

PARISH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held
on 17 December 2014
at 8 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Centre

Present: Revd. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Revd. Olive Cope (until 7.55pm), Richard Berndes, Barrie Lane (from 7.50pm), Diana Lane, Stephanie Lane, Jacky Parnell, Claire Reilly, Victoria Wiggins, Patience Wilson. John Tanner (Secretary).

1. Opening Prayer

1.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with a prayer. He also noted the need for the meeting and the importance of the decisions needed being

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1. Apologies for absence were received from: Rex Bourne, Barbara Campbell, Felicity Cox, Sarah Hargreaves, Jeremy Taylor, Mark Thebridge.

2.2. It was noted that Bob Hollingsworth had resigned from the PCC.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

3.1. The minutes of the meeting of 4 November 2014 were approved.

4. Common Fund

4.1. **DECISION:** The PCC resolved, proposed by Jacky Parnell, seconded by Victoria Wiggins, to pay £76,000 to the Common Fund. The resolution was passed unanimously.

5. Appointment of PCC Governor to St. Andrew's School

5.1. **DECISION:** The PCC resolved, proposed by Claire Reilly, seconded by Stephanie Lane, to appoint Felicity Cox to the PCC vacancy on the Governing Body of St Andrew's School. The resolution was passed unanimously

6. Youth Work

6.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths introduced the Youth Work Proposal – MABS – Making A Better Society. He was not seeking agreement to the paper as it stands, since the development remains ongoing and the document is fluid. However, as the workers will be employed by the PCC it is important that the PCC agrees to this being progressed. The aim was to support the work of St. Andrews as highlighted in the Parish Profile but also to have a transformative effect on the wider community. So far £145,000 of £220,000 had been secured. The preferred option would be to recruit two full-time workers for the three years initially proposed and to develop proposals for sustainability.

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6.2. He outlined the funding sources which had been approached and the agreements which had been reached. He also noted the strategy for longer term sustainability.

6.3. In discussion the following points were raised:

6.3.1. it was an impressive amount to have raised so far;

6.3.2. there is clear alignment between the Proposal and “Awakening the Giant”;

6.3.3. youth remains a gap for the church, and needs to be focused on;

6.3.4. “youth” is 12-18, and to 22 for those with special needs; “children and family” is 0-20;

6.3.5. the workers would be involved in building a strong team and training and supporting those within the congregation and elsewhere who will be working in teams;

6.3.6. their work will be 30% church based, 10% school based and 60% in the wider community;

6.3.7. in the longer-term there might be potential to become a wider training resource, which would enable a reach beyond the boundary of the parish;

6.3.8. the local authority want to come into partnership but cannot provide funding. They will contribute in kind through sessional workers and access to schemes and facilities. This will offer a potential seat at the table in eg youth offending work etc. The local authority recognises a gap in the parish in terms of early interventions and preventative work;

6.3.9. although there are constraints on direct Christian ministry through the projects, funders accepted the reality of the situation;

6.3.10. the full-time workers would be expected to work 47 weeks a year, less public holidays;

6.3.11. there would be ethical decisions to be made by the PCC in due course;

6.3.12. in time there might be opportunities to develop partnerships with other local initiatives and sign-post to them.

6.4. **DECISION:** The PCC unanimously resolved, proposed by John Tanner, seconded by Jacky Parnell, to support the further development of the MABS proposal, looking to commence between June and September 2015.

7. Church Boiler

7.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths updated the PCC on the position since the Church Boiler had been condemned as unsafe, because of the electrical

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wiring defects, and as beyond economic repair. The highlighted the following points:

7.1.1. Works had already been carried out to upgrade and permit the running of the electrical heaters. David Holliday had done a significant amount of work to enable this but the costs were £60 a week greater

7.1.2. Heaters had cost £6,300 up front to provide;

7.1.3. Options for the new boiler were: 1) re-site into choir vestry; or 2) seal and waterproof the current boiler-room and install a raised boiler there. A company is providing two quotes for these options. Both options will require a faculty taking 6-8 weeks to obtain. Option 1 would require planning permission with additional costs of £700 and 8-10 weeks to obtain. ROM costs are £17,000. Donations so far total £11,000 from the congregation and £2,000 from the arch-diocese. An application had been made to the local authority for funding, further letters of support from community and user groups are required. These might be sought at the Carols by Candlelight service.

7.2. In discussion the following points were made:

7.2.1. the choir vestry option had been suggested as providing a dry location;

7.2.2. sound-proofing and boxing-off would reduce any noise of in the choir vestry;

7.2.3. cost between the two options should be a significant factor, as would the degree to which the work to tank the current location could be guaranteed and would provide a sustainable solution;

7.2.4. the heating system would need flushing in any event

7.3. **DECISION:** The PCC resolved unanimously, proposed by Patience Wilson, seconded by Diana Lane, that Steve Griffiths and the Churchwardens, in consultation with the diocese, should take forward the boiler work.

8. Date of Next Meeting – 13 January 2015