

PARISH OF PYLE AND KENFIG

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council held in St James, Pyle on Friday, 24th July, 2008.

The Revd Ian Rees in the Chair.

Present: Mrs Gail Cook, Mr David Davies, Mr Idris Denley, Mr Howard Evans, Mr Gareth Gardener, Mr Robert Jones, Mrs Betty Lingwood, Mr Neil Morgan, Mr John Roberts Mr Peter Vincent, Mrs Gwyneth Vincent Mrs Jan Whittingham, Mr Brian Williams and Mr Ken Williams.

1. Prayers

The Reverend Ian Rees opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Allan Brookes, Mrs Eileen Edwards, Mrs Jayne Evans, Mrs Sharon Mercelsanca and Mr Terry Preece.

3. Matters Arising

Bridgend Street Pastors

Mervyn Trigg attended the PCC meeting to give a talk on the work of street pastors. The work started in July 2007 originally on a Friday night when a team of three would work from 10.00 pm to 3.00 am. In addition, they now work Saturday nights. An example of their work included when the girl from Pencoed recently died they were able to offer help. The work has been very encouraging and the police are amazed at how much the situation has been calmed. The people are very grateful to the Church for being there. A course for street pastors will start in September. There are currently 60 pastors. Finance is purely voluntary with some pastors paying for their own training.

The training includes first aid, counselling and interacting with people. Street pastors have the same power as police support officers with radios if needed. Bridgend also covered by CCTV.

Graveyard Cleaning

Work has now begun in Mawdlam. Cornelly Community Council have now agreed that they will carry out this work on an annual basis.

Additional Parking in Mawdlam

Rev Ian Rees had written to the Kenfig Trust asking if the gravel area outside the church could be extended to provide additional parking. However, Kenfig Trust stated that they do not want to extend the gravel as this is a green area and the parking is concessionary.

Gate in Rear Parish Hall Boundary

Rev Ian Rees has contacted Pioneer on two occasions regarding this matter but has yet to receive a response.

Social

Mr Howard Evans is standing down as Chairman after many years service. Mrs Eileen Edwards had been asked to take over the position. Mr Evans will continue to help on the committee. Mrs Euryl Brookes is also standing down as Social Secretary, and is being replaced by Mrs Jan Whittingham.

The Parish BBQ will take place on 16th August.

Hall

The extensions are virtually complete with only minor items awaiting completion. Decorations are still to be done and a working party to be organised. Carpenter to quote price for fitting out the lesser hall with lockers and dispense with the cabinets. Consideration could be given to using the current 'front' stage for shelving in the new storeroom.

Water has come back into the lesser hall and the original builder is returning to carry out repairs.

The floor is still not done in the main hall and quotes need to be obtained for this.

We are still awaiting the credit transfer from Welsh Assembly.

A hygiene certificate must be held by one person on duty in the coffee shop when that begins to operate.

The loop cable is to be re-routed as it currently comes across the doorway.

Seating in Mawdlam

There was a field trip to Llansantfraid Church to see their new seating. They had also done a kitchen area and a dry toilet. Similar chairs cost £44.43 each but locks and book rests were additional costs. Members of the congregation had bought them in memory of a loved one - a plaque being placed on the back of the chair.

In addition the heating/floor pipes has to be addressed.

It was agreed that a faculty be requested for the work to see how we can progress this further.

Toilets

Architect has drawn up plans for toilets in both churches. A faculty will be put in for the work in Mawdlam which involves extending the current porch area. In Pyle the congregation will be consulted prior to any application.

Mission Action Plan

A new map was produced after the last meeting in The Rest and was approved by PCC for distribution.

Website

This needs updating, and will be done in the very near future.

Clock

The clock needs refurbishment at a cost of £3250. The cost will be borne by Cornelly Community Council and work will commence next Monday.

USPG Representative

Mrs Sharon Mercelsanca has accepted the position as the USPG co-ordinating representative for the Parish.

Back to Church Sunday

This has been scheduled for 28th September with Llandaff Diocese piloting it – welcoming/inviting/ instructing on how to follow the service, etc.

Any Other Business

Slates on the roofs of both churches together with minor repairs/ decoration are needed in both churches.

The rewiring work needs to be done in Pyle. Agreed the update quotations be obtained with a view to getting this work done in the near future.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 5th September – 7.00 pm in St James and 18th October at The Rest

The meeting closed with prayers.