

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	6th July 2016
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 1 of the 2016/17 financial year held on the 16th June 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2016/17 – MEETING 1.

(1) Caldicot Town Team requested £1,000 to assist in the purchase of branded market stall equipment to increase footfall and attract new customers to the market.

Recommendation – £500 was awarded to assist in purchasing branded specialised equipment to assist this community group.

(2) Goetre Village Hall requested £500 to assist in the replacement of non compliant doors for disabled access.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in provision for disabled access to the community facility.

(3) Penterry Church Field & restoration Committee requested £2,500 to assist in the refurbishment of church roof.

Recommendation - £1,250 awarded to assist in the renewal of the church roof. .

(4) John Richard Buck requested £618 towards the cost of adapting a kitchen for disability.

Recommendation - £618 was awarded on the deemed need for this updated facility.

(5) Friends of 'Our Lady of Tintern' requested £1,000 to assist in staging a non charging 'Sungvespars' event at Tintern.

Recommendation – awarded £250 for assistance in organising this popular community event.

- (6) Emma Thomas requested £150 to assist in attending a residential National Scout and Guide Orchestra residential course

Recommendation - £150 awarded to assist in helping the candidate achieve a qualification that can be used to benefit others in the community.

- (7) Methodist Church Abergavenny requested £1,000 to assist in the funding and refurbishment of the damaged portico / frontage of the Church and improve drainage in church grounds.

Recommendation – £1,000 was awarded so essential repairs could be carried out to the church.

- (8) St Mabli's Church Abergavenny requested £5,000 towards the cost of fitting a disabled toilet and new kitchen along with associated groundwork's.

Recommendation – further information to be requested in regard to other proposed funding streams on this large project before an award is considered

- (9) Nelson Garden Preservation Trust requested £1,000 to assist in the Preservation of the garden buildings and provision of a disabled toilet.

Recommendation - £500 was awarded towards the cost of this community group project.

- (10) Olivia Bartieri requested £450 towards being able to compete at the British Youth Fencing Championships.

Recommendation - £200 has awarded to help in providing support for the Monmouthshire resident to compete at national level

- (11) United Reformed Church, Abergavenny required £1,000 to help in replacing three large windows at the front of the chapel in need of repair / replacement

Recommendation - £500 was awarded for assistance in the upkeep of the church after consideration of other financial resources available.

- (12) H. E. Lawton requires assistance (£750 request) in funding the fees for a placement at the Royal Academy of Music to study for a Masters in Performance from September 2016.

Recommendation - £500 was awarded to further the educational achievement of a Monmouthshire resident

- (13) Raglan Parish Church requested £1,000 to assist in the installation and the equipment of a kitchenette in the Vestry of the Church

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded towards updating catering facilities for the users of the church

2.3 KEY ISSUES

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

3. REASONS

A meeting took place on Thursday, 16th June 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 2016/17.

County Councillors in attendance:

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
P. Harris Senior Democracy 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

Councillors A. Webb

3.3 ELECTION of CHAIR

We elected County Councillor D. L. Edwards as Chair

3.4 APPOINTMENT of VICE CHAIR

We appointed County Councillor B. Strong as Vice-Chair.

3.5 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 10th March 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £6,718 was allocated at meeting 1 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining budget of £31,191 is available for distribution in 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 2016/17– Meeting 1 (Appendix 2)

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