

HEXHAM ABBEY FIRST PCC MEETING 2010 - 2011	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 May 2010	
Time: 1930	
Venue: The Monastic Workshop	

APPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010

Present: Canon G B Usher, Ms G Alexander (Chair), Mr J Arkless, Mr J Brady, Mr H Everett, Mrs F Finnon, Mr S Guy, Miss N Horne, Mrs A Jeffries, Mr J B Jonas, Mrs F Kelsey, Mr E Lovell, Miss J Milner, Mr P Myles, Mr D Ratcliff (Secretary), Mr R Thornton, Mrs V Watson

In attendance: Mrs J Musto, Mr P Standfield (Hexham Abbey Project Manager)

Prayers and welcomes

These were led by the Rector.

10.01.01 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Rev J Anderson, Mr P Binks, Mr R Dallison, Dr M Howell, Mrs R Ogilvie and Mr J Robinson.

10.01.04 **Parish officers**

The Council confirmed the co-option to the PCC of: Simon Guy, Josie Milner and James Brady, and the appointment of officers for the coming year:

Parish Officers

Lay Chair of PCC	Gill Alexander
Honorary Treasurer	Simon Guy
Honorary Secretary	David Ratcliff
Electoral Roll Officer	Nora Horne
Churches Together Rep	Pam Nobbs
Bible Society Reps	JB Jonas Roger Milton

Proposer/Seconder

Fiona Finnon, Nora Horne
 Nora Horne, Richard Thornton
 JB Jonas, James Arkless
 Gill Alexander, Fiona Finnon
 David Ratcliff

10.01.02 **Minutes of the last PCC Meeting** (23 March) and **Standing Committee** (11 May)

The Council agreed these as a true record of the PCC meeting.

10.01.03 **Matters arising from these meetings**

10.01.03.01 **St Mary's Lowgate**

The current position, as reported by John Robinson, was noted.

10.01.03.02 **Stewardship Campaign**

The Council reviewed the campaign and expressed thanks to the Steering Group for the considerable effort and success resulting from the campaign, including Chris Milner and Paul Myles for the DVD, and to Rachel Ogilvie.

10.01.03.03 **Staging**

The Secretary reported that delivery had been completed on this day and that a small team of Parish and Festival people had been trained in its use and construction. The costs were met largely by The Hexham Abbey Festival and a specific donation within the parish.
The PCC requested that all the stage team received manual handling training.

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Stage
Team

10.01.03.04 **Parish away day items**

The Rector introduced a written summary of progress in all the initiatives suggested at the Away Day, which run alongside all the Abbey's day-to-day life. It was noted that the first meeting of the Liturgy Group will be held on 15 June.

10.01.03.05 **Hexham Abbey Project**

The Council received a report from the Project Managers updating the progress of the HLF bid and other potential funders.

It was proposed by James Arkless and seconded by Edmund Lovell and **IT WAS AGREED, following discussion, to designate £100,000 from the existing Abbey fabric budget to support the Hexham Abbey Project.**

The Council noted the *Workplan* which will drive the Project Managers' work for the next months.

10.01.03.06 **Tyrrell Bequest**

Gratitude was expressed to Marjorie and Geoffrey Tyrrell and their family for their generous bequest. It was agreed that, as funds arrive, they will be carefully invested. The PCC delegated the responsibility for this decision to the Standing Committee. The Council noted the purpose of this major bequest was "to apply towards such improvement to and restoration of the fabric of Hexham Abbey as the Rector and Churchwardens in their absolute discretion think fit and with the wish that that my residuary estate be applied firstly to towards the provision of stained glass in the windows at the south end of the south transept of Hexham Abbey without imposing any legal obligation on the Rector and Churchwardens". The Council also noted a forthcoming meeting for advice from the DAC Working Group

10.01.05 **Honorary Treasurer's Report**

The Council received the latest budget update from Simon Guy and noted the impact of the *Paving the Way* campaign on the forecast 2010 out-turn – now a £12,000 surplus instead of a £21,000 deficit.

10.01.06 **Honorary Secretary's Report**

- A certificate acknowledging the 100% payment of the 2009-2010 Parish Share.
- The Secretary reported that new members of the PCC would need to be registered as Trustees of the charity.

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10.01.07 **Clergy Terms and Conditions of Service** (attached)

The Rector reported new conditions of service for clergy, aimed at bringing them employment protection and regulation. There are currently two employment statuses - Freehold (generally incumbents) and Licence (which is time-constrained). Both categories

will be replaced by *Common Tenure*. All clergy currently on freehold can move now (or at any time in the future of their current role) to the new system or retain freehold until the end of their current post, all on licence will move now.

10.01.08 **Generous, Open and Engaged**

The PCC watched a DVD presentation about the Diocesan vision.

10.01.09 **Parish policies**

The Council confirmed the proposed policies for 2010-11 with a small number of amendments, including the revised Governance Policy with the proposed new structure for managing the Hexham Abbey Project.

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10.01.10 **Clergy items**

There were no specific items.

10.01.11 **Churches Together in Hexham Report**

A report from Pam Nobbs was presented verbally:

- The arrangements for Hexham Holiday Club, led by Trinity Methodist Church volunteers, were well advanced ahead of the start on 1 August. A "Songs of Praise" at the Bandstand may be held on 4 July.
- A Harvest celebration - Hootenany Ceildh – is planned 23 October (the day after the Gala Dinner).
- 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible, and there has been discussion regarding how we might mark this.

10.01.12 **Deanery Synod Report**

No meeting since last PCC

10.01.13 **Committee Reports**

10.01.13.01 **Property Committee**

- Faculties:
 - The public notice for the organ CCTV is currently being advertised, and the faculty predicted in mid-June
 - The project to install electronically operated doors in the Slype is awaiting local quotes before the public notice period
- Richard Thornton outlined the current projects and the PCC approved funding for this extended list
- A recommendation from the Property Committee to use some of the budget amount for the refurbishment of the Parish Centre kitchen to commission a building condition survey was approved.

Current Committee: Richard Thornton (Chair), John Arthur, Colin Dallison, Pat Griffiths, Stan James, JB Jonas, Alan Phillipson, Simon Rowarth, Richard Snow, Tom Kelsey and John Robinson (SC)

10.01.13.02

Social Committee

There had been no meeting.

Current Committee: Helen Guy and Jude Garrow (Joint Chair), Nora Horne, Fiona Kelsey (SC), Beth Banks, Liz Binks, Ivan Pickard, Mary Whitbread and Vivienne Watson

10.01.13.03

Aid and Global Issues Committee

- The annual donation to support the work of the Hexham Holiday Club was approved.

Current Committee: Larry Bush (Chair), Frank Riley, Paul Binks (SC), Dorothy Sisterson, Pat Griffiths, Austin Winstanley, Peter Anderson and Mary Whitbread

10.01.13.04

Being Safe Committee

- It was noted that the Responsible Person in respect of Fire regulations had transferred from the Rector to David Ratcliff

Current Committee: John Mitchell (Chair), Lynne Ratcliff, Janet Gold, John Arthur, Mavis Ostler, David Ratcliff (H+S Officer) and Fiona Fannon (SC)

10.01.13.05

Learning and Discipleship

- This new sub-committee had not yet met

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Current Committee: David Ratcliff (Chair and SC), Rev Alan Currie, Pam Nobbs, Anita Jeffries

10.01.13.06

Hexham Abbey Project Roy Dallison and Gill Alexander with input from John Robinson

10.01.14 **Electoral Roll Officer's Report**

Nora Horne reported that, with three new members and some deletions, the Roll now stands at 322.

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10.01.15 **Any other business**

There was none and the meeting closed at 2125.

10.01.16 **Date and Time of next meeting:**

PCC: 1930 Tuesday 20 July

David Ratcliff
19 May 2010

Approved as correct record:

Chair

Date 20 July 2010