

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD
DATE:	21st August 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 1 held on Thursday 18th July 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 1.

1. **Llanwenarth Village Hall** requested £2,000 to replace the Hall roof that has failed, and is leading to water ingress.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist the hall in replacing the roof on this community asset.

2. **St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed** requested £3,000 fund the re-building of the Cemetery Wall that collapsed in the Autumn of 2023.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in repairing the church's cemetery wall.

3. **St Wonnow's Church, Wonastow** requested £2,000 to assist in repairing the church tower.

Recommendation: £1,500 awarded to assist in repairing the tower of the church.

4. **Goytre Community Centre** requested £2,000 to buy storage equipment for the Community Centre and catering equipment for the sale of refreshments to the community groups that use the centre.

Recommendation: The application was deferred as the Committee requested further information from the applicant.

5. **St Pierre Church (St Peter's Church)** requested £3,598 for the repair of defective / damaged wall memorials for the safety of the church

Recommendation: The application was deferred as the Committee requested further information from the applicant.

6. **St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny** requested £1,000 for the removal of dead trees in the churchyard and to pollard a diseased lime tree in the church car park

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in removing dead trees and also maintaining the existing foliage within the church car park.

7. **Caldicot Youth Group** requested £1,000 for the internal re-decoration of the Zone Youth Centre in Caldicot.

Recommendation: £750, awarded to facilitate the regeneration of a community asset used by local youth groups.

8. **Caldicot Events Committee** requested £1,532 for the purchase of an Inflatable Christmas Gazebo for use by Community groups during the festive season.

Recommendation: The application was deferred as the Committee requested further information from the applicant.

9. **Portskewett & Sudbrook Junior Football Club** requested £1,500 to finance mandatory Football Association of Wales coaching courses for the volunteer coaches at the club.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to enable the voluntary facilitation of the continuation of a local sporting club to provide young people with recreational activities.

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 18th July 2024 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 J. Strong (Chair)
County Councillor M. Lane (Vice- Chair)
County Councillor A. Webb
County Councillor S. Garrett

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 1:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
R. Williams Democratic Services Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Llanwenarth Village Hall, Councillor Malcolm Lane declared prejudicial interest pursuant to the Member's Code of Conduct as he is part of the Ministry Area Team. Councillor Lane withdrew from the discussion on the application.

Caldicot Events Committee, Councillor Jackie Strong declared prejudicial interest pursuant to the Member's Code of Conduct as he is part of the Ministry Area Team. Councillor Lane withdrew from the discussion on the application.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 1

None

CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 29th February 2024.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £6,750 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £51,877 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 2024/25– Meeting 1 (Appendix 1)

10. AUTHOR:

David Jarrett – Senior Accountant – Central Finance Business Support

11. CONTACT DETAILS

Tel. 01633 644657

e-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk