

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All</b>

**1. PURPOSE:**

- 1.1 To elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Welsh Church Fund Committee for the inclusive session of the elected Council.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group meetings 1 and 2 of the 2017/18 financial year held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 respectively.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2017/18 – MEETING 1.**

- (1) Tintern Village Summer Fete Committee requested £450 to assist in the staging of an annual community event.

Recommendation – £450 awarded to help facilitate a popular and extensively attended community event.

- (2) Usk in Bloom, requested £1,000 to replace four 30 year-old large flower containers that are not in keeping with the newest containers situated within the town.

Recommendation - £1,000 awarded to assist in the provision of community assets to enhance the cultural and environmental impact of Usk for visitors and residents alike.

- (3) Raglan Baptist Church requested £5,000 for the renovation and refurbishment of the Fellowship Centre kitchen.

Recommendation - £2,500 was awarded to assist in the refurbishment of this community asset to provide enhanced facilities for enhanced community and private functions.

- (4) Earlswood and Newchurch West Memorial Hall, requested £920 to assist in replacing of internal wooden doors and the erection of a security fence at the hall.

Recommendation - £460 awarded to assist in the provision of new internal doors and security fencing at the hall.

- (5) Sophie Williams requested £500 to assist in achieving her educational and career aims within the charitable sector.

Recommendation - £250 awarded to assist in the provision of educational assistance upon verification of attained grant allocation criteria.

- (6) Bettws Chapel at St Teilo's Llantilio Pertholey requested £3,000 for assistance in the refurbishment and repair of the roof on a grade II listed chapel.

Recommendation - £2,000 awarded to assist in the refurbishment of this valuable community and historic asset.

## **SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2017/18 – MEETING 2.**

- (7) St Mary's Church, Llanvair Discoed requested £1,000 to assist in the replacement of guttering and downpipes to the church.

Recommendation – £1,000 awarded to assist in remedial action to prevent further water damage to the church.

- (8) St John's Parish Church Council in Devauden, requested £2,500 to replace the entrance gates and supporting concrete plinths to the churchyard...

Recommendation - £1,500 awarded to assist restoring and enhancing public access to the communal facility.

- (9) Jonathon Griffiths requested £1,000 to assist in completing a PhD in 'History and Philosophy of Science' at UCL.

Recommendation - £500 was awarded to assist in the education of a Monmouthshire resident to achieve the understanding of ancient Greek scientific theories for the wider community.

- (10) St Peter's Church, Llanwenarth Citra, requested £1,000 to assist in the restoration of the church roof and bell tower now deemed unusable under health & safety regulations.

Recommendation - £1,000 was awarded to assist in restoring the church bell tower to a working condition.

## **.2.2 KEY ISSUES**

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

## **3. REASONS**

Meetings took place on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June and the 27<sup>th</sup> July 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 A. Webb (Chair)  
County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)  
County Councillor B. Strong  
County Councillor S. Woodhouse

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.

*Meeting 1 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017*

Agenda Item 1 – Tintern Summer Fete: County Councillor A Webb declared a prejudicial interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.

Agenda Item 2 – Usk in Bloom: County Councillor B Strong declared a non-prejudicial interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.

No declarations of Interest were received at meeting 2 on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017..

### 3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor B Strong (meeting1)  
County Councillor S. Woodhouse (meeting 1)

D Jarrett (meeting 2)

### 3.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £6,660 was allocated at Meeting 1 and £4,000 at Meeting 2 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. A remaining balance of £35,791 remains available for distribution within 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 Finance Management Accountant

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2017/18– Meeting 1 (Appendix 2)  
and Meeting 2 (Appendix 3)

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