

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Welsh Church Act Estate Committee 21st January 2019

Report of the Managing Director

Applications for Financial Assistance 2018/19

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider applications for financial assistance funded from the Welsh Church Act Estate.

Recommendation

That Committee considers and approves the applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report.

Reason for the Recommendation

In furtherance of the objectives of the trust.

Background

2. The Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has delegated authority to manage the trust's affairs in accordance with "The Scheme" the Welsh Church Act Estate as vested in the Council.
3. The purposes for which the Welsh Church Act fund may make grants is set out in summary at Appendix B to this report.
4. The applications received are set out in Appendix A to this report.

Relevant Issues and Options

5. Appendix A to this report sets out a summary of the applications to be considered.
6. Appendix C to this report sets out the fund's revenue estimates for the current financial year.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

7. The sum of £63,000 had been provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2018/19. At the meeting of 16th July 2018 it was recommended that an allocation of £32,196 was made for Tranche 1 applications for grant assistance in 2018/19. At the meeting of 15th October 2018 it was recommended that a further allocation of £16,199 was approved. This left a remaining balance of £14,605 to be allocated

during 2018/19. It had been proposed that a further grant deadline was set for December 2018 with recommendations to be brought to Committee in January 2019.

8. The projected outturn for the year has now been updated and it is considered that the value of grants to be issued this year should be restricted to £53,514. This will avoid the need to potentially drawdown from reserves at year end. The remaining funding available to be allocated is therefore £5,119.
9. Grant applications have been received to the value of £18,000 and therefore there is insufficient funding available to fund every application in full. It is therefore proposed that the one scheme as shown in Appendix A is funded in 2018/19 and the other applicants are advised that their applications will be deferred for consideration at the first committee in the new financial year.
10. At its meeting on 8th January 2018 Welsh Church Act Committee agreed to progress the recommended options for the lane to the rear of Church Road Cadoxton at an estimated cost of £30,000. This cost will need to be funded from reserves however it is now anticipated that there will be no spend on this scheme during this financial year.

Sustainability and Climate Change implications

11. There are no sustainability and climate change implications.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

12. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

13. The funding of the voluntary sector should assist in increasing social inclusion and reducing crime

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

14. The charitable purposes for which the fund may be applied are set out in the "scheme for the administration of the trust". Applicants are asked to indicate how they will address equal opportunities and how they will demonstrate this.

Corporate/Service Objectives

15. The sole concern of the committee is to act in the best interest of the Trust

Policy Framework and Budget

16. Not applicable

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

17. Not applicable

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

18. None

Background Papers

Letters of application and grant application forms

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Officers Consulted

None

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2018/19

WELSH CHURCH ACTS

Jan-19

APPENDIX A

ITEM NO	NAME OF ORGANISATION (Date of original application)	SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT REQUESTED	CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	GRANT RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
	New Applications					
1	Peterston-Super-Ely Tennis & Sports Committee, Memorial Playing Fields, Ffordd Eglwys, Peterston-Super-Ely.	Supply of demountable tennis nets and construction of secure storage area at the multi-use games area (MUGA) in the village of Peterstone-Super-Ely which is due for completion in March 2019.	Other Awards	£3,000.00	£0.00	Cost of building (£153,000) has been raised by Peterston-Super-Ely Tennis & Sports Committee with additional grant funding from Welsh Government and Sports Wales. Seeking funding for ancillary equipment and equipment. No quotes provided.
2	Parish of Wenvoe and St Lythans,	French drain installation and damp prevention at St Bleddian's Church, St Lythans (Grade 2 listed church)	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total scheme cost £15,020.74. £5,000 grant from National Churches Trust. Remainder to be funded from WCA application and own balances.
3	Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern - Registered Charity No 502496	Minibus / Ambulance Replacement	Other Awards	£5,000.00	£0.00	Total cost £59,060. Balance to be found from fund raising by charity and supporters. No quotes provided.
4	Croes Y Parc Church	Croes Y Parc Chapel Refurbishment - Replacement windows & doors, treatment of woodworm & replacement of flooring, replacement pews, professional/planning fees.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£0.00	Total cost of project £15,000. Church has own funds of £5,000 and seeks £5,000 funding from both WCA and National Churches Trust. No quotes provided.
Total Requested / Recommended				£18,000.00	£5,000.00	

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WELSH CHURCH ACT ESTATE COMMITTEE

The Charitable purposes for which the fund may be applied.

The Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has delegated authority to manage in accordance with “The Scheme” the Welsh Church Act Estate as vested in the Council.

Set out below is a **summary only** of the purposes for which the Fund may be applied:

- (i) **Educational** - Provision of benefits not readily available from other sources, and recreation, social and physical training facilities, at educational establishments, not normally provided by the LEA.
- (ii) **Relief in sickness** - Assistance to persons who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm, where such assistance is not readily available from other sources.
- (iii) **Relief in need** - Assistance generally or to individuals in need, hardship or distress.
- (iv) **Libraries, museums, art galleries etc.** – Advancing the appreciation of Welsh arts and literature in general.
- (v) **Social and recreational facilities in general.**
- (vi) **Protection of historic buildings etc.** – Promotion of interest in Welsh architecture, history and science in general, for the benefit of Welsh people.
- (vii) **Medical and social research, treatment in general etc.**- Preservation and protection of the physical and mental health of society in general. Provision of nurseries, convalescent homes and hostels
- (viii) **Probation etc.** - Assistance to persons on probation or the families thereof.
- (ix) **Blind persons** - Provision of welfare including accommodation.
- (x) **Aged persons** - Provision of accommodation.
- (xi) **Places of worship and burial grounds** – Restoration and maintenance.
- (xii) **Emergencies or disasters** - Directly assisting persons in need.
- (xiii) **Other charitable purposes** – Contributions to charitable organisations not inconsistent with the purposes of the trust.

The above is a précis only of the wide ranging purposes to which the Welsh Church Act Fund may be applied, and in cases of doubt reference should be made to the actual provisions of the scheme document.

WELSH CHURCH ACTS
Revenue Estimates 2018/19

APPENDIX C

	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19
	As per Accounts	to 31/12/2018	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
Income			
Property Rents	15,550	13,367	15,864
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	47,532	35,579	44,200
Interest - VoG on £100,000	355	0	250
Total Income	63,437	48,946	60,314
Expenditure			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	0
Court and Legal Fees	616	0	0
Planned works to the land to the rear of Church Road	0	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0
Feasibility Report	0	0	0
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	2,761	5,200	5,400
Audit Fees	1,400	0	1,400
Grants	51,452	48,395	53,514
Total Expenditure	56,229	53,595	60,314
Total (surplus)/deficit for the year	-7,208	4,649	0
Total contribution (from)/to reserves	7,208	0	0
Adjusted Total	0	4,649	0

Grant funds available:	Total
2018/19 from above	53,514
Recommended at the July 2018 Committee	-32,196
Recommended at the October 2018 Committee	-16,199
Recommended at this Committee	-5,000
Balance remaining	119

Reserve Analysis	
Opening Reserve Balance 31st March 2018	120,000
Projected deficit on account drawn down from reserve	0
Projected Reserve Balance 31st March 2019	120,000