

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT TITLE: Covid Recovery Funding Progress Update

REPORT FOR: Information / Discussion

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on progress with the implementation of the Council's Covid Recovery Fund and related financial support given to business via the Covid support grants.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of budget setting for 2021-22, Cabinet announced the creation of a specific reserve fund to help support council and community services recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The fund will be used over two financial years to deliver a programme designed to deliver county-wide support and complement existing and planned Welsh Government recovery activities. The allocation of **£1.8million** to set up the fund was approved by Council at its meeting on 25th February 2021. Initial proposals for the Covid recovery programme were considered by Cabinet on 2nd March 2021. The programme has two key themes: i. Community and ii. Economy & Environment.

- 2.2 On 15th June 2021 Cabinet approved, following scrutiny recommendations of 10th June, year 1 funding for the following themes:

Theme 1 Community – Year 1 (2021/22) £400k
Covid Community Recovery Grant £300k
Public Convenience Support £100k

Theme 2 Economy and Environment – Year 1 (2021/22) £600k
Business Recovery Support £120k
Highways Recovery Fund £340k
Financial Recovery Support £40k
Council Services and Project Specific Support £100k

- 2.3 Welsh Government have announced various funding rounds since March 2020 designed to support businesses through the various Covid

restrictions on business trading. The administration of this funding in Powys has been supported by the Council's Income & Awards Team.

3. Theme 1 Community – Year 1 (2021/22)

3.1 Covid Community Recovery Grant Fund

Following an open application process, 94 project proposals were received totalling £750k.

To date 54 projects have been supported and awarded grants totalling £498,990 (appendix 1). Projects not meeting the criteria are being supported by Regeneration Officers to identify other possible funding streams for support.

- 3.2 All projects were approved through the Thriving and Sustainable Environment Board, chaired by the lead for Economy and includes cabinet members representing regeneration, property and highways. All meetings were recorded, noting any abstentions and decisions made.

Two key decisions to be noted includes the reduction of funding for property projects to 50% due to high demand of support requested in this area and an overall increase of funding awarded, noting that supporting communities as soon as possible to implement recovery investment would be more beneficial than waiting as recovery investment had already been put aside.

3.3 Public Convenience Support

- 3.4 Under the COVID Recovery Fund the Council made available funding of £100k to support the ongoing provision of toilets formerly operated by the Council and now operated by other organisations. A flat rate payment of £1,886 has been made for each of the 49 qualifying toilets (appendix 2). The funding has been paid to 5 Community Interest companies and 30 Town & Community Councils.

4. Theme 2 Economy and Environment – Year 1 (2021/22)

4.1 Business Recovery Support – 3 Officers grade 7 - £120k

- 4.2 Business Recovery Support Officer have been recruited to support covid recovery work across Powys. Work undertaken to date has focused on providing advice on financial support for businesses and community organisations, and projects and initiatives to support economic recovery.

4.2 Highways Recovery Fund

- 4.4 The following work areas have been supported through the funding of £340k allocated for levelling up highways works.

5. £140k spend on hire of 'Archway Jetpatcher' in Area 1 north Powys. Work done to reduce the backlog of cat 2 defects in Area 1.
 6. £28k allocated to Resurfacing on three small sites in Area 1 North, B4393, B4395 and B4580
 7. £86k allocated to South area Sites, identified for completion in March 2022.
 8. £86k allocated to Mid area Sites also identified for completion in March 2022.
- 4.5 South and Mid sites will be complete now the capital programme is completed, and extra resource is available.
- 4.6 Financial Recovery Support
- 4.7 The funding of £40k has been used to recruit an additional Money Advice Officer, this officer has been added to the Income & Awards Team who support financially vulnerable customers in Powys. They provide personal budgeting support, income maximisation and checking benefit entitlement. The team also provide financial support to cancer sufferers through our partnership working with Macmillan (and are part of the ICJ programme).
- 4.8 Council Services and Project Specific Support
- 4.9 A sum of £100k was allocated to support frontline services recover from the impact of the pandemic by providing additional funding to support small scale, recovery specific initiatives and activities which focus on strengthening organisational resilience that will provide for progressive and sustainable service delivery.
- 4.10 Following an open call for applications, 8 projects were approved totalling £85,145 (appendix 3).
- 4.11 Valleys Task Force Grant Covid Recovery for Small Town Centres
- 4.12 Grant support for Ystradgynlais town centre for capital purchases to help with adaptation to premises during covid such as support social distancing and enhancing outside facilities. 10 town Centre businesses were supported total of £35,760 awarded (Appendix 4).
- 4.13 Transforming Towns Adaptation Grant
- 4.14 Welsh Government funding made available to the Council to support adaptation schemes within town centres in Powys. Town Councils were invited to apply for the funding and 12 towns were supported with a total of £144,055 secured (Appendix 5).

5.0 Covid Business Restrictions Grants

5.1 The table below gives a summary of grant scheme rounds and amounts of applications and those that were successful.

| Grant Scheme | Applied | Awarded | Value |
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| Business Grants March 2020 | 5031 | 4559 | £52,380,337 |
| Freelancer Grant Round 1 | 172 | 147 | £367,500 |
| Child Care Grant | 14 | 9 | £24,778 |
| Start Up Grant | 191 | 76 | £190,000 |
| Freelancer Grant Round 2 | 172 | 147 | £367,500 |
| Retail Relief Scheme 2020 | 1100 | 1100 | £10,000,000 |
| Firebreak Grant NNDR Business | 3475 | 2705 | £7,223,500 |
| Discretionary Firebreak Grant | 479 | 236 | £354,000 |
| Business Grants Dec 2020 to Aug 2021 (3 rounds) | 2901 | 2426 | £24,015,500 |
| Discretionary Grants Dec 2020 to March 2021 | 467 | 245 | £490,000 |
| Retail Relief Scheme 2021 | 1400 | 1400 | £11,500,000 |
| Freelancer Grant Round 3 | 106 | 64 | £160,000 |

5.2 To date, the Council has supported 14 covid support grant and relief schemes to business with a value of 15,508 applications and successfully awarding to 13114 businesses – a 85% success rate.

5.3 A total of **£85,573,115** in Covid grants and **£21,500,000** in relief schemes from business rates has been awarded to Powys business since March 2020.

5.4 We will be receiving scheme details of the 3rd relief scheme for business for the year 2022/23 soon. This will see approximately 1400 business receive relief of approx. **£5.7m**.

5.5 Welsh Government have recently announced 2 new rounds of business grants to support business impacted by the December 2021 restrictions. Budget of £7.8m has been received for a Business Rates Scheme and a

Discretionary Business Scheme. We are expected to receive up to 4000 applications for help.

5.6 These schemes have only become available to businesses to apply from 13th January 2022 and will be closed to new applications from 14th February 2022.

5.7 The scheme information and guidance can be found on this Powys Council webpage. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11072/Emergency-Business-Fund-Business-Rates-Grant>

6 Resource Implications

6.1 The allocation of **£1.8million** to set up the fund was approved by Council at its meeting on 25th February 2021.

6.2 Funding against the following themes has been allocated for year 1:

Theme 1 Community – Year 1 (2021/22)
Covid Community Recovery Grant £498,990
Public Convenience Support £92,414

Theme 2 Economy and Environment – Year 1 (2021/22)
Business Recovery Support £120k
Highways Recovery Fund £340k
Financial Recovery Support £40k
Council Services and Project Specific Support £85,145

6.3 The total allocated for year 1 is £1,176,549 leaving a year 2 balance for Covid Recovery of £623,451

6.4 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Office) notes the content of the report.

7. Legal implications

7.1 Legal: the recommendations can be accepted from a legal point of view

7.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “ I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

8. Comment from local member(s)

8.1 N/A

9.0 Information/Decision

9.1 Report to be noted as information.

9.2 A further report will be brought back to cabinet to consider the allocation of year 2 funds as set out in section 6.3. This report will consider feedback from scrutiny on 28th February, the research on 'Community Wellbeing in Powys post Pandemic' and any budget setting commitments made.

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APPENDIX 1 Covid Community Recovery Fund – Projects Supported

| Project Name | Project Summary | Project Value |
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| <u>Riverside Venue</u> | A community flagship venue that supports communities to connect to and benefit from green spaces; for food, for exercise for quiet recreation etc | £20,000.00 |
| <u>Maldwyn Dragons return</u> | Maldwyn Dragons, as many community clubs, have been directly impacted by COVID-19 to vastly improve numbers of members to pre-covid levels, and further enhance the provision. The project aim is to enhance capabilities with more equipment that can be utilised throughout the community and allow more members of the community to become active and signpost them towards active membership with the club. | £4,000.00 |
| <u>Hay Community Transport Recovery</u> | To adapt office accommodation to provide Covid safe booking and enable enhanced re-opening and broaden community participation. Recruit and Support Volunteers. To recruit and support volunteers to provide additional capacity to support member demand and support the service recovery. Since covid several drivers have not returned as volunteers and re-establish the service there are around 8 volunteer driver vacancies. | £9,510.00 |
| <u>YFC Building a recovery</u> | To support reboot YFC members, to encourage new membership, through promotional events and media | £12,000.00 |
| <u>Marquee Hire</u> | To purchase marquee to help stage show and sheep dog trials in a Covid safe way. The intention is to also hire out in order to bring income in to sustain future show and Sheep Dog Trials | £2,222.40 |
| <u>Arts Connection - Cyswllt Celf</u> | Arts programme moving premises To purchase equipment for a outdoor workshop delivery and are looking to buy foldable tables and benches and an event shelter | £796.00 |
| <u>Adult Outreach Support (Domestic Abuse)</u> | Adult Outreach team supports clients who have experienced domestic abuse, on a 1-1 basis, across sparsely populated North Powys. Due to the increasing demand during Covid they wish to recruit an additional support worker to this team and seek funding for the initial 6 months of employment. | £10,000.00 |
| <u>Community cycle coaching</u> | To increase the number of British Cycling coaches that to offer more coaching sessions to young riders in our community. oversubscribed and are turning young riders away. To recruit from the pool of parents that currently bringing their children to coaching. To train up our level 1 coaches to level 2 coaches for more experienced riders | £2,756.00 |

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| <p><u>Building Back Stronger</u></p> | <p>Support for a short-term post to come and help increase volunteers following covid. The role will undertake a review current status with staff to identify opportunities for seeking extra help. The post then recruits and induct volunteers before passing them on to existing staff for future involvement and support.</p> | <p>£10,000.00</p> |
| <p><u>Community Kitchen</u></p> | <p>Brecon Volunteer Bureau would like to expand on the usage of the Vaults to support a community Kitchen, where people can come together in a safe environment. To create one new part-time position of coordinator to oversee the running of the kitchen and associated training for those involved. To enable the development of skills, not just those related to food independence but also communication, interpersonal, numeracy, literacy etc. These would also open further volunteering and employment possibilities clients.</p> | <p>£4,200.00</p> |
| <p><u>Young Minds</u></p> | <p>Continue and develop school-based youth work this is particularly important now, with all the stresses covid-19 has placed on young people and their schooling) offering 1:1 support, drop-in space, peer support groups and courses - delivered in 3 schools. •Work with school staff and parents to increase knowledge/understanding of mental health. To increase the offer in terms of geographical area. To increase the staffing to enable them to meet the developmental and client needs for their youth service. Previously supported by PAVO and Moondance Foundation. Funding finishing end of Sept.</p> | <p>£20,000.00</p> |
| <p><u>Volunteer Co-ordination</u></p> | <p>Dedicated Volunteer Coordinator to recruit several volunteers to support them developing and actioning our Fundraising Strategy to supplement our other aspects of funding. to develop and implement a more robust Fundraising Strategy. Covid highlighted the need to develop a new way of working, not only face to face but virtually as well.</p> | <p>£10,000.00</p> |
| <p><u>Community Arts for Health</u></p> | <p>The charity is looking for funding to create a new role for a post-holder who will plan, develop, and fundraise in respect of the following: The re-introduction and extension of existing projects which have been adversely affected by covid across Powys. Consolidation of several innovative projects which have been developed during Covid, e.g., art boxes and for care homes, and online art classes for those with long term covid and taking art activities into public areas.</p> | <p>£14,990.40</p> |
| <p><u>Cynefin Cynog</u></p> | <p>To provide a Covid-friendly, centralised play area and community, outdoor facility. Covid restrictions and beyond. Covid-friendly systems, ie. a one-way system, hand sanitising stations, signage etc • Additional benches to provide socially distanced seating allowing residents to socialise safely.</p> | <p>£9,674.00</p> |

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| <u>Refreshment and backstage sheds for outdoor theatre</u> | Funding to design and build two small sheds. The first, for the purposes of serving refreshments to their community audience and participants at live events, and the other to provide a backstage storage space for costumes and props during performances | 4,000.00 |
| <u>Ysbryd Glyndwr</u> | Canolfan Owain Glyndwr contains two a major building, known as the Grade 1 parliament, house the site of the first Welsh parliament (hosted by Owain Glyndwr in 1404) and the 'institute'. The Centre at the heart of a lottery application to renew a part vast of the old institute. There is a further need to refurbish the interior a parliament house by creating an innovative exhibition by using the latest technology. Lottery Funding has now been confirmed. | 6,660.00 |
| <u>IBS Bonfire & Fireworks Display</u> | Yearly Bonfire event. Will also involve local school project and recognise work by the Community and Armed Forces through the pandemic | £6,000.00 |
| <u>Rebuilding Montgomery Girlguiding</u> | The impact of Covid on Girlguiding in Montgomery and area meant that Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units were closed. The project will support the recovery of this important part of the community. They wish to purchase 'starter kits' with Covid to promote and increase membership which has decreased during covid. | £2,000.00 |
| <u>Victorian Festival</u> | Request to support the entertainment and insurance element of the event following the pandemic. | £5,000.00 |
| <u>Forties Weekend</u> | To support the core running of the event and marketing. Requesting grant for 2022 event. | £10,000.00 |
| <u>Brecon Advocacy Service</u> | BCA aims through independent advocacy, to empower people with a learning disability to live their lives as valued, responsible and enriched citizens. Since March 2020 our Powys People First self-advocacy project has kept in touch with members via phone and social media, posted newsletters, weekly Zoom meetings, they have delivered parcels within Covid guidelines, they would like to continue the project. Powys wide Project. | 9,382.00 |
| <u>Rhayader Museum</u> | Following W.G. funding they are seeking extra funding for: • a Volunteer Coordinator • an Exhibitions Installation Manager to keep the display build on track and give informed decisions on the correct materials to use in the Museum. • a Marketing Officer with graphic design skills to produce designs for interpretation panels and successfully promote the new attraction • a laptop and graphics software to give them the ability to work on larger scale graphics, marketing, and educational materials. | 10,269.69 |
| <u>Llanyre Community Council</u> | To regenerate the play area within Llanyre. To purchase and install a number of pieces of new equipment to enhance the lives of children and families within the community but also for visitors and all essential tourism trade, which has suffered due to Covid. | 9,499.00 |
| <u>Bike to the Future</u> | The project taking in donated cycles which might otherwise have gone for scrap and putting them back into low-cost use, looking for funding to enable Bike to the Future to pay for ancillary costs such as ground matting, stakes, and a cargo bike for carbon free transportation. It will donate £5 for each cycle sold into a tree | 3,540.00 |

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| | planting fund, then our participants can plant a tree. | |
| Managed by the NPTC Group of Colleges | To form part of a multi-agency bid to purchase Digital Screening Equipment. Enable Hafren to present "live" and "encore" performances from national and international companies, such as National Theatre Live, Royal Shakespeare Company, British Museum, V&A, NY Met Opera etc | 20,000.00 |
| Montgomery Area Scout Council | Gwersyll y Bryniau, is available for our Scout Groups to use and also for any youth organisations that wish to visit the area. This request for funding is towards an outdoor shelter, education and hammock space at Gwersyll y Bryniau which will enable Scouts and other young people of all ages to make greater use of the site regardless of the weather | 20,000.00 |
| The Abertridwr Playpark Fundraising Committee | Grant to go towards the cost of replacing the play park equipment. But the ways in which this will benefit the community is far more complex. | 10,000.00 |
| Machynlleth Community Childrens Project Ltd Country wide app? | To introduce and develop a day-to-day app to inform parents of their child's development on a regular basis following Covid. It will provide opportunities for parents to catch-up and share their experience. The introduction of the app will give them greater opportunity to share information. Member of staff will be given 1/2 day a week for 6 months to set up, train, and monitor the success of the project. Unfortunately, as they are not based on the school site, they are unable to access schools' system. | £3,900.80 |
| Cwmdu Village Hall | Looking forward a larger kitchen would benefit organisations especially where catering is required as a fund raiser. Social distancing, stringent sanitisation is part of the project. | 10,000.00 |
| South Powys Youth Music | To deliver first access instrumental sessions for whole classes in 8 Powys schools - 7 primary schools plus Penmaes SEN school. As Powys has no county music service or similar, South Powys Youth Music provides vital opportunities for young people to discover and develop their musical skills. Schools in Brecon, Hay-on-Wye, Builth and Talgarth | 5,620.00 |
| Ystradgynlais Community Welfare Ground Association | Requesting monies towards purchase of lease of the Sports Ground in Ystradgynlais. £40k raised by Association Deadline for lease monies: £25,000 for 2021 instalment £45,000 for 2022 instalment £35,000 for 2023 instalment | £20,000.00 |

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| Trewern Community Council | Trewern playground has a large unused grass area which is available for more play equipment. The majority of which was installed prior 1999. Since then, new development has taken place with an increase for play equipment. Outdoor play is vital for young people's wellbeing, particularly due to the impact of the pandemic. Free school meals have increased from 12%-15%, which reflect the hardship in the area, especially following the pandemic. | £9,450.00 |
| Ystradfellte church hall | The grant is to achieve the following: 1. Re-engagement of existing clubs by providing them with a subsidy to provide free-services to the local community. 2. Provide PPE and sanitizing stations within the hall. 3. Updated and revamped website to attract new members and a booking system for the general public. 4. The creation of a new club 'the after-hours school club' to provide an opportunity for school aged children to socialize and mix in with other children after lockdown. 5. Community engagement and welfare by YFC providing breakfast clubs and a church led evening meal. 6. To be able to offer online services such as concerts, readings and plays through a web-based camera for those not wanting to visit the hall | £2,412.00 |
| Walled Garden Development | This funding would enable to put in a kitchen in the existing breeze block shed and build an open barn structure at the bottom of the garden with outdoor heaters to enable to continue outside safely. This will also enable us to open the new Squirrels section for 4 - 6-year-olds | £4,097.18 |
| Judge's Lodging | To create a Museum Assistant post, to support the Development Manager in the daily operation and growth of The Judge's Lodging, both during its open and closed seasons. This post will assist the Development Manager with marketing work, including social media, maintenance of databases and e-correspondence. To migrate to predominantly digital marketing. This member of staff will support the Volunteers identified that one of these placement is showing a particular desire to learn more about our work and is proving extremely capable. Following the initial 12 months hopefully continue their role with us into paid employment, supporting and training a young person from the community. In addition, we would like to update our website, which launched in 2020, with the inclusion of a donation facility, something that would encourage individual donations, not just on a general basis, but by utilising specific fundraising campaigns and online events. | £9,609.00 |
| Wyeside Arts Centre | As a registered charity, under the criterion 'to purchase of equipment to enhance facilities and services' for 'Arts & Cultural Organisations' they are seeking funding to support the mental health and general wellbeing of our audience as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. Specifically, for funds to provide new quality audio equipment for live music and other live performances both for and by the community across Mid Wales. | £10,000.00 |

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| Dolwen Field Development Committee | They are looking for funding to develop a “walking for wellbeing” facility offering a low-level wheelchair friendly walk along a flat terrain, operating on a model of social prescription where health professionals are able to refer patients to support within their community in order to improve their health and wellbeing. In the wake of the pandemic many people are still reluctant to gather in crowded spaces. This project will provide a space where people are socially distanced but can exercise in the knowledge that they are safe. They would provide hand sanitisers along the route and could, if necessary, have a one-way system around the perimeter of the field. | £10,000.00 |
| The Game Change Project CIC | Funding to improve and adapt our venue so that they can support more people to increase confidence and life skills in a practical, well ventilated and disabled friendly outdoor setting. The project will help respond to the increased anxiety, social isolation, lack of confidence and other mental health challenges that people have suffered because of Covid-19. People remain reluctant to take part in social activities which is exasperating social isolation in rural areas. | 8,407.00 |
| Caersws Village Club | The Village Club has over several years been slowly undergoing refurbishment. In summer of 2020 they completed the much-needed refurbishment of our toilets, we also have several flat roof areas and most recently we have completed the full replacement of the function room roof. All of this refurbishment has to date been funded by the Village Club revenues and donations from groups and private individuals. | 5,000.00 |
| Churchstoke Bowling Club | The project is to extend the clubhouse to provide a kitchen facility, freeing up space in the clubhouse to host members and visitors to the club in a post covid environment. Though the clubhouse is a temporary structure it is of a quality that has stood the test of time and the extension is to be built to the same standards. At present there are makeshift kitchen facilities within the clubhouse taking up valuable space and not really fit for purpose. | 5,548.00 |
| COBRA RFC: | To improve access for all to our club house we wish to install a lift. The function bar area is on the first floor. They feel that by installing a lift into the club house, this will enable us to host events that will appeal to all ages and members of the community. They are flanked by the bowling green, tennis courts and our playing fields, so we anticipate that they would benefit from the improvements. | 7,730.00 |
| Clatter Community Centre | To replace three large 113-year-old windows in the community centre, formerly the village school, to ensure the continued use for the benefit of the local community. | £3,172.00 |
| *Talgarth and District Sports and Community Assn. | The area has been cleaned and repaired by volunteers but needs refreshment to encourage and enthuse both children and their parents/grandparents to engage in active play and to commune. | 8,000.00 |

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| <p>Aberhafesp Community Centre Association</p> | <p>Funding to provide a fit for use PA system and loop, also a wifi connection so that community council can meet new Welsh office guidelines to provide hybrid meetings. Also, YFC and WI and other groups can access remote meetings or take part in learning situations. Hall has very high ceilings and acoustics are poor but with Loop will benefit those with hearing difficulties and those without. Hopefully encourage more groups to use centre and increase revenue and encourage accessibility and inclusivity.</p> | <p>£3,942.00</p> |
| <p>Dolau Recreation Assn.</p> | <p>They are looking to create an outdoor space by the village hall. It was recognised during the lockdowns that there is nothing available in Dolau for people to enjoy the outdoors. They would like to have a small play area and picnic benches so families in the area are able to walk to the facility/ meet friends outdoors. The past year has made everyone realise that outdoors is safer by having this space available not only can families continue to meet if there are any restrictions put in place again to avoid meeting indoors.</p> | <p>£5,000.00</p> |
| <p>Tregynon Community Council</p> | <p>Need to adapt the land to facilitate and develop outdoor space. To provide composite and sustainable picnic tables and benches. To encourage residents and families to play and picnic in a safe outdoor environment. To promote wellbeing, exercise in an outdoor space as we recover from Covid.</p> | <p>£2,176.00</p> |
| <p>Llangynidr village hall</p> | <p>The Community recovery fund will enable the village hall to regenerate the playground facilities providing play opportunities for all ages and abilities. They have had numerous meetings about getting the playground regenerated with safer working equipment. have sent out a survey to find out what the community want in terms of playground equipment. The re design of the playground will include a one-way system, social distancing, and hand sanitising stations.</p> | <p>£10,000.00</p> |
| <p>Abermule Bowling Club</p> | <p>Bowling Leagues is planning to have open sessions on the green for people in community, and visitors (nearby caravan park) also discussing having schools sessions on Friday afternoons. The project will not only re-establish regular bowling for members/ex members, getting them back to healthy outdoor activity, where risk of Covid is more easily managed.</p> | <p>£1,824.50</p> |
| <p>Montgomery Community Regeneration Association</p> | <p>Montgomeryshire Community Regeneration Association owns and manages Plas Dolerw which is conference and local community facility in Newtown. The lift in the building was installed in 2000. The lift is serviced every six months but due to the type of the lift, replacement parts are no longer produced and available. The lift stopped working just before Covid19 and unfortunately needs to be replaced. The lift enables disabled users and the elderly access to the first floor where different voluntary organisations occupy offices.</p> | <p>£8,491.00</p> |

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| <p>Mid Border Arts</p> | <p>Marketing materials to promote Mid Border Arts, request for lift in the Assembly Rooms. And Lift for disabled access . The Assembly Rooms are spread over 2 floors. All main events take place upstairs and access to this room for the elderly, infirm or very young is via the lift. Performers and theatre companies also use it to move their equipment up to the performance space. The loss of the lift is a huge blow for our most vulnerable visitors who are less physically able and struggling with the effects of shielding and isolation. Having a working lift is crucial to our post Covid recovery. Relaunching their programme to the local community and beyond is also key to their recovery.</p> | <p>9,863.00</p> |
| <p>Welshpool Light Railway</p> | <p>Works to display building to restore it to full use after Covid and accommodate the move of Cloverland’s Model Museum from Montgomery to Llanfair, in order to increase its public access. Cloverland’s Model Car Museum, currently housed in Montgomery Institute and open for extremely restricted hours and adapt part of WLR Museum space for their displays. This will substantially increase the footfall to both museums. To visitors, the attraction will appear as a single collection, although Cloverland’s will retain ownership of their artifacts.</p> | <p>7,328.00</p> |
| <p>Enhancing Community Facilities</p> | <p>This project is for a design and feasibility study to identify the best use of the building and the works needed to achieve this. Facilities at the Hall are insufficient for the demand from both the community and visitors - in excess of 50,000 visitors per year to this end of the village and this has increased significantly since COVID. Craig y Ddinas is an outdoor activity hot spot with gorge walking and climbing being very popular activities. There are no public facing facilities in this area, so the communities and environment have been impacted by inappropriate toileting, changing, litter and parking issues. The community benefit very little from these visitors as there is minimum opportunity to spend and they believe that there is a huge opportunity missed here.</p> | <p>5000.00</p> |
| <p>Support following Covid</p> | <p>Depleted funds and membership following Covid. They are requesting materials to make masks, torches a to buy also the girls individual torches, rucksacks and picnic blankets, reflective jackets, so we can start meeting face to face outdoors to eliminate the risk of covid further. Also help towards hall rental</p> | <p>800.00</p> |
| <p>Llangorse Community Centre upgrade</p> | <p>Replacement of broken kitchen doors, worktops, and crockery. Maintaining good standards of hygiene and safety will improve the facilities provided, reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission, and ensure people who attend the Community Centre can do so safely.</p> | <p>1708.50</p> |

APPENDIX 2

Covid Community Recovery Fund For Public Conveniences – Projects Supported

| COVID recovery Grant funding for public conveniences 2021/2022 | | | | |
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| | Organisation | | Number of Facilities Operated | Payment authorised to date |
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| Community Interest Group | | | | |
| 1 | Henderson Hall Trust Fund Community Centre LD3 7JE | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Henderson Hall | | |
| 2 | Llangorse Common Community Toilets | | 1 | £1,886 |
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| 3 | Llanidloes Community Services Committee | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Gro Car Park, Chapel Street | | |
| 4 | Love Glasbury | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Glas-Y-Bont | | |
| 5 | Ystradgynlais Amenity And Convenience Association | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | The Cross, Station Road | | |
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| Community/Town Council | | | | |
| 1 | Berriew Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Adjacent to The Lion | | |
| 2 | Brecon Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Lion Yard | | |
| | | Upper Meadow | | |
| 3 | Builth Wells Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Strand Street | | |
| | | The Groe | | |
| 4 | Crickhowell Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | CRIC Crickhowell | | |
| 5 | Hay Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Nr Clock Broad Street | | |
| | | Oxford Road Car Park | | |
| 6 | Kerry Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Common Road, Kerry | | |
| 7 | Knighton Town Council | | 3 | £5,658 |
| | | Bowling Green Lane Car Park | | |
| | | Knighton Cemetery | | |

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| | | Norton Arms Car Park | | |
| 8 | Llandrindod Wells Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Lakeside | | |
| | | Station Crescent | | |
| 9 | Llanfihangel Community Council | | 3 | £5,658 |
| | | Car Park, Pontllogel | | |
| | | Mill Lane | | |
| | | School Lane | | |
| 10 | Llanfrynach Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Llanfrynach | | |
| 11 | Llanfyllin Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | High Street | | |
| 12 | Llangammarch Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Llangammarch | | |
| 13 | Llangattock Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Llangattock | | |
| 14 | Llangynidr Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Crawnnon Road | | |
| 15 | Llangynog Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Berwyn Street | | |
| 16 | Llanidloes Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Nr Town Hall | | |
| 17 | Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Park Street | | |
| 18 | Llansantffraid Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Treflan | | |
| 19 | Llansilin Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Llansilin | | |
| 20 | Llanwddyn Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Lake Vyrnwy Road | | |
| 21 | Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Riverside | | |
| 22 | Llanyre Community Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Llanyre | | |
| | | Newbridge on Wye | | |
| 23 | Machynlleth Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Heol Maengwyn | | |
| 24 | Meifod Community Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Vicarage lane | | |
| 25 | Montgomery Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Broad Street | | |
| 26 | Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Back Lane Car Park | | |
| | | The Gravel, Shortbridge Street | | |

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| 27 | Presteigne and Norton Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Hereford Street Car Park | | |
| | | Wilson Terrace | | |
| 28 | Rhayader Town Council | | 3 | £5,658 |
| | | Cemetery | | |
| | | Dark Lane Car Park | | |
| | | The Groe, Cwmdeuddwr | | |
| 29 | Talgarth Town Council | | 1 | £1,886 |
| | | Town Hall, The Square | | |
| 30 | Welshpool Town Council | | 2 | £3,772 |
| | | Berriew Street Car Park | | |
| | | Church Street CarPark | | |
| | Total grant payments authorised to date | | | £92,414 |

The Councils/Organisations listed below receive annual support from Welsh Government for facilities located close to Trunk Roads

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| 1 | Caersws Community Council |
| 2 | Carno Community Council |
| 3 | Llanbrynmair Community Council |
| 4 | Llanfair Caereinion Town Council |
| 5 | Erwood Pit Stop Trust |

APPENDIX 3 Council Services and Project Specific Support

| Service area | Project summary | Amount Requested | Funding Awarded |
|---|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Social Services Commissioning | Engage a specialist training provider to run up to 13 workshop sessions with care management, Commissioning and third sector staff to develop an approach for community brokerage of non-commissioned services for older adults and adults with disabilities. This will go hand in hand with a Dragon's Den proposal to pilot this approach with separate funding until 31/3/2022. | £7,800 | 7,800 |
| Housing Solutions - Homelessness | <p>Training and Development: Funding for homelessness legislation and good practice training and development for colleagues from Housing Services and other relevant Council services.</p> <p>Quality of Service: Funding for a Project Assessment Review (PAR) by the Welsh Government's Integrated Assurance service, of the Council's homelessness services.</p> | £13,000 | 13,000 |
| Leisure Services Freedom Leisure - Powys | To upskill 14 employees with a Swim Teacher Level 2 qualification delivered by Swim Wales. | £13,300 | 13,300 |
| Customer Services (Corporate Proposal) | <p>Covid 19 has re-enforced the need for the organisation to have an accessible website to enable our services to be delivered for all our customers including those that communicate through BSL.</p> <p>The proposal is for the My Powys Account Log in page on the council's website to be translated to BSL.</p> | £225 | 225 |
| School Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional capacity within the Education Welfare Service through the employment of two full time equivalent Educational Welfare Officers (EWOs) to cover North and South Powys. Their role will be to liaise and support families and schools for the successful re-integration of pupils back into school so that they engage fully with their learning. | £87,358 | 40,620 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional Education Support Officer (ESO) to support the accurate administration and recording associated with the increased case load referrals from schools. • An additional Family Liaison / Caseworker to support casework and referrals related to statutory ALN processes which have significantly increased since the Covid pandemic. This post would cover pupils in mainstream schools. This post would also cover the increased workload anticipated as a result of the new ALN act. | | |
| <p>Regeneration & Economic Development - 5yr maintenance</p> | <p>SMART Town Initiative</p> <p>Town Centre Wi-Fi – the installation of a town centre wi-fi system in an initial town in Powys. A town centre wi-fi system provides free to access public wi-fi, a marketing platform for businesses and events to utilise and in addition anonymised footfall data including number of visitors, duration of visit and frequency of visits. Powys County Council received 9 Meraki MR86 town centre wi-fi routers in July 2021. These routers came with a 10 year license to access the footfall dashboard and we have also managed to obtain funding for their installation via the Business Revenue Fund. We are looking to obtain funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device maintenance for 10 years. This will cover the cost of maintaining the wi-fi system for 10 years meaning that any damage or faults will be covered. Maintenance is essential as there will be no cost for maintaining the network over the next 10 years. <p>LoRaWAN – the installation of two LoRaWAN gateways in the town to compliment the town centre wi-fi system. LoRaWAN directly relates to the ‘internet of things’ and enables the use of smart sensors by both businesses, people living in the area and the local council. Having LoRaWAN gateways covering the town will enable the purchase and use of sensors such as footfall sensors for businesses or car parking sensors that could enable the direction of traffic to available spaces. As an example, a LoRaWAN enabled footfall sensor would allow a business to do a more detailed analysis of the footfall data utilising the footfall data from the town centre wi-fi in parallel. A business would be able to analyse how many people entered the shop on a daily basis, conversion of the footfall into sales and busy times of day to staff the business.</p> | <p>£18,200</p> | <p>10,200</p> |

APPENDIX 4 Valleys Taskforce Adaptation Grant – Projects Supported

| Organisation ref | Total payment amount | Project |
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| VTF001 | 2864.180 | 4 Barriers 1 5 x 4 awning |
| VTF002 | 7307.950 | 2 x 5.5m awnings tables & chairs |
| VTF003 | 1500.000 | 6 x heaters |
| VTF004 | 2520.000 | 1 5.5m awning |
| VTF005 | 2544.000 | 4.8m awning |
| VTF006 | 2544.000 | 4.6m awning |
| VTF007 | 2000.000 | 3 gazebos |
| VTF008 | 2520.000 | 5.6m awning |
| VTF009 | 836.730 | sinks, hair dryer, repaint, toilet seats and plumbing |
| VTF010 | 11033.730 | 2 x 5m awnings, 2 heaters, 4 heaters, 8 seats, decking |
| | 35670.590 | |

Award £46,572.00 (inc VAT)

APPENDIX 5 Transforming Towns – Town Centre Adaptation Grant – Projects Supported

Assessment Approval

| County | Project Approval Code | Town | Proposal | Indicative Project Cost | Local Panel (date) | Approved (grant, and date) PCC |
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| Powys | TCPIFA-100 | Llanfyllin | Increase outdoor hospitality areas within the town - Benches, awnings, planters | £16,660 | 28/10/2020 | £13,328 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-104 | Brecon | Cover umbrellas, café barriers and gas heater | £19,369 | 10/12/2020 | £15,000 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-105 | Llandrindod Wells | Awnings and parklet, | £17,640 | 10/12/2020 | £14,112 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-107 | Crickhowell | 11 bike racks, hand cleansing units and 2 picnic tables | £9,870 | 10/12/2020 | £10,000 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-108 | Hay-on-Wye | Wall & Floor heaters, café barriers, parasols & Canopys, tables & Chairs and sanitising stations | £40,860 | 10/12/2020 | £15,000 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-109 | Talgarth | Bollards, Tables, Gazebos and a shade garden area with new hard surface wooden gazebo structure seating and cycle racks | £10,746 | 10/12/2020 | £10,000 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-110 | Rhayader | Installation of a Freestanding interactive information kiosk and on street Covid-19 related signage | £15,567 | 10/12/2020 | £12,454 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-112 | Machynlleth | Support 2 businesses with covid restriction equipment and provide outside electric point, gazebo, table and chairs for a community space for outside events | £11,708 | 07/01/2021 | £12,454 |

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| Powys | TCPIFA-113 | Welshpool | Support 2 businesses with covid restriction equipment for outside dining and support to community spaces with screens etc. | £12,429 | 07/01/2021 | £10,000 |
| Powys | TCPFIA-114 | Presteigne | | £11,181 | 07/01/2021 | £8,945 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-115 | Llanidloes | Support for 2 businesses to allow for covid restricted dining including outdoor covers, tables and chairs | £5,953 | 07/01/2021 | £4,762 |
| Powys | TCPIFA-117 | Newtown | Outdoor covered space, tables and chairs for outside dining and heaters and gazebos for a hospitality business in town | £22,000 | 07/01/2021 | £15,000 |
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| | | | | £235,493 | | £144,055 |
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