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Hysbysir drwy hyn y caiff y penderfyniadau dilynol a wnaed gan aelod o'r cabinet eu gwneud **Dydd Mercher, 11eg Ionawr, 2023**.

AGENDA

1. GWEITHGOR CRONFA'R DEGWM

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Rachel Garrick	<p>Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Adnoddau Prif Swyddogion – Peter Davies, Frances O'Brien, Matthew Phillips, Jane Rodgers</p> <p><i>Cyllid</i> <i>Datblygu a chynnig y gyllideb i'r Cyngor</i> <i>Digidol a Thechnoleg Gwybodaeth</i> <i>Adnoddau Dynol, y Gyflogres ac lechyd a Diogelwch</i> <i>Caffael strategol – hyrwyddo lleoliaeth</i> <i>Tir ac Adeiladau</i> <i>Cynnal a chadw a rheoli eiddo</i> <i>Rheoli'r Fflyd</i> <i>Cynllunio Brys</i></p>	Castell Cil-y-coed

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Sara Burch	<p>Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Cymunedau Cynhwysol a Byw Prif Swyddogion – Frances O'Brien, Ian Saunders, Jane Rodgers, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Strategaeth Tai Fforddiadwy Digartrefedd Diogelwch yn y Gymuned Teithio Llesol Canolfannau Hamdden Chwarae a Chwaraeon Gwybodaeth ar gyfer Twristiaid, Amgueddfeydd, Theatrau ac Atyniadau</p>	Cantref
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	<p>amaeth-goedwigaeth a garddwriaeth leol Cynllunio ar gyfer y rhwydwaith traffig Trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus Priffyrdd gan gynnwys y cefnffyrdd Palmentydd a lonydd cefn Lliniaru, rheoli ac adferiad yn dilyn llifogydd, ansawdd dŵr afonydd Rheoli Gwastraff Gofal Stryd, sbwriel a gofodau cyhoeddus Cefn Gwlad, Bioamrywiaeth a hawliau tramwy cyhoeddus gan gynnwys parciau a gofodau agored Cyfleusterau cyhoeddus</p>	
Catherine Fookes	<p>Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Cydraddoldeb ac Ymgysylltu</p> <p>Prif Swyddogion – Frances O’Brien, Matt Phillips, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Anghydraddoldeb cymunedol (iechyd, incwm, maetheg, anfantais, gwahaniaethu, arwahanrwydd) Budd-daliadau Yr iaith Gymraeg Hyrwyddo democratiaeth ac ymgysylltu dinasyddion Hybiau cymunedol a’r ganolfan gyswllt Gwasanaethau cwsmeriaid a phrofiad dinasyddion Cyfathrebu, cysylltiadau cyhoeddus, marchnata Gweithio gyda mudiadau gwirfoddol Cofrestryddion Gwasanaethau Etholiadol Adolygu’r Cyfansoddiad Moeseg a safonau</p>	Tref

Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

Ein diben

Adeiladu Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chydnerth

Amcanion y gweithiwn tuag atynt

- Rhoi'r dechrau gorau posibl mewn bywyd i bobl
- Sir lewyrchus a chysylltiedig
- Cynyddu i'r eithaf botensial yr amgylchedd naturiol ac adeiledig
- Llesiant gydol oes
- Cyngor gyda ffocws ar y dyfodol

Ein Gwerthoedd

Bod yn agored. Rydym yn agored ac yn onest. Mae pobl yn cael cyfle i gymryd rhan mewn penderfyniadau sy'n effeithio arnynt, dweud beth sy'n bwysig iddynt a gwneud pethau drostynt eu hunain/eu cymunedau. Os na allwn wneud rhywbeth i helpu, byddwn yn dweud hynny; os bydd yn cymryd peth amser i gael yr ateb, byddwn yn esbonio pam; os na allwn ateb yn syth, byddwn yn ceisio eich cysylltu gyda'r bobl a all helpu - mae adeiladu ymddiriedaeth ac ymgysylltu yn sylfaen allweddol.

Tegwch. Darparwn gyfleoedd teg, i helpu pobl a chymunedau i ffynnu. Os nad yw rhywbeth yn ymddangos yn deg, byddwn yn gwrando ac yn esbonio pam. Byddwn bob amser yn ceisio trin pawb yn deg ac yn gyson. Ni allwn wneud pawb yn hapus bob amser, ond byddwn yn ymrwymo i wrando ac esbonio pam y gwnaethom weithredu fel y gwnaethom.

Hyblygrwydd. Byddwn yn parhau i newid a bod yn hyblyg i alluogi cyflwyno'r gwasanaethau mwyaf effeithlon ac effeithiol. Mae hyn yn golygu ymrwymiad gwirioneddol i weithio gyda phawb i groesawu ffyrdd newydd o weithio.

Gwaith Tîm. Byddwn yn gweithio gyda chi a'n partneriaid i gefnogi ac ysbrydoli pawb i gymryd rhan fel y gallwn gyflawni pethau gwych gyda'n gilydd. Nid ydym yn gweld ein hunain fel 'trefnwyr' neu ddatrys-wyr problemau, ond gwnawn y gorau o syniadau, asedau ac adnoddau sydd ar gael i wneud yn siŵr ein bod yn gwneud y pethau sy'n cael yr effaith mwyaf cadarnhaol ar ein pobl a lleoedd.

Caredigrwydd – Byddwn yn dangos caredigrwydd i bawb yr ydym yn gweithio gyda nhw, gan roi pwysigrwydd perthnasoedd a'r cysylltiadau sydd gennym â'n gilydd wrth wraidd pob rhyngweithio.

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SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD
DATE:	11th January 2023
DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:	All

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group Meeting 3 held on Thursday 1st December 2022 and to approve the Welsh Church Fund Allocation Criteria for the 2023-24 financial year.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded as per the schedule of applications.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2022/23 – MEETING 3.

1. **Goytre Community Garden**, requested £1,000 to extend and develop the greenhouse and to enhance the range of vegetables grown and also be able to grow vegetables throughout the year

Recommendation: £750 awarded to assist this community group in extending their ability to grow vegetables for the group and the wider local community in general.

2. **Christchurch, Govilion** requested £2,700 for urgent and essential to the Chancel roof, a supporting ridge has failed bringing down plaster from the roof.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in the replacement of the chancel roof at this community church.

3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Options available to the Committee are driven by the information supplied by the applicants.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

No evaluation criteria are applicable to the grant awarded by the trust.

5. REASONS

A Meeting took place on Thursday 01st December 2022 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule (Appendix 1).

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 3:

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)
County Councillor S. Garrett (Vice Chair)
County Councillor J. Strong
County Councillor M. Lane

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 3:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
W. Barnard Committee Administration

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 3

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGs

The minutes of the meetings held on the 27th September 2022

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £2,750 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee The balance of £16,710 can be utilised at future meetings during the 2022-23 financial year.

7. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

There are no Future Generations, equality, safeguarding, corporate parenting or sustainable development implications directly arising from this report. The assessment is contained in the attached appendix.

8. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance
Central Finance Management Accountant

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2022/23– Meeting 2 (Appendix 1)

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WELSH CHURCH FUND - APPLICATIONS 2022/23
MEETING 3: 01st December 2022

APPENDIX 1

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>ELECTORAL DIVISION</u>	<u>Signed by Councillor</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>DECISION</u>	<u>NATURE OF PROJECT REQUEST</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL COST</u>	<u>DATE Application Received</u>	<u>D of I*</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
<u>NEW APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION</u>			£	£		£			
1 Goytre Community Garden	Goytre Fawr	Jan Butler	£1,000	£750	funding required to extend and develop the greenhouse and to enhance the range of vegetables grown and also be able to grow vegetables throughout the year	£1,275	26/10/22	No	The Community garden as existed for 7 years and is very popular and well used. Miniplots are rented by members for a small charge to grow vegetables for their own usage and for community distribution
2 Christchurch, Govilion	Llanelly Hill	M.A.S Brocklesby	£2,700	£2,000	Funding required for repairs to the Chancel roof, a supporting ridge has failed bringing down plaster from the roof as a result	£13,176	10/11/22	No	The church is always open to people in need and they collect weekly for the Abergavenny foodbank. The church supports a wide variety of community groups and runs many support appeals for current topical charitable causes.
Deferred Applications									
SUB TOTAL Meeting 3			£3,700	£2,750					
					OTHER INFORMATION :				
MEETING	DATE	Single Member		AWARD					
1	June 23rd 2022	July 27th 2022		9,650					
2	Sept 27th 2022	Oct 28th 2022		2,050					
3	Dec 01st 2022	Jan 11th 2023		2,750					
4	Mar 09th 2023	Apr 12th 2023		0					
TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2022/23				14,450					
BUDGET 2022/23				31,160					
BALANCE B/F TO 2022/23				£0					
Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2022/23				£31,160					
REMAINING BALANCE c/funding 2022/23			£16,710						

*D of I = Declaration of Interest

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Integrated Impact Assessment document

(incorporating Equalities, Future Generations, Welsh Language and Socio Economic Duty)

<p>Name of the Officer D Jarrett Phone no: 4657 E-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal To assess the Grant Allocation Processes of the Welsh Church Fund for the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group on the 01st December 2022</p>
<p>Name of Service Finance</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation 01st December 2022</p>

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Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	Encouraging the socializing of differing age groups through social provision	No negative impact	
Disability	Proposal to assist in the provision of disabled facilities.	No negative impact	
Gender reassignment	No impact	No negative impact	

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Marriage or civil partnership	No impact	No negative impact	
Pregnancy or maternity	No impact	No negative impact	
Race	.No impact	No negative impact	
Religion or Belief	.Encouraging religion through education at the point of delivery through the provision of enhanced facilities	No negative impact	
Sex	No impact	No negative impact	
Sexual Orientation	.No Impact	No Negative impact	

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2. The Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice

The Socio-economic Duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage when taking key decisions This duty aligns with our commitment as an authority to Social Justice.

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage.	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice	N/A	No Negative impact	





3. Policy making and the Welsh language.


How does your proposal impact on the following aspects of the Council's Welsh Language Standards:	Describe the positive impacts of this proposal	Describe the negative impacts of this proposal	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts
<p>Policy Making</p> <p>Effects on the use of the Welsh language,</p> <p>Promoting Welsh language</p> <p>Treating the Welsh language no less favourably</p>	N/A	No Negative impact	
<p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p>	N/A	No Negative impact	
<p>Service delivery</p> <p>Use of Welsh language in service delivery</p> <p>Promoting use of the language</p>	N/A	No Negative impact	

4. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	N/A	
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	N/A	
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	N/A	
U A Wales of cohesive communities 8 8 Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	N/A	
1 A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	N/A	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	N/A	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	N/A	

5. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	N/A	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	N/A	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	N/A	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	N/A	

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p data-bbox="349 256 521 520">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	.N/A	

6. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Not applicable	.	
Corporate Parenting	Not applicable		

7. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

The evidence and data used for the assessment of each applicant to the Welsh Church Fund is supplied by the applicant upon submission of their application. The data and information supplied or subsequently requested is used to form the basis of the Committees' decision on whether to award a qualifying grant.

8. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

The grant aid supports and highlights the positive effect that decisions the Welsh Church Fund Working Group have on the applicants funding requests from Voluntary Organisations, Local Community Groups, Individuals and Religious Establishments. All awards are made in the belief that the funding is utilised for sustainable projects and cultural activities that benefit individuals, organisations, communities and their associated assets. All grants are awarded within the Charitable Guidelines of the Trust

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9. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible
Award grants	January 2023	Welsh Church Fund

10. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

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Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Individual Cabinet Member Decision	11 th January 2023	

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SUBJECT: CLYDACH IRONWORKS ENHANCEMENT SCHEME LAND TRANSFERS

MEETING: Individual Cabinet Member – Councillor S. Burch

DATE: 11 January 2023

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Llanelly Hill

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To seek approval for the transfer of land associated with the Clydach Ironworks Enhancement Scheme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That two parcels of land adjacent to Clydach Ironworks (hatched in blue and orange on the attached plan) be transferred from Llanelly Community Council and a private owner for nominal sums to the Council.
- 2.2 That following transfer to the County Council the parcels be incorporated into the portfolio of land and property managed and operated by MonLife's Countryside Access Service

3. KEY ISSUES:

Background

- 3.1 Clydach Ironworks was built in 1795 and closed in 1861. The ironworks were gifted to the former Blaenau Gwent BC in the 1980s and subsequently transferred to the Council's management. The ironworks are a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) and lie in the Brecon Beacons National Park at a strategic location in the Clydach Gorge and close to the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape World Heritage Site. The monument has been identified by Cadw to be at 'high' risk and a 'high' level of vulnerability.
- 3.2 The Clydach Gorge Gateway Development Study prepared in 2009 for Blaenau Gwent CBC, Monmouthshire CC and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority identified the opportunities associated with the road investment to enhance the visitor experience, including developing a visitor hub at Clydach Ironworks to enable visitor access to the monument and to the wider countryside access network in the gorge.
- 3.3 The Council received Tourism Amenity Investment Support (TAIS) grant from Welsh Government in 2017 to enhance the setting of the ironworks, car park and picnic site. As part of this scheme the Council acquired the former Cemex site to consolidate land ownership of the monument and improve visitor and operational access.

- 3.4 Progress on the scheme has been hampered by the impact of the delays to the A465 scheme. However the landscape and access improvement works at the Ironworks are complete and the car park and remaining part of the picnic site occupied as part of the road construction have, after seven years, been very recently returned to the Council's management. The site now benefits from prominent visitor signage on the A465.
- 3.5 With grant support from Cadw structural assessments and a first phase of essential works on the monument were completed in 2021. These temporary works have addressed critical defects at risk of collapse. In partnership with Brecon Beacons National Park Authority additional funding has been secured from the National Grid's Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI), with further support from Cadw, which will allow permanent repairs to these defects to be undertaken in 22/23.
- 3.6 Welsh Government have offered in principle further funding to support additional enhancements of the ironworks site, the returned car park / picnic site, and countryside access network improvements. Confirmation of a project submission is expected imminently, and it is hoped to develop and consult on detailed proposals and complete these in the 22/23.

Key Issues

- 3.7 As part of the enhancement scheme a new safety fence has been installed at the higher side of the monument, in part running alongside the existing Clydach village hall / playing field boundary. To enclose the scheduled structure, the associated fall risks, and to enable its construction the fence line has by agreement enclosed a strip of land in the ownership of Llanelly Community Council. It has been mutually agreed that for ease of future management the new fence line should form the ownership boundary necessitating a transfer of the enclosed land (hatched in blue on the attached plan). The proposed transfer will bring all of the top of the monument into the Council's ownership making future access and maintenance easier (the current line is indeterminate on the ground crossing parts of the structure) and ensure public safety.
- 3.8 Land running to the south west of the Ironworks, including a narrow strip of riverbank and part of the scheduled monument is in private ownership (hatched orange on the attached plan). The private owner has indicated their wish to transfer ownership at no cost to the Council. This is on balance an advantageous and timely offer. The land includes the incline footpath (a public right of way), riverside abutments to the main site and an area of woodland. Its acquisition will consolidate the Council's ownership making the monument easier to access and address the risks to the wider site associated with any deterioration of the riverside abutments. Recent structural surveys of the riverside structures have established they are generally in fair condition except for one part of the retaining wall. Options to remedy this have been identified and would be most economically carried out in the next phase of works when funding is available.
- 3.9 The proposed land transfers will further consolidate ownership, bringing all of the extant structures of the scheduled monument into the Council's ownership, and protect the current and planned investment in the site.
- 3.10 Despite this investment it is clear that the scale of intervention required to fully restore the monument, to address its long term management implications, and to realise the full

benefits of the site as a visitor attraction are potentially beyond the Council's ability to deliver and would require this to be based new partnership or management approaches. The proposed land transfers protect the ability to consider future options.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

4.1 The equality impacts identified in the assessment (Appendix 1) are summarised below for members' consideration: The proposals are intended to facilitate future site management and protect current /planned investment and longer term management options to the benefit of the local community, local environment and the wider economy through destination development.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Option	Positives	Negatives
<i>To agree the proposed land transfers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Simplifies site and scheduled monument management and addresses maintaining public access and safety</i> <i>Supports progress on planned enhancements and protects existing investment / future funding and management options</i> <i>Timely in respect of current funding availability to address asset issues</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Adds additional assets</i> <i>Known issue on riverside wall</i>
<i>To not agree the proposed land transfers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Does not add to current assets</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Complicates future site and scheduled monument management</i> <i>Maintains risks to current and planned investment, including in the case of the privately owned land the intentions of any future owners</i> <i>Complexity of land ownership may negate further progress on future funding / management options for the ironworks</i>

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.1 Progress in delivery of the proposed transfers and success in achieving further progress to secure the enhancement of the site and the longer-term condition of the monument.

7. REASONS:

7.1 To seek to meet the Council's obligation as an owner of a scheduled ancient monument, to contribute to local amenity and destination development and to maximise the potential for future external investment and management options.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 In each case transfer for a nominal sum is proposed with the Council meeting legal costs. There are no implications arising from the transfer of the Community Council land as the

necessary works have already been completed. The implications arising from the transfer of the privately owned land are potentially two-fold, works to the riverside retaining wall and additional woodland management costs. Structural and tree surveys have been completed. Options for the riverside wall will be most economically carried out as part of the wider contract addressing the essential works elsewhere on the monument and would be procured as part of the proposed scheme. A recent tree survey for the whole site has identified only a modest additional requirement resulting from the additional woodland, which will be addressed as part of the wider scheme. The overall site remains smaller than prior to the CPO associated with the A465 scheme. Slippage of £37,648 of the established capital project was approved into 22/23. In addition LEI grant of £213,677 is approved, with match of £40,000 agreed from Cadw. Further Welsh Government grant of £250,000 is approved in principle, with agreement of the submitted project outline expected imminently

9. CONSULTEES:

Ward Members
Cabinet
Senior Leadership Team
Chief Operating Officer MonLife
Estates Development Manager

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1: Plan
Appendix 2: Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

- Previous Cabinet and Council reports:
 - Council 17 January 2018: Transfer of land at former ironworks at Clydach Gorge from Costain to the County Council
 - Cabinet 4 September 2019: Countryside sites s106 contributions
 - Cabinet 2 December 2020: Clydach ironworks enhancement scheme revisions/106 funding, Cae Meldon

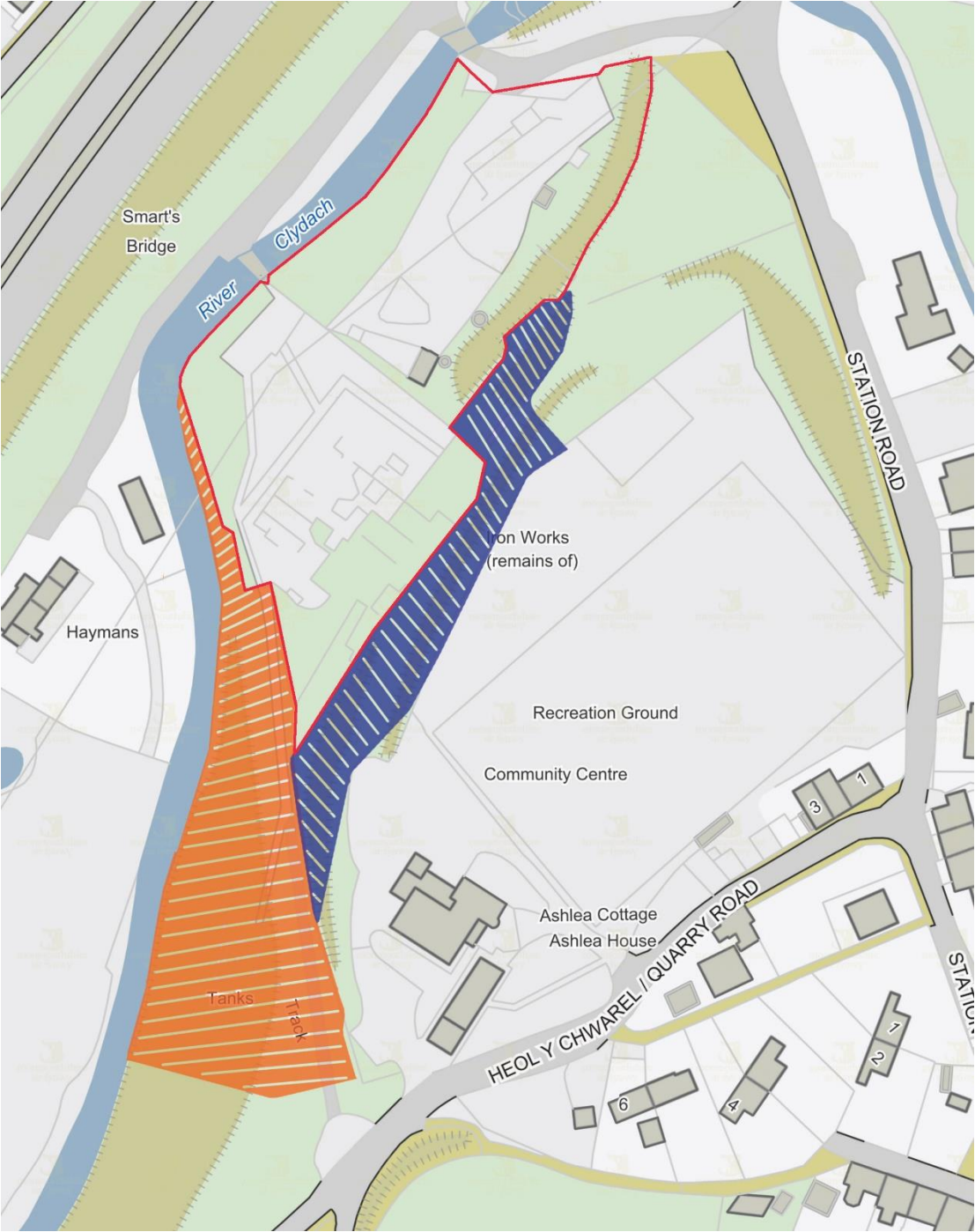
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<p>Name of the Officer Matthew Lewis Phone no: 01633 644855 E-mail: matthewlewis@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal Clydach Ironworks Enhancement Scheme Land Transfers To seek approval for the transfer of land associated with the Clydach Ironworks Enhancement Scheme.</p>
<p>Name of Service area: MonLife</p>	<p>Date 14 December 2022</p>

1. **Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics?** Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

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Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	The provision and improvement of countryside access and heritage sites provides recreational opportunities for all ages	None	None
Disability	The scheme meets least restrictive countryside access design principles	None	None
Gender reassignment	None	None	None
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	None

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Pregnancy or maternity	None	None	None
Race	None	None	None
Religion or Belief	None	None	None
Sex	None	None	None
Sexual Orientation	None	None	None

2. The Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice

The Socio-economic Duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage when taking key decisions This duty aligns with our commitment as an authority to Social Justice.

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	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage.	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice	Facilitates the Clydach ironworks / gateway enhancement scheme which provides free access to the ironworks and the wider countryside		

3. Policy making and the Welsh language.



How does your proposal impact on the following aspects of the Council's Welsh Language Standards:	Describe the positive impacts of this proposal	Describe the negative impacts of this proposal	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts
Policy Making Effects on the use of the Welsh language, Promoting Welsh language Treating the Welsh language no less favourably			
Operational Recruitment & Training of workforce			
Service delivery Use of Welsh language in service delivery Promoting use of the language	The enhancement scheme has enhanced Welsh language provision through signage and interpretation		Any additional site signage will be bilingual




4. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive –facilitates the Clydach gateway enhancement scheme to improve visitor facilities. These proposals have been developed from a partnership approach to realising the opportunities presented by the road investment to enhance the visitor experience via the Clydach Gorge Enhancement Project and in turn build on the Clydach Gorge Gateway Development Study prepared in 2009 for Blaenau Gwent CBC, Monmouthshire CC and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.</p>	<p>As further phases of the scheme are developed, as facilitated by this land transfer, further consultations will take place with partners and community</p>
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive – the enhancement scheme includes positive woodland management measures and ecological assessments</p>	<p>A management scheme will be further developed including measures for biodiversity, woodland management, pollinators, addressing non-native invasive species etc.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales People’s physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive – the Clydach gateway enhancement scheme improves visitor facilities and access to the surrounding countryside, walking and cycling routes etc.</p>	<p>Part of the wider Clydach Gorge strategy developed with partners</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Positive – the ironworks are a well appreciated local asset and the scheme facilitated starts to address community concerns over their condition</p>	<p>As further phases of the scheme are developed, as facilitated by this land transfer, further consultations will take place with partners and community</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p>	<p>Positive – the Clydach gateway enhancement scheme includes enhanced access and interpretation of this important historical site part of the gorge’s heritage</p>	<p>As further phases of the scheme are developed, as facilitated by this land transfer, further consultations will take place with partners and community</p>
<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Positive –the enhancement scheme which provides free access to the ironworks and the wider countryside - development of the new offer will work towards reducing barriers to access</p>	

5. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The proposals are intended to facilitate the short term enhancement scheme, future site management and improve the circumstances for a longer term restoration scheme for the ironworks itself</p>	<p>Production of a site management plan is part of the proposed outputs of the enhancement scheme</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The proposals facilitate the enhancement scheme which has been developed through partnership working</p>	<p>These enhancement proposals have been developed from a partnership approach to realising the opportunities presented by the road investment to enhance the visitor experience.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The gateway enhancement scheme to be facilitated was identified through consultation on the Clydach Gorge Gateway Development Study prepared in 2009 for Blaenau Gwent CBC, Monmouthshire CC and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and has been the subject of local community consultation</p>	<p>As further phases of the scheme are developed, as facilitated by this land transfer further consultations will take place with partners and community</p>
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The proposals are intended to facilitate the short term enhancement scheme, including critical stabilisation work, future site management, and assessments to improve the circumstances for a longer term restoration scheme for the ironworks itself.</p>	
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The proposals are intended to facilitate the short term enhancement scheme, future site management and improve the circumstances for a longer term restoration scheme for the ironworks itself to the benefit of the local community, local environment and the wider economy through destination development.</p>	

6. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corporate Parenting	N/A	N/A	N/A

7. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

- Clydach Gorge Gateway Development Study
- Clydach Gateway Enhancement Proposals / TAIS grant approval variation
- Discussion with Cadw
- LEI grant approval / partnership agreement with BBNPA
- Discussions with Welsh Government

8. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

The proposals are intended to facilitate future site management and protect current /planned investment and longer term management options to the benefit of the local community, local environment and the wider economy through destination development.

9. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible
Seek approval of the proposed land transfers and action them	ICMD 11 January 2022	Environment & Culture Manager

10. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1.	ICMD		