

St Bride's RC Church, Whitemoss Avenue, East Kilbride
Meeting of the Fabric Committee
1 March 2023 at 11.00 am

Minutes

Place of Meeting: Guild Room, St Bride's Church

In Attendance: Fr McGachey
Ian Kelly (IK) (Chair)
Donal Toner (DT) (Secretary)
Kate Gingell (KG - Minutes)
Danny Martin (DM)
John Hastings (JH)
Tom Hendry (TH)

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.

Previous Minutes

1.0 The Committee approved the Minutes of Meeting held on 24 August 2022.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes.

2.1 Church

(a) *Powder coated metal handrails to be fixed either side of concrete columns. The timber handrail at the Confessional to be replaced with powder coated metal rails.*

Action: DT

(b) *DT to compile the Church Booklet.*

2.2 Church Hall

(a) *The piano in the Church Hall to be removed.*

Action: TH to organise removal when the skip arrives.

(b) ***Laser Projector***

Action: KG to contact Fr Rafal to request the instruction booklet for using the laser projector.

(c) ***LED Lamps/Panels***

Action: TH to source the LED lamps/panels for the corridor.

(d) ***Ceiling Tiles in Cloakroom***

Action: DM and JH to source and buy the tiles.

(e) ***Community Garden***

Hedging to replace the existing fence.

Action: DM will organise/arrange this.

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2.3 Chapel House

All outstanding matters in the Chapel House have been addressed and completed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Church

(a) Garage retaining wall:

DT outlined the structural damage to the existing retaining wall. He is awaiting a detail from a Structural Engineer which will be based on shot-fired metal strapping and sealant infill to the damaged wall. It was agreed that this would not be aesthetic but would resolve the safety issue at a fairly low cost.

Action: DT

(b) Sound/Loop System: *The Committee agreed that the sound/loop system in the Church could be improved, and possibly replaced/upgraded.*

Action: TH and JH to go to Our Lady of Lourdes Church to look at their sound/loop system, with a possible view to replacing ours with same.

(c) The wood panel above the side door is missing.

Action: DM to look into having it replaced.

(d) Church Tours: *JH suggested conducting tours of the Church and suggested asking for donations for carrying these out.*

(e) Pews: *JH advised that the pews were needing to be repolished. Fr McGachey suggested trying to have it done in time for the Easter services.*

Action: JH to source the polish.

(f) Remedial work to be carried out on the three large heaters in the Church.

3.2 Church Hall

(a) Accident, Investigation, and Inspection Book to be put in the Hall.

Action: DM to look into this.

(b) Due to the age of the tables and chairs, it was agreed that they will have to be looked at with a view to replacing them.

Action: DM to check the above and broken ones to be disposed of.

3.3 Church House

Double glazing: It was agreed by all that the house required replacement double glazing as an urgent item. However, Fr McGachey did stress that this would be onerous financially, particularly at a time when the Church refurbishment was still being repaid. It was agreed that the Committee would look into this with a view to having this done in a phased basis.

Action: DT

Other Matters Arising

- *Piazza lights to be put on a circuit.*
- *The electrician to be instructed as a matter of urgency for an Electrical Report on the house and any other matters.*

Action: DT

- *DM to power wash the garage walls to ascertain any damage and consider any work that may need to be carried out.*

4.0 Next Meeting

IK closed the Meeting and advised that we would meet on a six monthly basis. However, for action purposes a sub-committee could meet separately, but all members to be kept informed by email (fabriccomsbek@gmail.com) of any actions taken. No formal action to be taken prior to agreement of the Committee, and all members to be kept informed by email (fabriccomsbek@gmail.com). This will effectively mean that all actions are open and transparent.

Date of next meeting to be determined.