

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>19th February 2020</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 7 held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 1.2 To approve The Welsh Church Fund funding allocation criteria for 2020-21 financial year.

**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 7.**

1. **Usk Baptist Church**, requested £1,800 in funding to rectify a leak in the roof valley between the Church and the adjoining church function rooms.

Recommendation: £1,300 was awarded to assist in providing essential roof repairs to this Grade 1 listed Church.

2. **St Peter's Church, Dixon**, requested £5,000 to assist in the replacement of the Chancel roof of the Church as the roof has been deemed to be unsafe.

Recommendation: £3,500 was awarded to assist in the essential replacement of the Chancel roof of the Church.

3. **Monmouthshire Meadows Group** requested £5,479 to replace unsafe fencing; the relocation of the road gate; provision of a kissing gate; installation of interpretive sign boards and install 2 owl boxes.

Recommendation: £597 was awarded to assist in funding this community project that benefits residents within Monmouthshire.

4. **Usk Memorial Hall**, requested £1,000 to assist in the replacement of non-regulation electrical fuse-boards and the total re-wiring of the Memorial Hall.

Recommendation: £800 was awarded to assist in the replacement and upgrading to regulation of the electrical fuse-boards and wiring within this community asset.

- 5 **Caldicot Community Garden**, requested £659.20 required to erect fencing around allotment area to protect crops and flowers being cultivated as current edging is crumbling and is a Health & Safety hazard to volunteers.

Recommendation: This application was deferred for further information.

- 6 **Rockfield Village Life Community Project**, requested £900 for the repair / restoration of the Village Praying Stone Cross as it has fractured and is being held together by metal support banding.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in providing essential safety repairs to this historical community cross.

- 2.2 The grant allocation funding criteria (Appendix 2) for the Welsh Church Trust Fund for 2020-21 was approved.

### 3. **OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

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

### 4. **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

No evaluation criteria are applicable to the grants awarded by the trust

### 5. **REASONS**

A meeting took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule (Appendix 1).

County Councillors in attendance at meeting:

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**

Item 1 – Usk Baptist Church: County Councillor B. Strong declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a Member of the Church

## 5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

## 5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

## **.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A total of £6,697 was allocated at Meeting 7 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. These grant awards have now extinguished the total available grant allocation for 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 7 (Appendix 1)  
The Welsh Church Fund Funding Allocation Criteria for 2020-21 (Appendix 2)

## **8. AUTHOR:**

David Jarrett – Senior Accountant – Central Finance Business Support

## **9. CONTACT DETAILS**

Tel. 01633 644657  
e-mail: [davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk)