

# Report



## Cabinet Member for Community & Resources

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**THIS IS FOR MEMBER CONSULTATION PURPOSES – RESPONSES BY 4PM  
08/01/2019**

### Part 1

Date: 2 January 2019

**Subject** Applications to Welsh Church Acts Fund 2018/19

**Purpose** To make decisions on applications for funding from the Welsh Church Act Funds

**Author** Head of Finance

**Ward** All

**Summary** There were 19 applications received for grants from the Welsh Church Acts Fund up until October 2018

**Proposal** To approve 14 applications as shown in Appendix One, for the first round tranche of applications in 2018/19 and agree a grant award of 80% of eligible expenditure is funded.

**Action by** Head of Finance

**Timetable** Immediate

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Head of Law & Standards
- Head of People & business change
- Ward members in wards affected

## **Background**

Newport City Council receives an amount each year for distribution under the Welsh Church Acts fund to be distributed in accordance with the adopted criteria. For 2018/19 the amount available for Newport City Council to distribute is £51,245.56, which includes £845.56 carried over from 2017/18.

There is set criteria for the payment of this grant and the Lead Member has been given a copy of those. The Head of Finance considers the applications initially with the Strategic Finance Business Partner and the Corporate Admin Supervisor and makes recommendations for those which fall within the criteria and the percentage amount which should be awarded. The criteria is due to be reviewed and updated later in this financial year, but this will form part of a separate report. The applications which are approved here, have been measured against the current criteria.

In 2017/18, the decision was taken to move from an annual approval process to a bi-annual process following feedback from members. This report asks for approval for the first tranche of applicants for the 2018/19 Welsh Church fund allocation. However, the 19 applications received to date will include any grants received after the last report was approved, which was in December 2017. The closing date for the next round of applications will be March 2019. Appendix 1 lists 19 applications for consideration, noting those which have been successful and those that have not as per the current criteria.

It is envisaged that with two separate grant periods in a year – we will allocate half of the available funds to each tranche, each year. However, 2018/19 is a transitory year, and the current list of 19 applications have been received before 2018/19 as noted above. Therefore, it is recommended that for this year only, we allocate two thirds of funding (£34,163) to this first tranche and the balance to the second tranche, which will be for applications received up to 28/2/2019. This will mean that a grant award of 80% of eligible expenditure assessed can be funded in this tranche.

The percentage funding given to each tranche in the same year will need to be consistent, however it is expected that the number of applications for the next deadline will be significantly reduced as it spans a shorter timeframe. Any unused funds that may exist will be carried forward for future applications.

## **Going forward**

For future application periods it is proposed that future deadlines will be changed to the periods 1<sup>st</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> February and the 1<sup>st</sup> March to the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## **Financial Summary**

The cost for this application is funded from the Welsh Church Acts Fund and has no financial implications to the council.

## **Risks**

There are no material risks arising directly from this report.

## **Links to Council Policies and Priorities**

Not applicable as funds are used for those bids that meet specific Welsh Church Act criteria.

## **Options Available and considered**

The Cabinet Member may make awards to qualify groups/organisations as provided by the Criteria.

All the proposed grants are within the agreed policy. This report does not change any of the current policies.

## **Preferred Option and Why**

To make the awards as detailed in the attached schedule.

## **Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

There are no direct financial consequences on Council budgets. The applications recommended for funding are within the agreed criteria and funded from Welsh Church funds.

## **Comments of Monitoring Officer**

The proposed action is in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Church Act Scheme and the Council's policy.

## **Comments of Head of People and Business Change**

In meeting specific Welsh Church Act criteria, many of the successful projects support community life and have a wider benefit for Newport people which will contribute to well-being. They support the Council's well-being objectives and the Strong Resilient Communities intervention in Newport's Well-being Plan.

There are no HR implications arising directly from this report.

## **Comments of Cabinet Member**

The Cabinet Member has reviewed all the applications.

## **Local issues**

The comments provided by Ward Members on the proposed course of action in respect of their area have been included in the appendix.

## **Scrutiny Committees**

N/A.

## **Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010**

N/A

## **Children and Families (Wales) Measure**

N/A

## **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

These grants are used to support a number of small community groups. These groups enable various areas of the City to function in a better way and to contribute to the above priorities for the Council.

## **Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

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## **Consultation**

Comments received from wider consultation, including comments from elected members, are detailed in each application report in the attached schedule.

## **Background Papers**

None.

APPENDIX 1: 30 OCTOBER 2017 – 30 OCTOBER 2018

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Name and Address of Organisation	Ward	Details of Request	History	Comment	Recommendation	80%
Mrs Kay Witcome, Shopmobility Newport, 193 Upper Dock St. NP20 1DB	n/a	Purchase new scooters: Cordoba - £2158.80, Pride Colt Plus - £1318.80, Pride Celebrity 3 - £834.00 <b>Total within criteria £4311.60</b>	2010 3 x new scooters and manual wheelchair	n/a	Criteria met : Relief in sickness  Benefits Newport wider community	£3,449.28
Castleton Baptist Church, St Mellons Road c/o Jennifer Spear	Marshfield	Vacuum Cleaner £319.99, dishwasher £719.00 <b>Total within criteria: £1038.99</b>	£1000 in 2010	Supported by Cllr Richard White	Criteria met: Social & Recreational (i)  Benefits Newport wider community	£831.19
Mrs Irene Bowen Cleveleys, Treberth Crescent. NP19 9TF  Newport Sea Cadets T.S. Resolute Riverside Newport	St Julians	<b>Kitchen refurbishment Total within criteria £1587.84</b>	2014 Treat Japanese knotweed	Supported by Cllr Phil Hourahine - break in caused damage	Criteria met: Social & Recreational (i)	£1,270.27
Lucy Payne Wales Council for deaf people, Glenview House, Courthouse Street, Pontypridd	n/a	Lip reading classes x 12 – tutor and travel expenses = £150. <b>Educational speakers - £350</b> , Trip to Dolman	None	n/a	Criteria met: Educational	£280.00

CF37 1JY  (Meetings held for Newport residents in The Riverfront)		Theatre - £250. Coach trip to Cardiff Bay - £340. Annual Dinner - £300. Promotion & flyers - £60 Total - £2800 <b>Total within criteria £350</b>			Benefits Newport residents/deaf community	
Mr Vasey (Warden) St John Baptist Church, Risca Road Newport NP20 4HZ	Alt-yr-yn	Restoration of War Memorial <b>Total £780 within criteria</b>	<b>2003</b>	Supported by Matthew Evans, Charles Ferris, David Fouweather	Criteria met: Places of Worship	£624.00
Kate Wickens Mon, Brecon & Abergavenny Canal Trust, Fourteen Locks Canal Centre, Cwm Lane, Rogerstone NP10 9GN	Rogerstone	New defibrillator battery £120 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid course x 1 £286.80 Refresher 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid x 3 £140.40 <b>Total £547.20 within criteria</b>	None	N/A	Criteria met: Educational (iv)/Social & Recreational  Will benefit Newport residents	£437.76
Cwtch (Handpost Community Library & Arts Centre) 226 Stow Hill Newport NP20 4HA	Alt-yr-yn	Artwork Commission Artist involving local schools <b>Total £7200 within criteria</b>	2014 building work inc. disabled toilets £5,000	Supported by Cllrs Charles Ferris, Matthew Evans & David Fouweather	Criteria met: Libraries, Museums & Art Galleries 2  To involve local schools	£5,760.00
Penylan Baptist Church 202 Christchurch Road Newport NP19 8BD	Alway	Replace floor covering in kitchen and toilet areas <b>Total: £1243.76 within criteria</b>	2015 £1055	Supported by Cllrs John Guy, Deb Harvey, Ray Truman	Criteria met: Places of Worship	£994.98

Bethel Community Church Gap Centre 40 Stow Hill Newport NP20 1JG	Stow Hill	New windows for Community Centre owned and used by Bethel Community Church <b>Total £10,000 within criteria</b>		Miqdad Al- Nuaimi & Kate Thomas – <b>no responses</b>	Criteria met: Social & Recreational  Will benefit Newport wider community	£8,000.00
NANA The Mission to Seafarers, Alexandra Docks Newport NP20 2NP	Pill	Camera purchase <b>Total: £500 within criteria</b>	None		Criteria met: Social & Recreational/ Historical Activities  Will benefit Newport wider community	£400.00
HCPT Mr M Halford 142 Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9EX	Rogerstone	Trip to Lourdes x 8 children £850 x 8 <b>Total £6800 within criteria</b>	Awarded £4050 2014/15	N/A	Criteria met: Relief in sickness/Social & Recreational/ Religious	£5,440.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Newport West Brownies c/o 1 Factory Road Newport NP20 5FA  (Based at St Marks Church, Gold Tops, Newport)	Allt-yr-yn	Safety barriers, display boards and storage equipment – <b>Total £3470.40 within criteria</b>	None	N/A	Criteria met: Social and Recreational(i)	£2,776.00
Our Chartist Heritage 12 Allt-yr-yn Court Newport NP20 5GF	Allt-yr-yn	2 yrs funding for Artists in residence fees: £5000 Materials: £2000 Rent: £3000 Total £10000	£550 for a different project 2015	Matthew Evans, David Fouweather, Charles Ferris	Can get funding from other sources.  £2000 – Social and Recreational	£1,600.00

		<b>£8000 Not in criteria</b> <b>Total £2000 within criteria</b>				
Carl Jefferson, Pencoed Cottage, Pencoed Lane, Llanmartin. NP18 2ED	Langstone	New community mower – maintaining community field and Cemetery – Wales in Bloom Total £2599	2004		Criteria met: Social and Recreational(i)	2079.20
<b>Total</b>						<b>£33,942.69</b>

#### UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Gareth Hunt 19 Steer Crescent St Julians Newport NP19 7PQ	Beechwood	Advanced Paramedic Practitioner Course £1998	None	N/A	Does not meet a criteria	Nil	Nil
Laura Eastwood Music in Hospitals and Care. Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Castle Grounds, Cardiff. CF10 3ER	n/a	2 x Concerts in Healthcare settings in Newport: Musician fees + Expenses - £106, Admin - £144, Office costs - £29 Total £558	None	n/a	Does not benefit Newport wider community	Nil	Nil
Sarah Goodey Gwent Art in Health	Stow Hill	Bringing live music to long stay hospital wards Total £1500	2016/17 £600	N/A	Does not benefit Newport wider community	Nil	Nil

C/O Block 10 Royal Gwent Hospital Cardiff Road Newport NP20 2UB							
St Michael and All Angels Church Church Road Lower Machen Newport NP10 8GU	Graig	George Hughes – Treasurer Restoration of monuments in the Morgan Chapel at the church Total £48,000	£6,000 awarded for roofing 2017  £8,000 Gas heating system 2013	Supported by Cllrs Margaret Cornelious & David Williams	Received funds in 2017	Nil	Nil
Mr N Robinson 43 Waenhulog Nantyglo NP23 4BG	n/a	Support business plan Total: £9,096		n/a	Setting up personal business. Not in Newport area	Nil	Nil