

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish Monday 28th January 08, 7:30 pm Church House at St Mary's

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1. Present

Jim Law (Chair), Revd Canon Peter Craig-Wild, Revd Ann Pollard, Revd Gill Johnson, Revd Wendy Dalrymple, Mike Jenkins, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Katharine Crossley, Susan Young, Valerie Warner, Jane Jaggar, Stephen Butler, David Brooke, Barbara Keivers, Anne Heeley, Susan Pope, Jacqueline Turner, Carole Sykes, Chris Hargrave, Barry Hambling, Carol Wilkinson, Mark Pollard, Susan Auckland,

2. Apologies

Revd Helen Butler, Owen Ryder, Scott Senogles, Rachel Copley,

3. Minutes

Sue P proposed and Chris B seconded a motion to approve the minutes. This was carried unanimously..

4. Matters Arising

Charity Commission Scheme "Charity for Ecclesiastical Purposes"– A sealed document establishing the Charity has been sent but is now being redone with "*Parish of St Mary's*" being replaced by "*Mirfield Team Parish*".

5. Reports from the three Churches

A verbal report was given of the activities of each of the three churches by Chris B, Kath, Gill and Sue P.

6. St Paul's Wraparound Scheme – Presentation by Ann

Ann tabled a detailed report on the progress of the Wraparound Scheme noting that we had been successful in obtaining a £4k grant from the Bishop's Fund. Detailed discussions were underway with Kirklees and the local Schools. In addition Darren Smith was pushing ahead with the "St Paul's Waterfront" development and was offering to exchange work to refurbish the St Paul's site for access rights. The following proposals were put to the PCC by Mark and seconded by Chris B that

- **The PCC encourage and support the discussions with Darren Smith.**
- **The PCC agree the funding to appoint Rob Craggs to draw up proposed plans for the development of the interior/exterior of St Paul's building and adjacent land in consultation with representatives of Mirfield Team Parish.**

The proposals were approved unanimously. In addition the PCC encouraged the Wraparound Team to seek assistance to help to locate funding sources and prepare bids. It was noted that before any changes can actually be approved, Faculties Petitions would be required and these would be brought to the PCC for approval.

7. Treasurer's Report

David reported that the parish share had been paid in full for 2007 and the first payment for the 2008 Parish Share would be sent shortly. £1.5k had been sent to HIV Life Ministries India (Justice Soloman's charity) and £1.5k was given to USPG and World Vision. We were committed to spend 5% of the regular giving to charity in 2008. David also raised the issue of copyright fees for the performance of music in the churches and this would need addressing in the near future.

8. Report from Standing Committee

8.1. "Approval to refurbish Organ Blower at St Mary's"

Work is underway by Allfab, approved by the Standing Committee, to refurbish the organ blower at a cost of £3,475, which would be met from the funds of the Choir Guild. The work should be finished within a few days. In addition Gill had approved extra work at a cost of £350 to make the cellar safe to work in by the installation of strip lights and a power socket.

9. Detached Youth Work and Youth Worker in Mirfield (Matrix) - presentation by Peter and Wendy

A detailed paper was tabled with a presentation explaining the current thinking about the possible appointment of a detached street worker and the development of a street work-team to operate in and around Mirfield Town Centre.

The project was called “Matrix” with the mission “*Creating opportunities for transformation in young lives and the community*”. The project had a twin track approach; first a relatively low cost activity coordinated by Wendy with local volunteers and secondly employing a Youth Worker again assisted by volunteers. The second track would require funding of about £116k over 3 years and would be run by the proposed new body “Churches Together in Mirfield” once this is formed. The funding would be sought from outside sources. The PCC were very encouraging and supportive of this initiative as a way forward following the death of Ross Wood. Peter agreed to circulate the paper by email and called for comments from the PCC. - **Action Peter.**

10. Formation of “Churches Together in Mirfield” -

A proposal to create this new body comes from the "Meeting of Mirfield Ministers". The following comments have been made by the chair of that meeting, Revd Michael Stopford.

"It is becoming ever more obvious that Mirfield is in dire need of the Light of the Gospel, and that the various limbs of the Body of Christ in our town are facing an enormous challenge. It would seem to me to be a matter of common sense that our witness and mission will be the more effective if it is joined up and-coordinated.

What each of us might be able to achieve in our dis-unity, will be multiplied in unity.

I appeal to all the Churches in the town to carefully consider my perceived need for a united approach to witness and mission, and to respond appropriately, to the suggestion that we come together, visibly, under the banner of Churches Together in Mirfield."

Michael H proposed and Barry seconded a resolution that **“the Parochial Church Council of the Mirfield Team Parish supports in principle the creation of a Churches Together in Mirfield.”** This was carried unanimously. A final vote of commitment would be put to the PCC once a constitution is drawn up.

11. Resolution –Repairs to the Parish Centre Roof

Mike J proposed and Ann P seconded a motion that **“the PCC gives approval to spend not more than £5k of earmarked funds on re-felting the roof of the Small Hall to the Parish Centre along with remedial work to the guttering system”.** This was carried unanimously.

12. Church House Flat – report by Mark

Mark tabled a paper outlining the background to the flat and the current state of the refurbishment work. It was hoped that the flat would be finished and available for let by 1 April 08. This was to be handled by Agents and it was anticipated that the rental income would be in the region of £600 to £700 a month. A figure closer to £600 p/m was more likely if we were to achieve a quick let.

13. Date of the APCM – 23rd April 7:0 pm

David proposed and Sue P seconded a motion that **“the APCM would be held at 7:0 pm on Wednesday 23rd April.”** This was carried unanimously. It was suggested that the most appropriate venue would be St Paul’s. It was noted that the Wardens, Synod Reps and Elected PCC members would all be up for re-election.

14. Resolution Establishing the Powers of the FAB Team and the Standing Committee

Referred from the Standing Committee:-

Chris H proposed and Barry seconded a Resolution - **“The FAB Team and the Standing Committee each separately to be given authority to spend Restricted Funds on appropriate projects and to be able to spend sums not exceeding £2k from general funds without recourse to the PCC”.** This was carried unanimously.

15. Future Dates for PCC and Standing Committee

The location of the next PCC would be in Church House when the PCC would have an opportunity to inspect the Flat.

Standing Committee - St Paul's 7:30pm	PCC - 7:30pm Venue to be Announced
Monday 25th February 2008	Thursday March 13th 2008
	APCM
	APCM – Wed 23rd April 2008 7:0 pm