

HEXHAM ABBEY FOURTH PCC MEETING 2008-2009	We have a vision of a world where God's love is enjoyed, celebrated and shared. Therefore it is our mission to become an open community of Christ's disciples, sharing our worship, engaging our faith with the world and offering our lives to serve God's kingdom
Date: 18 November 2008	
Time: 1930	
Venue: The Monastic Workshop	

Present: Canon G B Usher, Ms G Alexander, Mr P Binks (Secretary), Mr S Batey, Mr K Box, Mr R Dallison, Mr R Dance, Mr H Everett, Mr N Gaukroger, Miss N Horne, Dr M Howell, Mrs A Jeffries, Mr J B Jonas, Mrs D Kilby (Chair), Mr J Robinson, Mr A Sinclair, Mrs S Snow, Mr R Thornton.

In attendance: Mrs R Ogilvie, Mrs F Standfield (Hexham Abbey Project Manager), Mr A Winstanley

08.04.01 Prayers Action

08.04.02 Apologies:
Mr J Arkless, Mr E Lovell, Mrs J Musto, Mr D Ratcliff

08.04.03 Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 23 September DR

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated. It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record with the following exceptions:

Page 3: Carol Moy (spelling)

08.04.04 Matters arising:

08.04.04.1 1300th Anniversary of St Wilfrid's Death

The Rector reported that:

- Planning for the Choir Trip in October was going well, and the planning group were meeting later in the week. A extension of the group into a wider parish pilgrimage was being considered DR
- Both Archbishops had declined invitations to attend, however it was hoped that visits from others may take place: GBU
 - Church of England Director of Mission
 - Bishop Graham Cray, Fresh Expressions Team Leader GBU
- Hexham Abbey would support the York Conference DR

during the year

- Sub-committees were to be asked to propose further ideas

08.04.04.2 Revised policy handbook – publication to the website (2.4.5) DR

It was reported that the major number of policies were now published on the Abbey website. The full Health and Safety policy and any other policies requested by the *Being Safe Committee* would also be published in this way. Thanks were expressed to Simon Curry for securing this.

08.04.04.3 Anglo-Saxon Chalice

Following concerns about the effect of light on the chalice, it was agreed that the Abbey would enquire of the Chancellor if the existing arrangement could continue until a more permanent solution was offered in the Hexham Abbey Centre. This would also require faculty adjustment. Roy Dallison offered to provide a carbon cloth.

RoD
CD/RT

08.04.04.4 Health and Safety: Risk Assessments

It was reported that contact had been made with Ecclesiastical Insurance as a first step in the review of the Abbey's Risk Assessment and Working Practice documentation.

DR

08.04.05 Minutes of the Standing Committee held on 14 October (attached)
Members of the Standing Committee approved the minutes of the meeting as a correct record.

08.04.06 Matters arising:

08.04.06.1 Guide Book Sales

GBU

The Standing Committee's authorisation of changes to the range and cost of Abbey Guide Book publications were noted and ratified by the Council. Details would now be left to the Shop to finalise.

Concern was expressed by some members about the withdrawal from sale of the *20p leaflets*. The reasons behind this decision were explained by the Rector.

08.04.06.2 Churchwarden and Sidesmen duties

PB

Paul Binks introduced the updating of duties for Churchwardens and Sidesmen. Members of the Standing Committee had suggested changes. The document was ratified without

exception.

08.04.07	Hexham Abbey Project	Paper attached
	<p>A report from the Project Managers, previously circulated, was received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCC Workshop – led by Ros Harwood and Andy Brown from Dickinson Dees, Thursday 27 November at 1800, starting with food. There will be an opportunity to ask questions following the presentations. The decisions to be made are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Options for acquisition○ New charity to manage on behalf of the PCC○ Delegated authority	
08.04.08	Hon. Treasurer's report	
	08.04.08.1 Draft Budget 2009	
	<p>The Honorary Treasurer and the Finance Officer introduced the draft budget for 2009. It was proposed by Andrew Sinclair and seconded by Richard Thornton and IT WAS AGREED that the draft budget be adopted.</p>	
	08.04.08.2 Fees	
	<p>The Council noted the Standing Committee's approval of fees for the coming year.</p>	
08.04.09	Hon. Secretary	DR
	<p>No items to report.</p>	
08.04.10	Rector's items	GBU
	BBC Radio 4 Epiphany broadcast	
	<p>The Rector reported that the Abbey had been invited to design and lead a live broadcast of worship on the Sunday of Epiphany (4 January 2009, 0810-0850). The Chamber Choir would lead the music and the PCC agreed that this would be a non-Eucharistic service.</p>	
08.04.11	Deanery Synod Report:	
	<p>The Council received with thanks a report from Hedley Everett on the Deanery Synod meeting of 24 September 2008, at which Rev. Dr Dagmar Winter shared reflections from the summer's General Synod meeting.</p>	
08.03.12	Electoral Roll Officer's Report	
	<p>Nora Horne reported that there had been no changes to the Roll.</p>	

08.04.13 Treading Lighter during Lent

Led by Austin Winstanley, the Council considered how we might respond to this initiative and add to it. Austin will confirm that our parish is interested in taking part, and the initiative will be advertised in the pewsheet from the start of January and in News and Views.

Other parish organisations will consider how they may be involved:

- Friday Zone (Anita Jeffries, with Martin and Keith)
- Parish Office (Rachel Ogilvie)
- Property Committee and Candles (Richard Thornton)
- Shop (John Robinson)
- Sermons (The Rector)
- Low-energy lighting (Richard Thornton).

08.04.14 Appointment of Assistant Priest

The Council received a report from the Rector on the appointment process of an Assistant Priest. It was confirmed that an appointment had been made and an announcement would be made following the receipt of a clear enhanced CRB disclosure. It was likely that the Assistant Priest would start after Easter 2009.

08.04.15 Sub-Committee Reports

08.04.15.1 Property

Nothing to report

RT

08.04.15.2 Being Safe

The Committee had met last month. A Policy Compliance Audit is to take place shortly.

AJ

08.04.15.3 Aid and Global Issues

At their recent meeting the committee had agreed to support Tynedale Community Hospice for a further 4 years, making this charity our Local Partner Agency.

Frank Riley will coordinate the 2009 Christian Aid Week.

The PCC agreed, in this current economic climate, to a donation of £500 to Tynedale Citizens' Advice Bureau.

08.04.15.4 Social and Caring:

The recent Razz, Jazz and Shiraz evening had been very successful. Thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Binks.

08.04.16 Any other business

- i. The PCC gave permission for the Girls' Choir to sing Carols in the Market Place on 18 December from 1800-1900. Michael Haynes and Anita Jeffries will accompany the group.
- ii. The PCC gave permission for an exhibition of the work of artist Denise Ledgerwood in the Abbey in Summer 2009. Proceeds will come to the Abbey. Rachel Ogilvie will confirm arrangements.
- iii. It was agreed that the Parish, through the Rector and Secretary would express to Northumberland County Council the concerns of the PCC in relation to future funding of the Tynedale CAB?
- iv. Sue Snow enquired about the position of the Clinic Car Park. The Rector reported that he was hopeful of negotiating a return of access.

RO

The PCC were reminded of the meeting on Thursday 27 November at 1800 for a workshop with Dickinson Dees about the governance structures for the proposed Hexham Abbey Project.

The next meeting of the PCC will take place on Tuesday 27 January (transferred from 20th).