

Meeting of:	<b>Welsh Church Act Estate Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Monday, 17 June 2019</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	There is no relevant committee
Report Title:	<b>Applications for Financial Assistance 2019/20</b>
Purpose of Report:	To consider applications for financial assistance funded from the Welsh Church Act Estate and for Trustees to consider an amendment requested to a previous award
Report Owner:	Report of the Managing Director
Responsible Officer:	Carys Lord Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Not Applicable
Policy Framework:	Not Applicable
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A budget of £50,000 has been set for issuing grants during 2019/20.</li> <li>• Appendix A to the report recommends the approval of grants to the value of £20,000.</li> </ul>

## **Recommendations**

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

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the trust.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The purposes for which the Welsh Church Act fund may make grants is set out in summary at Appendix B to this report.
- 1.3 The applications received are set out in Appendix A to this report.

## **2. Key Issues for Consideration**

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

## **3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?**

- 3.1 The Trusts actions need to comply with Charity Law and its decisions are independent of the Councils obligations under the Well-Being of Future Generations Act

## **4. Resources and Legal Considerations**

### **Financial**

- 4.1** The sum of £50,000 has been provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2019/20. It is recommended that an allocation of £20,000 is made for applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report which will leave a remaining balance of £30,000 to be allocated during 2019/20.
- 4.2** 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 and is reflected in the financial estimates shown in Appendix C.
- 4.3** This draw down of £30,000 from reserves will leave an estimated reserve balance of £88,000 at 31st March 2020.

#### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 4.4** There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **5. Background Papers**

Letters of application and grant application forms

ITEM NO	NAME OF ORGANISATION (Date of original application)	SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT REQUESTED	CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	GRANT RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
<b>Applications Referred from 2018/2019</b>						
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	£0.00	£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 or financial statements provided.
2	Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern - Registered Charity No 502496	Minibus / Ambulance Replacement	Other Awards	£0.00	£0.00	APPLICATION NOW WITHDRAWN Total cost £59,060. Balance to be found from fund raising by charity and supporters. No quotes provided. Minibus now purchased in February 2019 after funds raised by local supporters.
3	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	£5,000.00	APPLICATION NOW WITHDRAWN 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. Financial statements provided and quotes for £2,150 to repairs to the windows enclosed. Survey also provided detailing other works which need to be addressed but no quotes provided. Award £2,150 and in principle the balance pending further receipt of quotes.
<b>New Applications</b>						
4	Cambrian Educational Foundation For Deaf Children Registered Charity No 515 848	Educational development of deaf children	Other Awards	Undisclosed	£0.00	Maximum award per annum per child for equipment etc is £500. The amount of any award applied for has been left to the committee's discretion. Previously awarded £750 in 2017/18 to enable work to be extended therefore need to clarify position regarding recurring funding
5	Cadoxton Methodist Church	Provision of 150 quality stackable chairs in the chapel as a replacement for the wooden pews to make practical and accessible to all users.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Total cost £8,169.00. Donations so far £4,400, fund raising plans in place to cover balance. Church to make up any shortfall. Costings for chairs requested 28/05/19. Previous grant awarded 2017 for disabled access to same building.
6	Music in Hospitals & Care, RWCMD, North Rd, Cardiff	Funding for 4 concerts for elderly people living in care homes in Cardiff to include a bespoke repertoire to maximise memory stimulation	Other Awards	£880.00	£0.00	Registered charity, local branch of national organisation. Total cost of project £1,200 (breakdown included in application) £277 already received from Cardiff University Blank Verse Choir and £43 contribution from Music in Hospitals & Care. Previous grant awarded £996.00 in 2018/19 for "Singing for Joy" dementia project. Need to clarify position regarding recurring funding
7	St Hilary Church Within the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge	St Hilary Church Tower Repairs - releading of roof, repairing fractured carbels, rendering & repointing of tower exterior.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	Total estimated cost £105,000. Received grant funding of £30,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation which they are required to match fund. Have completed grant applications to National Churches Trust and other smaller grants. Hoping balance will be funded by the Heritage Lottery. Award in principle, pending confirmation of other grant approvals
8	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Penarth and Llandough.	Repair and innovation work to retaining walls and grounds of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Windsor Road, Penarth.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£12,682.00	£5,000.00	Total estimated cost £25,364. Funding for balance to consist of a donation by the Rt Hon Earl of Plymouth for the use in connection with the fabric of St Augustines's and Holy Nativity, arising from the proceeds of the reverter and sale for housing of the site of the former Plassey St Church school. Believed to have had grant funding 8-9 years ago for repairs to guttering. Award in principle pending receipt from sale of land.
9	The Mentor Ring. A Limited Company by Guarantee with Charitable Objective, registered with Companies House, registration no 7472750.	Provision of sewing classes for ethnic minority women for 3 hrs per week to provide "Relief in Need" where the sessions assist in mental distress and enable women to discuss hardships with one another while expressing themselves through a creative activity.	Other Awards	£4,314.97	£0.00	Articles of Association, financial statements and bank statements provided. List of costings, venue hire, tutors, materials, travel etc also provided but not substantiated. Defer pending further information.

10	All Saints Church Llandaff North	Renovation of the East Wall of the church.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Total cost of refurbishment is £11,972 (estimate provided). Funds in hand £6,000 and £1,000 from the All Churches Trust. Also, £1,000 from The Churches & Pastoral Committee promised on completion of the work. Funding raising activities also planned. Advertisements included.
<b>Total Requested / Recommended</b>				<b>£37,876.97</b>	<b>£20,000.00</b>	

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**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.

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## APPENDIX C

### Revenue Estimates 2019/20

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
	As per Accounts	to 10/06/2019	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Property Rents	17,510	7,625	17,510
<b>Dividends</b>			
Projected Investment Income	40,515	0	40,515
Interest - VoG on £100,000	510	0	510
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>58,535</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>58,535</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	500
Court and Legal Fees	0	0	0
Planned works to the land to the rear of Church Road, Cadoxton	0	0	30,000
Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0
Feasibility Report	0	0	0
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	5,519	0	6,635
Audit Fees	1,400	0	1,400
Grants	53,395	0	50,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>60,314</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88,535</b>
<b>Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>-7,625</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves</b>	<b>-1,779</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-30,000</b>
<b>Adjusted Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7,625</b>	<b>0</b>

### Grant funds available:

	<b>Total</b>
<b>2019/20 from above</b>	<b>50,000</b>
Recommended at Committee 17.06.19	-20,000 As shown in Appendix A
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>30,000</b>

### Reserve Analysis

<b>Opening Reserve Balance 31st March 2019</b>	<b>118,000</b>
Projected deficit on account drawn down from reserve	-30,000
<b>Projected Reserve Balance 31st March 2020</b>	<b>88,000</b>