

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	6th December 2017
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 4 of the 2017/18 financial year held on the 9th November 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded as per the schedule of applications.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2017/18 – MEETING 4.

- (1) St Cenedlon's Parish Church requested £4,000 to assist in the tarmacking of the church car park to provide an all-weather car park for parishioners, the disabled and visitors to the church.

Recommendation – £2,000 awarded to enable the provision of an all-weather car park at this community facility.

- (2) Caldicot Events Committee requested £1,000 to assist in the purchase of temporary staging for community events over future calendar years as a long-term replacement from hiring for every event.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist the community group in the provision of a long-term asset.

- (3) Megan Thomas requested £500 to assist her educational development on an International Planning and Development Post-Graduate course.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist this Monmouthshire resident in furthering their educational development.

- (4) St Peter's Parish Community Church requested £2,650 to assist in the urgent repairs to water damaged flooring, replacement of guttering and the provision of a small kitchen in the bell tower.

Recommendation - £2,000 awarded to assist in the repairs to flooring and the replacement of the church guttering on this community asset.

3. KEY ISSUES

The nature of the request in each case is set out in the attached schedule.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Options available to the Committee are driven by the information only supplied by the applicants

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

No evaluation criteria is applicable to the grant awarded by the trust

6. REASONS

Meeting took place on Thursday 9th November 2017 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule.

County Councillors in attendance:

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)
County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)
County Councillor B. Strong
County Councillor S. Woodhouse

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
W. Barnard Senior Democracy Officer

6.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was agreed that declarations of interest would be made under the relevant item if appropriate.

A personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest was made by County Councillor D. Evans for application 2, Caldicot Events Committee – funding assistance for purchase of temporary staging for Christmas Festival and other events as application signatory.

6.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

6.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 21st September 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,000 was allocated at Meeting 4 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. A remaining balance of £28,791 remains available for distribution within the 2017-18 financial year.

8. 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.

9. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance
Central Finance Management Accountant

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2017/18– Meeting 4 (Appendix 2)

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