

Meeting of:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 18 January 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Applications for Financial Assistance 2020/21
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"> • A budget of £47,000 has been set for issuing grants during 2020/21. • Committee allocated grants totalling £24,804 on 28th September 2020 leaving a balance of £22,196 to be allocated. • Grants set out in Appendix A total £22,000 leaving a balance of £196 to be carried over for allocation in 2021/22.

Recommendation

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

Reason for Recommendation

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 £47,000 has been provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2020/21. Awards totalling £24,804 were approved by Committee on 28th September 2020. It is recommended that an allocation of £22,000 is made for applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report which will leave a small remaining balance of £196 to be carried over in 2021/22.
- 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 and the carry forward of £196 for grant awards will leave an estimated reserve balance of £82,196 at 31st March 2021.

Employment

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

Legal (Including Equalities)

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

5. Background Papers

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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	ACTIONS FOR ELDERS - Registered Charity No 1145996 Cardiff Gate, Cardiff CF23 8RS	Balance Lives at Home Project - To create and sustain a remote model of support for older people in the Vale Of Glamorgan. This will have several elements and will continuously evolve to meet the change in the needs of older people as a result of the pandemic. Elements include a Youtube channel, a website, digital guides & support, technology loans, news sheet, book circles, jigsaw circles, afternoon tea party circles and peer led telephone trees. The organisation has been delivering schemes across the Vale since 2013.	Other Grants	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Total Project costs £10,500 which include development of website & social media, digital support officer & project management costs. Grant income received so far WG Edwards Foundation £1,000, James Wise Charitable Trust £250 & Cranleigh Swash Memorial Trust Fund £300. Trust Equality and Diversity Policy included in Application along with annual accounts and bank statements.
2	AINON BAPTIST CHURCH - Address: Market Street, Tongwynlais (Recommended by Cardiff Council)	Building Community In Tongwynlais - The project aims to extend the church hall to provide a redesigned main meeting place which can be subdivided with flexible screening into smaller meeting rooms, provide a fully equipped kitchen, toilets & storage facilities. Improve disabled access installing a new disabled toilet and ramp to the entrance. Create a room for prayer with an adjoining garden. Install equipment and fittings for planned projects to include a foodbank distribution centre, an expanded youth group and IT training suite. Employ a part time centre manager. The church increasing its role as a community hub, open and in use seven days a week by a wide variety of groups; offering activities, services and facilities for local people.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total Project Costs £327,797. So far £166,000 has been raised by church members and applications for grant assistance totalling £156,797 have been made to the following - Garfield Weston Fund, James Williams Trust, Laing Trust, Hodges Foundation, All Churches Fund, Norwood & Newton Settlement, The Allan & Nesta Ferguson Trust, The Joseph Rank Trust and the National Church Trust. Architects plans for the project included. Award in principle to the one off capital costs of the scheme only pending confirmation of other grant awards.
3	CARDIFF AND VALE SCOUTS - Address: Scout Area Headquarters, Gabalfa, Cardiff.	Redevelopment of the Jubilee campsite (Phase 2) in Peterston Super Ely. Project is in 2 phases, phase 1 has been completed. Funding is required to install CCTV and provide lighting at the car park near the main gate and floodlighting over the main field and at the toilet area. This project will benefit 53 scout troops across Cardiff and Vale area circa 4500 members in addition there are 6000 members within an hours drive of the site. Seek to maximise other users of the site e.g. Youth Groups and Community Groups.	Other Grants	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	Total Project Cost £22,740. which includes Architect fees to create master plan, surveys, professional fees associated with master plan, purchase and installation of power supply from newly installed metre to main camping site, purchase and installation of lighting & sockets at cabin, purchase and installation of lighting to car park and main field, purchase and installation of CCTV across site and install WIFI. £18,900 funding approved, £900 received at time of application. Architect plans and quote for Phase 2 work included. Quotes for installation of power supply, power & sockets, WIFI and lighting included.
4	NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION Nells Point Barry	Replacement Binoculars - This scheme provides replacement binoculars to enable the National Coastwatch institution to carry on supporting the local community by keeping watch over the sea and coastline, helping to maintain the safety of life at sea and along the coast. The existing watch room binoculars are over 10 years old and are now seriously degraded. Due to the pandemic the organisation's ability to raise money through bucket collections has been limited. The group occupy the old coastguard station at Nell's Point, Barry and have 50 volunteer watchkeepers who keep watch in daylight hours every day of the year. In the 3 years to 2019 the group have been involved in the assistance of 71 persons.	Other Grants	£3,690.00	£3,000.00	Total project cost £4,890, Approval obtained to match fund 25% £1,200.00. 2 quotes provided along with Constitution and Code of Conduct and Accounts.
5	ST CADOCS CHURCH , Barry	Installation and Repair of Pathways at St Cadocs Church Barry This is an updated bid for funding following the award of funding for the scheme in 2017/18 but the funding was not drawn and was subsequently withdrawn at the meeting in September 2020.	Places of Worship & Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total Project Cost £91,615 which includes construction fees & other associated professional costs (Architects & Archaeological Surveys). Financed by donations & fund raising £23,000 (received) Legacies £15,000 (received), Church Funds £48,615 (received). Constitution & equal opportunities policy is that of the Church of Wales. Tender report included with quotes from 2 contractors for the construction work. Lowest quote £65,392.79. This is a reapplication following the withdrawal of the 2017/18 application we have recently been advised by the applicant that planning permission has now been granted.
6	ST CATWGS CHURCH , Pentyrch (Recommended by Cardiff Council)	Quinquennial Inspection Project - Repairs to Church as recommended by Architects to maintain a warm and welcoming safe place for worshippers. Report identifies dampness caused by ineffective rainwater goods, holes in roof, slipped and broken slates, missing leadwork and damaged pointing. St. Catwg's is a Grade II listed building built in 1857 on an early medieval foundation dedicated to the Celtic Saint Catwg it is in a conservation area. The Church is utilised by a number of community groups	Places of Worship & Burial Grounds	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Total Project Cost £26,110.46 financed by £11,000 from Parish Funds, Grant From Representative Body Church In Wales £3,000 (secured) and awaiting the outcome of the following VAT Reclaim £4,422, grant application James Pantyfedwen £3,000, grant application National Churches Trust £3,000.

7	VALE CRICKET CLUB (Based in Ewenny and Comtown)	Erection of new wooden score box and equipment store. The new structure will allow the group to position a score box on the ground so that it can be seen by players and spectators improving the experience of playing cricket at the club. The store will also be used in the cricket season to accommodate junior cricket equipment and practice aids. Elements of the scheme will be undertaken by skilled members which reduces the overall cost of the scheme. Total Requested / Recommended	Other Grants	£586.50	£500.00	Total Project Cost £781.92, match funding £195.42 has been approved by the club. Profit & Loss Account submitted showing net profit of £7,585.60 for 2019. Balance sheet shows total equity of £102,421.21 as at 2019. Quote for score box and paints etc, Equal Opportunities Policy and the Rules of Vale Cricket Limited all submitted.
				£23,776.50	£22,000.00	

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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 2020/21

	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
	As per Accounts	to 06/01/2021	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
Income			
Property Rents	15,910	14,217	14,217
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	34,645	17,407	36,000
Interest - VoG on £100,000	510	0	0
Total Income	51,065	31,624	50,217
Expenditure			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	0
Court and Legal Fees	0	15	15
Valuation and Planning	3,450	2,164	9,302
Cost of Sale	0	0	
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	2,500	0	2,500
Audit Fees	1,400	0	1,400
2017/18 Grant Funding released as per recommendation 2	0	0	-10,000
Grants	49,367	24,804	46,804
Total Expenditure	56,717	26,983	50,021
Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year	5,652		-196
Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves	-5,652		196
Adjusted Total	0	-4,641	0

Grant funds available:

2020/21 allocation	Total	
	47,000	
Recommended at Committee 28.09.20	-24,804	
Recommended at Committee 18.01.21	-22,000	As shown in Appendix A
Balance remaining	196	

Reserve Analysis

Opening Reserve Balance 31st March 2020	112,000
Underspend against 20/21 grants to be carried forward	196
Projected draw down from reserves for Church Road	-30,000
Projected Reserve Balance 31st March 2021	82,196