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The Pumpkin Patch Cookery and Gardening School -81123 - Eligibility - meeting minutes

Location: Video Conference from room 11 Aberystwyth Welsh Government office to Carmarthen County Council Offices

Date: 21/02/2017

Time: 14:30

Attendees: Welsh Government Official (1), Carmarthenshire CC Official (1), Owner (1), Owner (2), Carmarthenshire CC Official (2) and Carmarthenshire CC Official (3)
Minutes taken by Carmarthenshire CC Official (3)

Discussion

Welsh Government Official (1) advised the business is not eligible under measure 7.4 as the business is a commercial business (sole trader) it is only eligible under 7.7. The business could set up as a third sector organization with one director then it would be eligible under 7.4. A commercial business can only apply for the Rural Communities Development Fund (RCDF) under measure 7.7.

Carmarthenshire CC Official (1) asked what is eligible under measure 7.7. Welsh Government Official (1) advised measure 7.7 is where we can pick up a building and move it. It tends to cover redundant farm buildings or redundant buildings in the community. There are complications in measure 7.7 because the building would be owned by a commercial business and we are allowing 80% grant. The grant rate for all other schemes for commercial businesses are up to 40%.

Welsh Government Official (1) confirmed that under measure 7.7 Pumpkin Patch could have up to 80% for refurbishment of the building. Anything else would need to be funded solely by Pumpkin Patch.

Owner (1) confirmed that the RCDF grant would now be solely used to refurbish the building.

Owner (2) asked what was the other option. Welsh Government Official (1) advised if Pumpkin Patch registered with Companies House as a Community Interest Company (CIC) then they could apply under measure 7.4. It was agreed that Pumpkin Patch would now be applying under sub-measure 7.7.

Welsh Government Official (1) advised that Pumpkin Patch should revisit the business Plan and adjust the application part 2 to reflect the refurbishment only and they can still apply for total project costs of £160,000.00 with a maximum grant of £128,000.00.

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Upload the revised application part 2 on to WEFO Online	Owner (1) and Owner (2)	Monday 27-02-2017	In Progress