

Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne Launceston

Notes for PPC Meeting 06th May 2012

Following the initial report at the January PPC meeting, the measured building survey and topographical survey was completed and received at the end of February.

However, prior to arranging an initial consultation with the Local Authority Planning & Listed Building/Conservation Officers, Father David was contacted by James Wilson, the Diocesan Property Manager.

A meeting was held Friday 9th March with James Wilson, Fr David & Peter Hazard.

The strong recommendation from the Property Manager was that our Parish Church of St Cuthbert Mayne was of considerable Heritage interest, and was a National, if not International, Pilgrimage Centre and he urged caution in making any initial consultations without having a clear Planning, Heritage and financial team and assessment in place.

Accordingly, a meeting was held Thursday 05th April with a 'Heritage' architect, already working at the Parish Church in Tavistock, and subsequently 03rd May with a local Planning expert.

We are awaiting proposals and fee quotations from these two professionals, and the Planning expert has recommended further Heritage architects, both local and working locally, and once these fee quotations are in place, a more formal approach will be made to the Diocese and local Planning Authorities.

An open meeting will therefore be deferred with the Parish until the professionals and working party are jointly formed.

Since the last meeting, some works have been undertaken as highlighted on the attached.

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Renovation Works - ' A Schedule of Aspirations'

- Removal of dead and decaying tree in front of old hall.
Following consultation with the Local Authority, the Tree Preservation Officer will only allow 'pruning' of the tree, which as now been undertaken.
- Demolition of the old church hall.
- Demolition of existing garage.
- Construction of a new garage on the site of the old hall, incorporating as much salvaged materials as practical, and incorporating WC accommodation, with external access, and storage to replace the existing garage storage.
- Demolition of existing ramp from parking, make good wall and railings. (Additional parking gained)
- Formation of a new driveway, from the highway in front of the presbytery to serve both the garage and church entrance roadway.(Easier access for elderly, wheel chairs, hearses, etc.)
These works should include external lighting to the pathway between the Church and hall, as discussed at the previous meeting.
- Clearing grounds and landscaping to the rear of the presbytery, out to the boundary, to form extension to the existing graveyard.
These works have now been satisfactorily undertaken.
- Refurbishment and resetting existing organ pipes (and consol?)
- New lighting installations.
- Introduction of public address system and induction loop.
- Redecoration of ceiling to St Cuthbert Mayne Chapel, main

church ceiling and possible introduction of a ceiling finish and decoration to domed ceilings over sanctuary and baptistry.

- Renovation to floors in sanctuary, revised steps, and floor covering?
- Introduction of a new stained glass window depicting St Cuthbert Mayne, to casement in the right hand window of nave.