



Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady
of Lourdes



14, Westhill Road, Coundon, Coventry, CV6 2AA

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216

MINUTES OF FINANCE MEETING

Thursday 17th October 2019 @ 7.00pm

ATTENDEES:

Fr Tom, Con McHugh, Eileen Moroney, Pat Sheehan, David Parnell, Danny O' Flanagan, Marina Berry

APOLOGIES: Colin Fisher, Will Carr

1 Prayer

The meeting began at 7.00pm with a prayer.

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th May 2019.

The minutes of the last meeting were formally agreed.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Collections to CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need have been sent as agreed at the last meeting. This was in response to the African Cyclone and the Sri Lanka Appeal.

The Lift to the Parish Centre would be dealt with as an agenda item below. The Sports Centre roof has been repaired but further repairs are necessary in another part of the building. The Church Bells at Christ the King have been renewed and are fully working. The refurbished old church bells have now been fitted to St Augustine's and rings at 9am, 12noon and 6.00pm for the Angelus every weekday. On Sunday it chimes at 10.25am before the 10.30am Mass. It has been very well received and there have been no complaints.

4 Signing of the Minutes

Fr Tom agreed to sign a set of the updated minutes for the Parish Records.

5 Lift to Parish Centre

Fr Tom thanked David Parnell for all his work over the last 6 months. There are 3 options being considered.

- Option 1 – Lift access near the Ladies toilets with shaft external to building. Planning permission has recently been obtained for this option. There is now a need to apply for building regulations and to consult the Fire Brigade. The costs are estimated between £46k-£50k. The lift is on an 8 to 10 week lead time and there is building work needed to provide the external lift shaft. The work would not start until the New Year when the club is quieter.
- Option 2 – Lift access in location of main stairs. The stairs will have a reduced width to accommodate the shaft. The stairs will need to be replaced. David Parnell would enquire about the necessary regulations for the stair width and if there was enough space for a lift shaft.
- Option 3 – update existing system with hydraulic version.

Please note the existing system is 12 years old and the motor has recently been burnt out. A replacement part is being sought.

The work has also highlighted the need for additional roles in the club such as Fire Marshalls and safety assessments.

The impact to club bookings needs to be considered when planning the work.

6 St Augustine's Sports Centre

The club is being well used and footfall has increased. The Gymnastics Club is proving very popular. We are awaiting prices from the contractor for the next phase of roof work.

7 Investment Scheme

It was agreed to transfer another £25,000 into the Unit Scheme. It was decided not to invest in any property at this time. As a charity there are strict guidelines on what we can invest in. Other investment ideas were discussed but the Charities Act has guidelines that must be complied with and limits what we can invest in. The Unit Scheme at the moment is worth just over £650k.

8 Club review

Several people have been barred from the club and it is felt that the atmosphere has improved. The addition of the lift will benefit the club. The high standard of catering was mentioned as it is regularly complemented by those at events there.

9 Gift Aid Scheme Update

A cheque for £15,737 has been received from the HMRC. There is still £4,000 due from the HMRC for the loose plate donations. The Offertory Collections are represented with 57% being Gift Aided and 43% Non-Gift Aided. It was thought sensible to make people aware of the standing orders and direct debits option. The electronic payment method was not thought suitable for the Parish. Eileen and the team were thanked for their hard work with Gift Aid and counting the collection.

10 Improvement to Church benches

The planned work refurbishing the benches is now complete. This work was done by Shepherd Decoration. Mr Derek Woodward is now doing regular maintenance on damaged kneelers. Fr Tom expressed his thanks.

11 Other improvements to church

Fr Tom asked those present if they were aware of any further improvements that were needed at either Christ the King or St Augustine's. Ideas mentioned included:

- Church matting by entrance
- Computerised Music system to help with hymns when there is no organ or musician group. Fr Tom has seen a couple of systems and will pursue this.
- Church projector system that could help display the mass liturgy and support talks in the church. An additional benefit could be showing what is going on during key masses such as Confirmation. Fr Tom and Con to pursue.

12 Charitable Donations (SVP, IBBA Girls School)

- The donations in the Green boxes will continue to be given to the IBBA Girls School.
- Fr Tom mentioned the work done by the SVP and that many are unaware. They meet on a Monday evening and help with those in need. It was agreed to continue with the Annual collection and to use the donations for the Month of the Holy Souls.

13 AOB

- The flower boxes donated by the council are helping with vehicle parking, however some vehicles still squeeze in. Fr Tom wants to reposition a couple of these to stop this. Ongoing planting of flowers was mentioned, and it is viewed as a possible opportunity for the school to get involved with
- It was agreed to start the Parish Report.
- The next meeting is on 14th May 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.