

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	ICMD (FINANCE)
DATE:	14th January 2026
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 3 held on Thursday 04th December 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 3.

1. **Llanvetherine Church Committee** requested £10,000 to assist in conducting essential maintenance repair in masonry of church tower for public safety.

Recommendation: £3,000 to aid in conducting essential repairs to the church towers masonry.

2. **Portskewett & Sudbrook Recreation Hall** requested £1,000 to update and improve the bathroom facilities at the hall as they are not dated and falling apart

Recommendation: £1,000 awarded for modern bathroom facilities to be installed in this community facility.

3. **St Stephen's & St Tathan's Parish Church, Caerwent** requested £2,000 for repairs to nave roof abutment within the east tower wall. This is currently leaking water down the inside of the tower and into the nave itself.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to aid in repairs to the church tower wall and prevent water ingress to the main fabric of the church.

4. **Christchurch Hall, Abergavenny** requested £3,000 to repair damage done to the walls and floor, which is of a timber and tin construction with a cedarwood-clad interior and exterior. This area of the building is suffering from dry rot.

Recommendation: £3,000 awarded to assist remedial treatment to the buildings wooden construction to cure and prevent further water penetration.

5. **Caldicot Walking Football Club** requested £1,500 to establish a dedicated Over-70s walking football team at Caldicot Walking Football Club.

Recommendation: £500 awarded to assist in the creation of an over 70's walking group to facilitate positive physical activity and associated mental health benefits within that age demographic.

6. Monmouth Male Voice Choir requested £10,000 to stage a celebration of Welsh musical heritage by male voice choirs from across Monmouthshire, at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Newport.

Recommendation: £2,000 awarded to assist in provision of medical provision at a celebratory concert of Welsh musical heritage performed by Monmouthshire male voice choirs .

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 04th December 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 3:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE at meeting 3:

D. Jarrett Central Finance
W. Barnard Democratic Services Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 3.

County Councillor S. Garrett

CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 18th September 2025.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £11,500 has been allocated to applicants at Meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The balance of £33,595 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
Cabinet -Single Member -Finance
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2025/26 – Meeting 3 (Appendix 1)

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