

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

All Saints Church Sub Committee Meeting
Wednesday 18th October 2017, 2.00 pm

Meeting Notes

Present: Mr N. Dobson (ND), Mr S. Clague (SC), Mr T Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK).
Mr M. Royle, Deputy Clerk, Mr Tony Pass.

Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm.

A meeting had taken place with the Archdeacon, the Honourable Andrew Brown at St George's Church at 3.00 pm on the 13th of October 2017.

MR summarised the outcomes of that meeting which were as follows:

- The Archdeacon had confirmed that the Church Commissioners had agreed to proceed with the release of ASC to Garff Comms at a cost of £50.00; subject to negotiation.
- Garff Commissioners to pay all legal costs
- The Archdeacon had confirmed that the PCC had agreed to release monies for refurbishment to the Commissioners. He confirmed the amount was just in excess of £67k. He advised that a suitable clawback should the Commissioners sell the building on would be 25%. This would be in force for a period of 20 years.
- Conditions would be set that the use of the building in the future would be for broadly Christian designated religious events such as services, weddings funerals, etc; this would accord with its role as a 'Festival Church'. The building could be used for a very wide range of community activities and events, but a general condition that the building must not be used for events/activities that would attract disrepute. Examples of these would be any activities that promoted sexual exploitation or gratification of any sort of activity linked to the occult or pseudo-occult, etc. The legal terms of this aspect to be resolved as any contract was drawn up.
- The Archdeacon had confirmed that the Church Commissioners were in favour of negotiating a handover to Garff Commissioners. Negotiations would take place with Lonan and Laxey stakeholders including the current members of the Burial Authority, the wardens, Clive Burgess, the team rector, and Garff Commissioners.

SC referred to the proposal for the Commissioners to take over the responsibilities of the current Lonan burial authority. The Archdeacon had said that this matter was being considered by the church authorities, but would require close investigation and scrutiny; the future status of the burial ground would have to be determined, for example. **Daphne Caine MHK** had joined the discussion of the burial authority. She advised she could introduce a Bill for transfer of the burial authority once the Church Commissioners and Garff Commissioners had resolved to go ahead.

SC advised that the Church authorities would be discussing this matter in detail in the coming weeks and months.

These matters were noted by the sub-committee.

There followed a discussion of the above terms and conditions. The sub-committee noted that the LGU had been issued with the re-drafted report document and business case and had responded indicating that the requirements of the pre-petition process were now largely in place. They had asked that the proposal be outlined to Mr Heginbotham at Treasury and to Mr Davidson at the AGs Chambers for their perusal and comment. **MR** confirmed that these matters were being pursued and the documents would be forwarded in due course. **ND** asked if the sub-committee could propose to the Board that a Petition letter be sent to government which would formally initiate the process. It was agreed to put a two part resolution to the Board at their meeting on the evening of the 18th of October 2017 that:

1. That a petition to purchase All Saints Church for the sum of £50.00 be submitted to government
2. That the Commissioners investigate taking over the responsibilities of the Lonan Burial Authority.

Following this agreement **MR** and **ND** were asked to draft the resolutions in preparation for the Board meeting.

SC proposed that an independent QS be engaged to sign off the work on the church as it took place; this would confirm that the works being undertaken were value for money. The committee agreed that such an arrangement should be investigated.

Meeting closed at 2.48 pm.

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