

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	07th October 2020
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 2 held on the 28th July 2020 and meeting 3 held on the 10th September 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 2.

- 1 St Ceneldon's Church, Rockfield, Monmouth,** requested £3,350 in funding required to reinstate and repair the churchyard wall displaced during the recent floods.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in re-instating the churchyard wall at this community church.

- 2 Chepstow Amateur Boxing Club,** requested £1,500 to assist in providing steelwork for a boxing training area as part of overall refurbishment upgrade of the club including the changing areas.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in providing materials for this a major upgrade to the training facilities at this community asset.

- 3 St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth,** requested £5,000 to undertake refurbishment of the St John Kemble room, which includes Sash Window and carpet replacement, plasterwork repairs and installation of roof ventilation slates and other associated minor works.

Recommendation: £2,500 awarded to assist in funding repairs to this Grade II listed church in the Monmouth Conservation area.

- 4 St Martin's Church, Penyclawdd,** requested £1,890 of funding to replace the Church's wooden gates, which are rotten, and a Health & Safety hazard

Recommendation: £1,890, awarded to assist in replacing the church's wooden gates due to it being a safety issue for parishioners and visitors.

- 5 **George Haylock (individual)** requested £500 to help purchase essential tools, equipment and protective clothing to start first year of a BA Design for Performance course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Recommendation: £200 awarded to assist in purchasing essential tools to assist in undertaking a set designer course.

- 6 **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: £500 awarded to assist in purchasing outside tables and chairs for this community sports club.

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

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in enabling the PTA to supply additional learning devices to the school.

- 8 **St John the Baptist Church , Llanhennock**, requested £16,500 to fund preventative maintenance to the stone fabric of the Church to prevent water ingress

Recommendation: The application is deferred for further information and project funding details.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 3.

- 1 **The Gwehelog Public Hall**, requested £1,293 to provide new Audio Visual Equipment, make improvements in the heating control and refurbishment of the stage area, lighting and stage drapes.

Recommendation: £1,293 awarded to assist in making improvements to this very active local community centre for the benefit of local residents

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

Meetings took place on Tuesday 28th July and the 10th September of the Welsh Church Fund Committee Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedules (Appendix 1 and 2).

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 2 and 3:

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 2.

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

Item 7. Castle Park Primary School

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 2 and 3

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on the 30TH June 2020 and 28th July were confirmed as true records.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Total funding of £8,090.00 was allocated at Meeting 2 and £1,293 at Meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £14,238 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 2 (Appendix 1)
and Meeting 3 (Appendix 2)

8. AUTHOR:

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