Meeting 18

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 23 October 2018

Present: Fr Joseph Boyle, John Graham, Paul Mc Bride, Kathleen McGowan.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

1. **Parish Finances**
   At the end of September 2018 the closing balance for the Main Parish Account stood at £280,799.95. The balance for the Hall Account for the same period closed at £4795.82.

2. **Replacement Windows/Doors**
   The original schedule was that the work would be done in a staged manner with the front facade of the church being completed first, followed by the north and south elevations. After several site meetings with the consultant and Ken Crilley and the recent availability of funds, it was agreed that all the work would be undertaken in a single phase. The windows and doors are now in situ and the quality of the work is excellent, greatly enhancing the appearance of the Church inside and out. Only some minor 'snagging work' remains to be done.
   While working on replacing the windows the contractors noticed that the roof guttering in some areas required urgent repair. Marshall Brown has agreed to carry out this work at no extra cost.

3. **Grant Application**
   It was agreed that we should investigate the feasibility of applying for a grant from the local authority Area Budget Fund with regard to assisting us with the cost of refurbishing the remaining chairs in the hall. John Graham will follow this up.

4. **Trees**
   .Fr. Boyle informed the meeting that the trees at the back of the Church required serious pruning and that one had already blown down in a recent storm. As these trees delineate the boundary between the Church grounds and that belonging to the Knights of St Columba, it may be worthwhile investigating if they would be willing to share the cost of any work required.
   Fr Boyle also stated that he was concerned about a large tree situated on Council land (Tinwald Path) and adjacent to the Church House. He feared that if it was uprooted in any storm it could damage the Chapel House. John Graham will talk to the local councillor regarding this matter.

5. Ramp and Steps

Fr Boyle asked if Balfron Builders could be approached to provide a quote for an additional ramp at the front of the Church and also repairs to the steps. Paul McBride / John Graham will deal with this.

6. Monthly Dances

The meeting informed Fr Boyle that many parishioners had expressed concern and disappointment that the monthly dances in the Church Hall had discontinued. It was suggested that a 'Social Committee' be set up to run these events. Kathleen McGowan agreed to raise this at the upcoming Parish Planning Meeting.

7. AOCB

(i) Fr Boyle raised concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of the floor in the hall.

(ii) An application for an extension to the Hall Liquor Licence will be required for the Hogmanay event.

(iii) Still no permanent solution regarding the supply of power to the speakers in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting Tuesday 4th December 2018