

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD
DATE:	23rd October 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 2 held on Thursday 19th September 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 2.

1. **Llangwm Chapel** requested £5,000 to re-render the external walls of the chapel after the installation of new windows.

Recommendation: The application was deferred for more detailed information required in order for the committee to make an informed decision.

2. **The Church of St Tewdric, Mathern** requested £10,000 fund for conservation repairs to the church tower.

Recommendation: £3,000 awarded to assist in conserving the church's bell tower.

3. **St Mary's Church, Llanvair Cilgoed**, requested £2,000 to assist in repairing the west gable and bell cote to prevent further damage due to water ingress.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in repairing the west gable and bell cote on this historic 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: £1,500 awarded to assist in the provision of storage provision in this community asset.

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

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

Recommendation: £250 awarded to assist in funding of a Christmas festival Grotto for community functions.

7. **An Individual** requested £500 for personal development. (restricted). This application was declined as did not meet the funding criteria for approval.
8. **An Individual** requested £500 for personal development. (restricted). This application was deferred to a future date for further required information.

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 19th September 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 2:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 2:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
R. Williams Democratic Services Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Llangwm Chapel, Councillor Ann Webb declared prejudicial interest pursuant to the Member's Code of Conduct.

Caldicot Events Committee, Councillor Jackie Strong declared prejudicial

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 2

None

CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 18th July 2024.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £7,750 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £44,127 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 2 (Appendix 1)

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