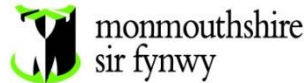


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Tuesday, 7 July 2026

Dear Councillor

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

Notice is hereby given that the following decisions made by a member of the cabinet will be made on Wednesday, 15 July 2026.

1. **WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP**

1 - 16

Division/Wards Affected: All Wards

CABINET MEMBER: County Councillor Ben Callard

AUTHOR: David Jarrett – Finance Business Partner –
Corporate Accountancy

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	Leader Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation, including DDAT Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships including CJsCs. PSBs and cross boarder Emergency Planning	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor Economic Strategy Skills and Employment Replacement Local Development Plan Placemaking and the development of market and affordable housing Placemaking and Transforming Towns Car parking and civil parking enforcement Development Management Building Control	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Ben Callard	Cabinet Member for Resources Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Revenue and Benefits Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Strategic procurement	Llanfoist & Govilon
Laura Wright	Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Deb Hill-Howells Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education	Grofield

	School standards and improvement Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport	
Ian Chandler	Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers Children's services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending service Adult services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental health Wellbeing Relationships with health providers and access to health provision	Llantilio Crossenny
Catrin Maby	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Lead Officers – Deb Hill-Howells, Craig O'Connor, Decarbonisation Transport Planning Highways and MCC Fleet Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces and parks Pavements and Back lanes Flood Alleviation Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and River health	Drybridge
Angela Sandles	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Paul Matthews, Jane Rodgers, James Williams Community development, inequality and poverty (health, income, nutrition, disadvantage, discrimination, isolation and cost of living crisis) Citizen engagement and democracy promotion including working with voluntary organisations Citizen experience - community hubs, contact centre, and customer service and registrars, communications, public relations and marketing Leisure centres, play and sport Public conveniences Electoral Services and constitution review Ethics and standards Welsh Language Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Public	Town

	Protection, and Licencing	
Sara Burch	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing & Tourism Lead Officers – Craig O'Connor, Jane Rodgers Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture Homelessness, Temporary accommodation, private sector housing, (empty homes leasing schemes, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive technology), Allocation of social housing Broadband connectivity Active Travel Countryside Access and Rights of Way Tourism Development and Cultural Services	Cantref

Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our Purpose

- to become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD (RESOURCES)
DATE:	15th July 2026
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 1 held on Wednesday 01st July 2026

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 The Committee resolved that the following grants are awarded as per the schedule of applications.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2026/27 – MEETING 1.

1. **Tintern Recreational Centre & Village Hall** requested £1,250 to install a Hearing Loop at Tintern Village Hall to enable those who have hearing difficulties to access our services and better participate in our community events and activities.

Recommendation: £1,250 was awarded to provide for a hearing loop at this community asset.

2. **St Matthews Church, Monkwood**, requested £2,528 for essential repairs to the Church roof.

Recommendation: £2,528 was awarded for repairs to the roof of the church.

3. **Portskewett and Sudbrook Junior Football Club** requested £1,000 to contribute to the provision of secure lockable gates for the children's dugouts to prevent vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Recommendation: £750 awarded to aid in the provision of lockable gates at the football clubs' pitch side dugouts.

4. **St Deiniol's Church, Itton** requested £2,000 to in repairing of 19th Century Curre Memorial Lychgate

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in the repairing this historic Lychgate at the Church.

5. **St Teilo's Church, Llantillio Pertholey** requested £2,000 to repair structural damage to the church, incurred during the recent storms, Claudia and Chandria

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in the repairing structural damage at the church.

6. **St Pierre Church, Chepstow** requested £2,000 to continue repairs to the churchyard wall.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in repairing the churchyard wall.

7. **Dingestoiw Village Hall** requested £10,550 to replace the windows and doors at the hall

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the installation new windows and doors at the village hall,

8. **Llandewi Skirrid Church Hall** requested a £4,000 contribution towards the re-painting of the original tin roof and walls to this listed building.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in maintain g this well utilised community asset.

9. **Bettws Newydd Church** requested £5,000 or phase 2 of the re-roofing project which will include the repointing of the external walls of the church.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in maintain this community asset

10. **Goytre Community Centre**, requested £3,189 required to replace old tables and Chairs

Recommendation: £575 awarded to assist in providing new upholstered armchairs for this community asset.

11. **Zoar Baptist Chapel, Pandy** requested £9,240 required for repairs to the riverbank after the recent flooding to prevent further erosion of the riverbank and protect the graveyard

Recommendation: £2,240 awarded to assist in protecting the church graveyard from further effects of flooding.

3. **OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

Decision options available to the Committee are guided and 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 Wednesday 01st July 2026 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 1:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 1:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
A. Hill Democratic Services Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Application 1: County Councillor Ann Webb declared a personal non-prejudicial interest, as she had signed the application. She took no part in the decision.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 1.

County Councillor M. Lane

CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 05th March 2026.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £15,343 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £43,194 will be carried forward for utilisation within the 2026-27 fiscal 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
Cabinet -Single Member - Resources
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2026/27– Meeting 1 (Appendix 1)

10. AUTHOR:

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Integrated Impact Assessment document

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

Name of the Officer D Jarrett Phone no: 4657 E-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk	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 July 2026
Name of Service Finance	Date Future Generations Evaluation 15 th July 2026

1 pages

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	

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
Policy Making Effects on the use of the Welsh language, Promoting Welsh language Treating the Welsh language no less favourably	N/A	No Negative impact	
Operational Recruitment & Training of workforce	N/A	No Negative impact	
Service delivery Use of Welsh language in service delivery Promoting use of the language	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	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	N/A	
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?
 Long Term Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	N/A	
 Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver objectives	N/A	
 Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views	N/A	
 Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse	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?
 Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies	.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	July	Who is responsible
Award grants	July 2026	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.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Individual Cabinet Member Decision	15th July 2026	

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WELSH CHURCH FUND - APPLICATIONS 2026/27
MEETING 1: 1st July 2026

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	Tintern Recreational Centre & Village Hall	St. Arvans	A.Webb	1,250.00	1,250.00	We are fundraising to install a Hearing Loop at Tintern Village Hall to enable those who have hearing difficulties to access our services and better participate in our community events and activities.	2,388.00	10/04/26	Yes	Our charitable organisation manages Tintern Village Hall and its playground/garden area for the support and benefit of all members of our community. All of our committee members are volunteers and all of our regular income is generated from our fund-raising or from hire income. We have no paid employees/staff.
2	St Matthews Church Monkswood	Llanbadoc	T.Kear	2,528.00	2,528.00	To carry out essential repairs to the church roof	12,528.00	30/04/26	No	Monkswood has no community buildings and the church serves a purpose as a focus for community services.
3	Portskewett and Sudbrook Junior Football Club	Portskewett	L Dymock	1,000.00	750.00	Provision of secure lockable gates for the children's dugouts.	3,500.00	13/04/26	No	We have over 35 volunteers associated with the club all giving hours on a weekly basis ranging from 3-10+ We operate from a local community rec hall but take care of maintaining all aspects of the football premises ourselves. We provide all equipment and kit for the children to ensure they have the best possible experience. We run various fund raisers via pitch side cafes on match days or club based fundraising activities for our members to help.
4	St Deiniol's Church, Itton	Devauden	R. Buckler	2,000.00	2,000.00	Assistance in repairing of 19th Century Curre Memorial Lychgate, which is a scheduled monument no 23967. The lychgate was built in 1892 in memory of Mary Curre, a member of a prominent local family. Faculty approval has been given by the Church in Wales	2,634.00	24/04/26	No	The wooden structure has rotted in places and needs repair to make it safe and to maintain this listed monument
5	St Teilo's Church, Llantillio Pertholey	Mardy	M. Lane	2,000.00	1,500.00	Funding assistance required to repair structural damage to the church, incurred during the recent storms, Claudia and Chandria	37,320.00	30/03/26	Yes	St Teil's is a grade 1 listed building dating back to the 6th Century.
6	St Pierre Church, Chepstow	Shirenewton	L.Brown	2,000.00	1,500.00	funding required to continue repairs to the churchyard wall	6,750.00	04/03/26	N0	
7	Dingestoiw Village Hall	Mitchell Troy & Trellech	R.John	10,550.00	1,000.00	Funding required to replace the windows and doors at the hall	10,550.00	29/04/26	N0	The Hall provides a meeting place for local residents for social activities.
8	Llandewi Skirrid Church Hall	Mardy	M. Lane	4,000.00	1,000.00	Assistance required to fund the re-painting of the original tin roof and walls to this listed building	8,000.00	08/06/26	Yes	The hall provides a safe meeting place for the communities of Llandewi Skirrid, Bryn-Y-Gwenin and neighbouring communities
9	Bettws Newydd Church	Gobian Fawr	A.Neill	5,000.00	1,000.00	funding assistance for phase 2 of the re-roofing project which will include the repointing of the external walls of the church, including repairs to any cracking, to secure the fabric and make it breathable.	37,752.00	22/06/26	No	
10	Goytre Community Centre	Goytre Fawr	J.Butler	3,189.00	575.00	Assistance required to relace old tables and Chairs	3,189.00	23/06/26	No	
11	Zoar Baptist Chapel, Pandy	Crucorney	D.Hughes-Jones	9,240.00	2,240.00	Funding assistance required for repairs to the river bank after the recent flooding to prevent further erosion of the river bank and protect the graveyard	9,240.00	29/06/26	No	The chapel is managed by a group of deacons who are also supported by the Rural Churches network and the Baptist Union Wales.
Late Applications										
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SUB TOTAL Meeting 1				£42,757	£15,343	OTHER INFORMATION :				
MEETING		DATE	Single Member		AWARD					
1		July 1st 2026	July 15th 2026		15,343					
2		Sept 24th 2026	Oct 21st 2026		0					
3		Dec 10th 2026	Jan 06th 2027		0					
4		March 04th 2027	March 31st 2027		0					
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TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2026/27 todate					15,343					
BUDGET 2026/27					£34,713					
BALANCE B/F TO 2026/27					£23,824					
Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2026/27					£58,537					
Balance to be carried forward to 2027/28				£43,194						

*D of I = Declaration of Interest

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