

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	11th April 2018
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 6 of the 2017/18 financial year held on the 18th January 2018 and meeting 7 held on the 1st March 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2017/18 – MEETING 6.

- (1) Abergavenny Arts Festival requested £4,000 to assist in the funding of the Arts Festival in June 2018. This includes funding for Lectures and Exhibitions by well-known artists as part of the festival.

Recommendation – £2,000 awarded to enable the Arts Festival to proceed and promote the cultural profile of the area.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2017/18 – MEETING 7.

1. Monmouth off Street Project requested £1,000 for the funding of a Fresh Drinking Water Fountain at Bailey Park in Abergavenny

Recommendation: £546 was awarded for the purchase of the water fountain to provide a public amenity for visitors to the park

2. Llanwenarth Baptist Church requested £698 for the Replacement of two projectors that had become technologically unfit for purpose

Recommendations: £698 was awarded to replace the two projectors at this community facility

3. Rogiet Park Run requested £2,000 for the purchase of storage container to store logistical equipment required to stage the park runs.

Recommendation: This application wasn't supported

4. St. Peter's Church at St. Pierre Parochial Church Council requested £3,000 for assistance in the replacement of obsolete and under-pew heating.

Recommendation: £1,500 was awarded to contribute to the replacement of the under-pew heating at the church

5. 3rd Caldicot Brownies requested £400 to assist in the running of an Activity Day at Caldicot Castle to promote all levels of scouting within the Monmouthshire area.

Recommendation: £400 was awarded to promote a Community activity group.

6. 1st Gilwern Scout Group requested £3,000 for the installation of Safety Flooring in the kitchen and other communal areas at their community hall.

Recommendation: £1,500 was awarded to assist in the installation of safety flooring

7. St. Cybi's Church, Llanybi, requested £7,000 for assistance with the replacement of the church pipe organ that had become uneconomical to refurbish.

Recommendation: £3,500 was awarded to allow for the purchase of a second hand pipe organ with the associated installation costs.

8. Ready Steady Go requested £750 to assist with Initial charity start-up costs for a Children's Autism activity club

Recommendation: £750 was awarded to finalise the funding for this Community self-help group

9. St. Mary's Church, Magor, requested £2,000 to assist in rectifying incorrect historical electrical wiring

Recommendation: £1,500 was awarded to carry out essential health and safety work at this place of worship.

10. Tintern Village Hall requested £2,000 to assist in the purchase of a modular stage for community use.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to provide a valuable community facility with a community asset.

3. To approve the Welsh Church Fund allocation of funding criteria for 2018/19

The funding criteria for 2018/19 was agreed for inclusion within the Trust Fund Budget report 2018-19 which was approved by cabinet on the 7th March 2018.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

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

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

6. REASONS

Meetings took place on Thursday 18th January 2018 and Thursday 1st March 2018 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:

At meeting 6

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
W Barnard Committee Administration

At meeting 7

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
W Barnard Committee Administration

6.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 1 Meeting 6 – Application by Abergavenny Arts Festival: County Councillor S. Woodhouse declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a Member of the Spreading the Word Committee.

6.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair) meeting 7

6.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 14th December 2017 and Thursday 18th January 2018 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £2,000 was allocated at Meeting 6 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee and £12,394 at meeting 7. A remaining balance of £11,397 will be carried forward for distribution within the 2018-19 financial 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 2017/18– Meetings 6 and 7 (Appendix 2)

10. AUTHOR:

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