



# Llandeilo Participatory Budgeting project

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED

WELSH LANGUAGE LIBRARY AND WELLBEING HUB & BOXING CLUB, RECEIVE COMMUNITY FUNDING IN LLANDEILO



On Thursday March 3rd the Llandeilo Community Action Hub held a public ceremony to crown the winners in the Llandeilo Participatory Budgeting Pilot Project.

The public of Llandeilo had been to the ballot box last week to decide which of seven grass-root community projects put forward would get funded.

*\*approx 2000 residents*

# 631

votes were cast – 399 online at the Connect Carmarthenshire website and 232 votes were collected in person at Hengwrt.

£ 12,863.20 was available for this innovative process in community funding, money coming from Welsh Government through the West Wales Care Partnership, Llandeilo Town Council, the Llandeilo Round Table, Bush House Veterinary Group, Shufflebottom LTD, Safer Homes and Communities – Carmarthenshire County Council, and many private donators.

THE FUNDS WERE ENOUGH TO FULLY FUND THE TWO PROJECTS WITH THE MOST VOTES AND WINNERS WERE ANNOUNCED AND PRESENTED WITH THEIR CHEQUE BY MAYOR ROB JONES

*Woody Lewis*

**209**

Votes



**244**

Votes

*Mayreen Williams*

# Our final thoughts...



Library and Wellbeing Hub

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“I’m really looking forward to get started on the practical side of the project,” said **Maureen Williams**, Head Teacher at Ysgol Cymraeg Teilo Sant. “A purposeful area for present pupils, future pupils and children in the community to enjoy and learn in an environment that shows respect towards children with a warm community feeling”

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Box of Fists

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**Carl 'Woody' Lewis** from Llandeilo Boxing Club was equally enthusiastic: “First of all thank you to everyone who voted, I can’t wait to get Box of Fists boxing club started, Llandeilo has a big antisocial behaviour issue at the moment so I’m hoping the gym will give them a place to let of some steam and learn some discipline. Even if I can help develop a handful of youngsters then the project will be worthwhile.”

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The projects that have been awarded funds will bring with them additional health and wellbeing benefits for those in the area.

We trust that this is just the start of a new way of working in communities, communities having their voices heard on what they would like to see and have more of in their area.”

**Jackie Dorian**, Senior Development Officer CAVS

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“It’s been fantastic to see so many community groups come up with excellent ideas and deserving projects,” says Action Hub Chair **Christoph Fischer**. “A huge shame we couldn’t get all of them full funding but we are determined to assist those who missed out to find funds. After all, they are local community projects from Llandeilo people directly for our community.”

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## Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services

“Working with Llandeilo community on this pilot project has been such a worthwhile and valued experience,” says **Jamie Horton** Community Volunteering Development Officer at CAVS.

“The very nature of a pilot suggests that there might be hiccups and learning curves, and for me, this has culminated in an incredible announcement event.

Every community has its own ways of working together and to support these needs we had to be flexible and creative. CAVS

has history of partnership working with Llandeilo and I am certain that this positive outcome will lead to more coproduction opportunities. I

would also like to thank, and acknowledge, the ‘behind the scenes’ volunteers who helped bring this vision to life. This piece

of work has been by the community, for the community, in every aspect. All participants were worthy contenders and will

hopefully take up our offer to support with alternative funding streams. Thanks and congratulations to all.”

*Diolch Llandeilo, Jamie*



“It’s been very rewarding process to be involved in this project, helping groups who have a real passion for Llandeilo, and changing Llandeilo for the good,” adds Action Hub star volunteer **Owen James**. “The team has been fantastic since the beginning, getting a real variety of groups and organisations involved. To have the opportunity to award £10,000+ is very rare, CAVS picked the right town for the project! Diolch yn fawr i chi, y gwirfoddolwyr, y grwpiau, y cefnogwyr, CAVS ac i Christoph am y gwaith gwyd ar y prosiect. Pleser i bod yn rhan ohono. Diolch.”

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

