

ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST	
COMMITTEE	ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST
DATE	27 June 2018
TITLE OF REPORT	Menter Môn – LEADER project
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To consider a request from Menter Môn to change the use of the approved allocation
REPORT BY	Treasurer – Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust
ACTION	To consider the request and to determine whether to accept the change of use requested.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In January 2018, the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust agreed to allocate a sum of £191,438 to Menter Môn as match funding to European and Welsh Government funding which would allow the Leader project to continue to December 2021.
- 1.2. In April 2016, the Regeneration Committee recommended to the Trust that a large grant of £50,000 be allocated to Menter Iaith Môn to assist in delivering the objectives of the Island's Welsh Language Strategy.
- 1.3. In February 2018, Menter Iaith Môn made a further grant application for an additional £100,000 to fund the continuation of the work. In allocating the larger grants in 2018, the Trust had resolved on 12 December 2017 that :-

“Applications can be made by organisations that had received funding within the previous five years but that these will only be considered once all other applications have been considered and that funding is still available.”

- 1.4. In allocating the funding available for larger grants in 2018, the Regeneration Committee allocated all the funding available to new applications and, as a result, there was no funding available for applications from organisations who had received funding within the last five years. As a result no additional funding was awarded to Menter Iaith Môn.

2. REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF USE

- 2.1. The Managing Director of Menter Môn has approached Officers of the Trust to express his disappointment in the decision not to award further funding to Menter Iaith Môn, whilst fully understanding the reason behind the decision.
- 2.2. Menter Môn have, therefore, submitted the following request (see letter attached as Appendix 1).

3. DECISION REQUIRED FROM THE TRUST

- 3.1. To consider the request and determine whether the Trust will allow the transfer of £25,000 of funding from the Leader project to be used on the Menter Iaith Môn project.

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June 8th 2018

Dear Dr.Gwynne Jones

Menter Iaith Application

I am writing in relation to the application presented by the Menter Iaith to the Charitable Trust. The application for £100,000 was not approved and although we are disappointed we respect the decision.

Menter Iaith Môn is delivering important projects and is working closely with the County Council to achieve the objectives of the Language Strategic Forum. It receives a grant from the Welsh Government however it must attract match funding. Over the last two years it received £50,000 from the Trust which has supported jobs and activities (see annual report). As things stand we will need to reduce the workforce.

The purpose of this letter is not to appeal the decision. I accept the decision and that the money has been distributed.

There is another option however we need the permission of the Trust.

That Menter Môn is given permission to use £25,000 (out of a total of £191,000) which was allocated for LEADER for the benefit of the Menter Iaith. I can see that this is an unusual request however I believe the benefit to the Menter Iaith is greater than the loss to LEADER. This will give the Menter Iaith the opportunity to identify alternative sources of income, and present a new application to the Trust in 2019.

If the Trust agree to the change there would be a requirement on LEADER to raise £25,000 in match funding through its activities, which equates to £5,000 per theme over 3 years. This is achievable and will not have an impact on jobs.

If this is not possible please let me know. The match funding for LEADER is very important, and this request is reflection of Menter Môn's need to adapt to an ever-changing funding scenario. I believe this is a sensible solution which responds to funding issue.

I am more than happy to provide further details or attend a meeting of the Trust to explain the situation further.

Yours sincerely

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