

HEXHAM ABBEY EXTRA 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: 27 November 2008	
Time: 1800	
Venue: The Monastic Workshop	

Present: Canon G B Usher (Chair), Mr J Arkless, Mr P Binks, Mr R Dallison, Mr R Dance, Miss N Horne, Mrs A Jeffries, Mr J B Jonas, Mrs D Kilby, Mr D Ratcliff (Secretary), Mr J Robinson, Mrs S Snow.

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

From Dickinson Dees: Ros Harwood, Andy Brown

08.05.01 Prayers Action

08.05.02 Apologies were received from:
Ms G Alexander, Mr S Batey, Mr K Box, Mr H Everett, Mr N Gaukroger, Dr M Howell, Mr E Lovell, Mrs J Musto, Mr A Sinclair, Mr R Thornton

08.06.03 08.06.03.01 ACQUISITION FOR HEXHAM ABBEY PROJECT

Ros Harwood introduced the two options for acquisition of the buildings which would form the new *Hexham Abbey Project*. For reasons of grant-seeking and the retention of overall responsibility, she recommended that acquisition by the PCC was preferable to the creation of a new charity to acquire the buildings. She reminded the PCC that legislation which determined purposes of charities, and the fact that the buildings would be under the custodian trusteeship of the Diocese supported this option.

It was therefore proposed by Roy Dallison and seconded by John Robinson and

IT WAS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that

the PCC of Hexham Abbey would itself acquire the buildings and land necessary for the development of the Hexham Abbey Centre and vest these with the Newcastle Diocesan Society as custodian trustees, subject to funding being available and this being confirmed by the PCC.

08.06.03.02 MANAGEMENT OF HEXHAM ABBEY PROJECT

As the proposed activities of the Project are generally charitable Ros Harwood recommended that the PCC establish a charity to manage the Project. She made this recommendation because:

- The PCC would not want to retain day-to-day responsibility, but do want the income generated by the Project
- There are tax benefits if a charity is managing the Project
- The purposes of the Project are charitable.

Trading subsidiaries could then be formed as necessary to manage the various enterprises of the Project.

The preferred option would be to establish a charitable company limited by guarantee in which the PCC "owns" the charity by being the sole member in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The PCC would have representation on the Board of the charity. Ros Harwood quoted the success of other similar organisations which were established in this way.

There were possible implications for the Abbey Shop.

It was proposed by JB Jonas and seconded by James Arkless and

IT WAS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that

the PCC establish a Charitable company Limited by Guarantee, of which the PCC is the sole Member, to manage the Hexham Abbey Project.

08.06.03.03 DELEGATED AUTHORITY WITHIN HEXHAM ABBEY PROJECT

Ros Harwood introduced ideas outlining issues concerning the detail of delegated authority under the new structure.

It was proposed by the Rector and seconded by Roy Dallison and

IT WAS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that

the core members of the Hexham Abbey Project, with the addition of John Robinson, will have delegated responsibility for certain defined decisions set out in a terms of reference, yet to be agreed by the PCC, regarding the legal structures necessary for the Hexham Abbey Project.

It was further agreed that Ros Harwood and Fiona Standfield would draw up Terms of Reference flowing from this definition.

08.06.04 VALUE ADDED TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR HEXHAM ABBEY PROJECT

Andy Brown gave a full introduction to the complexity of the situation regarding Value Added Tax and the way in which the establishment of the new organisation needed to be considered very carefully in order not to be liable unnecessarily for Value Added Tax. His advice will be needed as the details of the charity and its trading subsidiaries are formed.

The Rector thanked Ros Harwood and Andy Brown for their clear advice and

guidance through very complex areas.

08.06.05

Next meetings (both changes of date)

- Standing Committee
 - Tuesday 13 January 1930 at The Rectory
- PCC
 - Tuesday 27 January 1930 in Monastic Workshop

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair

Date