

**Parish Pastoral Council
St Fillan's and St Margaret's
Tuesday 27th August 7 pm**

Minutes

1. Canon Tom opened the meeting by welcoming all and leading the meeting in prayer
2. Apologies were received from T. McDermott, C. McCrosson, C. Haynes and J. Ottolini
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved
4. There was one item arising that would be discussed, that of the disabled toilet in the porch of St Fillan's
5. Reports and updates

The Children's Mass was going well. The first one after the holidays would take place on 1st September followed by a 'Bring and Share' Lunch.

Tom Marron updated us on safeguarding issues. He had met with John Smith, the new Safeguarding Officer in the Diocese. On Wednesday 2nd October, John Smith would be in Crieff to approve documentation for those ready to be disclosed. Training would be provided later on in the year, into next year.

Ola updated the Council on the parish website and social media. We had made a good start and the parish website and Facebook page were both growing. Work would be done on making the website easier to use. There would be a focus on making a promotional video and outreach. Invitations to the Bring and Share Lunch had been widely distributed. Feedback on the site was encouraged, to date 12 forms had been received. It was now possible to book the hall online. We had 80+ subscribers to the website. Mailchimp is a vehicle we can use to send out emails.

Katie Gallagher had provided an update on finance. Her work, and that of Margaret Moran and Brendan Devine was much appreciated. We should build up a picture by comparing year on year.

In terms of the Fabric of the building, the situation with the porch of the church and the disabled toilet was a very slow, frustrating but ongoing process. A survey of the porch is to take place and drawings of the proposed windows would be submitted to the Council for approval.

Maureen Pearson is in charge of the hall and very much on top of the situation. Thursday evenings after 6.30 pm had been allocated for parish events.

Canon Tom was planning a session for High School students on Thursday 5th September under the heading of 'Just Live It.'

6. Draft Action Plan (includes some notes on fabric)

Lance addressed this and described the process involving Canon Tom, Ola, Margaret and Chris H. Four meetings had taken place. The main aim was to look at increasing numbers coming into the church and income, with a target of 400 people attending in the next few years, and income rising accordingly. The question was how we could engage people and persuade them to come. Various events were proposed and means of communication. The hall, gardens could be kept in mind as possible resources for sharing and outreach.

Lance had investigated the possibility of a sign and Peth and Kinross Council should be approached.

The investments we had in the parish were seen as a disincentive for people to contribute. Our plan would be to allocate that money.

Other related points

There was a desire expressed to invest in some IT equipment.

The car park had been fixed.

The hall price had been raised to £10 per hour. Keyholders were now registered.

Standing orders were mentioned as a means of guaranteeing income and a push on Gift Aid was suggested. Finance was a separate message and Canon Tom should not be the one to push this.

Possible areas and suggestions for outreach

- Music group to include young people – Tom to look at this with Jennie
- School as area for collaboration
- Transport for housebound?
- Visiting group – a meeting would be held soon
- Canon Tom mentioned the 'Landings' programme
- Masses for different groups

7. There was no other business

8. The date of the next meeting: Monday 21st October at 7.30 pm