

HEXHAM ABBEY EXTRA PCC MEETING 2010 - 2011	<p>We have a vision of a world where God's love is enjoyed, celebrated and shared.</p> <p>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</p>
Date: 18 May 2010	
Time: 1130	
Venue: The Monastic Workshop	

APPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2010

Present: Ms G Alexander (Chair), Rev J Anderson, Mr P Binks, Mr J Brady, Mr H Everett, Mrs F Finnon, Mr S Guy, Miss N Horne, Dr M Howell, Mr J B Jonas, Mrs F Kelsey, Mr E Lovell, Mr P Myles, Mr R Thornton (Secretary), Mrs V Watson.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Mr J Arkless, Mr R Dallison, Miss J Milner, Mr D Ratcliff, Mr J Robinson and Canon G B Usher.

10.01a.01

Purchase of the former Clinic Building.

The meeting commenced with a short tour around the outside of the Clinic Building. Unfortunately, keys were not available for the building to enable the PCC Members to inspect the building internally.

The Chair summarised the reason for the meeting was for the PCC to consider whether they wished to give the Standing Committee delegated authority to negotiate and make a bid for the former Clinic Building. This was again on the market with a deadline for the submission of sealed bids by 18 June 2010.

The Chair explained that should the PCC purchase the former Clinic building then this would serve as an Abbey building for Parish administration functions, education resource centre, and community use. The Clinic building does not form part of the current HLF bid for the Carnaby building, which would be serve the Visitor needs.

10.01a.01.01

Funding

The Council were reminded that the PCC submitted a bid of £50K for the building 2 years ago, but this was unsuccessful. It is believed that this figure was a long way short of the Primary Care Trust's (PCT) book value for the property. The Council were able to re-consider a further bid now, independent of the HLF submission, due to the potential opportunities that the Tyrell bequest has given the Abbey. It has been estimated that the South Transept clerestory windows that the bequest has been principally left to the Abbey to fund may cost around £80K each. However, the bequest could be in the order of £700K. The bequest cannot be used for the purchase but any excess over the cost of the windows could release Abbey funds to be made available for the purchase of the former Clinic building, immediate costs and

initial running costs as outlined in the meeting agenda briefing note.

10.01a.01.02

Bid

The closing date for bids for the former Clinic building is 18 June 2010. It was confirmed that should the PCC submit a bid then at this stage it would be not be binding, as the bid would be qualified as subject to contract, a satisfactory condition survey etc. However, to improve on the previous bid it was agreed that a PCC submission should emphasise to the PCT the added benefits the PCC owning the building would bring such as opportunities for the community, youth work and historic preservation. It is not clear when the results of the bidding process will be known.

10.01a.01.03

Additional Surveys

To assist in the decision the Standing Committee have commissioned an updated condition survey and valuation, but these are not due to be received until Wednesday afternoon.

1 **Following discussion on the issues, IT WAS AGREED, to give the Standing Committee the delegated authority to submit a bid for the former Clinic Building by 18 June 2010 subject to receiving satisfactory additional condition survey and valuation reports.**

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12.30.

Approved as correct record:

Chair

Date 20 July 2010