

ST MARYS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ABERFOYLE

Rector: Revd. Canon Richard Grosse

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Minutes of Vestry Meeting held in the Church Room On Friday 21st April 2017

PRESENT: Canon Richard Grosse (Chairman), Mark Seymour (Secretary) Margie Stephen, James Gardner, Jean Sykes, Susan Forsyth, Christopher Roads, Mary-Clare Brown, Nick Cooke, Anne Winther

1. The Rector opened with a prayer and thanked all for attending.
2. APOLOGIES: Alistair Gardner
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 20TH JANUARY 2017 - these were approved by Vestry and signed by the Secretary, Mark Seymour as a true record of the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Rectory Insulation - Nothing to report. Mark Seymour agreed to send information to the Rector. MARK SEYMOUR

Church Heating and Grants - Christopher Roads reported that he and Nick Cooke had been in touch with Electric Heating Solutions who had provided an estimate of £18,980 plus VAT for Under-pew heaters, Electric door blanket and a chandelier over the chancel providing light and infra-red heating. They have supplied 2 heaters for us to try which have been fitted by Tam Mackie.

Christopher suggested and Vestry agreed that he should produce a Story Board for the back of the church setting out all the options for the congregation to consider.

1. Air Source Heating 2. Pew heated cushions and 3. Electric Heating Solutions proposal as detailed above.

Nick Cooke pointed out that the Diocese may help fund this and that work on the Rectory can be under a separate application.

James Gardner felt that an Extra ordinary General Meeting should be held with the congregation to consider the matter of heating the Church at a later stage.

The Rector thanked all involved for their hard work on this matter.

The Brown Legacy - the money had been sent to Smith and Williamson to invest for the time being. It could pay for the proposed Floodlighting of the Church - The Brown family have been approached, and would be happy - or Grant funding could be applied for through Awards for All (part of the National Lottery). Planning approval has been received for the work to be done. It was suggested a letter of support could be obtained from George Willis for any grant application. NICK COOKE

Printer/Copier - This has arrived.

5. RECTOR'S MATTERS

Christmas Services:

As 24th December is a Sunday it was agreed to have no 11.15 am service.

17th December - Carol Service

2nd Sunday in December - AGM

Purchase of new Hymn Books:

Papers had been circulated regarding Margie Stephen's suggestions in connection with The Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New (Orange Book). Nick Cooke had brought Vestry's attention to a new book acquired by St Modocs in Doune - Hymns of Glory Songs of Praise (Grey) and a discussion following on this. It was felt by Margie that this might be a better option and she set out her views on why.

We could keep the Red Book and give Common Ground to St Andrews as most of the Common Ground Hymns are included in the Grey book. It was pointed out that 192 Hymns which are in the Red book are NOT in the Grey book. The Grey book is a good size for the pew, includes metrical psalms, includes all the Taize music and is ecumenical. It was

agreed that the Rector would look at this new suggestion and come back to Vestry with his thoughts. RICHARD GROSSE

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - As Alastair was unable to attend the meeting his report was circulated.

7. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mark Seymour reported that he had received a cheque for £550 from SSE for the Wayleave to cover 15 years.

8. CONCERTS AND EVENTS

28th May - The retiring Bishop will be preaching and this will be a joint service with St Andrews Callander. The Rector suggested flowers should be presented to Mrs Chilingworth and a small book for the Bishop which he agreed to organise. Mark agreed to ask Carol if she might make a cake to have with coffee after the service. RICHARD GROSSE/MARK SEYMOUR

Manchester Lads - last Sunday in July
Harvest Festival - 2nd Sunday in October.

Summer Fair - Susan Forsyth reported that things were in hand and it was suggested that FAB, the Friends of Buchlyvie and Aberfoyle Surgery might like to take a table. Mark agreed to send Susan contact details MARK SEYMOUR

Susan also agreed to contact the Trossachs Search and Rescue about taking a table. She wondered if Christopher Roads might produce his "Guess the weight of the Cake" and if Elizabeth might do another Tombola Table both of which were a great success last year. CHRISTOPHER ROADS/SUSAN FORSYTH

Concerts - Although the concerts were making a loss Christopher Roads felt that they were successful and should be continued. He reported that he had got more support from Scottish Church's Trust - £200 for the Kevin Duggan organ concert as the performers will cost more than £500. He and Mary Clare asked that Vestry members try and promote the concerts as we need to increase the numbers of visitors. Christopher had just attended the EMS Gathering in Perth which received funding from Creative Scotland. He felt that other Grants and sponsorship should be investigated. The EMS support runs till June and we already have

concerts organised until Christmas so Christopher felt we should have concerts up until June next year. Sponsorship was discussed - The Co-op, Forest Hills, The Woollen Mill, Tigh Mhor (Holiday Bond flats). Christopher reported that EMS wish to record 2 concerts. It was felt that advertising should be improved. James Gardner suggested setting up a "Friends" discounted ticket or Season Tickets. A Banner was discussed to promote the concerts to be displayed at the Rob Roy roundabout the week prior to the concert. Discussion took place about giving more information about the concert beside the present banner which is put up on the Sunday of each concert. Could this be on a laminated sheet on the Church Notice Board. Mark Seymour suggested that a sub-committee should be established to deal with the concerts. The Rector thanked all for their hard work.

9. Fabric Matters - all repairs are now dealt with and the batteries in the light switches are now labelled to show on what date they were last renewed

10. The Rector closed the meeting with the Grace and thanked all for attending.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7TH JULY 2017

St Mary Vestry Meeting– 20th April 2017
Treasurer Report

1. Headlines

- Current balances (as at 31/3/17):
 - a. Restoration Account - £2,227
 - b. Vestry Account – £10,981.86

£5,000 being transferred to Smith and Williamson in April

2. Actuals year to date

The table below is an extract from on-line banking where I have summarised the total income and expenditure by month for the financial year.

Month	Expenditure	Income
Oct Total	£4,325.78	£3,559.10
Nov Total	£5,467.26	£4,821.00
Dec Total	£5,700.90	£4,127.26
Jan Total	£7,017.78	£4,875.14
Feb Total	£4,348.13	£10,975.03
Mar Total	£5,631.80	£4,887.85
Totals	£32,491.35	£33,245.38

3. Headline Items for Oct-Dec

For Expenditure;

Jan	Feb	Mar
CCLI membership -£107		Gliondar Ensemble (Feb concert) - £650
Viking stationary -£212		Pippa Foster concert - £250
Hayes and Finch -£114		Viking Stationary - £283
Henderson - £580		Electric Rectory - £114
Pipes and Pistons concert - £593 Expenses		Electric Church - £410
Roof Repairs - £416		Hayes and Finch - £151
BT - £177		

For Income

Jan	Feb	Mar
Pipes and Pistons concert - £420 Income;	HMRC Gift Aid - £6,709	Pippa Foster concert - £470
Xmas collection - £517	Gliondar Ensemble - £350	Wayleave - £550
Donation - £568		
Remembrance Sunday - £78		

4. Smith and Williamson / Robert Sutherland Investments Income

Smith & Williamson (St Marys)		Smith & Williamson (R Sutherland)	
Mar 17	£549.42	Mar 17	£81.60

5. Summary Apr costs (todate)

Donation £500

Easter Service £556

Printer £300

£5,000 being transferred to Smith and Williamson

6. HMRC

12 months of Gift Aid for @£6,709 received in end Feb for period Oct 15 to Sept16.

Income from Concerts cannot be gift aided as we quote a ticket price (confirmation received from HMRC)

Alastair Gardner
Treasurer