

DIOCESE OF GLASGOW and GALLOWAY

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scottish Charity no SC013925

Outline of the BISHOP'S STAFF GROUP meeting held on 14th July 2009

Present: The Bishop, the Dean, the Provost, Synod Clerk, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Secretary

Vacancies:

Bearsden/Milngavie	Dean to preside at Institution
East Kilbride	Dean to meet vestry on 10 th August
King's Park	Profile being revised
Port Glasgow	Interviewing in August
Airdrie	Profile complete
Lenzie	Revd Dr Geoff Scobie retiring in October. Mission Core Group to lead discussion on options
Troon	Dean to meet Vestry in August

Personnel

Informal At-home to say goodbye to the Bishop in the Diocesan Centre on Tuesday 28th July, 11am – 1 pm
Revd David Mungavin moving to the Church of Ireland at the end of August

Ministry & Mission:

Faith & Order – Convenership now vacant. With no major issues warranting a replacement as such now, the two diocesan members of the provincial F&O Board – the Dean and Mr Richard Horrell – could deal with anything that came up in the meantime.

Knightswood – The Mission Core Group to be involved in helping both Jordanhill and Knightswood to look at future options.

The Bishop had met the Youth network; Revd Christian Okeke to be asked to update the August Diocesan Council.

Property

Girvan – Tower now secured, loose stones to be removed 23/06/09 by steeplejack

Pollokshields – Stone arch complete, Scottish Ballet will undertake thorough cleaning of site.

Dumfries – Advice re bells in progress.

Highburgh Drive – Ceiling repaired, clearing out in progress, to be decorated.

Possil Old Rectory – Works to begin August; Rental in negotiation, November entry.

Airdrie – EGE liaising with Vestry on sale of old rectory and acquisition of new.

Bishop's House - Water ingress persists in ex-office despite extensive work on roof. Ceiling to be stripped down during vacancy for investigation

St George's Building - new lift being installed.

Grant Application Policy £15,000 proxy fund to be established for Dunderdale Fund projects. M&D to be decided on an "as needed basis". Grants to be administered quarterly from 2010 onwards with deadline dates issued – TL to draft guidance note

Diocesan Centre Refurbishment (Mrs Jean Graham in attendance)

Work to start 17th August. Treasurer to act as Project Manager, and to set out a plan with Mrs Graham and the Architect to ensure that office work can continue with the minimum disruption. Mrs Graham and Mrs Cadie to attend August meeting to ensure that the Staff Group is fully briefed on the proposals, both for the finished work, and for maintaining normal services during the work.

Finance

Knightswood – Agreed that the Diocesan would provide financial support @ £1,500 per month from July for the rest of the year, subject to Diocesan Council approval. The Vestry would be required to produce a plan for their ongoing future.

Agreed that the Investment Committee could spend £492 to avail of a Rights Issue

Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley – the Treasurer had been approached for funds as their hall project was at a critical stage. The Diocese had agreed to underwrite the project to provide assurance to other funders, but the expectation had been that the project would be adequately funded. More information required, and the project team would be asked to report to the August Diocesan Council.

Administration:

Official notice had been received of the Canons revised at General Synod.

Episcopal Vacancy: The Mandate will be issued on 15th August. The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be on 17th August, 10-4pm with lunch. Preliminary meeting of Electoral Synod will be held on the morning of 19th September, at Newlands

Gib FitzGibbon

Diocesan Secretary