

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All</b>

**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 7 held on the 22nd December 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 7.**

1. **Church of St James the Great, Devauden**, requested £7,500 to correct the undulating roof that is not correctly draining away and so is draining into the external walls and creating problems with damp. This has also affected the windows and woodwork as they are now rotting, these issues have been identified in the 2020 Quinquennial report.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in providing for the costs of essential repairs and conservation work to this historical church

2 **Tintern Angling Club**, requested funding to repair the west bank of the Tintern fishing pond to ensure that members that have disability and accessibility issues can do so safely and without causing further damage and to encourage wildlife to return to the area.

Recommendation: £650 awarded to assist in providing for the material costs of renovating this community leisure asset.

3. **Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Priory Church, Monmouth**, requested £25,000 for the renovation of the ground floor to include a new kitchen, Unisex WC, Storage room and work to all existing and proposed display cases.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in funding the renovation of this community asset

4. **St Arvans Village Trust, Tintern**, requested £1,500 for the renovation of the Village Community Meeting Rooms that have fallen into disrepair and require updating to avoid causing Health & Safety issues for potential users of the facility

Recommendation: £750 awarded to assist in funding the renovation of the community meeting rooms in the village hall.

### **3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

Options available to the Committee are driven by the information supplied by the applicants.

### **4. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

No evaluation criteria are applicable to the grant awarded by the trust.

### **5. REASONS**

A Meeting took place on Wednesday 22nd December 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 7:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 7:

D Jarrett      Central Finance  
R Williams     Committee Administration

#### **5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Application 2: Tintern Angling Club – County Councillor A. Webb declared a personal, prejudicial interest as application signatory.

Application 4: St Arvans Village Trust – County Councillor A. Webb declared a personal, prejudicial interest as application signatory.

Councillor Webb left the meeting and took no part in the decisions to award funding.

#### **5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 7**

None

#### **5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 04th November 2021

**6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A total of £5,400 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 7 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £7,420 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 7 (Appendix 1)

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