

CONWY KEY FUND

CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: Nov 8th, 2005

Report Title: Conwy Key Fund (CKF) Grants

Summary of Report: The purpose of this report is to seek approval for CKF grants covering the Rural/Coastal areas (see section 3 attached).

Recommendations: To approve the award of the grants as recommended by the CKF Management Committee/Panel.

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| Background Papers | Refer to report. Applications held at the CKF office. |
| Environmental Statement | The proposed works are consistent with the Council's aims of promoting conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. |
| Community Safety Implications | These applications have no bearing on community safety |
| Financial Implications | Noted within the report |
| Personnel Implications | None |
| The Human Rights Act, 1998 | This report has been audited for potential breaches of Articles in the European Convention of Human Rights. Any breach or breaches, and any justification for such a breach of breaches, are indicated in the report itself or in the addendum to the report. |



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Conwy Key Fund

Report for Conwy County Borough Council Cabinet

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

Grant Approvals and Revised Delegate Scheme of Delegation.

Following the Cabinet Meeting of 27 September 2005 and an endorsement of the Minutes of the previous Cabinet Meeting on 6 September 2005, it is now confirmed that the Officer-Delegation level in respect of financial assistance to Small or Medium Enterprises (this would include Community Enterprises) is to be raised to a maximum of £25,000, subject to consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

SECTION 2 - BACKGROUND

Conwy Key Fund is a scheme funded by Objective 1 and the Local Regeneration Fund. The funding bodies being the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) and Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) respectively.

A suite of three Key Funds has been established to support community led projects across the County, the Rural, Coastal and Quarry Villages Key Funds. Three funds have been established as to provide both a Countywide scheme and maximise the potential of relevant Objective 1 funding. The three funds are administered by one team.

Rural Key Fund:

- Development of village facilities and the protection and conservation of rural heritage and culture
- Development of tourism and craft based activities.
- Community led projects aiming at enhancing basic services.

Coastal Key Fund

- Supporting community and cultural enterprises
- Developing community services to increase training and job opportunities.
- Support for new and existing community enterprises.
- Creating and safeguarding jobs.
- Local facilities developed and improved.

Quarry Villages

- Provision of community services and sustainable use of Community Owned assets
- Support for inter agency partnership regeneration initiatives
- Community Environmental enhancement projects and appraisals
- Assisting community groups with community led projects and enterprises.
- Creating jobs through community development.

SECTION 3 - RECOMMENDATIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ PANEL FOR RURAL AND COASTAL AREAS THAT MET AT THE CRAIG Y DDERWEN HOTEL, BETWS Y COED ON 20th October 2005.

Present at the above: (List of Attendees)

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| Derrick Orme | Conwy Voluntary Services Council |
| Eirian Pierce Jones | Conwy Voluntary Services Council |
| Paul Williams | National Farmers' Union |
| Denise Wilson | Welsh Development Agency |
| Carole Weller | Welsh Development Agency |
| Martin Carpenter | Betws y Coed Tourism Association |
| Goronwy O Edwards | Conwy County Borough Council |
| Allan Sharp | Leader +, Conwy Energy Agency |
| Sarah Breeze | Conwy Key Fund |
| Ann B Carroll | Conwy Key Fund |
| Ceinwen McWilliam | Conwy key Fund |
| Shane Wetton | Rural Community Action |

Project Applications submitted to CKF Committee/Panel for consideration and recommendation.

Project No. 1 – Rural

1. Project Name - Llanfihangel Area Community Incinerator

2. Description of Project

A group of 17 local farmers who represent 96% of the area's farming community have formed to establish a low capacity sheep incinerator for fallen stock. The project involves the installation of an agricultural shed, a fallen sheep incinerator and environmental improvements. The local facility

has positive benefits to the environment, health and hygiene, the countryside, local businesses, residents and tourism in the area. The incinerator will be regularly monitored by the State Veterinary Service and Conwy's Trading Standards; which is the regulatory body for low capacity incinerators. This project is a good example of a community led initiative benefiting and enhancing the rural area of Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr and the wider community.

3.Potential Outputs/Outcomes –

Gross new community business in the rural area created – 1
Gross new community business in the rural area assisted – 1
Gross new community business in the rural area supported – 1
Community led project aimed at enhancing basic community services – 1
Rural EU Target – To work with various strategies including “Farming for the Future” strategy and working with Agrisgôp and other Farming Agencies.

4.Project Value

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| Total Project Value | £47,638.97 |
| Key Fund Grant Requested | £26,296.60 |
| Panel's Recommended Grant Support | £26,296.60 |

5.Recommendation In Principal Approved

Project No.2 - Rural

1.Project Name - Llanrwst Almshouse Historic Sensory Garden

2.Description of Project

This project is to create an accessible, sensory, historic 17th and 19th Century herb/floral garden in the Llanrwst Almshouse Museum courtyard. The project will involve the creation of raised beds for herbs and planting at heights appropriate for wheelchair users with Braille and bilingual fingerposts. The project is inter-generational involving local volunteers, which will enjoy lifelong learning and education as well as the social aspect; of the volunteers working together to maintain the project after its development. The garden will be open and free for all to visit and enjoy.

3.Potential Outputs/Outcomes

Project aimed at providing environmental improvements – 1
Community led project aimed at enhancing and developing villages - 1

4.Project Value

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| Total Project Value | £46,201 |
| Grant Requested | £32,701 |

Panel's Recommended Grant Support £32,701

5.Recommendation In Principal Approved

Project No.3 - Coastal

1.Project Name - Llandudno & District Credit Union Expansion Scheme

2.Description of Project - This project is to include extending existing office premises, and providing a multi-functional meeting room space for confidential interviews, meeting and training. The project will provide a self-contained community facility; which can be used by the Credit Union and other voluntary community groups and organisations such as Welfare Rights, Community and Citizen's Advice Bureau for example.

3.Potential Outputs/Outcomes

Gross new jobs created - 2
Community led project aimed at enhancing and developing village – 1
Community led project aimed at enhancing community services – 1
Existing community business supported - 1

4.Project Value

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| Total Project Value | £115,496.81 |
| Grant Requested | £72,218 |
| Panel's Recommended Grant Support | £72,218 |

5.Recommendation In Principal Approved

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

To approve the award of the grants as recommended by the CKF Management Committee/Panel.