

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>ICMD</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> October 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 2 held on Thursday 18th September 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 2.**

- 1. St Nicholas Church, Trellech**, requested £2,000 to replace a broken hearing loop in the church and replace the church organ speakers so they can be connected to a new audio system.

Recommendation: £1,500 to aid in repairing a broken hearing loop in this community asset.

- 2. St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed** requested £1,000 for repairs to the Church Chimney and graveyard wall.

Recommendation: £750 awarded for repairs to be made to the church chimney.

- 3. Friends of our Lady of Tintern** requested £1,000 to re-instate a mural destroyed by the demolition of the Abbey hotel in Tintern and the Installation of sculpture's along the 'Pilgrimage route to the Abbey and structural associated works.

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded to aid in the re-instatement of an historical mural and provide for sculptures making the historic pilgrimage route to Tintern Abbey.

- 4. Magor Rugby Club - Mini & Junior Section** requested £1,000 to provide essential safeguarding and Health & Safety training for the establishment of the Mini & Junior rugby sections of this community sports club in Magor and Undy.

Recommendation: £920 awarded to assist in the training of club volunteers in essential Health & Safety and Safeguarding training for the Mini and Junior rugby sections of this community sports club.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> September 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 2:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 2:

D. Jarrett      Central Finance  
W. Barnard    Democratic Services Officer

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Application 3: County Councillor Ann Webb declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as she had signed the application. She took no part in the decision.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 2.

None

### **CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A total of £4,170 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £45,095 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 2 (Appendix 1)

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