

**SUBJECT: WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP**  
**MEETING: ICMD**  
**DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**  
**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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2022/23 – MEETING 1.**

1. **Llangwm Baptist Chapel**, requested £5,000 for the replacement of the Chapel windows

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in the replacement of the chapel windows

2. **Raglan Baptist Church** requested £10,000 for urgent and essential repairs to this grade II listed Church, replacement of windows and re-pointing of the walls.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in the replacement of the windows on this historic community asset.

3. **Caldicot Events Committee**, requested £2,000 for the purchase of Walkie Talkie Radios and Cases

Recommendation: No award was made; request was made for further detailed information and re-application.

4. **St Arvans Church**, requested £2,400 required to enable the Dormer windows of the Church to be repaired and re-painted

Recommendation: £650 awarded to assist in providing for the cost of paint for essential repairs and conservation work to this historical church

5. **Tintern Recreation Centre & Village Hall** requested £5,000 to assist in redeveloping and renewing of the outdoor playground and community garden in Tintern Village Hall.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in providing for the purchase of new equipment for the renovation of this tourist / community leisure asset.

6. **St Peter's Church, Llanwenarth Citra**, requested £1,750 for in the provision of a hearing loop system in the church to enable the inclusion of the hard of hearing into all events held within the church

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in installing a hearing loop system to enable the inclusion of all parishioners.

7. **Parish Church of St Stephen's and St Tathan's, Caerwent**, requested £3,000 for the repair / replacement of the north porch roof on this 15th Century Church that is unstable

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in funding the renovation of the north porch roof of this 15<sup>th</sup> Century Church.

7. **St Michael's Church Llanfihangel ystern-Llewern**, requested £2,000 for emergency remedial action to remove the church bells from the dangerous bell tower framer, investigation and further action identified for their re-instatement.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in funding the renovation of the bell tower frame.

### 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 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 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 S. Garrett (Vice Chair)  
County Councillor J. Strong  
County Councillor M. Lane

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 1:

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5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 1

None

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on the 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A total of £9,650 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee The balance of £21,510 can be utilised at future meetings during the 2022-23 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 2022/23– Meeting 1 (Appendix 1)

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