

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	06th November 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 5 held on the 19th September 2019 and meeting 6 held on the 24th October 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 5.

- 1. St Mary's Church Hall, Caldicot** requested £4,500 in funding for the replacement of broken fire doors that do not meet current fire regulations.

Recommendation: £3,000 was awarded to assist in providing essential safety equipment for this community asset.

- 2. St Cenedion's Church, Rockfield,** requested £1,500 to assist in providing two benches for the church graveyard for visitors and mourners to rest and reflect as no provision currently exists.

Recommendation: £750 was awarded to assist in providing facilities that can be utilised by visitors to the graveyard.

- 3. Homemakers Community re-cycling** requested £1,500 to assist in installing a sewage system in the homemakers industrial unit and replace an effluent tank in the interests of long term viability of the project and consider the H&S aspects in relation to members of the public and staff.

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in funding this community re-cycling project that benefits residents throughout Monmouthshire.

- 4. Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Club),** requested £2,684 of funding to deliver 14 'Playing Out with Elements' Workshops for children and play workers with Out of School Childcare Clubs in Monmouthshire. These are activities based upon the elements of 'air, earth, fire and water' to stimulate children's play in an external environment.

Recommendation: The application was deferred for further information.

5 Individual requested £500 for a contribution to a 'Foundation degree'

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist an individual in pursuing a life enhancing qualification.

6 Shirenewton and Mynydd Bach Illumination, requested £360 for the purchase of 100 high visibility vests as a Health & safety measure for use by participants in the extravaganza as the event is held in the dark.

Recommendation: £180 was awarded to assist in providing Hi-Viz vests as a Health & Safety feature as the event is held on an open public highway

7 Pontypool Ski Racing, requested £984 for the purchase of radios for the health & safety of members where blind spots on the ski scope could result in accidents if communications are not instantly available to control the numbers coming down the slopes

Recommendation: £492 was awarded to assist in providing radios for Health & Safety reasons for the control and safety of Monmouthshire residents that are members of 'Pontypool Ski Racing' club

8 Individual requested £500 for a contribution to a PhD course in the 'History and Philosophy of Science'

Recommendation: £250 was awarded to assist an individual in pursuing a life enhancing qualification

9 The 'Patients Voice' requested £500 to establish a Community Organisation that represents the community at the local Health Centre and strengthens their marketing ability to reach more patients

Recommendation: £250 was awarded to assist in enhancing the communication between patients and staff at a local Health Centre in Magor.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 6.

1. The Cornfield Project, Portskewett requested £1,500 required for a SUDS (sustainable drainage survey) survey to enable the construction of £46,332 stone dust path (funding secured) that has recently been introduced as a construction regulation.

Recommendation: £1,100 was awarded to assist in providing an essential sustainable drainage survey to enable construction of a community asset.

2. Rockfield Village Life Community Project, Rockfield, requested £900 for the repair / restoration of the Rockfield War Memorial stone cross as it has fractured and is being held together by metal support banding.

Recommendation: The application was deferred as further information is requested.

3 Caldicot Rugby Club Under 10's requested £1,000 to purchase tackle bags, rugby balls and a team kit for 25 participants.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in funding a community based junior sports team.

- 4 Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Club**), requested £2,684 of funding to deliver 14 'Playing Out with Elements' Workshops for children and play workers with Out of School Childcare Clubs in Monmouthshire. These are activities based upon the elements of 'air, earth, fire and water' to stimulate children's play in an external environment.

Recommendation: £300 was awarded to assist in providing sensory workshops in Out of School Childcare Clubs.

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

Meetings took place on Thursday 19th September 2019 and Thursday 24th October of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule (Appendix 2 and Appendix 3).

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 5:

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

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 6:

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

Meeting 5.

Item 1: St. Mary's Church Hall, Caldicot - County Councillor D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest and took no part in the decision.

Meeting 6.

Item 3: Caldicot RFC Under 10s – County Councillor D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the application signatory.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 5

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on the 18th July 2019 and 19th September were confirmed and signed as a true record.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £6,422 was allocated at Meeting 5 and £1,900 at meeting 6 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £6,697 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 2019/20– Meeting 5 (Appendix 2), Meeting 6 (Appendix 3)

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