

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	03rd October 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 4 of the 2018/19 financial year held on the 20th September 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2018/19 – MEETING 4.

1. **Monmouthshire District Scouts** requested £3,500 for the 'Centenary Poppies Project' a 'Monmouthshire Remembers' project where 2,000 poppies will be constructed from steel, clay and paint for use at Remembrance ceremonies in November 2019.

Recommendation: £3,500 was awarded towards the cost of the 'Monmouthshire Remembers Project' as this community wide activity acknowledges past sacrifices by members of the Monmouthshire Community during past conflicts.

2. **Usk Baptist Church** requested £2,000 to assist in the installation of two fire doors to meet insurance requirements and Health and Safety adjustments to the structure of the church balcony.

Recommendations: £2,000 was awarded to assist in enabling the Health & Safety upgrades to ensure that this community asset meets current safety standards.

3. **The Best Kept Village in Gwent Competition**, requested £350 to assist in providing the Trophies / Awards for the winners and assist in funding the presentation ceremony of this community wide inclusion project.

Recommendation: £350 was awarded to contribute to a competition that encourages individual participation in a Monmouthshire community wide activity.

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

A meeting took place on Thursday 20th September 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:

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

Item 2. (2) – Usk Baptist Church: County Councillor B. Strong declared a personal, prejudicial interest as a member of the church and took not part in the decision.

Item 2 (3) – Gwent Best Kept Village Competition: County Councillors D. Evans and B. Strong declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as members of the committee and took no part in the decision.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th July 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,850 was allocated at Meeting 4 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. A remaining balance of £19,189 will be carried forward for distribution within the 2018-19 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.

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 2018/19– Meetings 4 (Appendix 2)

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