

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	3rd July 2019
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 and meeting 3 of the 2019/20 financial year held on the 11th April 2019 and 20th June 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 1.

- 1. Christchurch, Abergavenny** requested £3,000 in funding to replace and re-glaze the East Window of the church as the wooden frame has rotted away and this is to prevent water penetration to the fabric of the church.

Recommendation: £2,000 was awarded to assist in funding essential rectification works.

- 2. St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed,** requested £1,500 further funding for repointing of the French drainage channels around the church perimeter, this is the second stage of the church's' damp eradication procedures as identified in the Quinquennial report

Recommendation: £1,500 was awarded to assist in the restoration and re-pointing of the church's drainage channels.

- .3 St Teilo's Church, Llantillio Pertholey** requested £2,000 to assist in funding the 'WE WILL REMEMBER' project to restore a derelict stone shed in the churchyard to provide an interpretation centre depicting the lives of the men from the local community who died during the First World War

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in funding this commemorative community project.

- 4 Music in Hospitals and Care,** requested £600 to assist in funding two live music performances in healthcare settings within Monmouthshire during 2019-20

Recommendation: £600 was awarded to assist in providing pastoral services within the social care framework in Monmouthshire.

- 5 Abergavenny Carnival** requested £750 to fund the Abergavenny Walking Parade / Carnival in Abergavenny in 2019

Recommendation: £750 was awarded to assist in the staging this community event for the benefit of Monmouthshire residents

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 3.

- 1. Caldicot Community working Together**, requested £2,000 to enhance the infrastructure and props for the annual Halloween Festival at Caldicot Castle. This will facilitate a larger and more spectacular event to increase footfall and use of the Castle facilities.

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in funding a Community focussed project.

- 2. The Patients' Voice**, requested £500 to establish a Community Organisation and strengthen marketing ability to reach more patients

Recommendation: The application was deferred for further information in regard to the structure and constitution of the organisation in relation to receiving charitable funding.

- 3. Babington Meadow Environmental Project, Penallt**, requested £220 to assist in the funding of an environmental project to replace owl nesting boxes within Babington Meadow in the Wye Valley AONB.

Recommendation: £220 was awarded to enable this environmental project to proceed.

- 4 Goetre Village Hall**, requested £500 to assist in funding repairs to the hall lounge roof and redecoration.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in maintaining this community asset.

- 5 Penterry Church Field and Restoration Committee** requested £2,500 to fund the re-pointing of the church walls and the replacement of unsafe guttering

Recommendation: £2,500 was awarded to assist in maintaining of this community church and associated grounds.

- 6 Caldicot Town Team** requested £500 to assist in funding the annual family fund day in Caldicot Town Centre with the focus being upon free access activities to all socio-economic groups in the local community

Recommendation: The application was deferred due to the applicant not having provided all of the required information.

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

Meetings took place on Thursday 11th April 2019 and 20th June 2019 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 A. Webb (Chair)
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

Meeting 1

County Councillor S. Woodhouse declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in application no. 1, Christchurch: request for assistance to replace and re-glaze the East Window of the church. Councillor Woodhouse is a member of the church, vicar's warden and treasurer. Cllr Woodhouse left the room and took no part in the decision.

Meeting 3

County Councillor D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest for the following applications and took no part in the decision:

1. Caldicot Community Working Together
6. Caldicot Town Team

County Councillor A. Webb declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest for application

5. Penterry Church and took no part in the decision.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 7th March 2019 and 16th May 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,850 was allocated at Meeting 1 and £4,220 at Meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £19,007 will be carried forward for distribution within the 2019-20 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.

6.1.1 CONSULTEES:

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

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2019/20– Meeting 1 and Meeting 3 (Appendix 2 and 3)

8. AUTHOR:

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