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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                 | <b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b> |
| <b>MEETING:</b>                 | <b>ICMD</b>                            |
| <b>DATE:</b>                    | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>       |
| <b>DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:</b> | <b>All</b>                             |

**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 26th June 2025.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2025/26 – MEETING 1.**

- 1. St Michael & All Angels Church, Mitchell Troy** requested £3,500 for major structural repairs to the roof, tower walls and belfry following quinquennial review. Also, maintenance of the bell assemblies and installing protective mesh to the belfry openings.

Recommendation: £2,000 to assist in repairing the roof to this historical community asset.

- 2. St Pierre Church, Chepstow** requested £4,960 to repair the graveyard wall which is in danger of collapse.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded for repairs and improvements to be made to the graveyard wall.

- 3. St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel tor Y Mynydd** requested £7,762 for urgent repairs to the church roof to prevent further water ingress

Recommendation: £3,000 awarded to assist in repairing the roof of the church.

- 4. St Mary's Church Community Hall, Caldicot** requested £1,000 required to replace broken window blinds with new roller blinds

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to assist in provision of new blinds at this community asset.

- 5. Caldicot Pride** requested £500 to increase the visibility and acceptance of the queer community in Caldicot by ruining community festivals.

Recommendation: £250 awarded to assist in providing essential first aid services to ensure that this community event is safe for all participants.

6. **Blue Phoenix Jazz Band** requested £2,778.77 to purchase new uniforms for the band.

Recommendation: £1,750 was awarded to provide competition uniforms for this voluntary community group.

7. **Lottie Willaims** requested £2,000 to attend a skiing training camp for 4 weeks in Chile.

Recommendation: £400 was awarded to assist in the training of a prospective elite athlete.

8. **St David's Church, Llanddewi Rhydderch** requested £4,360 to install wooden windowsills inside the Church; to buy and erect a new Noticeboard at the entrance to Church, and to install a new shed and path in the graveyard.

Recommendation: £1,600 was awarded to re-instate replacement wooden windowsills to restore the fabric of the church to its historic design.

9. **Chepstow Boat Club** requested £900 to replace a walkway and decking for the pontoon for use by boaters on the river Wye.

Recommendation: £900 awarded to assist in provision of a new floating pontoon for safe ingress / egress to the River Wye.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 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 1:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 1:

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Application 4: 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 1

None

## CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A total of £11,900 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £49,265 is available 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 2025/26– Meeting 1 (Appendix 1)

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