

## **PARISH OF PYLE AND KENFIG**

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council held in St James, Pyle on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

The Revd Ian Rees in the Chair.

Present: *Churchwardens:* Mr Allan Brookes, Mr David Davies and Mr Ian Rees.

*Warden Emeritus:* Mr Idris Denley

Mr Adrian Best, Mr Howard Evans, Mrs Jayne Evans, Mrs Betty Lingwood, Mr Adrian Jones, Mrs Anita Jones, Mr Neil Morgan, Mr Terry Preece, Mr John Roberts, Mrs Gwyneth Vincent, Mr Peter Vincent and Mrs Jan Whittingham

### **1. Prayers**

The Reverend Ian Rees opened the meeting with prayers.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Eileen Edwards Mr Gareth Gardener and Mrs Sharon Mercelsanica

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning that took place at the home of Jayne Evans raised £221.00 for Christian Aid. PCC passed on their thanks to Jayne for her efforts and hospitality

Diocesan Conference Report

Copies of the report of the conference that took place on 29<sup>th</sup> September were handed out and read by PCC. Of particular note for mission was a survey that revealed more people would come to church if invited to do so. More effort will have to be made to introduce people to church and make them welcome so they do not find Church intimidating.

Parish Child Protection Policy

Neil Morgan has been approved as Child Protection Officer for the parish, and has already attended a number of training courses for this. The old Child Protection Policy had needed updating and the Revd Ian Rees handed out copies of a revised policy under church guidelines. This was unanimously agreed by the PCC.

Coffee Shop Update

Following advice from Mr Richard Jones a grant of £2,908.00 from the Llandaff Mission Fund had been applied for towards the setting up of a coffee shop. This had now been granted. Equipment will be purchased to set up the coffee shop in the lesser hall but it will need commitment from a group of dedicated volunteers to open the shop. Those involved in assisting would have to attend a one day Health and Safety course organised by the council. It was agreed that a small group within the PCC would meet to discuss details and report back to PCC at a later date. The group will consist of Mr Allan Brookes, Mr Howard Evans, Mrs Anita Jones, Mrs Betty Lingwood and Mrs Whittingham.

#### **• 5 Sub Committee Reports**

Hall Renovation

The committee met to discuss what still needed to be done to the hall in order to complete our remit. Allan Brookes met with Mr. Pugh of the Welsh Assembly who encouraged us to ask for additional funding to include for the following:-

Extension for storage, Collapsible stage,  
Refurbishment of the wooden floor, Stage curtains  
Piano, Cloakroom

As a result, a grant of £27,345.00 has been applied for. Quotes for the building work accompanied the grant application together with letters of support from principal users of the hall.

Terry Preece handed several brochures from Roger Parsons who ran a music company. Mr Parsons is willing to give discounts on any piano/organ we may wish to purchase at a later date. David Davies will look into this.

The outside light has been repaired and is now in working order.

New central heating instructions have been printed and will be put on the all for the benefit of the hall users.

Confirmation that the ceiling leak has been repaired and the subsequent re-decoration has been completed is still being awaited from the builders.

#### Social

The Harvest Supper was very enjoyable and successful cleared a £200 profit.

The monthly soup lunches have not been quite so well attended as the lent lunches, however a good amount has been raised for charity, and those who have attended have enjoyed the lunches.

Ian Rees' woodcraft sale will take place in the hall next week.

Christmas raffle tickets will shortly be available in the two churches.

Christmas Fair will take place on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.00 pm. Stall will include seasonal refreshment, home baking, tombola, books and toys, and possibly a Christmas and WI stall. Hopefully Santa will attend. Seaside News and Gazette have been informed and will advertise the event. Banners and posters will also be put up.

Songs of Praise will take place at Mawdlam on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### Finance

David Davies read out the statistics of our finances for 2005/06. Discussion took place about our charitable giving. It was agreed that the harvest supper money should be given to USPG/CMS. Also agreed that there should be further discussion early in the new year to plan our giving for next year, which in recent times has been a little haphazard.

#### Mission

Welcome packs were now available. In addition, Christmas leaflets will also be printed as they were quite successful last year.

### **7 Any Other Business**

A donation of £300 has been received from Cornelly Community Council towards the cost of books for the Sunday School.

Memorial services for anyone suffering bereavement will be held in Pyle on 6<sup>th</sup> November and Mawdlam on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Following attendance at service in Mawdlam, the Scouts have asked if they can attend the 5.00pm Sunday service every other month. PCC unanimously agreed that this was a good idea.

There was talk that the Amelia Trust Farm would be an ideal venue for a future parish trip. The trust supports troubled youngsters.

### **9 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm in St James.

The meeting closed with prayers.