

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>04<sup>th</sup> November 2015</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 of the 2015/16 financial year held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded to:

**SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS 2015/16 – MEETING 2.**

(1) Little Mill and District Women's Institute requested £200 to assist in the provision of new park bench made of recyclable material for Little Mill Hall Park

Recommendation – £200 was awarded to assist in the provision of a community asset

(2) St. Arvans Community Plan Steering Group requested £1,000 to help establish a self help group for community development schemes

Recommendation - £200 awarded to assist the establishment of a community self help group

County Councillor A. Webb declared an interest

(3) Kids Cancer Charity T/A Christian Lewis Trust requested £500 to provide a respite break for a Monmouthshire family in West Wales.

Recommendation - £500 granted to facilitate respite for a qualifying family

(4) The Children's Cancer Trust applied £250 to provide a sensory library for children in the Abergavenny area

Recommendation - £250 granted to assist in the provision of sensory toys for children affected by cancer

(5) St. Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed requested £1,000 contribution to the replacement of surface water drainage channels

Recommendation - £1,000 granted to enable the provision of preventive maintenance infrastructure

- (6) St. Mary's Church, Undy applied for £1,000 to assist in essential remedial repairs to the clock tower of the church

Recommendation - £1,000 granted to enable structural repairs to ensure sustainability of the clock tower

- (7) St. James Church, Wyesham required £1,000 to purchase a replacement pipe organ for the church

Recommendation - £1,000 granted to help purchase a new electronic organ for church and community use

- (8) Leona Dennehy requested £500 to assist in educational subsistence costs on the grounds of hardship

Recommendation - £250 granted to assist in the relief of hardship

- (9) Monmouth Music Theatre requested £1,000 to assist in covering the costs of an theatre production of the Wizard of Oz in Monmouth

Recommendation – £200 to cover the expenses associated with this community group production

- (10) Birbeck Road Park Regeneration Group applied for £1,000 to assist in the provision of playground equipment in this community facility

Recommendation – £1,000 to facilitate the purchase and installation of a children's community asset

- (11) Master Caleb Vator requested £2,000 to assist in the provision of education and music tuition support

No recommendation was made based upon the requested information after review

## **2.2 KEY ISSUES**

The nature of the request in each case is set out in the attached schedule.

## **3. REASONS**

A meeting took place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule and to confirm administrative procedures for the financial year 2015/16.

County Councillors in attendance:

County Councillor D.L. Edwards (Chairman)  
County Councillor B. Strong  
County Councillor A.E. Webb  
County Councillor D. Evans

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr D. Jarrett                      Central Finance Officer  
Mrs. N. Perry                      Democratic Services Officer

### 3.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was agreed that declarations of interest would be made under the relevant item.

### 3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 3.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,600 was allocated at meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee, Thus, the remaining budget for 2015/16 financial year is £20,834.

## 5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no equality or sustainable development implications directly arising from this report. The assessment is contained in the attached appendix.

## 6. CONSULTEES:

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

## 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2015/16 – Meeting 2 (Appendix 2)

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