

Report for St Andrew's APCM 11th April 2021

Restoration Project.

Update report.

In 2020 the PCC agreed a series of recommendations for the management of the Restoration Project, including a Project Management Structure. The PCC would be the key Decision-making body supported by a Restoration Steering Group, made up of representatives from the PCC, the congregation and an external partner. After some exploratory work the Steering Group agreed specialist support was needed to enable an effective grant bid to be developed and submitted to potential funding bodies. It was agreed to use the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) methodology for designing and delivering major building projects. Stage1 of this would enable an outline design and costs to be agreed.

The PCC agreed to the appointment of an Architect to support the Steering Group in achieving the first stage of the RIBA design process.

It was agreed that **ARTARCHITECTS** Ltd be appointed at a cost of £22,500. These are the architects who have undertaken the Quinquennial inspection on the Church, so they are very familiar with the building. Their appointment is only for the completion of the work required to achieve RIBA 1. If assistance is needed after this stage, a further appointment process will need to be followed.

Artarchitects Ltd have completed some initial work and have advised us of the specialists that need to be appointed to carry out a full measurement of the building, a survey on the condition of the windows, to complete an asbestos survey and to complete an archaeological sub floor survey. They have produced competitive quotes for all survey. In addition, design work on achieving effective disabled access to the front of the Church is to be commissioned. Design work, outline costs and reports have already been received relating to lighting and audio-visual requirements, restoration of the Clock in the tower and on the drains. It was agreed by the PCC that the work on repairing the drains was now urgent and this has been commissioned.

Once all these specialist reports have been received, **ARTARCHITECTS** Ltd will produce further design options for the Steering Group to consider and make recommendations to the PCC. The Quinquennial Report will obviously need to be considered by the Steering Group in making any recommendations to the PCC.

The Current estimated costs of the Restoration Project are in the region of £6.5 Million. This estimate will be adjusted once the RIBA stage one process is completed. Successful Grant Bids will only cover part of these costs. It should be noted that not all the work envisaged will be covered by potential external funding so care needs to be taken on what work is undertaken prior to any bids being submitted, to ensure we maximise the benefit of any Grants.

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