

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	09th June 2021
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 held on the 15th April 2021 and meeting 2 held on the 13th May 2021

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2021/22 – MEETING 1.

1. **Usk in Bloom**, requested £1,000 in funding for assistance in purchasing 2 large eco-friendly low water requirement planters to match existing two large planters situated within Usk Town

Recommendation: £1,000, awarded to assist in funding assets to assist in providing community assets that enhance the public area and provide pleasure to the many visitors to the award winning town centre.

2. **Caerwent Historic Trust**, requested £500 to assist in staging a Community focussed archaeological excavation involving both Caerwent and Shirenewton local history societies as well as local schools and residents.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to assist in supporting a community event that will benefit long-term understanding of the historical area by the local community and in particular the younger generations.

3. **Abergavenny Community Trust**, requested £2,900 to help create a new safe path with associated drainage to access the Community Centre from the car park. This will be made of porous materials to prevent flooding.

Recommendation: £2,900 awarded to assist in funding a new safe and level footpath to assist the many users of this community asset

4. **St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed**, requested £1,000 of funding to improve the lighting within the church.

Recommendation: The application has been deferred for clarification into the total project specifications and cost

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2021/22 – MEETING 2.

- 1. Chepstow Bowling Club**, requested £1,000 to restore and maintain the Green at Chepstow Bowling Club, which includes updating a watering system pump, Roto-rack, Aerator and Lawn Mower

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to support this community sports group and promote health and wellbeing amongst the generations.

- 2. St Mary's Catholic Church, Monmouth**, requested £5,000 to undertake a major redevelopment of the St John Kimble room in an ancillary building at the church. This work includes replacing four sash windows, ventilation slates to the roof, carpet replacement, plasterwork and other minor works.

Recommendation: £2,000 was awarded to support the refurbishment of a part of this historic church that provides a well utilised community facility. .

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 Thursday 15th April and Thursday 13th May 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 B. Strong
County Councillor S. Woodhouse

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 2:

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)
County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)
County Councillor B. Strong
County Councillor S. Woodhouse

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meetings 1 and 2

D Jarrett Central Finance
W Barnard Committee Administration

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Meeting 1.

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

item 1. Usk in Bloom

County Councillor S. Wodhouse declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the counter signatory for the following applications:

item 3. Abergavenny Community Trust

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 1

County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 2

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on the 11TH March 2021 and 14th April 2021

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £7,400.00 allocated at Meeting 1 and 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £27,040 is available for distribution within the 2021-22 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 2021/22– Meeting 1 and 2
(Appendix 1)

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