

St Andrew's Church

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2021 via Zoom

Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Paul Edwards, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Barry Snelgrove, Dinos Kousoulou, Illy Duce, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Ruth Mackay, John Tanner, Richard Berndes, Paul David, Laura Bruce, Lekish Atkinson, Lowri Banfield, Alison Paing and Sue Saull.

1. Opening Prayer

1.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Apologies for absence received from: Claire Reilly, Emma Oppong-Addai, Tony Leach, Tracey Jenkins and Luis Sear

3. Declarations of Interests. Alison Paing declared an interest relating to her connection to A and R Design that undertakes work on behalf of the PCC.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2021.

The minutes of the meeting of 27th April 2021 were approved by those members who were in attendance and will be signed at an appropriate time.

5. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions.

Church Cleaning. The meeting noted that Catherine Holton had secured a quote for the cleaning of the Church.

6. Safeguarding Issues. No safeguarding issues have been reported since the last meeting.

7. Finance Matters.

7.1 Letter of Representation. This had previously been circulated to the PCC and needed to be approved for signing.

Illy Duce Proposed and Richard Berndes seconded that the letter of Representation be approved by the PCC and that Rev. Steve Griffiths signs it on behalf of the PCC.

This was carried unanimously.

7.2. 2020 Accounts. Laura Bruce presented the Accounts for 2020. These needed to be approved by the PCC. There were no questions on the accounts.

John Tanner Proposed and Alison Paing seconded that the 2020 Accounts be approved by the PCC and sign By Rev Steve Grifiths.

This was carried unanimously

7.3. Management Accounts

Laura Bruce presented the Management Accounts for the period to June. The second quarter showed that there is a surplus, which is roughly in line with the Budget forecast for the period ending June. Income was £246 above that predicted and expenditure was £654 higher than anticipated. It was noted that not all the funds received via the Contactless giving and Text Giving are showing on the accounts. Laura agreed to have a full analysis of Text and Contactless giving prepared for the next PCC meeting. The

meeting noted that the external cleaning company had completed a deep clean of the Church and was now cleaning the church on a weekly basis.

Laura Confirmed that she had no concerns over the Budget and a half year review would be undertaken once all the quarter 2 figures had been reconciled.

Laura was thanked for all the work she does on the Accounts.

8. Restoration Steering Group.

Dinos Kousoulou presented his report on behalf of the Steering Group. It was noted that the current proposals for integrating the area in front of the Church with the redevelopment of the Town Centre and marketplace had not been well received by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. A small working group has been set up to trace the history of the various monuments in the area surrounding the Church. It was anticipated that our Architects would be presenting an updated plan for the building at the next steering group meeting on 19th July. Depending on the outcome of that meeting a special PCC meeting may need to be held.

9. ST Andrew's Primary School. Illy Duce presented her report. We noted that Illy works at the school and is one of the Deputy Church Wardens. She is now the official link between the school and the PCC. Illy reported that the school in general was coping well with the various coronavirus restrictions but was looking forward to the lifting of restrictions. The links between the school and Church are to be strengthened from September. The TFG services continue to be well received by the children who are missing being able to visit the Church. An air quality initiative is being planned with Barry Snelgrove and the children are keen to be involved with plans for the Town Centre Development.

10. Vicar's Report

Steve presented his report and highlighted the achievements in progressing the Mission Action Plan.

- 10.1. St Andrew's Online. The involvement of Illy and Jo Griffiths in presenting the 10.30 online service was noted and it was confirmed that this will be extended to others in the future.

- 10.2. Website. The updated website has been launched. This has been updated using an external company who are now responsible for some of the maintenance. The meeting agreed that the new format was an improvement and works much better on smart phones.

- 10.3. Logo. Steve requested permission from the PCC to update the St Andrew's logo to make it more relevant.

It was proposed by Illy Duce and Seconded by Adele Barwood-Symmons that up to £150.00 be spent on updating the logo. This was carried unanimously.

- 10.4. St Andrew's Local. The church has now reopened for services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Paul Edwards was thanked by the other Wardens for helping them settle into their new roles. The question of how to integrate families back into Church Services was raised. The possibility of restarting a Messy Church type service could be explored once things have settled down.

11. Living in Love and Faith. Barry presented his report on the Living in Love initiative. The Diocese wants every church to consider and engage with the report by September 2021. Steve pointed out that the original report had been turned down by the College of Bishops for not being forward thinking enough. Steve had delayed raising the report while there was so much emphasis on the pandemic. However, it is felt that now would be a good time for the PCC and wider Church family to consider the report. Barry encouraged everyone to look at the various links attached to the report for a fuller understanding of its contents.

The PCC was very supportive of finding ways to engage with the report and it was agreed to set up a representative focused working group to explore how St Andrew's can integrate the report's recommendations into our practices.

It was agreed to open up the participation in the working group to the wider church community and that if anyone is interested in joining the group they should contact either Steve or Barry. However, it was noted that as the group would be limited in number not everyone could be involved.

12. Archdeacon's Visitation. Steve outlined the purpose of the Archdeacon's Visitation and encouraged everyone to attend the September meeting as this is an important process, somewhat similar to an OFSTED inspection of a school. It was important that the PCC, when they meet the Archdeacon, to be honest and open in their assessment of how things are going at St Andrew's. One question the Archdeacon will be raising is how the Diocese can support St Andrew's more effectively.
13. AOB. OLD Enfield Charitable Trust PCC nomination. John Tanner's term of office is coming to an end in 31st October 2021. He is happy to continue representing the PCC but if anyone else is interested in standing, then an election can be held. As the next PCC meeting in September is the Archdeacon's Visitation the PCC will not be able to consider this until the meeting in December.

The closing prayer was led by Rev Steve Griffiths.

Date of next meeting is 7th September - The Archdeacon's Visitation.
The following PCC is scheduled for 9th December 2021.

Dinos Kousoulou.