

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	02nd March 2016
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 4 of the 2015/16 financial year held on the 21st January 2016

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded to:

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS 2015/16 – MEETING 4.

(1) Friends of Tintern requested £2,000 to assist in the purchase of projection and sound equipment to facilitate the continuation and expansion of Community film shows.

Recommendation – £1,000 was awarded to assist in facilitating the expansion of this community arts group.

(2) Caldicot Youth Rugby requested £985 to assist in the installation of a secure Defibrillator cabinet at Caldicot Rugby Club for use by suitable qualified medical personnel.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in providing a secure cabinet for the well-being and safety of the community and sports club.

(3) Theatre in Education (Gwent) requested £500 to assist in the redecoration and refurbishment of the theatre fabric and renewal of fire blackout safety curtain.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in providing the renewal of essential safety equipment

(4) Earlswood & Newchurch West Memorial Hall requested £1,000 towards the cost of providing an Oil Tank security screening fence and provision of new seating for the hall.

Recommendation - £500 was awarded to assist in the provision of security and community use equipment.

- (5) Friends of our' Lady of Tintern' requested £1,000 to assist in the staging of an annual 'Sungvespers' concert in Tintern Abbey.

Recommendation – The Committee decided not to award a grant based upon the income generating capability of the event to cover expenditure costs.

2.2 KEY ISSUES

The nature of the request in each case is set out in the attached schedule.

3. REASONS

A meeting took place on Thursday, 21st January 2016 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule and to confirm administrative procedures for the financial year 2015/16.

County Councillors in attendance:

County Councillor D.L. Edwards (Chairman)
County Councillor B. Strong (Vice Chairman)
County Councillor A.E. Webb
County Councillor D. Evans

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
P. Harris Democratic Services Officer

3.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was agreed that declarations of interest would be made under the relevant item.

3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 19th November 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £2,500 was allocated at meeting 4 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee, Thus, the remaining budget for 2015/16 financial year is £13,759.

5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no equality or sustainable development implications directly arising from this report. The assessment is contained in the attached appendix.

6. CONSULTEES:

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

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1 Future Generations Evaluation
Appendix 2 Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2015/16 – Meeting 4

8. AUTHOR:

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Appendix 1



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Future Generations Evaluation
(includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer D Jarrett Phone no: 4657 E-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal To assess the Grant Allocation Processes of the Welsh Church Fund for the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group on the 21st January 2016.</p>
<p>Name of Service Finance</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation 21st January 2016</p>





1. **Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below?** Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.


Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been / will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>No impact</p>	
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>No impact</p>	

Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been / will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive in regard to providing equipment to assist in the preservation of life	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive in relation to connecting the community and its constituents	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive in relation to social well-being	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	Positive in relation to the promotion of culture in the community	
A more equal Wales People can fulfill their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	No impact	

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
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Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Long-term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	
 <p>Collaboration objectives</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p data-bbox="129 432 277 464">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="309 288 517 539">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="546 288 1167 320">Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust</p>	

3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	No impact	No impact	
Disability	No impact	None	
Gender reassignment	No impact	No impact	
Marriage or civil partnership	No impact	No Impact	
Race	No impact	No Impact	
Religion or Belief	No impact	None	
Sex	No impact	No impact	
Sexual Orientation	No impact	No Impact	
Welsh Language	No impact on Welsh Language	No impact on Welsh Language	

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance note <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Not applicable		
Corporate Parenting	Not applicable		

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

The evidence and data used for the assessment of each applicant to the Welsh Church Fund is supplied by the applicant upon submission of their application. The data and information supplied or subsequently requested is used to form the basis of the Committees' decision on whether to award a qualifying grant.

6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

The grant aid supports and highlights the positive effect that decisions the Welsh Church Fund Working Group have on the applicants funding requests from Voluntary Organisations, Local Community Groups, Individuals and Religious Establishments. All awards are made in the belief that the funding is utilised for sustainable projects and cultural activities that benefit individuals, organisations, communities and their associated assets. All grants are awarded within the Charitable Guidelines of the Trust

7. Actions. As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Award grants	March 2016	Welsh Church Fund	On target

8. Monitoring: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	The Payment of grants awarded to the successful applicants
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APPENDIX 2

MEETING 4 - 21st January 2016

ORGANISATION	ELECTORAL DIVISION	Signed by Councillor	REQUEST	DECISION	NATURE OF REQUEST	APPROX COST	DATE Received	D of I*	Comments
NEW APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION			£	£		£			
Friends of Tintern	St Arvans with Tintern	A Webb	£2,000	£1,000	Assist in the purchase of projection and sound equipment to allow the continuation and expansion of film shows in the village and surrounding community	£9,985		Yes	Film shows now in 7th year and are showing increasing support from local community. Currently share projection and sound equipment with other communities. Film shows are currently running at modest surplus after licensing and box office fees.
Caldicot Youth Rugby	West End	D Evans	£985	£500	Funding required to install a defibrillator cabinet on the wall of the clubhouse to house a donated defibrillator for use by anyone requiring cardiac assistance when required	£985		Yes	A defibrillator has been donated to the club and a secure weatherproof emergency access case and installation is required for placement on the outside wall of the clubhouse
Friends of 'Our Lady of Tintern'	St arvans with Tintern	A Webb	£1,000	£0	Funding required to assist in staging the annual 'Sungvespers' concert. Costs include speakers, audio equipment rental and seating.	£1,035		Yes	This event will hopefully become an annual event, with between 500-600 attending
Theatre in Education (Gwent)	Croesonen	R Harris	£500	£500	Funding required for the redecoration of the theatre and restoration of the theatre fabric including renewal of the fire black-out curtain and tracking.	£7,170		No	Theatre of Education is a non profit making charitable trust that has no paid employees. It provides at cost workshops run by volunteers and will reduce rates for other non-profit making organisations
Earlswood & Newchurch West Memorial Hall	Shirenewton	Graham Down	£1,000	£500	Assistance in providing a new security fence around the Hall's oil tank and purchase of new chairs for the hall as the old ones are now not fit for purpose due to wear and tear	£1,264		No	Committee maintains the Hall for the benefit of the community which stages parties, dog shows, charity fund raising events, local am-dram and dances.
Deferred Applications									
Caldicot Methodist Church	Severn	R.J. Higginson	£1,000	withdrawn	Funding assistance required to implement anti-bird roosting measures and repair the church due to a pigeon / gull fouling. Discussed at town council	£2,161	10/11/2015	No	The church is used by the wider community and by those that attend the open market weekly so any improvement in the appearance with the removal of bird fouling will improve both the H&S aspects as well improve the adjacent public areas
SUB TOTAL Meeting 4			£6,485	£2,500					
Meeting 1 Award				5,250					
Meeting 2 Award				5,600					
Meeting 3 Award				4,575					
Meeting 4 Award				2,500					
Meeting 5 Award				0					
TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2015/16 TO DATE				17,925					
BUDGET 2015/16				25,109					
BALANCE B/F TO 2015/16				£6,576					
Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2015/16				£31,684					
REMAINING BALANCE			£13,759	£11,259					
*D of I = Declaration of Interest				0					