**FEWSTON and BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES**

Notes meeting of **Friends of Blubberhouses’ Church**, held at The Hopper Lane, 18 November 2015 at 2.00 pm.

**Present**

Pat Anderson

Alison Bowers

Allison Dibb

Gillian Knox

Philip Livesey

Diana M Parsons

1. **Apologies**

Deborah Power, Gill White, Daphne Wilson

1. **Minutes of the meeting 18 November 2015**

Minutes of the meeting were accepted as correct.

1. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising which were not covered by agenda items.

1. **Constitution**

**4.1** Fewston and Blubberhouses PCC had requested abrief mission statement. The submitted constitution was thought to be too long and detailed, but there were no disagreements in principle. Discussion on a mission statement resulted in this wording: ‘To help support the religious and community benefits of St Andrew’s Church, Blubberhouses’

1. **Update on banking details.**

There will be four cheque signatories, as agreed in meeting of 21 October 2015. PCC had commented on the bank authorisation letter and it has been amended accordingly.

1. **St Andrew’s stationery**, All agreed on design, similar in style to that for St Michael an St Lawrence. Thanks expressed to Peter Wood for designing the stationery.
2. **Listed Places of Worship Roof Repairs Fund Update**

Three new tenderers have been sought from recommended companies. Tenders requested to be submitted by 23 November 2015. Case officer is being informed of progress. Bank account for LPOW RR fund is arranged with Royal Bank of Scotland: signatories, P M Anderson and C M Beaumont.

1. **Grant funding for stained glass windows conservation and phase 2 improvements**

Suggestion that Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust be approached, PA will make enquiries of possible potential funders.

Account received from architect for visiting church, surveying building and drawing up survey plans; receiving quotations for LPOW RRF application; compiling specification and submitting it to DAC secretary. AB to receive details as Treasurer for F&B PCC. **PA/AB**

1. **Services**

**9.1 Sunday, 29 November at 2.30 pm. Celebratory patronal day service for St Andrew.**

John Charman has agreed to lead. Scottish theme and music . Washburn Valley choir have agreed to attend, liaising with Ali Wood conductor on music and hymns. Refreshments afterwards in church.

**9.2 Sunday, 20 December, at 10.30 am. Carol Service**  with mulled wine etc. Confirmation urgently sought, emailed GS 7 October. Permission not given.

**9.3 Christmas Day, family service to be held at 9.30 am. John Charman will lead the service.**

**2016 Proposals for services**

GS approved all the special services - the themes, dates and times - FoBs had requested for St Andrew’s at PCC meeting, 10 November, 2015. In the months without special services. clergy committee are to confim times/types of services at St Andrew’s. John Charman has produced a schedule of these proposed services for 2016. **JC/GS**

1. **External signboard** generous donation **-**  initially, **PL to liaise with A&RCampbell**

PB informed on pop up signs, PRINT DESIGNS.com. aluminium version £84 weighted to withstand wind. Weighted pod clipboard sign A3 size £132, weighted with water.

Cost of Perspex sign, as seen at Leathley church, Brian Garlick made, PA to follow up. **PA**

The wooden sign ‘Bleuburgh Chapel’ which fell off wall, to be restored and placed in church. **PA**

1. **Internal improvements**

Wardrobes to be removed, thanks to DW. To be replaced temporarily with kitchen cabinet. Tea urn is ordered, many thanks to Allison Dibb. Donated crockery etc. – all are to be in place for 29 November patronal service.  **DW/AD/PA**

Information on coffee machines from PL. Apprentice model 60 cups per day: Champion 100 per day.

Available on lease or sale. Smaller example at Killinghall garage. GK recommended Galaxy coffee, also Azzera and Americano available.

1. **External improvements**

**12.1** Chris Utley has been contacted for quotation to fix external steps to road and east wall and corner south east wall. PCC agreed, as steps are a Health and Safety issue.

**13. Fund raising**

**13.1 St Andrew’s Night,** **Friday, 5 February 2016**, 7.15 pm Tickets £15 light hearted Scottish night at The Hopper Lane, thanks to Allison Dibb for venue. Arrangements as discussed 21 October, going ahead. **DW,GK, DP, AD**

Enquiries for piper – no success to date – piper to attend at 8.00 pm. PA to make more enquiries. **PA**

**Publicity** DP had produced eye catching ticket, also for flyers and posters A4. @ The Hopper Lane and local noticeboards. Info to parish mag. early Nov.  **DP**

Flyers for distribution in Jan edition of parish mag. have been ordered for delivery with Dec. mag to avoid Christmas rush.

**13.2 Cards** for Christmas and ‘All Seasons’ organised by AB. Cheques payable to Fewston and Blubberhouses churches.

**13.3 Flower Festival**

Request for sponsors and helpers to go in Jan edition of parish mag., link with Queen’s 90th birthday and celebration at Fewston is to be emphasised**. PA**

DMP, PA and GK offered sponsorship.

* 1. **Heritage Information**

Lenisa Noakes mentioned as expert to bring the material together. Lenisa and DMP met 18th November. LN kindly agreed to produce leaflet, she has contact with good printer. DMP and LN

to liaise on production. It was agreed to get two printing quotes, when work is ready. Work on design to start early January 2016. D**MP/LN**

**14.Website/facebook**

Facebook phase 1, GK working on this. Response from jerrydunne604@hotmail.com.

**15. Any Other Business**

Cinema for village halls, linked to Bradford photo museum, [hello@cinenorth.co.uk](mailto:hello@cinenorth.co.uk) – possibility for fund raising.

**16. Date and time of next meeting(s)**

**20 January 2016. At 2.00 pm at The Hopper Lane.**

The St Andrew’s night team may need to meet before this to finalise arrangements.

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**17 Feb., 16 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July. No meeting in August.**

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