guild and a recently formed flower arranging class), and yoga classes. All combine to maintain a lively interest and social interaction for older people.

- People with disabilities

Disabled access is unsatisfactory at present and will be excellent in the new building, offering greater participation in community centre events for all.

- The village has a significant number of low income and benefits-only people. There are many social housing units (approx. half the village), some with people with no local roots. There are several single parent families and children in the care of relatives other than parents, or other carers. Many people find only occasional, casual work; there are no large employers within reasonable travelling distance. Some people work away during the week, disrupting family life.

- Many people are Senior Citizens, and from out of the area, so lacking local contacts. The centre makes an important contribution to their well being by providing a social and activity centre for their activities and helping them to make friends and become fully integrated into the community.

- Transfer of the Hall and land to the local community

Negotiations are currently ongoing with PCC to, on completion of the new build, to transfer ownership of the land and building to the local community via the Beguildy Community Council. The replacement of the hall is very much a community led, bottom up, sustainable project. The transfer of the land and building would confirm ownership and would assist in community cohesion.

Organisation	Llanidloes Football Community Trust
Project meets Capital project selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>Llanidloes Community Football Trust aims to improve the playing and training facilities for all football parties in Llanidloes. Namely: Llanidloes Ladies (x2 teams), Llanidloes Men (x4 teams when including youth), Llanidloes Junior Girls (3 teams) and Llanidloes junior boy teams (8 teams). This is the first time that all 4 clubs responsible for football in Llanidloes have joined forces.</p> <p>The Trust aims to make Victoria Avenue football ground and club house the home of all the clubs and teams in Llanidloes and provide a whole club ethos to all parties involved. In addition to this the Trust aims to provide additional opportunities for participation for individuals and groups currently not catered for. These groups include the over 35's, the under 8's, Disabled groups and for children and adults who wish to train and play for recreational reasons only. To achieve this, the Trust will set up new leagues and training sessions for all of the groups mentioned.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Llanidloes Ladies Football Club - The Trust is trying to ensure that all the needs of the ladies team are met to secure their future in Welsh Premier League. Llanidloes are the only ladies team in Powys to play in this prestigious league which is currently split North and South. However In September 2012 the North and South leagues are combining to form a complete national league. As a consequence the Ladies team will be required to play at home every other Sunday for up to 9 months. The premier league has strict ground criteria and as a result no other facility in Llanidloes could accommodate this. With the men's first or reserve team playing at home every Saturday it is inevitable that many, if not the majority, of their winter fixtures will be cancelled. Llanidloes ladies also have a hugely successful academy programme that has resulted in players gaining National Caps. The Ladies section are devising a more comprehensive training and recruitment plan, however they are currently restricted to one hour a week contact time. Further training sessions will undoubtedly result in more players reaching their goal to 'play for Wales'. 2) Training Facilities - The lack of and inadequate training facilities in Llanidloes is a huge issue. Currently training mainly takes place on the multi-purpose Red Grass pitch on the High school site. However this facility is unplayable on frosty or wet conditions so as you can appreciate months pass by without any training or 	

matches at many levels. Llanidloes has the largest primary school in Powys and has the largest number of football participation in Powys per population percentage. For many years now the town has been envious of the facilities and investments in our neighbouring towns, namely Maldwyn Leisure Centre in Newtown. .

- 3) **All Wales Facilities** - It has been confirmed that should a facility like this be achieved in Llanidloes then Powys, Central Wales, Regional and even National squads would train and play matches from here. The benefits this would bring to the local community and economy would be huge.

Links to other regeneration initiatives

3G pitches are environmentally friendly because they don't need to be maintained to the same level as a grass pitch. For example grass cutting, paint for marking the pitch weekly etc.

In discussions with Potters 'Entrust' Landfill department and hope to secure funding to support this scheme whilst at the same time addressing the environmental elements.

Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:

Adult Living

Dramatically improve the health and well being of all the 16+ footballers in Llanidloes as training and playing will be increased.

More social leagues will be development so many more additional adults will become healthier from recreational football.

Other sports like hockey, tennis, netball etc can also be introduced.

Learning in the Community

Currently between the clubs they have large number of coaches at level 1. 5 level 2's.

Many more coaches will be identified and put through the FAW coaching pathway.

Regeneration

With very few businesses in Llanidloes being able to survive during the current economic climate, a scheme of this kind would make a huge impact to the town of Llanidloes. The bars and restaurants will become busier in the evenings whilst juniors train. Visiting premier league ladies teams have already began staying overnight and spending money here. With more premier league fixtures to come this can only increase. In addition the hosting of regional and national coaching and playing requirements further visits to Llanidloes are inevitable

Climate Change

3G pitches are thought to be more environmentally friendly than grass pitches.

Value for money:

At present there is no adequate training or playing facilities for football teams in Llanidloes to play during the winter months. Players will have the chance to train and play regularly and more often thus resulting in improved healthy lives.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£400,000
Total Grant Requested	£15,000
Grant Award	3%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £15,000

- Servicing local community
- Increasing physical activity levels of local residents
- Economic value and tourism will be improved
- Better facilities
- Become the hub for regional and national training.

Organisation	Llangorse Sailing Club
Project meets Capital project selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>The objective of the club shall be to promote the sport of sailing, which shall include racing, on Llangorse Lake. As one of its objectives, the club will promote sailing for young persons and will endeavour to promote equal opportunities for all its members.</p> <p>The club will do all in its power to protect the natural amenities and beauty of the Lake. The Club will also aim to provide social and other facilities for members as may from time to time determined.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>The project is needed to meet demands for improved and safer launching facilities to replace an old wooden slippery slipway with an aluminium non-slip ramp and improve the approach to the launching area. This will resolve the problem of launching and retrieving the club's safety boats and for the more elderly members who keep their boats close to the creek, which had become silted up and almost useless for purpose.</p> <p>The provision of a new storage facility will increase the club's capacity to dry store more members' boats and windsurfers as currently space is a limiting factor.</p>	
<p>Links to other regeneration initiatives</p> <p>The club has sufficient funds to meet its obligation to complete its commitment to the project.</p>	
<p>Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:</p> <p>Adult Living</p> <p>The improved facilities will enhance the club's ability to introduce and train people to take part in the sport of sailing and also the club's wider commitment to encourage families to take part in an outdoor activity. For the last three years the club has hosted the Powys Water sports Fun Day for people with disabilities, which attracted 92 participants in 2011 including 12 in wheel chairs.</p> <p>The club holds Open Meetings over weekends during the season which attract sailors and their families from other areas to visit the locality and take</p>	

part in club events.

It has also made its facilities available for visitors from an old people's home in Brecon and the club is always willing to help in the community.

The club is an active participant in the Llangorse Lake Advisory Group, which collectively monitors activities on the lake and over-see that the lake regulations are adhered to or when needed amended from time to time.

Learning in the Community

As stated above, the club runs training courses at all levels throughout the sailing season and puts on days or evenings to encourage schools, scout and other youth groups to become involved with sport and Christ College Brecon use the facilities on a regular basis.

For very many years the club has run Cadet Week for training junior members during the Summer Half Term holiday.

The club co/hosts the Welsh Yachting Associations weekend Junior Regatta which attracts more than 100 visiting crews.

See letter attached from the Welsh Yachting Association.

The Swansea University of the Third Age visited the club for a day's sailing in 2011 and it appears this will become a regular feature in their programme.

Regeneration

The project will improve the environment within the club site and attract visitors to the district from other parts of the country.

Climate Change

One of the problems of Llangorse Lake is the fluctuating water level, which is predicted to become more unpredictable due to climate change and the new launching facility will go some way to alleviate the problem.

Value for money:

As in many previous projects, some of the work towards the completion of this project will be done by skilled club members on a voluntary basis, reducing the actual overall cost of the project, which delivers an enhanced value in relation to the overall expenditure incurred.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£22,764
Total Grant Requested	£11,382
Grant Award	50%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £11,382.

Once completed the project will provide improved and safer launching facilities, increase the capacity to store members' boats and windsurfers and increase the hard standing area for boat and car parking.

Organisation	Llangurig Community Centre
Project meets Capital project selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>With the closing of the school the Church House, as it is currently known locally, it is the only hall with the potential to fulfil the needs of the village in terms of a meeting facility for more than a handful of people with varying needs and requirements.</p> <p>The objective of the project is to refurbish the existing hall mentioned above to meet not only the diverse requirements of the village in terms of meeting space but also to ensure the hall meets current requirements for public meetings and events. Once this has been achieved to make it available to clubs, societies and residents as a centre for the village and to encourage a greater sense of community spirit and belonging</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>There is no other building within the village centre that would meet the objectives and aims above. In the past organisations such as the Young Farmers, Show Committee, W.I, Line Dancing, Computer Classes, Local Community Council have held meetings there and Local, County, National Assembly and General Elections have been held in the hall to be refurbished, this is to name a few. Currently the Church House has no toilet facilities and is in desperate need of updated just to make the building fit for purpose</p>	
<p>Links to other regeneration initiatives</p> <p>At present there are no other regeneration plans, however given the central position of Llangurig within both the County of Powys and indeed the country as a whole the refurbished facility may well prove attractive for organisations with county and National reach due to its convenient location.</p>	
<p>Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:</p> <p>Adult Living Learning in the Community</p> <p>The refurbished Community Centre will be available to groups such as Mother & Baby, Children's Music lesson group (one tentative enquiry to date)</p>	

through to Adult crafts clubs and classes such as computer skills etc.

Regeneration

In the short term it is unlikely to regenerate but if the aim of engendering community spirit is successful more people will find Llangurig attractive and this should ensue local businesses prosper with the increased footfall that the hall would generate.

Climate Change

The facilities to be provided are currently only available in towns and villages around Llangurig and require personal transport, almost entirely by car. A round trip to Llanidloes (the nearest) is in excess of 10 miles which if multiplied by the number of people attracted to use the Centre would save a significant amount of greenhouse gasses being emitted.

Value for money:

The costs described earlier will be negotiated to ensure value for money.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£10,200
Total Grant Requested	£5,100
Grant Award	50%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £5,100.

This application is for the initial stage of providing Llangurig with better facilities. At present there is no such facility as a Community Centre for use by clubs, charities etc so by definition the provision of one is an improvement with the added benefits referred to above

Organisation	Mid Powys Mind
Project meets Capital project selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	Mid Powys Mind is a Registered Charity (Charity number 702833) providing essential day, crisis and out-of-hour services to people who have acute, poor and long-term mental health problems, their carers and families in the area of Radnorshire and North Brecknockshire, in Powys. Through their work support and encourage people to build self-confidence and self-esteem aiding their recovery to live more independent, improved and healthy lives.
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>Funding will pay for the refurbishment and equipping of a new community Gallery in the Centre of Llandrindod Wells that will provide volunteering, training and work experience opportunities.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to increase the employment prospects of people with poor mental health. The Organisation will establish a community Art Gallery (that will be opened at least five days a week and will aim for 7 days in the summer (through which a number of training and work experience opportunities will be created as well as the establishment of a community enterprise consisting of the Art Gallery and a clothes up-cycling initiative to reuse/modify/ repair clothing for resale which will include vintage clothing for the Victorian festival market. This opportunity has arisen as a floor in our building has become vacant and the space it offers will allow us to expand our service and opportunities to service users and the wider community.</p> <p>The Organisation will establish a community Art Gallery on the lower floor of current building where service users and local artists will be able to sell and display their work (this will be for all kinds of art, including paintings, photography, craft work, pottery), thus creating a small revenue stream for themselves and the Gallery would take a small commission around 20% (to pay for future running costs). This will be staffed and run by volunteers. As well as our service users and run exhibitions for service users from other local organisations.</p> <p>This will provide training and volunteering opportunities in retail which are presently unavailable to the members due to the stigma of mental health organisations are unwilling to take them on in many positions. Training will be provided through the Job Centre, Powys Training, WEA, staff and where necessary outside professionals.</p> <p>The up-cycling project will collect old garments, including those rejected by</p>	

local charity shops as they need too much work. The clothes will be altered, made fashionable and then resold to the members thus making clothing more affordable to them, or online through Ebay and the website. This will generate an income for our organisation and help the finances of our members by making clothing more affordable.

An additional element of the Gallery will be a community space from where we will sell tea/coffee and light refreshments. This will provide an environment where service users can meet that is open to the public instead of behind closed doors in the members only area of the building.

The project is designed to benefit people with or at risk of poor mental health as well as give an opportunity to local people to sell art/craft work through the Gallery. The Gallery will also be of benefit to the town as a whole as it will provide an additional tourist attraction in the centre of town.

Aim 1

Increase the employability of people experiencing or at risk of mental ill health
Objectives

- Create and offer vocational training in retail for at least 30 people in a year
- Create new volunteering experiences that will build skills and confidence for work for at least 10 people
- Involving at least 20 people in running a social enterprise

Aim 2

Increase the self confidence and skills of people experiencing or at risk of mental ill health and encourage active healthy lives
Objectives

- Creating 10 new volunteering opportunities
- Enable people to display their art / craft work for others to appreciate
- Create more opportunities for people to participate in community activities
- Creating new training opportunities that build skills and self-confidence

Aim 3

Reduce the stigma surrounding mental health

- promote the positive aspects of people (skills and abilities) that have poor mental health
- Create more opportunities for people with poor mental health to integrate with the wider community

Aim 4

Establish a social enterprise

- Set up a community art gallery that sells art and craft from service users and local artists
- Set up a clothes up-cycling initiative to sell items online and to service users

Links to other regeneration initiatives

Under the Powys One Plan, the project addresses:

Outcome 1 – people in Powys live in supportive, sharing and self-reliant communities; by supporting people to take a more active role in their community by creating volunteering opportunities that will make people feel part of the community

Outcome 2 – People in Powys benefit from a thriving diverse economy; by establishing a social enterprise in Llandrindod and encouraging visitors to spend more money in the Art Gallery

Outcome 3 – People in Powys have the skills to pursue their ambitions; by providing training opportunities and related volunteering experiences to build the skills that people have identified including adults with no qualifications and NEETs

Outcome 4 – Powys families are safe and supportive places in which to live; by ensuring vulnerable adults are protected, given training and skills built to reduce their vulnerability and increase their self reliance

Outcome 5 – People in Powys are healthy and independent; by supporting people with or at risk of mental ill health, thereby aiding their recovery to be able to be more active within the community

Outcome 6 – People in Powys enjoy a clean, safe and green environment; by encouraging the reuse of clothing

Outcome 9 People in Powys are supported to get out of poverty; by providing job related training and work experience that will improve a persons confidence and skills to enter employment.

Outcome 10 – People in Powys can easily access the services they need; by creating local opportunities for training and volunteering. Making our mental health support service more accessible – people will be able to pick up information about our support in the Gallery, removing the barrier of having to call into the office or phone in thus allowing more casual introduction to our support.

Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:**Adult Living**

The Organisation will be providing a space for people to socialise and mix with new networks reducing isolation and feelings of exclusion, building individuals levels of confidence and self esteem to improve their quality of life and to take a more active role in the community.

Learning in the Community

Creating new learning opportunities that will be backed up by volunteering opportunities to out theory into practice. The learning is based on what service

users are requesting to help them meet their ambitions and interests.

Regeneration

Establish a community enterprise that will help with the sustainability of the Art in Mind, provide training that will lead to job skills and greater employment prospects for people who are marginalised in society.

Create a new tourist attraction in Llandrindod Wells keeping people in the town and high street area for a bit longer and giving another opportunity to spend money locally. Money spent would also be going back into the local economy as all exhibitions will be from local people.

Climate Change

Reduce waste by reusing clothing and teaching / encouraging service users to be able repair their own clothing.

Value for money:

The funding will help lever in additional funds from out of county Charitable Trust and Foundations.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£6,000
Total Grant Requested	£3,000
Grant Award	50%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £15,000

Output – within a year and as a result of the refurbishment work and Art Gallery development:

- Provide training for 30 individuals including; retail, dress making, retail budgeting
- Have 10 new people volunteer in newly created positions
- 4 volunteers go on to volunteer outside of the mental health field
- Establish a community art gallery and cloths up-cycling initiatives
- Provide a community space that will be used by 40 people with poor mental health, their families and carers
- Create an Art Gallery where 15 local artists have displayed their work and where 20 service users have exhibited work
- 1200 people visit the gallery

Outcomes

- 15 service users identify that they have greater confidence to seek employment following training and volunteering opportunities this project has created
- 40 service users have greater social networks and learnt new skills that

help to cope with their independence and recovery as a result of the training, networking and volunteering created by the project

- There is an increase in the use of our service as a result of a greater awareness of the support offered to help people lead healthy lives.

Organisation	Mid Wales Entertainment Circuit Ltd
Project meets Capital project selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>The Circuit is a consortium of professionally run theatres and arts centre in Mid and West Wales who have worked together for more than 25 years to share tours, training and skills as well as joint projects. The organisation employs one part-time staff member four days per week during term time to undertake fundraising, coordinating training and skill sharing and manage shared projects.</p> <p>The Circuit is also currently hosting and providing management and support to Cytser: The Constellation Project, and community based arts project covering the Meirionnydd area of Gwynedd which grew out of the work of Theatr Harlech. Cytser employs a full-time Artistic Director, currently employed by the Circuit. Our aim is to work with Cytser and partners in Gwynedd to establish a board for the organisation so that it can stand alone by April 2013.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>This application is a joint capital bid for work at the Welfare, Ystradgynlais, Hafren in Newtown and Theatr Brycheiniog. While the Wyeside remains a busy and active member of the Circuit, they have chosen to bid separately on this occasion for funding towards the ongoing refurbishment of stone work on the theatre.</p> <p>The application will benefit the audiences of all three theatres and their staff, as well as those who participate in the arts and crafts within the venues, who attend courses run by Coleg Powys and others and who use the theatres for meetings and conferences.</p> <p>The project is aimed at capital works designed to improve the facilities on offer at the theatres and their service to audiences and wider communities. Specifically, the work will:-</p> <p>Brecon</p>	

- **Improve front of house areas and the bar** – this will allow the theatre to improve visitor experience and the experience of those using the venue for community and learning events. The work should also increase profit from bar sales, and speed of service by replacing draft beer with bottles which can be served more quickly during peak times, avoid the current 30 pints per week wastage on clearing pipes and will allow for a greater range of locally sourced ales including Brecon Brewing. The work includes new LED lighting, new fridges and furniture, decoration and reworking of the working areas behind the bars.
- **Installation of people counters** – This will allow Theatr Brycheiniog to report effectively to funders on the footfall of the building in terms of community usage, day time visitors and those who simply use the toilets or cafe facilities. It will allow for more effective decision making about staffing priorities and opening times.

Hafren

- **Improved lighting and sound equipment for theatre use**
The costs include a new lighting desk, effects wheels, additional sound equipment including a graphic processor and radio microphones and folding tables for use within the venue for special events and conferences.
- **New tallescope** The use of tallescopes within theatre settings has long been an area of concern. Health and Safety regulations in relation to the movement of scopes, use of outriggers and Working at Height rules have now been clarified and the new scope is necessary both for the sake of safety and in order to meet the needs of technicians working on the new fly tower at Hafren.

Welfare

- **Front of house improvements**
The costs for this include improvements to the foyer area, new furniture, a touch screen tv, chiller and coffee machine. The toilets would also be modernised and improvements made to the car park with the addition of bollards, signs and poster display boards. The Welfare is constantly used in the day time and in evenings and these additions would make facilities far better for educational and community groups using the building as well as increasing the potential for income from commercial hire. The movement sensors will allow for energy saving as lights throughout the building can be turned on and off automatically when no one is in the room.

- **Theatre and cinema equipment**

This equipment relates to improved facilities for the broadcasting of live events on the cinema screen for example Met Opera, National Theatre, Bolshoi Ballet etc. These events have already been screened at The Welfare

and proved popular with audiences, developing a new income stream for the Welfare and new facilities for local people.

Links to other regeneration initiatives

The theatres will continue to:-

- Work alongside Communities First initiatives and officers, for example in Ystradgynlais and Newtown to ensure the venues play a full and active role in local regeneration.
- Play a key role in the economies of their own communities by bringing in visitors, working with local accommodation and restaurants etc. to increase the tourist spend in their areas.
- Provide a draw and added value to those looking to relocate to Powys.
- Assist with the physical regeneration of communities for example through the recent capital works on Theatr Hafren, repairs to stone work and theatre refurbishments at Wyeside and the on-going regeneration of the canal side areas of Brecon.

Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:

Adult Living

The theatre network in Powys is an invaluable resource for everyone in our communities, but particularly for adult audiences. Adult programme makes up the majority of their work and aim to ensure something for everyone. Access to arts participation and attendance is a key indicator for quality of life, and we believe it is vital to ensuring the rural populations thrive, as well as to attracting new businesses and new residents to Powys.

Learning in the Community

All three of the theatres involved in this bid are regularly used for community learning. In the case of Hafren and Brycheiniog, the performing arts courses hosted by Coleg Powys take place on our stages and the work done to improve facilities will have an immediate benefit to learners. The Welfare is also central to learning in the community and is in constant day time use for courses.

Regeneration

The venues are at the heart of the regeneration of their communities. They have a very substantial economic impact in terms of spend from visitors making overnight trips, meals bought locally and visiting companies staying near by. They also contribute to social regeneration through the provision of participatory activities, education work and training, as well as in providing an added draw to those moving into the county.

Climate Change

Climate change, and the reduction in overheads associated with a reduction in energy usage, has been key drivers for the Circuit's work over the past four years. Theatr Brycheiniog is the first solar powered theatre – with a PV array costing £75,000 on the south facing roof.

All been working hard on replacing both house lights and stage lighting with LED equivalents and the work on the bar at Brycheiniog will include the installation of LED lighting. The stage lighting at Brycheiniog has now been replaced with LED and we will look to do the same at other theatres as lamps become redundant.

Value for money:

The project represents an ongoing investment in the theatre network in Powys.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£45,000
Total Grant Requested	£ 22,500
Grant Award	£15,000 - 33%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £15,000

- Improved facilities benefiting the community as a whole in Brecon, Newtown, Ystradgynlais and their hinterlands.
- Improved facilities for participation in the arts, which is known to encourage social integration, the development of skills and learning and increased confidence and self esteem.
- Safer and more appropriate working environments for technical staff (Hafren).
- Improved facilities for learners and for amateur companies using our stages (Hafren)
- Increased hire income from the theatres (Hafren and The Welfare)

Organisation	Presteigne & Norton Town Council
Project meets Capital project selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>Over the past 20 years the Town Council has acquired a number of pieces of ground for amenity use by all the community. The vision of the TC in doing this has provided the sites needed for numerous successful community activities and providing a focus for many of the town's main activities. These include Sheep Music, May Day fun Days, Skateboard park and bike track, community orchard, Ligne Garden and barn and the site for 36 successful allotments amongst a host of other things. It is also planned to hold a major food fair promoting local produce in June which is a new event for this year.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to complete the project started in 1990 and finally link up Went's meadow with the Warden forming a comprehensive mixed amenity 'Green Belt' on the East side of the Town from the allotments to the Warden for all the community to enjoy. It started with the Withy Beds Nature reserve which won a Prince of Wales award in 1990. Followed by the purchase of Lower Wents Meadow 1992 and the Upper Went's Meadow in 1997. All this ground has been maintained and improved by the TC with the aid of numerous volunteers from the community to provide an excellent amenity for the town. All this links with the Wilson Terrace playing fields owned by PCC and with the Scout Hut and Tennis courts.</p> <p>The project aims to purchase 1.2 acres of ground on the backside of the Towns major historic monument which is the Warden. The ground will enhance the Warden and be managed to provide a wildflower meadow for the enjoyment of all the community. The hedge planted at the time of the building of the by-pass will be properly laid and a new fence will be installed on the new boundary. A mixed species hedge will be planted adjacent to this fence in consultation with the Radnorshire Wildlife. The schools and the Warden Guardian Foundation are helping with the creation and the future maintenance of this area.</p>	

Links to other regeneration initiatives

One of Presteigne's strengths is having been voted the second best place to live in the UK. So it is important that we continue to improve what is on offer both to visitors and the community to ensure it remains a special place to visit. Purchasing this field would enhance the Warden by improving the public access to it, improve the street scene from the by-pass, provide a further visitor attraction with the best views (not available from other vantage points) over the Lugg Valley as well as adding to the recreational facilities for the community. This field has always been the favourite spot for the young people of the community to toboggan down when it snows!

If successful Presteigne & Norton TC would then look to work with PCC through the Sense of Place initiative to create a pamphlet with a series of circular walks for visitors to maximise the benefit and use of this and other ground owned. These leaflets would be available from our other main tourist attraction the Judges' Lodgings.

Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:

Adult Living

People in Powys enjoy a clean, safe and green environment. This is exactly what this project aims to help PCC achieve. Access will be provided to the site as required under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Learning in the Community

Through the use of interpretation boards the importance of biodiversity will be explained and the benefit of this meadow to pollinating insects.

Regeneration

Provides an additional visitor attraction linking up the historical interest of the Warden right down to the banks of the River Lugg.

Climate Change

The bees and other pollinating insects are in crisis and through programmes such as the Sarah Raven's Bees Butterflies and Blooms on BBC1, communities are being encouraged to plant nectar rich plants to look after the insect pollinators and this would be Presteigne's contribution by creating an area planted with perennial wild flowers.

Value for money:

The price for the purchase of the ground has been set by PCC at current market rates. The works are costed at the current rates from known local contractors who costs are known to be fair. Also this project holds the key to acquiring the old reservoir adjacent to the land as early indications are that Welsh Water may well consider gifting to the Town.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£20,000
Total Grant Requested	£10,000
Grant Award	50 %

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated approval of the grant award of £10,000

Successful purchase and improvement to a 1.2 acre piece of ground on the site of the Warden being adapted as a community resource for visitors and the community of Presteigne and Norton.

Organisation	St Ffraid's Church, Llansantffraid
Project meets Capital Fund selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>St Ffraid's Church is the largest public building in Llansantffraid and as such could be used used for a variety of community events as well as worship. The lack of welfare facilities makes it extremely difficult to hold events and social gatherings. The completed project will enable the church building to be used in different ways. Ideas such as encouraging an instrumental group-rehearsal space would be possible. Musical concerts, craft fairs, art exhibitions, lectures, musical workshops, school concerts and plays will be easier to organise with the additional space created and new amenities.</p> <p>The Church in Wales aided school and pre-school group will benefit from welfare facilities and the increased space, which will be used for events and learning projects. Providing a children's learning and play area is very important and this will be set up, once the additional space has been provided, to encourage more children's groups to use the building.</p> <p>Therefore, the purpose of the project is to provide modern welfare accommodation for the use of the whole community and utilise the building to its full capacity</p> <p>A project is planned to remodel this Church to include a new extension with a disabled toilet with baby changing facilities and kitchen for use for drinks /cold food after services and special events. Other renovations are - removal of two pews each side from back to enlarge social area and welcoming area adjacent to new facilities. Removal of two front pews in front of pulpit to enable space for children /family service/ concerts and other events. Removal of pews by North door to enable a quiet space for private space to talk to individuals yet "safe" by being visible and close to door.</p> <p>The project has been approved by Faculty, Conservation Area Consent has been granted and planning permission has been approved.</p>

<p>Need for the project</p> <p>The Church is unable to facilitate community events without this project.</p> <p>There is no public toilet within walking distance which is particularly awkward for the elderly, disabled and young but affects everybody.</p> <p>Currently, hospitality can only be offered with extreme difficulty and lots of planning</p> <p>It is difficult to facilitate concerts and school events without the additional space which will be provided by the project.</p> <p>Special interest groups would use the building for morning/afternoon sessions – currently not possible without the facilities.</p> <p>A recent school Inspection report highlighted the excellent church /school links which involve additional use of the building. The school use the church as a teaching resource – they are close enough to be able to walk. Currently they are able to visit but lack of toilets is a problem for longer sessions. The Church is now working with the school on aspects of the curriculum and sessions could be held in the building.</p> <p>Ladybirds (Nursery) are now using the building and require these facilities.</p> <p>The relationship between the Church and the local nursing home and care in the community organisations is excellent but could be improved by the opportunity of inviting older people to the church building for social events. Residents from Vyrnwy Nursing Home will benefit from a change of surroundings. The “Get Together Club” would really welcome a venue to come and have a sing song before an afternoon tea.</p>	
<p>Links to other regeneration initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llansantffraid Hall committee. • Leaders of local community groups. • Local School • Vyrnwy Nursing Home • Representative Body of the Church in Wales 	
<p>Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:</p> <p>Adult Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access for all the community. It will be used more regularly for events and a meeting place. • Increase skills and creativity by special group activities • Bringing together the community by increased participation. Particularly 	

for older people who may be isolated in the village.

Learning in the Community

- Educational links with schools will be cemented and improved. The Church is working with the school on all aspects of the curriculum.
- Children’s play area with educational equipment.
- Painting and Special group activity.
- Local uniformed groups

Regeneration

- Tourism – Living Stones Trail development.
- Multi use of building by modernisation

Climate Change

Value for money:

It is 150 years since there has been any modernisation to the Church building. In this time the expectation of society has changed and the public expect a certain standard of welfare accommodation. The building is not up to standard from that aspect. The building and church yard are extremely well kept and this capital investment moves it into the 21st century enabling it to be used for multi use.

Total Activity / Project Cost	£100,000
Total Grant Requested	£15,000
Grant Award	45 %

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture’s delegated approval of the grant award of £15,000

- One community event will be held each month aimed at different groups. (60-70)
- The school will use the building five visits per month during the academic year. (125)
- Older people and Vyrnwy Nursing Home residents attending community events (10)
- Special interest groups utilising the building – nine meetings per year (70)
- Pre-school sessions will be held each half term (25)
- Uniformed groups will use the building for meetings and events (20)
- Visitors to the Living Stones Trail will have welfare facilities and an opportunity for refreshments (90)
- There will be concerts, plays and other events for community participation. (250)
- Instrumental group rehearsal space will give musicians the opportunity to use the building (20)

Organisation	Wyeside Arts Centre Ltd
Project meets Capital Fund selection criteria?	Yes
Aims and objectives of the project	<p>To provide a range of high quality live, cinematic, community and visual arts events and activities which inspire, entertain, educate and involve the community of mid and south Powys and beyond</p> <p>In support of these primary objectives of the charity they have to preserve, maintain and enhance the Grade II listed building that houses the arts centre and that is a prominent local landmark in the town of Builth Wells and to tourists and others passing through the town.</p>
<p>Need for the project</p> <p>The present application is for phase two of a programme of necessary restoration of the stonework and rainwater goods to conserve the fabric of the historic building that houses Wyeside Arts Centre. The works are to the north (riverside) elevation which presents particular access difficulties.</p> <p>The purpose is to maintain the safety, sound structure and appearance of the fabric of the Centre's fine Gothic Revival grade 2 listed building – perhaps the town's most significant landmark alongside the distinguished bridge, instantly recognisable at one of Wales' most famous river crossings.</p> <p>Wyeside is a central part of Builth Wells' heritage, cultural and community life. Conserving the building is to the benefit of all who enjoy the facilities of the arts centre from mid-Powys and beyond, the benefit of the residents and businesses of the immediate area for whom it an amenity distinguishing the town and attracting economic activity, and the benefit of the quality of the visual environment for local people and visitors alike.</p> <p>Replacement or repair of defective stonework and guttering as required, to the north elevation in accordance with list of defects enclosed with this application. This is based on visual survey with binoculars, the experience of similar works to east, west and south elevations in phase 1 of the conservation project and the list of defects may need to be varied during the works when scaffolding is in place.</p>	

Links to other regeneration initiatives

The arts centre form one of the four key venues in the Powys CC arts strategy. Its Market Theatre reopens in April 2012 after a major redesign and refurbishment to create a more comfortable, flexible and sustainable space. In 2012/13 the centre's cinemas will be upgraded to digital projection with facilities for 3D and satellite relays of live arts events. Also in 2012/13 the centre will open a new attraction for tourists and the community – an artists' space, 'Window on the Wye'. To coincide with this development the Wyeseide Gallery has been refurbished for exhibition use. The opening exhibition is from 25 April to 1 July.

Conserving the external fabric and appearance of the building is a necessary complement to developing the interior arts facilities and activities.

Project / activity fit in with the Powys County Council One Change Plan:

Adult Living

The arts centre provides social and leisure opportunities of particular value to those who tend to be isolated by retirement, unemployment, caring responsibilities or disability.

Wyeseide is in the centre of town, accessible to residents on foot, and within 100 metres of the town's main car park; disabled parking is available on the building forecourt. The ground floor provides level access, and a lift gives disabled access to the Market Theatre and the Castle Cinema.

Wyeseide engages a wide circle of active supporters. We have a dedicated team of volunteer stewards and bar staff and a resourceful group of Friends and other donors who support both the artistic and financial life of the organisation – and currently contribute some £22,000 per year to support its activities. People and groups from the community, from all ages and walks of life, use Wyeseide as the natural centre for leisure activities and community events, whether as audience or as promoters/participants.

Access and participation are central to our programming which is targeted across the age range and has programme elements serving Welsh Language speakers (both live and film), those with learning difficulties and other disabilities. Children's activities in school holidays are valued by parents as well as by the children who take part. The centre adds a valuable cultural and leisure asset to the community of mid and south Powys.

Learning in the Community

In the newly restored Market Theatre, Wyeseide Arts Centre will bring a diverse range of the best dance, drama and music which inspires, educates and engages across all backgrounds and ages.

Regeneration

For the refurbishment of the Market Theatre and the forthcoming digitalisation project Wyeseide has been able to attract inward investment to refresh the arts

centre facilities to modern standards. Our ambition for the arts centre is to develop and strengthen our programme and grow audiences, to maintain affordable ticket prices, whilst growing income through increased footfall and activities.

Wyeside's current income (before expenditure) generated from live and cinema programme and related activities is over £160,000 p.a., and it employs a team of 14 part-time staff from the local area. The programme includes professional artists, musicians, filmmakers and performance companies from the region, and promote and sell the work of other local artists and craft workers. As 20% of our users travel over 25 minutes, there is a secondary spend factor within the local economy, so the organisation has significant impact for a town the size of Builth.

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008 records Powys as being among the most deprived in terms of its population's access to facilities.

Powys County Council's public consultation on services places leisure as significantly higher in priority than the national average and its support of services is underpinned by understanding of leisure as a key driver to quality of life and the economy of the area.

Climate Change

Wyeside provides a vibrant multi-media arts hub at the centre of Powys for a rural population that would otherwise be required to travel substantially longer distances, probably by car, for access to high quality arts.

Consideration of reducing fossil fuel use (for climate change and economic reasons) is a factor routinely considered in business planning and innovation. For example, as part of the Market Theatre refurbishment we have been able to install low energy LED house lighting through additional grant from the Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales.

Value for money:

Without these repairs the building will deteriorate further, requiring more expensive repair in future.

Wyeside Arts Centre is a key venue in PCC's arts strategy. Responsibility to maintain the historic building falls on the charity with its honorary board of trustees. The charity is able to attract additional funds from a variety of private and charitable sources

Total Activity / Project Cost	£31,781
Total Grant Requested	£15,000
Grant Award	47%

Overall Assessment

The following outcomes/outputs have been agreed in principle, subject to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture's delegated

approval of the grant award of £15,000

Remedying defects to external fabric of north elevation of Wyeside Arts Centre. The conservation programme is an essential complement to current works to the interior and development of the arts centre's activities.

The architect advises that, subject to annual inspection and maintenance with minor repairs from time to time, the repairs to stonework may be expected to last for 15 to 25 years and possibly much longer.