

ST. MARYS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ABERFOYLE

Rector: Revd. Richard Grosse

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Minutes of Vestry Meeting held in the Church Room on Friday 23rd January 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mark Seymour (chairman), Alastair Gardner (treasurer), James Gardner, Susan Forsyth, Christopher Roads, Richard Grosse (Rector)

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, especially Christopher Roads, and the Rector opened with a prayer.
2. APOLOGIES: Margie Stephen, Peter Joynson, Anne Winther, Nick Cooke, Jean Sykes
3. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October had been circulated and were duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None
5. SECRETARYS BUSINESS: None
6. TREASURERS BUSINESS: Alistair Gardner explained the accounts position to January 2015 and the Forecast Expenditure from January to September this year -see attached reports
 - 6.1. He reported that we had received the Gift Aid reclaim in October. He explained that our costs were running at about £1,000 per month.
 - 6.2. Church Giving Fund: as no suggestions/nominations had been received it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Alistair for his Cash Flow figures which Vestry approved.

7. EVENTS:

7.1. The Chairman agreed to talk to Margie Stephen about the CINI Presentation by Ros Jarvis scheduled for 11th March. ACTION: Chairman

7.2. Scottish Fiddle Concert - it was agreed to ask them again in late May or after September. ACTION: Chairman

7.3. Ideas for future events/concerts - the Rector was making enquiries about a talk on the centenary of the war by a speaker from Stirling ACTION: Rector

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Area Contact Meeting - carried forward to the next meeting. ACTION: Nick Cooke

9. GODLY PLAY: James Gardner suggested a Messy Church day perhaps in the Easter holidays as an open event with the diocese. ACTION: James Gardner

10. FABRIC:

10.1. Quinquennial Review - this is due this year which will include an electrics test. A new surveyor needs to be appointed following the departure of William Lindsay, and the Rector passed a new contact at CKD Galbraiths who could be contacted by the Chairman. The chairman explained that it would be wise to get a quote from an alternative firm for the Report - Dai Hutchinson from David Allison. Vestry agreed to leave this matter with the Chairman. ACTION: Chairman

As the Rectory electrics are not good these will probably need to be updated, and also those in the Church room, especially the electric hob. Bissetts will give us an estimate for this and an alternative quote should be acquired. ACTION: Jamie Parker/Chairman

10.2. Electric Tariff: The Treasurer explained he was having discussions with Southern Electric re our electricity tariff, and also getting a quote from EDF Energy to try to get a better unit rate. Vestry agreed that the Treasurer should deal with this matter and we should stick to a yearly tariff. ACTION: Treasurer

Jamie Parker and the Chairman had met Bissetts, the electricians. Our electric night rate cost is high and it may be that when Bissetts come to rectify the faulty dimmer switch and overhead light bulb they may recommend that lower cost tubular under pew heaters are considered. Discussion took place regarding the high cost of storage heaters but it was felt that any alternative system would be very expensive.

Discussion took place regarding solar panels for the rectory, but this was felt to be uneconomic. Discussion also took place regarding the Floodlighting for the Church but this will be expensive and unaffordable at present.

11. RECTORS REPORT: Nothing to report

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11.2. New Hymn Books: pending discussion but very expensive.

The Rector felt that any available funds should be earmarked for new technology now available through an IPad for music for hymns etc. For a time when we may not have an organist available.

12. ECO CONGREGATION: Vestry agreed to continue our membership of £50 per annum but questioned what we gained from this. It was agreed Anne and Nick should investigate this for the next meeting. ACTION: Anne Winther/ Nick Cooke

James agreed to make enquiries about how other Churches were involved. ACTION: James Gardner

13. AOCB

The Chairman raised the issue of interest from the Diocese on the Robert Sutherland legacy. He had recently been sent a cheque for £17.99 but it was felt that we should be receiving £200/£300 per quarter in income. The Chairman reported he is still no further forward with this issue but had spoken to Carol Taylor at Smith and Williamson who is to look into the matter.

14. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the Rector closed the meeting with a prayer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday 8th May in the Church Room at 7.30pm.

Forecast Expenditure

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Regular outgoing									
Council Tax	£232	£232			£240	£240	£240	£240	£240
DIOCESE & Pension	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380	£3,380
ECCLESIASTICAL 9106369	£106	£106	£106						
ECCLESIASTICAL 9065793	£254	£254	£254						
ZEN INTERNET LTD 001137320003991306	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
Electricity			£1,200			£700			£500
BT		£160			£160			£160	
Cleaning		£192			£192			£192	
Garden Maintenance		£580							
Stationary		£150			£150			£150	
Hayes and Finch		£150				£150			
CCLI Licence fee	£104								
Fire extinguisher test					£192				
Ind Ex fees		£275							
Rayburn				£500					
Total	£4,080	£5,483	£4,944	£3,885	£4,319	£4,475	£3,625	£4,127	£4,125

St Mary's budget / Accounts Position – January 2015

Current balances:

Vestry account: £9095.93

Restoration Account : £2227.37

Actuals (last 3 months)

	Expenditure	Income
Oct	£4,658	£9,792
Nov	£4,282	£4,411
Dec	£5,092	£4,806

Commentary – major income items

Oct – HMRC Income (Gift Aid) - £6317;

Nov – Concert Takings £714;

Dec – S&W Investments £449

Major Expenditure items

Oct – Website design £200; Electrical £86;

Nov - BT £164;

Dec – Cleaning £192; Electricity £466; Organ Maintenance £156; Concert expenses £184