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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                 | <b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b> |
| <b>MEETING:</b>                 | <b>ICMD (RESOURCES)</b>                |
| <b>DATE:</b>                    | <b>15<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>       |
| <b>DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:</b> | <b>All</b>                             |

**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 01<sup>st</sup> 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 01<sup>st</sup> 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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)

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