SUBJECT: WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 17th July 2020

DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED: AII

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 meeting1 held on the 30th June 2020.

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. St John the Baptist Church, Llanhennock, requested £16,818 in funding for the preventative maintenance to the stone fabric of the Church to prevent water ingress.

Recommendation: The application deferred for further information.

2. St Cadoc's Church, Llangattock juxta, Usk, requested £1,500 to assist in immediate repairs are required on the church roof slates that are missing and loose and the maintenance of the church windows.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in providing for immediate repairs to the church roof.

.3 Crick Care Home Residents Committee requested £400 to assist in purchasing a specialised Sensory Unit to add enrichment and stimulation to our residents

Recommendation: £400 awarded to assist in funding a Sensory Unit to enable and expand the well-being of the care home residents.

Caldicot Events Committee, requested £2,684 of funding to purchase tables and gazebos for use at future Caldicot Community Events.

Recommendation: £1,000, awarded to assist in funding assets to assist in the staging of community events.

Clydach Wasps AFC requested £1,158 to purchase a replacement pitch Spray Line Marker as the existing one is broken.

Recommendation: £525 awarded to assist in purchasing an asset for the community sports club.

St Mary's Church, Magor, requested £1,500 for required to repair the Church Clock that has not operated for several years on this grade-1 listed building.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in restoring the clock on a Grade 1 listed Community building.

7 St Arvans Community Plan Steering Group, requested £8,000 for improvements to the St Arvans King George V playground by the purchase and installation of new play equipment and repairs to the damaged existing equipment.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in purchasing new playground equipment for a community play area.

8 Caldicot Castle Junior Football Club, requested £5,000 to purchase 10 tables and 20 Chairs as well as new seat coverings at the clubhouse.

Recommendation: This application deferred for further information

9 Monmouth Tennis Club requested £1,000 to facilitate the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts and Gate Access to the tennis courts.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the provision of facilities at a community sports club.

10 St Cybi's Church Llangybi, requested £2,500 for essential tree maintenance in the churchyard

Recommendation: £1,250 awarded to assist in the provision of tree maintenance in the churchyard

11 St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed, requested £4,000 to facilitate the construction of an environmentally friendly Compost Toilet in the Churchyard.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the installation of a compost toilet for use by visitors to the churchyard

12 Castle Park Primary PTA, requested £5,500 to purchase IT equipment for the School

Recommendation: Application deferred for further information.

13 Caldicot Community Garden, requested £659.20 to replace rotten 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: £659.20 awarded to assist in the provision of replacement fencing to enable this voluntary group to facilitate community well-being activities.

3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Options available to the Committee are driven by the information 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 Tuesday 30th June of the Welsh Church Fund Committee Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule (Appendix 1).

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 1:

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 D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the counter signatory for the following applications:

item 3. Crick Care Home Residents Committee

item 4. Caldicot Events Committee

item 12.. Castle Park Primary School

item 13. Caldicot Community Garden

County Councillor A. Webb declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the counter signatory for the following application:

item 7. St. Arvans Community Plan Steering Group

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 1

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on the 16TH January 2020

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £9,334.20 allocated at Meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £23,620.80 is available for distribution within the 2020-21 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 2020/21 – Meeting 1 (Appendix 1)

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