

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.30PM
IN TRECATTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Chairman: Nicky Davies
Attendance: 10 people
Apologies for absence: 6 people

Approval of the minutes from the last meetings

The minutes of the last meeting were read out and it was agreed these were a true record of events.

Existing Matters:

Friends of St Davids, Llywel

Rev. Paul Wilding explained to the meeting the benefits and procedures for forming a 'Friends' group as a Representative Body of the Church. He read out guidelines for the formation of a Friends group which were discussed and understood by the meeting. The key aims for the St Davids, Llywel being listed as:

To assist the Parochial Church Council in restoring and maintaining the Church

To organise appropriate activities to raise funds as required by the PCC for:

The restoration and maintenance of the Church

Maintaining and improving worship in the Church

Beautifying the Church

Any emergency work that may arise which cannot be provided for out of funds available to the PCC

The PCC have given permission for the Friends to be established and as we have been working under the suggested structure for the past 12 months it was agreed that we would now formalise the current setup. This was agreed by the meeting, proposed by Huw Watkins and seconded by Janet Watkins.

Parochial Church Council meeting report

The meeting was advised that the recent PCC meeting gave the go ahead for the Friends to arrange an annual Gymanfa Ganu.

The name of four electricians had been put forward to request quotes for the work needed according to the latest inspection report, this would include, general electrics, lighting and heating. The PCC will make the decision on who is selected for this work.

The PCC were in agreement with the YFC holding their Christmas concert in this church, this would occur every 3rd year. The proposed date for 2012 being 19th December.

Agreement has been given to carry out emergency work on the North wall of the Church.

Fundraising Account

The treasurer reported to the meeting that the current balance of the account is £6,608.27 with the hire expenses for the flower festival still to be paid.

Church Repairs

The urgent requirement for repairs to the North wall of the church was discussed at much length. The timbers have slipped on a section of the wall near the Rood Stairs and the resulting hole needs attention before the worst of the winter is upon us. The meeting was informed that no faculty would be required for this work and it was agreed that Kevin Tweedy would be approached for his advice on whether this is a job a working party can undertake or whether he would wish to tender for the work.

The condition of the churchyard wall was discussed with regards to being able to do this work with a working party. However concern was raised with regards to insurance issues due to proximity to the public highway and use of local labour, we were advised that it would not be possible to get a grant for this work. It was agreed that a couple of local stonemasons would be approached to try and establish an idea of the costs and extent of work involved with the wall repair.

Richard Camp was not able to attend the meeting but a letter was read to the meeting expressing his views with regards to the urgency of the work needed on making the church safe for the winter and his concern regarding the wood infestations that are evident in the building. Richards letter also encouraged the meeting to discuss a grant application from Cadw as this would need to be in place by January 2013, the meeting felt we should start thinking about applications for funding in 2014 but this would entail appointing an Architect and this matter is still in hand.

The meeting discussed whether it was necessary to ask Rentokil to assess and report on the building or whether we could undertake treatment ourselves. It was felt that the first step would be establish the level of costs and processes involved with self treating, Dave Howells offered to speak to a wood treatment specialist he knows to see if we could gather some advice.

A working day was arranged for Sunday 18th November to begin at 9.30 with a view to tackling some of the minor jobs on the list detailed in the 2010 Quinquennial Inspection. A list will be compiled and a discussion with Kevin Tweedy to take place and see if he would be happy to oversee this work as previous.

An alternative date of 20th January was set should weather not permit a successful day on the 18th November.

New Matters:

Future events

It was agreed that a Gymanfa Ganu will be arranged for 2013, on the last weekend in July as per this year.

It was agreed to hold a quiz night on Friday 19th January 2013 at 7pm in the community centre, similar format to last year with Paul and Sharon Wilding as Quiz masters and refreshments at the interval.

Other Matters

The meeting was advised that Abacus 123 Electrical will not be making a charge for the PAT testing carried out in the church and Ysgoldy Fach prior to the flower festival, the meeting offered a vote of thanks.

A cheque for 100 dollars (55.53) has been received from Mr David Eynon of Pennsylvania, after registry details gathered on the History Open Day was sent to him.

Mrs Janet Watkins reported to the meeting that £60 had been received from The White House, Sennybridge from the sale of Poem Books along with a £40 donation.

Thanks were given to Mair and Andrew Duggan after the receipt of a £415 donation raised from the family fun day they held following their wedding at the beginning of September, the meeting requested a letter of thanks be sent.

Dave Howells offered to build a replica set of wooden stocks for the church that can be used on open days, a request for suitable wood was made.

Meeting closed - **Date of next meeting to be advised after next working day**