

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	3rd April 2019
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 8 of the 2018/19 financial year held on the 07th March 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2018/19 – MEETING 8.

- 1. St Teilo's Church, Llantillio Pertholey** requested £3,000 to assist in funding the 'WE WILL REMEMBER' project to restore a derelict stone shed in the churchyard to provide an interpretation centre depicting the lives of the men from the local community who died during the First World War

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in funding this commemorative community project.

- 2. Monmouth Rotary Community Champions** requested £4,000 to assist in funding the 'Monmouth Drinking Water Fountain ' project, specifically restoring the Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fountain at St Thomas's Church in Monmouth and the installation of three modern public drinking fountains in Monmouth Skate Park, Blestium Street Toilets and Chippenham Mead Park.

Recommendation: £1,500 was awarded to assist in the restoration and provision of drinking fountains in the town of Monmouth.

- 3. Live Music Now,** requested £2,808 to assist in funding one hour live music performances at Penpergwyn House Home and Day care centre once a month throughout the year.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in providing pastoral services within the social care framework in Monmouthshire.

- 4. St Mary's Church Magor** requested £750 to complete Phase 2 (phase 1 2017-18) of the rectification of non-conforming electrical installation in the church as highlighted in Quinquennial report. This includes replacement of sub-standard lighting in the bell tower and lighting in the Pavis room.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in the rectification of a sub-standard electrical installation to meet electrical standards conformation.

- 5. Caerwent Historic Trust**, requested £400 to assist in funding a Magnetometer survey of Llanmelin Hillfort to establish the age and purpose of the 'Outpost' which is currently unknown. one

Recommendation: £400 was awarded to assist in funding a Magnetometer survey of a Monmouthshire historical archaeological site.

- 6. St Cenedlon's Church, Rockfield**, requested £3,000 to assist in funding to purchase a new Digital Organ and install a Hearing Loop in the Church

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in providing a Digital Organ and hearing Loop system for parishioners at this community church

- 7. Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd** requested £1,000 to assist in funding 4 Rexel cross-cutting shredders for the offices at Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow and Monmouth.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in purchasing 4 cross cutting shredders for the destruction of personal data and confidential records under GDPR regulations.

- 8. Penterry Church Field & Restoration Committee** requested £3,500 to repoint the church walls and replace unserviceable guttering as well as replace a rotten wooden Dias and repair the church's gate posts and fencing.

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in repairs to this community church's infrastructure.

- 9. St Michael & All Angel's Church, Mitchel Troy**, requested £5,000 for repairs to the roof and walls of the Lych-gate and linked work on the boundary wall.

Recommendation: £1,500 was awarded to assist in repairs to this community church's infrastructure.

- 10. Caldicot Events Committee**, requested £1,782 to assist in funding the purchase of 5 Gazebo's for events to mitigate the need for hiring third party equipment.

Recommendation: £782 was awarded to assist in purchase of Gazebos for future events within Caldicot Town.

3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

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

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

5. REASONS

A meeting took place on Thursday 07th March 2019 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule (Appendix 2).

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
W Barnard Committee Administration

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 2, No.7 Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd – County Councillor B. Strong declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as he is a Committee member of the Bureau. He took no part in the decision.

Item 2, No.8 Penterry Church Field & Restoration Committee – County Councillor A. Webb declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as she had signed the application form. She took no part in the decision.

Item 2, No.10 Caldicot Events Committee – County Councillor D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as she had signed the application form. He took no part in the decision.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17th January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £8,682 was allocated at Meeting 8 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. A remaining balance of £772.00 will be carried forward for distribution within the 2019-20 financial year.

6. 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.

6.1.1 CONSULTEES:

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

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2018/19– Meetings 8 (Appendix 2)

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