

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	07th July 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 3 held on the 24th June 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 3.

- 1. St. Thomas' Church, Overmonnow for Tŷ Price-St. Thomas' Community Hall,** requested £4,500 in funding for assistance in replacing a small roof over the front of Tŷ Price Community Hall, which has deteriorating asbestos cement roof tiles and is also showing signs of water penetration.

Recommendation: £2,000, awarded to assist in funding the replacement of a small roof on this thriving community asset.

- 2. Kids Cancer Charity,** requested £500 to assist in funding a respite break for a Monmouthshire family at a specifically equipped caravan as they are designed for wheelchair use for children weakened by disability or illness.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to assist in supporting the provision of a respite break for a child affected by a life threatening illness from Monmouthshire.

- 3. Birbeck Road Residents Regeneration Group,** requested £750 to replace unsafe and deteriorating picnic tables in Birbeck Park with new recycled ones for the benefit of residents and visitors to the area.

Recommendation: £250 awarded to assist in funding new picnic tables made from recycled materials for the benefit of the local community.

- 4. Abergavenny Lido Group,** requested £500 of funding for a feasibility study into the provision of an Abergavenny Lido that will enable larger Capital grants to be obtained from other providers of recreational grant funding schemes.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to assist in funding a proposed new community project that will lead to improvements in the community sporting asset base.

- 5. St Mary's Church Tregaer**, requested £1,500 of funding for a new heating system within the Church to replace old inefficient gas heaters that have come to the end of their working life

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in funding the installation of new cost efficient low emission heaters within the church.

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 Thursday 24th 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 3:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 3:

D Jarrett Central Finance
W Barnard Committee Administration

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Meeting 3

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

item 4. Abergavenny Lido Group

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 3

County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on the 13TH May 2021

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £4,250.00 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £22,790 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 3 (Appendix 1)

8. AUTHOR:

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