

Minutes of St. David's Committee meeting, 20th. January 2015

Communion was celebrated at 7pm in the Lady Chapel

7pm Tom welcomed everyone

Apologies

Hilary Frances
Keith Postlethwaite

Attendance

Steph Hills	Richard Johnson
Emma White	Dave Allin
Barbara Allin	Hilary Todd
Roger Beer	Bill Pattinson
Avril Pattinson	Chris Gill
Mary Kirkland	Sarah Black
Tom Honey	

Minutes of the last meeting

Roger Beer proposed signing off the minutes
Dave Allin seconded it.
All agreed.

Matters Arising

Christmas Fair Feedback - It was felt that as a first attempt, it had been a success. Craft stalls had not been taken up readily, but earlier advertising may improve that. It was agreed that music is important. Attendance was not very high, but the raffle ticket selling was good and takings were good. It was felt that there was not much effort required to organise the fete, with less goods left at the end to be disposed of. There will be a debrief meeting on 9th. February.
Tom asked for a short report at the next meeting.

Worship

There has been a return to the Family Service once a month, lasting 50 minutes and with a regular format. It has got off to a good start, but there may be more room for developing the child friendly format.
We will have just a paper order of service for a while until the wording has been refined. Suggestions were made for lighting candles and for the service to be less wordy. News of this service could be circulated to local families with children. It was agreed that the cantor was good to follow. More children have attended the services already.
There has been good feedback from the Christmas services and also the John Hughes memorial service.

Finance Report

We have £131,000 in the bank, £25,000 of which is from the Lottery and around £6,000 from donations and fund raising towards the transformation project.

Outgoings are £93,000

Giving is fairly constant. The cost of gas and electricity has risen, but the finances are generally good.

It was felt that the source of funds should be made clear for the APCM.

Barbara hopes to have the report ready for the auditor by the end of January, so it has been finalised by the APCM.

Fabric Report

1. A 3rd quote for the South Porch gates of £1,8000 plus £200 for bronze fittings has been received. The cost has been almost covered by donations. The gates should be in place in March.
2. Water still reaches the bell tower steps depending on the wind direction.
3. The Diocesan Advisory Committee site meeting was good. The method of under pinning was agreed. The font will be moved forwards and let down into the floor. The kitchen design was supported with the proviso of a matching space opposite. Lighting and heating was supported. They were not happy at the suggestion of removing the pews. The bench ends are too beautiful to remove and will be incorporated into shorter moveable seats of around 2metres. The spare wood will be used in the kitchen construction and in the room opposite.

The pews will seat about 180 people and we will need 100 chairs (stackable).

A sample pew will be constructed to test for comfort as the back angle will be changed and the depth of the seat widened.

This arrangement will offer flexibility.

They agreed to LED lights within the existing fittings

The 2015 quinquennial will be postponed until the transformation work has been done.

There are still a few jobs to tackle from 2010 and these will be planned for 2015.

An external floodlight will be repaired by the council.

It was reported that a new crack has appeared in the Lady Chapel.

Transformation Project

We heard about the visit - see above. Dave will inform us when the sample pew is available. The carpenter has proposed to relocate his workshop into the church to do the work on the pews.

The laser scan model has been completed.

There is a floor plan.

The rest of the drawings are expected imminently.

Holes will be drilled in the floor on Thursday, to assess the depth needed for underpinning.

Holes will be drilled into the arches to assess their construction.

A Health and Safety Officer will be consulted while the building work goes on.

A Heating Designer will produce a design for placing the boiler, radiators and vents.

Fund Raising - £10,000 will be received from Garfield Weston as long as we raise the rest within 2 years.

Pennon has been asked for £70,000. We are waiting to hear from them.

With £200,000 from Heritage Lottery fund, £60,000 from the church, a request for £30,000 from Devon Waste and tax refunds, we should have enough for the under pinning, floor and kitchen.

Dave will report on the scheme next Sunday at the Vision Day.

Decisions need to be made with the help of the congregation -

- How much can others use the church without impinging on worship time?
- We need to agree the design for toilets. The entrance will be in the West porch through the existing cupboard. The turning circle has been assessed for the disabled loo.
- Kitchen - We need to ensure the future use is accounted for. It would be helpful to have an active ventilation system. This means that we have satisfied regulations for food preparation if more extensive catering is undertaken in the future. The current kitchen could become a store room for tables.
- Room opposite the kitchen - What would be it used for? We need to hear the congregation's views.

There will be time to break into groups of about 10 people on Sunday to discuss uses and designs. There will be a spokesperson for each group. Post it notes will be available for views on the points raised. These will be collated at the end.

Date of next meeting:-

Tuesday 17th. February - 7 pm Communion
7.30 Meeting

Feedback from the Consultation Day and an update on tenders will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.