

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	2nd November 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 2 of the 2016/17 financial year held on the 22nd September 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 2.

(1) Portskewett Heritage Centre requested £5,000 to assist in the restoration of a derelict churchyard building which will include the provision of Kitchen and Toilet facilities as well as a Multi-media centre for local information and a Community history activity programme

Recommendation – This application was deferred to obtain S106 information in regard to the application and therefore make a more informed funding decision.

(2) Blue Phoenix Jazz Band requested £500 to assist in the purchase of competition tap shoes for the children as parents of many of the members are single parent / low income families.

Recommendation - £200 awarded to assist in provision of shoes for the relief of poverty..

(3) Llantillio Crossenny Church requested £1,000 to assist in the provision of a hard standing car park

Recommendation - £200 was awarded to assist in the construction of the car park.,.

(4) Joanna Harries requested £649 to assist in attending a scholarship at the prestigious Alexander Gibson Opera School at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Recommendation – The Committee felt that this application could not be supported.

(5) Catherine Wynne-Paton requested £500 to study for an MA at University of Gloucester

Recommendation - The Committee felt that this application could not be supported..

- (6) St Mary's Church Llanvair Discoed requested £1,000 to assist in the replacement of rainwater guttering and drainage channel refurbishment.

Recommendation – £500 was awarded so essential repairs could be carried out to the church.

- (7) Clybiau Plant Cymru Kid's Clubs requested £850 for 5 'Nature Zone' club workshops in out of school childcare clubs across Monmouthshire.

Recommendation – £340 was awarded to provide resource materials for these children's workshops.

- (8) Friends of Llanfoist Cemetery Chapel requested £3,500 for repairs to masonry, plasterwork, windows, lead guttering and missing slates.

Recommendation - £1,000 was awarded towards the cost of this restoration project

- (9) Llangwm Baptist Chapel requested £2,000 to assist in replacing the combi boiler and fuel tank, guttering, kitchen and sanitary units as well as a new porch to chapel and general decorating and refurbishment.

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded to assist in replacing the chapels infrastructure

- (10) Rowan Carbury required £500 for assistance in studying an MSc in Economics, Politics and Public Policy at Cardiff University.

Recommendation - The Committee felt that this application could not be supported.

- (11) St Michael's Church Mitchell Troy requires £725 to assist in the installation of two new metal handrails on the church steps and replace damaged steps for H&S reasons.

Recommendation - £500 was awarded to assist this Health and Safety project

- (12) St Denis Church, Llanishen requested £1,400 to assist in the re-building of two sections of the churchyard wall which collapsed during last winter's heavy rainfall.

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded to help in the reconstruction of the churchyard walls.

The deferred application from St Mabli's Church Abergavenny, has been again deferred to a later meeting as further funding has yet to be secured.

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, 22nd September 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
County Councillor A. Webb

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Jarrett Central Finance Officer
W. Barnard Senior Democracy Officer

3.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 16th June 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £4,740 was allocated at meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining budget of £26,451 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 2 (Appendix 2)

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