

Christ Church Council Meeting: Tuesday 17th July 2018, 7:30pm in Lower Mews

Present:

Lore Chumbley (Chair)
Georgian Bowman
Jonathan Stead
Lewis Boyd
Mark Elliott
Janet Mahto
Will Willans
Jude Bishop
Matthew Jones (Lay Chair)
Brenda Wall
Tosin Onile-Ere Rotimi: (Acting secretary)

Opening Prayers

Apologies: Virginia Knight, Rowena Hall and Sarah Kerr

Minutes of the last meetings (22nd May 2018 and 17th June 2018) were read, amended and corrected. **Jude Bishop** proposed that the minutes be accepted and this was seconded by **Janet Mahto**

Matters arising not already on the agenda: Tosin Onile-Ere-Rotimi was welcomed to the meeting and invited to be secretary.

Matters arising:

Mirfield have offered a brother for Holy Week 2019 which was declined - but the offer stands for 2020.

(8b) of agenda - Well known hymns have been chosen for August.

(8c) of agenda - Armistice Day; Brenda needs more people to help her organise the day and Jonathan volunteered to support her.

(5) of agenda - Last Trustee Meetings:

1. under Church Fabric it was agreed would not be discussed.
2. Swift Boxes - Jude to find out about an expert in the matter, Nicolette Scourse, who may be able to guide the church. Jude also to share information with trustees and to look into environmental impact on the church

Worship: The church has started to hand out sheet music for little known hymns and the experiment has been well received. Mark led a practice run of little known hymns which was well received. He will repeat as necessary.

Finance and Fundraising

A summary of expenditure was submitted by Georgina:

“**Council expenditure** totals £42,000, against a half-year budget of £25,000. That is because the whole of 2017 Diocese contribution (£15,000) has been paid in in 2018. If you take that off (it was an accrual in the 2017 accounts) the expenditure was £27,000, so pretty much on target. We now pay the Diocese £1000/month on a standing order, and so have paid £6000 in 2018, - part of the £27,000.

Council income for the half year shows £63,000, cf a budget of £25,000. That includes two years' GiftAid returns (£17,000), (but excludes another +-£8,000 ready to be claimed, which will be done by David in due course). But the income also includes many thousands of £££ of fundraising donations. Regular income is on track in terms of day-to-day Council business.

Mark, David and Georgina hope to be able to meet during August to correlate fundraising.”

Fund raising

Fund raising for the organ and the east end fundraising continue. The organ fund is 'on target according to Mark. East End Raising is a bit behind but that is as expected since there is not yet a faculty fro the work.

Young people:

1. Jonathan proposed a special meeting to discuss the issue. He spoke of building more links with Bath University and developing links with Norland therefore leveraging off existing links. Jonathan, Matthew and Nigel would find a morning for comprehensive discussion and strategy possibly in September.
2. Mark felt that Children's policy should be more visible to people and that the congregation should be made aware of the policy which is one of inclusion and acceptance.
3. Go ahead was given for an annual budget of £100 for a website to aid Sunday school teaching using ROOTS ...

Bells: A conscious effort is needed to develop a link between the Steeple Keeper and Trustees so they can work out logistics for ongoing maintenance. Trustees will be asked for a link person with whom the steeple keeper can communicate.

Donor Board; It has previously been suggested that a Donor Board, 90 cm x 60 cm made of oak, recording donors to the bell project should be affixed on the west end. The proposed text was reviewed. It will cost £650.00 (less if we provide our own oak boards from Christ Church oak). Malcolm is to be asked to find out how much the appropriate oak boards would cost. That we should go forward with an application for faculty was proposed by Brenda, seconded by Louis and unanimously adopted. The text needs minor alterations (removal of a full stop).

Any other business:

1. Jude would like to consider getting a regular cleaner. This will be added to the next agenda for more in depth discussion.
2. Piano needs to be tuned and insured. Jude will arrange tuning. The treasurer will be she dot add the pain to our insurance policy.
3. Lewis will circulate a safeguarding newsletter from council.
4. All meetings are on the website calendar.

East End reordering:

The meeting continued in the church to review the suggested future position of the pulpit.

Lore made the point that the diocesan architect (who sits on the DAC) is of the opinion that the DAC would allow the pulpit to be moved within the church but not probably to get rid of it. The vote for the future of the pulpit was 48% in church to remain and 52% to be removed. Lewis felt that we should respond to the simple majority by removing the pulpit. Jonathan agreed. However in response it was pointed out that a significant minority wished to retain the pulpit and there was no guarantee that the DAD would permit removal.

The third option was to move the pulpit to a position north west of its current position which allows it be removed from its prominent visible position but still to be used as a pulpit. Considerable discussion ensued. Overall it was felt that to disagree well and to carry with us the minority who strongly wished to keep the pulpit was important for the church family. It was agreed that 6 months after the work was completed we would consider whether the new position was appropriate. Under that proviso, Brenda proposed we adopt the position of the pulpit in the new north west position. Georgina seconded the motion. It was unanimously agreed. Lore

1. The meeting ended with the grace.

(12) of Agenda: **Date of next meeting:** 18th September 2018