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| SUBJECT: | WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP |
| MEETING: | ICMD |
| DATE: | 25th October 2023 |
| 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 2 held on Thursday 21st September 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 The Committee resolved that the following grants are awarded as per the schedule of applications.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2022/23 – MEETING 2.

1. **Portskewett & Sudbrook Recreation Hall** requested £2,000 for the installation of security PIR lights and the painting of the building for increased weather protection and an enhanced aesthetic appearance.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist this community group in upgrading community facilities to alleviate security and safety concerns.

2. **St Mary's Church, Magor** requested £1,500 for the replacement of Halogen lights in roof of the Nave, North and South Aisles with LED efficient and 'greener' lighting.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in the refurbishment of the church's' lighting to a more energy efficient installation.

3. **Chepstow Priory Friends** requested £3,000 to assist in repairs to the Church Clock and the restoration of the tower steps as they form part of the structural integrity of the building.

Recommendation: £3,000 awarded to assist in the restoration of the Church Clock and restoration of the historic tower of the Priory for future generations.

3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Decision options available to the Committee are guided and 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 21st September 2023 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 2:

County Councillor J. Strong (Chair)
County Councillor M. Lane (Vice- Chair)
County Councillor A. Webb

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 2:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
R. Williams Democratic Services Officer

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Declared

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 2

County Councillor S. Garrett

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,500 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee The balance of £32,289 is available for utilisation within the current 2023-24 fiscal year.

6. 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.

7. CONSULTEES:

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

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2023/24– Meeting 2 (Appendix 1)

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