

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	11th January 2017
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 of the 2016/17 financial year held on the 1st December 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 3.

- (1) Llanhennock Women's Institute requested £200 to assist in the costs of invited guest speakers at the annual WI institute meeting and marketing costs associated in order to increase WI members from the local community

Recommendation – The Committee declined the application on the basis that the purpose of the application would provide no long term benefit to the community in general.

- (2) Friends of Bailey Park requested £973 to assist in the purchase of 2 Permanent Display Boards providing information on the Events, History and Safety information about the park.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in the purchase of two notice boards for the provision of community information to visitors of the park.

- (3) 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 - £2,000 was awarded to assist in the restoration and provision of a valuable community asset and the educational enrichment of visitors to the centre

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, 1st December 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 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

County Councillor D. Evans

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 £2,500 was allocated at meeting 3 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining budget of £23,951 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:

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