

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD
DATE:	27th March 2024
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 3 held on Thursday 29th February 2024.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2023/24 – MEETING 3.

1. **Christchurch, Govilion** requested £1,500 for urgent repairs to the blower unit of the pipe organ which is overheating and causing electrical outages.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist the church in repairing the blower unit on this early 1900's church organ.

2. **St Christopher's Church, Chepstow** requested £1,418 for the purchase and erection of a new gate to the church car park to enable safe access for worshippers' attending the church.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the installation of a secure gate to the church's' car park.

3. **St Denis Church, Llanishen** requested £3,000 to assist in replacing the rotten handrails and associated uprights from the church gate into the churchyard car park.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the replacement of the church's' broken safety railings for access to the car park.

4. **Heart of Monmouth Ministry Area (HoMMA)** requested £5,000 in funding for the re-roofing of Bettws Newydd Church which is in a critical condition.

Recommendation: £2,500 awarded to assist in the replacement of the church's' roof.

5. **Homemakers Community Re-cycling** requested £2,000 in funding of a new building to store items for rough sleepers and those moving into homes for homeless or from backgrounds of hardship

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in the provision of new storage facilities for this community organisation.

3. WELSH CHURCH FUND ALLOCATION CRITERIA 2024/25

The grant allocation criteria for the 2024/25 financial year were approved.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Decision options available to the Committee are guided and driven by the information supplied by the applicants.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

6. 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 3:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 3:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
R. Williams Democratic Services Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Declared

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 3

County Councillor S. Garrett

CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 21st September 2023.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £7,000 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £25,289 is available for utilisation within the 2024-25 fiscal 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 2023/24– Meeting 3 (Appendix 1)

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