

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	06th January 2016
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 3 of the 2015/16 financial year held on the 19th November 2015

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded to:

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS 2015/16 – MEETING 3.

(1) Jonathon Griffiths requested £500 to assist in the undertaking of doctoral studies in the Classics at Heidelberg

Recommendation – £500 was awarded to assist in facilitating outstanding educational achievement.

(2) Amelia Seren Roberts requested £500 to assist in completing a Fine Arts Masters degree at Cardiff University.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in facilitating outstanding educational achievement.

(3) Sarah Bray requested £500 to assist in completing a Management Marketing Masters at Swansea University.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in facilitating outstanding educational achievement.

(4) Pandy Hall Management Committee requested £1,000 towards the cost of providing community playground equipment for Pandy Village Hall.

Recommendation - £1,000 was awarded to assist in the provision of community playground equipment where no facility currently exists.

(5) Hereford MS Therapy Centre requested £500 to assist in the provision of MS therapy treatments for residents of Monmouthshire that are treated in Herefordshire.

Recommendation - £500 was awarded for assisting in providing therapeutic treatments to verified residents of Monmouthshire.

- (6) Rockfield Parochial Church Council requested £1,000 to assist in the replacement of pathways within the church grounds to assist in the access / egress of disabled persons and improvement of a public right of way

Recommendation – £1,000 was awarded to upgrade pathways for both disabled and general public ease of use.

- (7) Caldicot Methodist Church requested £1,000 to help install anti-bird roosting measures and repair damage to the church already caused by bird fouling.

Recommendation – This application was deferred for further information in regard to Caldicot Town Councils remedial action in regard to the general bird fouling for all residents and businesses of Caldicot town Centre

- (8) Raglan Village Hall and Recreation Association (RHVA) require £575 to assist in running a community engagement exercise to assess the needs of the community in the development of the Raglan Community Hub.

Recommendation – an award of £575 was made to assist in the running of the community engagement exercise to establish the priorities and needs of this newly established community self-help group.

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, 19th November 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 B. Strong (Chairman)
County Councillor A.E. Webb
County Councillor D. Evans

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
P. Harris 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

County Councillor D Edwards.

3.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 24th September 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £4,575 was allocated at meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee, Thus, the remaining budget for 2015/16 financial year is £16,259.

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 3 (Appendix 2)

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