

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	1st March 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 4 of the 2016/17 financial year held on the 19th January 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 4.

- (1) Monmouthshire Citizens Advice Bureau requested £4,000 to assist in the purchase of an IT server for a seamless County wide communication service for the four Citizen Advice Bureaus

Recommendation – £1,000 awarded to facilitate the acquisition of an asset that will be of benefit to the community in general through the provision of better client service.

- (2) Abergavenny Eisteddfod requested £500 to assist in erection of a permanent commemorative legacy plinth in Abergavenny to celebrate the Eisteddfod in 2016

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in the creation of a permanent legacy to the Eisteddfod staged in Abergavenny in 2016.

- (3) Monmouth Methodist Church requested £4,000 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:

8. AUTHOR:

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