

## Successful applications – First small grants round of the Mynydd Y Gwair Community Fund

31<sup>st</sup> May 2019



**51 applications, of which 12 were successful - £85,400 awarded in total this round**

### **4th Lliw Valley (Pontardulais) Scouts - Scout Hall Disabled Toilet & Wet Room**

£9,317 (pending submission of quotes so may be adjusted)

To improve the internal make-up of the hall to include a modern disabled toilet (aimed at wheelchair users), a wet room as well as improve internal doors to accommodate wheelchair access and ease of use to hall users.

### **Action for Elders - Health Our Way: Improving the wellbeing of older people in Clydach** £6,220

Health Our Way aims to work with older people in Clydach to improve their physical, social and mental wellbeing, so that they can get the most out of later life. In the words of Margaret, a group participant: "When I lost my husband, I became very low and hardly ever left the house. I thought I was going to have to go into a care home. Now I feel 10 years younger - I have my independence back and new friends. I feel positive about what the future brings for the first time in a long time."

### **Bont Elim Community Church - Counselling and Support Hub**

£9,900

To convert what is currently a derelict and unusable outbuilding to provide an area that is suitable for counselling and supporting those in need in their community.

### **Cylch Gwinio'r Bont - Cylch Gwinio'r Bont Outreach Workshops and Visits**

£1,000

To continue to hold regular activity sessions, and organise extra interesting and innovative workshops in 2019/20. Funding already secured "in house" tutorials and workshops, this funding will compliment these, giving members the opportunity to gain information and experience of other craft-workers and tutors in South and South West Wales and to branch out into different activities. For example, glassmaking, pottery, weaving, woodcarving, macramé, upcycling/recycling, jewellery and beadwork Gain and maintain more and other peoples' interests (and also to encourage others to join including men).

### **Felindre Welfare Hall - Welfare Hall upgrade**

£9,703

Part of a 5 year plan to upgrade the "village hall facility". They currently deal with over 250 bookings annually, however have potential for 100% more. The events include village clubs, Old Age, Sewing Club, Pilates Group, Youth Group, Flower arranging

courses, etc. The funding will be used to upgrade the kitchen, toilet and committee room to be more appealing and comfortable for all users. Plus security, signage and additional tables.

**Penllergare Trust - renewable energy educational resource**

£10,000

To provide a sustainable training facility to improve volunteer training and engagement, to attract new volunteers and trainees, and to provide opportunities to enhance pre-employment and employment training and development for local people.

**Pontarddulais Partnership - Core Costs**

£10,000

To maintain the Pontarddulais Partnership, a charity that works in the Pontarddulais area and which was incorporated in 2006. The Pontarddulais Partnership works with community volunteers to decide on and work towards the continuing development of Pontarddulais by supporting the involvement of a wide range of people including children, young people, the vulnerable, older people and people that would benefit from support over time to achieve their potential, improve quality of life, wellbeing, employment prospects, sense of pride, community spirit and independence.

**Pontarddulais Cricket Club - Refurbishment of the Indoor cricket practice nets**

£6,564

23 years ago, Pontarddulais cricket club raised £23,000 in a match funding grant project in conjunction the Sports council of Wales to install an indoor cricket practice net facility at Pontarddulais Leisure centre. Some of the equipment, which is used by the local schools and cricket clubs has now deteriorated to the point that only 3 out of 4 nets can be used while some of the remaining equipment is close to being unfit for safe use. The funding will be used to refurbish the worn equipment.

**Pontarddulais Comprehensive School - Bont Comp Sports Hall Flooring Refurbishment**

£10,000

To provide an enhanced sporting facility for all current and future pupils at Pontarddulais Comprehensive School as well as the wider community who use the facility in the evening and on the weekend as a Leisure Centre.

**St John Cymru (Pontarddulais Division) - Bring It On Bont St John**

£4,355

To improve their amenities to better suit the needs of those using the building. Whilst accessibility in the building is good, there are elements missing, and with an increasingly diverse service user, they are keen to meet those needs. The disabled toilet will have hand drying facilities and better storage to improve access (members who are wheelchair users and the local MS support group regularly hire the hall for meetings and training - Beneficiaries - 30-40 people).

Storage in the main hall is currently not fit for inclusive use, as disabled members are required to move the full length of the hall to access supplies needed for youth sessions. New storage will allow everything they need to run training in one location and at an accessible height (Beneficiaries – 90 members)

**Ty Croeso - Maintaining support for Ty Croeso's activities**

£2,700

Maintaining activity at Tŷ Croeso through ensuring a proportion of the annual income. Activities include - Food bank (10-12 people per week); Personal counselling service (5 people); 'Families Anonymous' (5 people); Exercise (8 people); Credit Union (6 people); Welsh Learners (10-12 people); 'Tea and Hymns' (20-30 people, monthly); Wellness walks (10 people, monthly); drop-in service giving vulnerable individuals an opportunity for a chat and a cup of tea in a warm friendly atmosphere (2-6 people each week).

**Village Voices – Continue and growing their community choir**

£5,640

The project is to grow their Community Choir. With increasing interest in the physical, psychological and emotional benefits of singing as a group, they hope to expand and to be able to offer the choir free or at a very small fee to encourage more members of the local community and beyond to attend and experience the benefits of involvement.