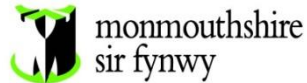


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Tuesday, 30 September 2025

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, 8 October 2025.

1. **WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP**

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**Division/Wards Affected:** All Wards

**CABINET MEMBER:** COUNTY COUNCILLOR BEN CALLARD

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Yours sincerely,

**Paul Matthews**  
Chief Executive

### CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Ward
Mary Ann Brocklesby	<p><b>Leader</b> Lead Officers – Paul Matthews, Matthew Gatehouse, Peter Davies, Will Mclean</p> <p>Whole Authority Strategy and Direction Whole authority performance review and evaluation, including DDAT Relationships with Welsh Government, UK Government and local government associations Regional Relationships including CJsCs. PSBs and cross boarder Emergency Planning</p>	Llanelly
Paul Griffiths	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Deputy Leader</b> Lead Officers – Will McLean, Craig O'Connor</p> <p>Economic Strategy Skills and Employment Replacement Local Development Plan Placemaking and the development of market and affordable housing Placemaking and Transforming Towns Car parking and civil parking enforcement Development Management Building Control</p>	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield
Ben Callard	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Resources</b> Lead Officers – Peter Davies, Matt Gatehouse</p> <p>Finance including MTFP and annual budget cycle Revenue and Benefits Human resources, payroll, health and safety Land and buildings Property maintenance and management Strategic procurement</p>	Llanfoist & Govilon
Laura Wright	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education</b> Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Early Years Education All age statutory education Additional learning needs/inclusion Post 16 and adult education</p>	Grofield

	<p>School standards and improvement</p> <p>Community learning</p> <p>Sustainable communities for learning Programme</p> <p>Youth service</p> <p>School transport</p>	
Ian Chandler	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Social Care, Safeguarding and Accessible Health Services</b></p> <p>Lead Officer – Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children's services</p> <p>Fostering &amp; adoption</p> <p>Youth Offending service</p> <p>Adult services</p> <p>Whole authority safeguarding (children and adults)</p> <p>Disabilities</p> <p>Mental health</p> <p>Wellbeing</p> <p>Relationships with health providers and access to health provision</p>	Llantilio Crossenny
Catrin Maby	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Lead Officers – Debra Hill-Howells, Craig O'Connor, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Decarbonisation</p> <p>Transport Planning</p> <p>Highways and MCC Fleet</p> <p>Waste management, street care, litter, public spaces and parks</p> <p>Pavements and Back lanes</p> <p>Flood Alleviation</p> <p>Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and River health</p>	Drybridge
Angela Sandles	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Equalities and Engagement</b></p> <p>Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Ian Saunders, Jane Rogers, James Williams</p> <p>Community development, inequality and poverty (health, income, nutrition, disadvantage, discrimination, isolation and cost of living crisis)</p> <p>Citizen engagement and democracy promotion including working with voluntary organisations</p> <p>Citizen experience - community hubs, contact centre, and customer service and registrars, communications, public relations and marketing</p> <p>Leisure centres, play and sport</p> <p>Public conveniences</p> <p>Electoral Services and constitution review</p> <p>Ethics and standards</p> <p>Welsh Language</p>	Town

	Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Public Protection, and Licencing	
Sara Burch	<b>Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Housing &amp; Tourism</b> Lead Officers – Craig O'Connor, Ian Saunders  Local Food production and consumption, including agroforestry and local horticulture Homelessness, Temporary accommodation, private sector housing, (empty homes leasing schemes, home improvement loans, disabled facilities grants and adaptive technology), Allocation of social housing Broadband connectivity Active Travel Countryside Access and Rights of Way Tourism Development and Cultural Services	Cantref

# Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

## Our Purpose

- to become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

## Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced;
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency;
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in;
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued;
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential

## 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.



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>ICMD</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> October 2025</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 2 held on Thursday 18th September 2025.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

### SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2025/26 – MEETING 2.

1. **St Nicholas Church, Trellech**, requested £2,000 to replace a broken hearing loop in the church and replace the church organ speakers so they can be connected to a new audio system.

Recommendation: £1,500 to aid in repairing a broken hearing loop in this community asset.

2. **St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed** requested £1,000 for repairs to the Church Chimney and graveyard wall.

Recommendation: £750 awarded for repairs to be made to the church chimney.

3. **Friends of our Lady of Tintern** requested £1,000 to re-instate a mural destroyed by the demolition of the Abbey hotel in Tintern and the Installation of sculpture's along the 'Pilgrimage route to the Abbey and structural associated works.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to aid in the re-instatement of an historical mural and provide for sculptures making the historic pilgrimage route to Tintern Abbey.

4. **Magor Rugby Club - Mini & Junior Section** requested £1,000 to provide essential safeguarding and Health & Safety training for the establishment of the Mini & Junior rugby sections of this community sports club in Magor and Undy.

Recommendation: £920 awarded to assist in the training of club volunteers in essential Health & Safety and Safeguarding training for the Mini and Junior rugby sections of this community sports club.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 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 2:

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)  
County Councillor J. Strong (Vice-Chair)  
County Councillor M. Lane  
County Councillor S. Garrett

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 2:

D. Jarrett      Central Finance  
W. Barnard    Democratic Services Officer

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Application 3: 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 2.

None

### **CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A total of £4,170 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £45,095 is available for utilisation within the 2025-26 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  
All Cabinet Members  
Head of Legal Services  
Assistant Head of Finance  
Central Finance Management Accountant

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2025/26– Meeting 2 (Appendix 1)

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WELSH CHURCH FUND - APPLICATIONS 2025/26  
MEETING 2: 18th september 2025

APPENDIX 1

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ORGANISATION	ELECTORAL DIVISION	Signed by Councillor	REQUEST	DECISION	NATURE OF PROJECT REQUEST	PROJECT TOTAL COST	DATE Application Received	D of I*	Additional Information
NEW APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION			£	£		£			
St Nicholas Church, Trellech	Mitchell Troy & Trellech United	R. John	2,000.00	1,500.00	Funding required to replace a broken hearing loop in the church and replace the organ speakers so they can be connected to a new audio system.	4,210.00	29/07/25	No	The current hearing loop is not functioning correctly and the congregation has several members who have hearing aids and rely on the loop
St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed	Caerwent	P.Murphy	1,000.00	750.00	Funding required for repairs to the Church Chimney and graveyard wall	2,000.00	20/06/25	No	The organisation provides support, comfort and religious services to the local community through regular worship and visits to the sick and lonely. Also, provides a base for community events.
Friends of our Lady of Tintern	St Arvans	A. Webb	1,000.00	1,000.00	funding assistance to re-instate a mural destroyed by the demolition of the Abbey hotel in Tintern and the Installation of sculpture's along the 'Pilgrimage route to the Abbey and associated works.	9,354.00	15/07/25	Yes	The purpose of the organisation, is to promote the 'Marian Way', a pilgrimage route to Tintern Abbey and the Statue of Our Lady in Tintern Abbey.
Magor Rugby Club - Mini & Junior Section	Magor West	F. Taylor	1,000.00	920.00	Financing required to provide physical resources and essential safeguarding and Health & Safety training for the establishment of the Mini & Junior rugby sections of this community sports club in Magor and Undy.	10,777.00	24/08/25	No	This aim is provide a new facility for junior rugby in the communities of Magor; Undy; Rogiet; Langstone and Llanmartin for young people aged 5 to 11.
Late Applications									
SUB TOTAL Meeting 2			£5,000	£4,170	OTHER INFORMATION :				
MEETING	DATE	Single Member		AWARD					
1	June 26th 2025	23rd July 2025		11,900					
2	Sept 18th 2025	08th Oct 2025		4,170					
3	Dec 04th 2025	14th Jan 2026		0					
4	Mar 05th 2026	25th Mar 2026		0					
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TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2025/26				16,070					
BUDGET 2025/26				£35,738					
BALANCE B/F TO 2025/26				£25,427					
Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2025/26				£61,165					
Balance to be carried forward to 2025/26				£45,095					

\*D of I = Declaration of Interest

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## Integrated Impact Assessment document

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

<b>Name of the Officer</b> D Jarrett <b>Phone no: 4657</b> <b>E-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk</b>	<b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b>  To assess the Grant Allocation Processes of the Welsh Church Fund for the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group on the 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
<b>Name of Service</b>  Finance	<b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b>  08 <sup>th</sup> October 2025

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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.

<b>Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
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	

## 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?
<b>Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice</b>	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
<b>Policy Making</b>  Effects on the use of the Welsh language,  Promoting Welsh language  Treating the Welsh language no less favourably	N/A	No Negative impact	
<b>Operational</b>  Recruitment & Training of workforce	N/A	No Negative impact	
<b>Service delivery</b>  Use of Welsh language in service delivery  Promoting use of the language	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!



<b>Well Being Goal</b>	<b>Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.</b>	<b>What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
<b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	N/A	
<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	N/A	
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	N/A	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	N/A	
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	N/A	
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	N/A	
<b>A more equal Wales</b> 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>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	October 2025	Welsh Church Fund

**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.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Individual Cabinet Member Decision	08th October 2025	

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