

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	06th October 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 5 held on the 23rd September 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 5.

1. **St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow**, requested £1,000 funding assistance for the clearance of gutters, down pipes on the church and the removal of vegetation from high and low levels. Additionally make a wall safe as debris is currently falling from it.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in providing the costs of the remedial work to the church roof and walls.

2. **Portskewett & Sudbrook Junior Football Club**, requested £800 to assist us in raising the profile of the football club in the local community via club signage and a bespoke website.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to assist in raising the awareness of the sporting club within the local community.

3. **Bryngwyn Church**, £5,000 required to re-roof the church roof to further restrict water ingress; install heating in the church as well as the upgrading of the electrical system and improvement of lighting as recommended in the quinquennial report

Recommendation: £2,500 awarded to assist in funding if a new roof and to upgrade the electrical and heating systems within this community asset.

4. **Mathern Village Hall - Mathern & District Club**, requested £1,890 for the replacement of the Village Hall trestle tables that are over 40 years old.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in replacing old and unsafe tables within the community hall.

- 5. Shirenewton Local History Society**, requested £1,000 to increase the capacity of the Society's storage archive.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to assist in funding improved storage facilities in relation to the history of the local community.

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 23rd September 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 5:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 5:

D Jarrett Central Finance
W Barnard Committee Administration

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 5

County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on the 22nd July 2021

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,500.00 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 5 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £14,820 is available for distribution within the 2021-22 financial year.

**7. 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.

8. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance
Central Finance Management Accountant

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2021/22– Meeting 5 (Appendix 1)

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