

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD
DATE:	09th April 2025
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 held on Thursday 06th March 2025.

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 4.

- 1. Lanvapley Sports & Social Association (LSSA)** requested £1,000 to promote an 'AGE WITHOUT LIMITS' event on 11th June 2025. The event will require the purchase of Audio equipment to enable the hall to have a PA system that could be used for this event and future community use.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to facilitate the installation of audio equipment into this community asset.

- 2. Cross Ash Village Hall** requested £1,991 for improvements to the hall roof guttering, ceiling, and wall repairs after storm damage. Also, the installation of security lighting for the hall car park

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded for repairs and improvements to be made to the structure of the hall.

- 3. St Mary's Church, Tregaer. Raglan** requested £1,200 for urgent repairs to the church ceiling above the organ, as it requires urgent re-plastering to prevent damage to the organ.

Recommendation: £1,200 awarded to assist in repairing the ceiling of the church.

- 4. St Madoc's Church, Llanbadoc** requested £4,000 for urgent repairs required to the Grade 2 listed church's roof flashings, coping stones and the repointing of masonry.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in repairing the chapel roof to prevent water ingress and preserve the interior fabric of the church.

5. **Rogiet Community Junction** requested £3,648 funding to purchase two Industrial fridges and one Industrial freezer for installation in a community shop / café.

Recommendation: £1,800 awarded to fund the purchase of an industrial freezer for this community facility.

6. **The Village Alive Trust** requested £914 to arrange jointly with Llanarth Village Hall a major community event to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day which is on 8th May 2025.

Recommendation: The application was deferred to enable the applicant to provide further detailed clarification on the specifics of the grant request.

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 06th March 2025 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 4:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 4:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
R. Williams Democratic Services Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Application 5: County Councillor Jackie Strong declared a personal non-prejudicial interest, as her husband County Councillor Peter Strong had signed the application. She took no part in the decision.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 4

None

CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 12th December 2024.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £6,800 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 4 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £25,427 is carried forward for utilisation within the 2025-26 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 4 (Appendix 1)

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