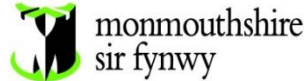


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Tuesday, 25 July 2023

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, 2 August 2023.

1. **WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP** 1 - 16

Division/Wards Affected: All Wards

CABINET MEMBER: County Councillor Rachel Garrick

AUTHOR:

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

| County Councillor | Area of Responsibility | Ward |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Mary Ann Brocklesby | <p>Leader Lead Officer – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation Promoting localism within regional and national frameworks Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships with City Regions and Public Service Board Strategic Procurement Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture</p> | Llanelly |
| Paul Griffiths | <p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien</p> <p>Economic Strategy Local development plan and strategic development plan including strategic housing sites Supporting Town Centres including car parking and enforcement Development Management and Building Control Skills and Employment Broadband connectivity Car parks and civil enforcement</p> | Chepstow Castle & Larkfield |
| Rachel Garrick | <p>Cabinet Member for Resources Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Frances O’Brien, Matthew Phillips, Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Benefits Digital and information technology Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Emergency planning</p> | Caldicot Castle |
| Martyn Groucutt | <p>Cabinet Member for Education Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion</p> | Lansdown |

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| | <p>Post 16 and adult education School standards and improvement Community learning Sustainable communities for learning Programme Youth service School transport</p> | |
| Sara Burch | <p>Cabinet Member for Inclusive and Active Communities Lead Officers – Frances O’Brien, Ian Saunders, Jane Rodgers, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Homelessness Affordable Housing Delivery and private sector housing (empty homes, leasing scheme, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive tech) Active travel and Rights of way Leisure centres, play and sport Tourism Development and Cultural strategy Public conveniences trading standards, environmental health, public protection and licencing</p> | Cantref |
| Ian Chandler | <p>Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children’s services Fostering & adoption Youth Offending service Adult services Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults) Disabilities Mental health and wellbeing Relationships with health providers and access to health provision</p> | Llantilio Crossenny |
| Catrin Maby | <p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien, Matthew Gatehouse</p> <p>Decarbonisation Transport planning, public transport, highways and MCC fleet Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces, and parks Pavements and back lanes Flood alleviation, management and recovery Countryside, biodiversity, and river health</p> | Drybridge |

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| <p>Angela Sandles</p> | <p>Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement Lead Officers – Frances O'Brien, Matt Phillips, Matthew Gatehouse, Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Community 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 Electoral Services and constitution review Communications, public relations and marketing Ethics and standards Welsh Language</p> | <p>Town</p> |
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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

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.

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| SUBJECT: | WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP |
| MEETING: | ICMD |
| DATE: | 02nd August 2023 |
| 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 Thursday 22nd June 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2022/23 – MEETING 1.

1. **Caldicot Musical Theatre Society** requested £800 to assist in putting on a production of Sister Act at Caldicot School in July 2023

Recommendation: £800 awarded to assist this community group in providing cultural entertainment for the local community.

2. **St Peter's Church, Llanwenarth Citra** requested £3,000 to assist in restoring the 19th Century organ within the church.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in the refurbishment of the church's organ.

3. **Mathern and District Club** requested £590 to assist in purchasing catering equipment to enhance the potential for hall hire and stage future events.

Recommendation: £250 awarded to assist in the purchase of essential kitchen equipment to allow this community group to become self-sustaining.

4. **Caerwent Evangelical Baptist Chapel** requested £5,008 for setting up a café on the church premises for the benefit of the whole community.

Recommendation: £689 awarded to assist in the provision of catering equipment to enable a community café facility to be established in the chapel for the local community and visitors to the area.

5. **Blue Phoenix Jazz Band** requested £3,000 to assist in the purchase of competition uniforms for this youth community group.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the purchase uniforms as representatives of the local community in national competitions.

6. **Monmouthshire veterans Support Hub** requested £4,451 to assist in relocating the support hub from Abergavenny Library to the St John's Ambulance Hall due to the increase in veteran members.

Recommendation: £550 awarded to assist in the purchase of essential kitchen equipment to allow this community group to become self-sustaining.

7. **Church of St James the Great, Devauden** requested £7,500 for assistance in a major refurbishment to the church roof, windows and woodwork as identified in the 2019 quinquennial report.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in the refurbishment of the roof to the church to prevent further water ingress and damage to this community asset.

8. **Chepstow Priory Friends** requested £15,000 to assist in the repair and restoration of the Priory tower steps.

Recommendation: This application has been deferred for further information before an appropriate award can be made on this complex restoration.

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 Thursday 22nd June 2023 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 J. Strong (Chair)
County Councillor M. Lane (Vice- Chair)
County Councillor S. Garrett

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 1:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
R. Williams Democratic Services Officer

5.1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 2.1 (2) - St. Peters Church Llanwenarth: County Councillor Malcolm Lane declared a personal, prejudicial interest as he was part of the clergy team. He took no part in the decision made.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 1

County Councillor A. Webb

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on the 09th of March 2023.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £7,289 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee The balance of £37,789 is available for utilisation within the current 2023-24 fiscal 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.

7. CONSULTEES:

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

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2023/24– Meeting 1 (Appendix 1)

9. AUTHOR:

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WELSH CHURCH FUND - APPLICATIONS 2023/24
MEETING 1: 22nd June 2023

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> |
|---|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| | NEW APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION | | | £ | £ | | £ | | | |
| 1 | Caldicot Musical Theatre Society | Portskewett | Lisa Dymoock | £800 | £800 | Funding required to assist in putting on a production of Sister Act at Caldicot School in July 2023, specifically Costumes, Sets and props | £7,689 | 17/06/2023 | No | 3 performances that will cater for approximately 450 people in total.in late July 2023 |
| 2 | St Peter's Church, Llanwenarth Citra | Mardy | Malcolm Lane | £3,000 | £2,000 | Funding required to restore the church organ which was installed in the church in the 19th century. | £28,750 | 22/06/23 | Yes | The organ was installed in 1881as part of a 'Victorian 'Restoration' |
| 3 | Mathern and District Club | Shirenewton | Louise Brown | £590 | £250 | Assistance in purchasing catering equipment to enhance the potential for hall hire and stage events | £1,179 | 22/06/23 | No | The local children's and senior citizens groups will benefit directly from having new catering equipment to allow fundraising activities and events to happen to support the local community |
| 4 | Chepstow Priory Friends | Chepstow & Larkfield | Paul Griffiths | £15,000 | defer | Funding required for the repair and restoration of the Priory tower steps | £30,550 | 22/06/23 | No | Chepstow Priory Friends organise concerts and other events at the Priory Church, and the role of the 'Friends' is to increase community use. |
| 5 | Caerwent Evangelical Baptist Chapel | Caerwent | Philip Murphy | £5,008 | £689 | Funding required to cover the Capital and initial running costs of setting up a café on the church premises for the benefit of the whole community. | £5,008 | 22/06/23 | No | The café will benefit all of the community as we will be able to reach out to all, so that they understand that there is a caring and compassionate church locally. |
| 6 | Blue Phoenix Jazz Band | Severn | Maria Stevens | £2,000 | £1,000 | Funding required to subsidise the purchase of jackets for the last and most important competition of the season in August | £3,000 | 22/06/23 | No | The band are largely self financing by fundraising throughout the year. The this is sublimated by 15 volunteers who give there time throughout the year |
| 7 | Monmouthshire veterans Support Hub | Rogiet | Peter Strong | £4,451 | £550 | Financial assistance required to move the support hub from Abergavenny Library to the St John's Ambulance Hall due to the increase in veteran members | £4,451 | 22/06/23 | No | Currently over 50 members are attending the hub, where they get help with self-confidence, skills required to access the help they need and this will re-enforce people's self-reliance, empowerment and esteem |
| 8 | Church of St James the Great, Devauden | Devauden | Rachel Buckler | £7,500 | £2,000 | Funding assistance required for major refurbishment to the church roof, windows and woodwork as identified in the 2019 quinquennial report | £56,684 | 22/06/23 | No | The undulating roof means that water is not draining but falls directly on external walls causing damp within the building. Windows cannot be opened and doors are rotting due to the damp. |
| Deferred Applications | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUB TOTAL Meeting 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £38,348 | £7,289 | | | | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION : | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEETING | | DATE | Single Member | | | AWARD | | | | |
| 1 | | June 22rd 2023 | July 12th 2023 | | | 7,289 | | | | |
| 2 | | Sept 14th 2023 | Oct11th 2023 | | | 0 | | | | |
| 3 | | Dec 07th 2023 | Jan 03rd 2024 | | | 0 | | | | |
| 4 | | Mar 07th 2024 | Mar 27th 2024 | | | 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2023/24 | | | | | | 7,289 | | | | |
| BUDGET 2023/24 | | | | | | 32,668 | | | | |
| BALANCE B/F TO 2023/24 | | | | | | £12,410 | | | | |
| Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2023/24 | | | | | | £45,078 | | | | |
| REMAINING BALANCE c/funding 2023/24 | | | | £37,789 | | | | | | |

*D of I = Declaration of Interest

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Integrated Impact Assessment document

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

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| <p>Name of the Officer D Jarrett Phone no: 4657 E-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p> | <p>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 22nd June 2023</p> |
| <p>Name of Service Finance</p> | <p>Date Future Generations Evaluation 22nd June 2023</p> |

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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 | |

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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 |
|--|--|--|--|
| <p>Policy Making</p> <p>Effects on the use of the Welsh language,</p> <p>Promoting Welsh language</p> <p>Treating the Welsh language no less favourably</p> | N/A | No Negative impact | |
| <p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p> | N/A | No Negative impact | |
| <p>Service delivery</p> <p>Use of Welsh language in service delivery</p> <p>Promoting use of the language</p> | 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 | |
| U A Wales of cohesive communities 8 Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected | N/A | |
| 9 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? |
|---|---|---|
|  <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> | N/A | |
|  <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> | N/A | |
|  <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> | N/A | |
|  <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> | 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? |
|---|---|---|
|  <p data-bbox="349 256 521 520">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> | .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 | When are you going to do it? | Who is responsible |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Award grants | August 2023 | Welsh Church Fund |
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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.

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| Version No. | Decision making stage | Date considered | Brief description of any amendments made following consideration |
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| 1 | Individual Cabinet Member Decision | 12 th July 2023 | |
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