

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

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 29th June 2017 and the 27th 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, 29th June and the 27th 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 29th 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 27th 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 29th June 2017 and Thursday 27th 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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