Minutes of a meeting of the St George in the East PCC held on 24 July 2022 at 12 .00

Present Fr Richard Springer (Chair) Trish Bing; Miriam Brittenden; Jane Earl; Rob Hayward; Phil Hogan; Annadale Ramanoop; Fr Angus Ritchie; Xander O’Riordan (by zoom)

Apologies for absence were received from Francelise Mamilonne; Alan Dorji; Rev Alanna Harris; Ivonne Lojan-Maldonado; Nathaniel Darling

1. Fr Richard opened the meeting with prayer.

In introducing the meeting he referred to the fact that a number of PCC members were unable to attend ,and although the meeting was quorate, it was suggested that the only item of major debate should be the paper on affordable housing, with the remaining items being subject to questions today and dealt with more fully at the September meeting. The PCC agreed to this approach.

1. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 19 July 2022 had been previously circulated and with the amendment to remove one of the references to Rev Alanna Harris’s name, the minutes were approved as a correct record.
2. **Matters arising**

Jane Earl reported that the actions from the previous meeting had been largely completed. The independent auditor was to be appointed today and there was also an update on the roof works. The only outstanding issue was the publication of PCC minutes and photographs in the church – ACTION JE/ KP

1. **Affordable housing and PCC view**

Rich introduced the paper setting out some possible activities on three schemes which are currently being explored , and noting explicitly that this did not commit the PCC to any expenditure, or to delivering on schemes. He referred to the comments which were contained in the paper from members of the congregation, and the need to ensure that we are able to continue to hear and address these comments and concerns.

In discussion the following comments and questions were raised

1. The need for housing of all types, including for people currently living on the streets, and for all forms of affordable housing
2. Who owns the various pieces of land around the church
3. What the timetable is for this work – in response, it was noted that it was all likely to take a significant amount of time, because of the fact that any one of the schemes would need to be delivered in partnership with other organisations
4. The need to make sure that the steps to further exploration take full account of the concerns around heritage and environmental issues
5. How to hear concerns from people internally and externally and to continue an active listening campaign
6. Concerns over pollution levels

The PCC AGREED to commit to genuinely affordable housing in Shadwell, recommitting support to the project on Cable Street and the Open Table and agreeing to commit to further exploration of the possibility of affordable homes near to the church, and of ensuring that the conversation continues as widely as possible . it was also agreed to thank Rhiannon for her work on this paper.

**5.Finance report**

1. Following the APCM the PCC noted that there was a need to appoint the independent auditor for the current year. The PCC AGREED to appoint Asem Din, Partner at Hughes, Isaac and Co.
2. The updated accounts were noted, as was the fundraising update.
3. The Henderson Charity - it was noted that there was a need to resolve the affairs and reporting of this linked charity ACTION -KP / JE

**6. Roof leak and property**

Rich referred to the zoom call hosted by Joel Harland who had done a considerable piece of work on the water leaks through the roof and had produced a paper which had also been circulated to the meeting

It was noted that the company which did the work was previously a big contractor to the diocese. However, the Diocese have now removed the wider contract from the original company and so that company has gone into receivership, which may well complicate the position. However, Joel is currently trying to contact the subcontractor and our architect to see what redress is possible it was also noted that we should approach the Diocese to see if there is any support which they can give.

The PCC noted that the strategy is to undertake remedial work which will extend the life span of the roof for the next couple of years to enable the church to have time to think about what bigger works might potentially be done. Joel is happy to discuss the potential solutions further on a 1:1 basis, and the zoom call where he briefed folk has also been recorded and is available for people who could not join the call at the time. Rich also noted that the Diocese are still keen to support work on fundraising and plans for development.

The PCC AGREED that the attempts to seek redress from both the sub-contractor and the contractor should be pursued and that we should also approach the Diocese ACTION RS/ KP to pursue with Archdeacon, and JH and the property group to continue work on the other avenues.

1. **Actions**

* PCC minutes and photos in church – JE/KP
* KP to act on the appointment of the independent auditor
* JE/KP/RS to review the position of the Henderson Charity
* Actions on contacting roof contractors to be followed up – JH/ RS/KP

1. **Date of next meeting**

18 September at St Katharine Cree 12-30-330pm with lunch provided

Miriam closed the meeting with prayer

The meeting closed at 12 45pm