

*St Bride's RC Church, Whitemoss Avenue, East Kilbride*  
*Meeting of the Fabric Committee*

*13 August 2023 at 13.00*

*Minutes*

Place of Meeting: The Library, 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)

Apologies: Tom Hendry

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 1 March 2023.*

*Matters Arising from previous Minutes.*

*2.1 Church*

- (a) ***Handrails:** 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:** JH to contact blacksmith and advise DT*

- (b) *DT to complete the Church Booklet. However, DT noted his concerns regarding the negative comments with regard to the design and construction of the complex. DT will advise the Committee when the full draft is available.*

- (c) ***Laser Projectors:** These are to be removed, and monies from sale to be allocated to refurbishment.*

- (d) *Organ in the Church is to be serviced.*

***Action:** Fr McGachey will contact Allen Organs to arrange for the service.*

*2.2 Church Hall*

- (a) ***LED Lamps/Panels** Follow up to be done.*

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- (b) **Ceiling Tiles in Cloakroom:** *Work still to be carried out.*  
**Action:** *DM to look into this further.*
- (c) **Community Garden**  
**Hedging to replace the existing fence.** *It was agreed that hedges would be too expensive.*  
**Action:** *Wear and tear on existing fence to be monitored.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**3.1 Church**

- (a) **Sound/Loop System/Microphones:** *The Committee agreed that the sound/loop system in the Church was now working well, but a dust cover needs to be placed over the mixing desk.*  
**Action:** *Fr McGachey to look into sourcing the dust cover.*
- (b) **The wood panel above the side door is missing.**  
**Action:** *Ian O'Prey (Parishioner) is bringing wood panels to the Church, and Gerry Logan will attend to replacing the panel.*
- (c) **Pews:** *These are to be cleaned again before Christmas.*
- (d) **Remedial work has been carried out and all three heaters have been serviced.**  
**Action:** *Annual maintenance to be carried out.*

**3.2 Church Hall**

- (a) **Because of the age and condition of the tables, it was agreed that they should be replaced.**  
**Action:** *DM to look into the cost of tables.*
- (b) **Due to the cost and apparent wastage of the blue paper rolls, it was suggested that air dryers be installed.**  
**Action:** *DT and DM to look into costs.*
- (c) **It was suggested that to try to generate income for the hall, posters/bulletin/website promoting hall booking should be made.**

### **3.3 Church House**

- (a) **Electrical Work:** Surveys have been carried out, and there are several problems that need to be rectified.

**Action:** DT to get an estimate for the work by **1 September 2023**.

- (b) **Double glazing:** It was agreed by all that the double glazing will be dealt with at a later date.

- (c) **Front Door:** New front door and new secondary door to be installed.

**Action:** DT

**Garage retaining wall:**

- (d) DT outlined the structural damage to the existing retaining wall. He has a detail from a Structural Engineer which is based on shot-fired metal strapping and sealant infill to the damaged wall.

After discussion it was agreed that the matter is to be continued.

**Action:** DT

### **Other Matters Arising**

#### **Finance**

The Church loans were discussed in depth, and it was agreed that if the repayment of these loans could be put on hold, some of the more pressing remedial work needing to be carried out in the Church could be done. It was suggested that a Report/Presentation be drawn up outlining all the work that needs to be carried out and ask the Diocese Finance Committee if they would consider suspending the loan repayments for a year to allow the work to be done. It was also suggested that this should be presented to the Finance Committee in person at the meeting to be held at the Diocese on 22 August.

**Action:** DM to put the Report/Presentation together and send to DT for comments. IK, DT, DM, and JH to attend the Diocesan Financial Meeting.

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**4.0 Next Meeting**

*IK closed the Meeting and advised that we would meet on a six monthly basis. However, 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.*