

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2016</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 5 of the 2015/16 financial year held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and confirm acceptance of the Welsh Church Fund Principles, Policy Considerations and Grant Allocation Criteria for 2016/17

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded as per the schedule of applications.

2.2 Confirmed acceptance of the Welsh Church Fund Principles, Policy Considerations and Grant Allocation Criteria for 2016/17

**SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS 2015/16 – MEETING 5.**

(1) Monmouth Lifesaving Club requested £250 to assist in the replacement of resuscitation equipment as the closure of Monmouth school pool has severely restricted fundraising opportunities.

Recommendation – £250 was awarded to assist in purchasing replacement life- Saving equipment due to temporary financial hardship in regard to this community group.

(2) Tintern Church Lads and Church girls Brigade requested £1,000 to assist in the funding of a historical education trip to the Somme battlefield.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to contribute to the education of the recipient young people attending the Somme Battlefield.

(3) Caerwent Community Centre requested £1,000 to assist in the refurbishment of the Community Centre roof and Sports Hall internal lighting.

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded to assist in the renewal of this community asset.

(4) St Mary's Church, Monmouth requested £1,500 towards the cost of providing emergency repairs to a church mullion in the church bell tower to avoid damage to the stain glass windows.

Recommendation - £1,000 was awarded to assist in the repair of the church mullion.

- (5) Christchurch Community Hall, Abergavenny requested £1,000 to assist in the repair of the Community Hall roof.

Recommendation – awarded £1,000 for assistance in repairing the Community Hall roof.

- (6) Rockfield Church requested £1,000 to assist in the refurbishment and tarmacking of the churchyard footpath and car park to assist disabled parishioners to attend services

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded to assist in the providing easier access for disabled parishioners.

- (7) Monmouth Carnival Community Group requested £750 to assist in the funding of the lead Monmouth Carnival Float.

Recommendation – it was felt that this application could not be supported as there were no long term community benefits attached to the project schedule of expenditure.

- (8) St Thomas the Martyr Church, Overmonnow requested £2,500 towards the cost of £499,419 for the restoration of historic St Thomas's Hall.

Recommendation - £2,500 awarded to complete the total funding that has been raised to complete the restoration / refurbishment of the listed historical hall.

### **2.3 KEY ISSUES**

The nature of the request in each case is set out in the attached schedule.

Members were asked to review and confirm acceptance of the Welsh Church Fund Principles, Policy Considerations and Grant Allocation Criteria for 2016/17.

### **3. REASONS**

A meeting took place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule and to confirm administrative procedures for the financial year 2015/16.

County Councillors in attendance:

County Councillor D.L. Edwards (Chairman)  
County Councillor B. Strong (Vice Chairman)  
County Councillor A.E. Webb  
County Councillor D. Evans

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett      Central Finance Officer  
P. Harris      Democratic Services Officer

### 3.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was agreed that declarations of interest would be made under the relevant item.

### 3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

### 3.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £7,250 was allocated at meeting 5 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee, Thus, the remaining budget of £6,509 will be carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year.

## 5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no equality or sustainable development implications directly arising from this report. The assessment is contained in the attached appendix.

## 6. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team  
All Cabinet Members  
Head of Legal Services  
Head of Finance  
Central Management Accountant

## 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2015/16 – Meeting 5 (Appendix 2)

Welsh Church Fund Principles, Policy Considerations and Grant Allocation Criteria – 2016/17 Funding Year – Appendix 3

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