

Present

Bethan Rees Jones
Elsbeth Thomas
Gareth Hughes
Jean Edwards
Graham Johnson

Apologies

Dewi Williams
Lyn Jones

1. Apologies: Apologies from Dewi Williams (another meeting) and Lyn Jones (away from home)

2. Minutes of 12/01/09: Agreed correct: Nem Con

3. Matters arising:

- i. *Public Toilets*: FV advises that installing one handbasin in Mens and one in Womens would cost between £150 and £200 including basins, brackets, cold water supply pipes, taps, traps and wastes are included. She has written on behalf of CCT to advise the council and to ask that these be installed.
- ii. *Dendrochronology*: Bethan Rees Jones reported neither she nor Dewi Williams was able to attend recent AGM of the dendro group.
- iii. *Pat Harper* FV confirmed that has had written to thank him for his suggestion re memorial stones in the former church garden, and to explain why trustees had decided not to take this up.

4. Landlord's duties:

- i. *Broken windows*. FV reported that children had broken one window, and this was repaired. Later, seven windows had been broken, targeting the spandrels on the north side and one light in the south transept. This was reported to police, and tenants had to make an insurance claim.
- ii. *Chester Masonry Construction*, the contractors for the repairs and conversion, went into liquidation this spring. They had repaired escape bolt but no other items.
- iii. *Stormflex* have secured the slipped
- iv. *Clock ceased striking*. (Reported by Pat Harper) FV arranged for this to be repaired at same time as annual service, which was almost due.
- v. *Request from tenants to padlock gates*. Discussion about efficacy. Access to site is unrestricted elsewhere, but could closing gates prevent ramp to west door being used by children with go-karts? Or would they crash into the gates, hurting themselves and gates? Inconclusive. FV reported that she had advised tenants that they could purchase a chain and padlock if they wanted, provided they give Trustees a key also.
- vi. *Lightning conductors test & upgrade*: FV confirmed that following the replacement of locks, there is adequate finance to upgrade lightning conductor earths. Agreed that this should be put in hand.

5. Gardens:

- i. *Development plans*: Gareth Hughes agreed to choose a date to meet with Eric and Pryderi from Cartrefi Cymru
- ii. *Buried cremations*: Discussion of how many and who were interred, no records found. Jean Edwards and Elsbeth Thomas recalled father of Ann Allison; Captain Weston; Goronwy Parry was interred but later lifted. Graham Johnson suggested looking in current church's Service register, and undertook to look in archives.

6. Tannery:

i. *Gwynedd Council*: Bethan Rees Jones summarised letter from FV to county's top legal officer is Dilys Philips. This was passed to Iwan Evans to Aled Jones to Gareth Jones to Gruff Morris. Gruff Morris summarised the county's position – use of site is legal; condition of building is only concern on which they could take action but will not in "current economic climate". He copied this letter to Aneurin Parry, Gwynfor Roberts and Eryl Williams. His officers would arrange visit to site and he would advise us on outcome "soon" but this not received by 16th June. *Agreed*: FV to write asking Gwynedd to confirm that they will work with CCT; that they acknowledge repeated offers from Prince's Regeneration Trust to help; which strategic and financial strategies are relevant

ii. *Colin Jones Rock Engineering*: Julie Jones has written on behalf of the site owners to say economic situation makes development of site impossible, asking if CCT can suggest a way forward. *Agreed*: Bethan Rees Jones and Frances Voelcker to offer to meet Julie Jones for informal discussion before asking Princes Regeneration Trust to come.

(Graham Johnson left for another meeting)

7. Peniel: FV reported that Gruff Owen of Welsh Religious Buildings Trust confirmed that the process of transfer of ownership from Presbyterians to WRBT was underway.

8. Other planning matters

- i. *Snowdon Lodge*: Excavations have started on site at weekends, new access from highway without health and safety precautions. In granting planning permission at the Appeal the Planning Inspector made the condition that full details of all the levels, building materials, rainwater goods, doors and windows, and landscaping should be submitted to and approved by Gwynedd Planners before any work on site started. FV reported that she had checked with planners, who confirmed no such details had been received.
- ii. *Lleifor*: Bethan Rees Jones reported that a new application had been submitted showing the excess land take at the rear of the building, stating that "this was not significant". However, it leaves too little room for council vehicles to pass to maintain the watercourses and sinks. There is now "stalemate" between the developers and the County. The developer is still erecting stone cladding to the blockwork.

9. CCT's Sales & website: Nothing to report

10. Cob Bicentenary Celebrations

- i. Bethan Rees Jones reported that Selwyn Griffiths has still not arranged another meeting. Jeans Edwards suggested CCT write to him, at Encil, Borth y Gest; suggested using e-mail to circulate those involved previously with the Pageant, to see if they are interested..
- ii. Bethan Rees Jones will contact Geraint Thomas re flagpole, wants to see Ceri Bodawen.

11. Any Other Business

- i. *Plastic windows in Dublin Street? Structural problems in an empty property?* (On inspection after meeting, windows are timber with a new paint finish; render is cracked and bulging on empty property, possibly due to movement or to trapped moisture.)
- ii. *Open Doors*: FV reminded trustees that it is a requirement that the trust open the former church twice a year, and that "Open Doors" in September gives extra publicity. *Agreed*: FV should arrange day with Cartrefi Cymru and sign up to "Open Doors"

Next Meeting: September, date and time to be agreed.