

SUBJECT: WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING: ICMD
DATE: 3rd 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 23rd 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 15th 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 23rd 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:

D Jarrett Central Finance

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 03rd 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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