

SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	7th June 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 5 of the 2016/17 financial year held on the 20th March 2017.

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 5.

- (1) St Mabli's Church Hall, Abergavenny requested £5,000 to assist in urgent works in regard to re-pointing of isolated roof ridge tiles, Installation of a land drain around the vestry, north Cancel and East side of the Church, repoint and replace stone mouldings, renew beading to lead windows, replace plaster in vestry and replace the nave window.

Recommendation – £2,000 awarded to facilitate the repair and ensure essential maintenance works are carried out to this community asset that will be of benefit to the community in general.

- (2) St Mary's Church Magor, requested £3,000 to enhance the security of the building by fitting a roof alarm after theft of lead from the roof.

Recommendation - £500 awarded to assist in the prevention of crime within the community.

- (3) Revival Coffee Shop at Usk Baptist Chapel requested £2,600 for replacing the flooring on health and safety issues within the schoolroom for the voluntary Coffee Shop / post Natal group.

Recommendation - £2,000 was awarded to assist in the refurbishment of this community asset to provide enhanced facilities for community provision

- (4) St Arvans Memorial Hall, requested £400 to assist in replacing the emergency lighting system and remedial works to the fabric of the hall.

Recommendation - £400 awarded to assist in the provision of emergency lighting at the hall.

- (5) Friends of Linda Vista Gardens, requested £2,566 for the supply and erection of Victorian Style visitor notice boards in keeping with the period gardens as no information is currently displayed.

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

.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 Monday, 20th March 2017 of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule.

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.

Agenda Item 3 – Usk Baptist Church: County Councillor B. Strong declared a prejudicial interest under the Members’ Code of Conduct as a member of Usk Baptist Church and left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed.

Agenda Item 4 – St. Arvans Memorial Hall: County Councillor A. Webb declared a non-prejudicial interest under the Members’ Code of Conduct.

Agenda Item 5 – Friends of Linda Vista Gardens: County Councillor D. Edwards declared a non-prejudicial interest under the Members’ Code of Conduct.

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 19th January 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £5,400 was allocated at meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining budget of £15,051 will be carried forward and is available for distribution in the 2017/18 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 5 (Appendix 2)

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