

St Andrew's Church

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2020 via Zoom

Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Patience Wilson, Paul Edwards, Catherine Holton, Frances Cansfield, Claire Reilly, Claudia De Rienzo, Andrea Edwards, Dinos Kousoulou, Illy Duce, Rex Bourne, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Ruth Mackay, John Tanner, Richard Berndes, Paul David, Tony Leach and Laura Bruce

1. Opening Prayer

1.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies for absence received from: Emma Opong-Addai.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2020

The minutes of the meeting of 11th March were approved and will be signed at an appropriate time.

4. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions.

8.Parish Centre update. It was noted that the Parish Centre had been formally handed over to the Kedleston Group on 13th July and that they were hoping to have the school open by Spring 2021

5. Response to Coronavirus.

5.1 Services. Rev Steve Griffiths asked for feedback concerning the format of online services. There was general agreement that the subtitles were a great benefit. There was a noticeable increase in the number of people who continued to view the Service to the end. There was a need for more people to lead prayers as currently there were only 3 people participating.

5.2 Church opening for private prayers. Patience explained that all the preparation work to enable the Church to do this had been completed and the Church would be opened for the first time on Saturday 18th July between 11.00 and 13.00. The rota of volunteers had been circulated along with the guidance notes. The processes will be kept under review with a possibility of opening for a second session on a Tuesday.

5.3 Church opening for Services. It was reported that it is planned for the Church to be open for one Sunday service from September. The Service will be based on the Book of Common Prayer with no singing. There would be no wine served at Communion. The exact timing of the service has yet to be decided.

The issue of parents signing in to confirm attendance as part of the school admission process was raised. Rex confirmed that it has been agreed that all qualifying children will be awarded 2 attendances per month during the lockdown period but their parents will need to attend and sign in once the Church has reopened for Services. This was a directive from the Dioceses although the problem it creates has been raised with Bishop Rob. The PCC discussed the potential pressure this will place on the planned service where attendance will be severely restricted.

It was agreed that the Steering Group should meet to discuss this and feedback to the next PCC meeting

Action Rev Steve Griffiths and Wardens.

6. Update – Towards 2030. The paper circulated updating the actions taken to date was noted. Laura confirmed that much of the furniture, fittings and equipment that was not required for future use was repurposed via local charities. The PCC thanked Laura for ensuring that so much had been repurposed.
7. Restoration Project update. Dinos reported on the first meeting of the Steering Group. The membership of the Group was noted. Dinos asked the PCC to consider the possibility of becoming involved with the Council's proposal to redevelop the Town Centre by incorporating the area in front of the Church with the possible redevelopment of the Market place to form an open Plaza.
Rev Steve Griffiths confirmed that he had spoken with the Archdeacon who confirmed that the Dioceses would support such a development.
The general feeling of the PCC was to support exploring this further with the Council as it would help deliver the MAP Towards 2030.
It was proposed that St Andrew's PCC supported the possibility of including the area between the front of the Church and the Market place in any redevelopment of the Town Centre.
Proposed by Illy Duce and Seconded by Patience Wilson
This was carried unanimously.
8. Financial Update.
 - 8.1. Annual Audit Accounts Laura Bruce presented the Scrutinised Accounts for 2019. Rev Steve Griffiths noted that this was the first set of accounts presented for scrutiny that were passed without any follow up questions which reflects the amount of work Laura had put into preparing them.
It was proposed by Rex Bourne and seconded by John Tanner that the accounts be approved and signed by Rev. Steve Griffiths.
This was agreed by the PCC unanimously.
 - 8.2 Budget report to 30.6.2020. The accounts to the end of June had been circulated prior to the meeting. The income from Kedleston had been received and this has made a significant difference to the health of the Church's financial position.
A number of detailed issues were raised and answered. A request to include a column that in the accounts that explains any significant variation between the budget and actual to date figures.
Rev Steve Griffiths agreed to introduce this for future reports.
Action: Rev Steve Griffiths to include a column to explain any significant variation between budget and actual to date figures.
9. Lottery Funding The principle of applying for Lottery Funding was discussed by the PCC. It was acknowledged that historically there had been concerns over using Lottery Funding due to the link with gambling and the negative impact gambling has on individuals and families. The general consensus was that the Lottery has sufficient safeguards to prevent gambling addiction and that it funds many valuable initiatives.
It was proposed By Illy Duce and Seconded by Ruth Mackay that St Andrew's PCC supports a bid being submitted to the National Lottery in support of the Restoration Project.
This was carried, with John Tanner abstaining after declaring a personal interest due to his employment.
AOB. Future meetings. Dinos confirmed that The Dioceses had confirmed that due to the Lockdown provisions all PCC members will remain in place until the 31st October 2020. It was also noted that The Dioceses had determined that the APCM should not be held

until the Virus prevention measure would allow everyone to attend in person and had given permission that APCM need not be held until 31.10.20.

It was agreed to hold one further PCC meeting in September and that plans should be made to hold the APCM before the 31st October subject to any further guidance on social distancing.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer led by Rev Steve Grffiths.