

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 AT 7.30PM**  
**IN YSGOLD Y FACH**

Chairman: Nicky Davies  
Attendance: 10 people  
Apologies: Huw Watkins

**Approval of the minutes from the last meetings**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was agreed these were a true record of events.

**Existing Matters:**

**Church Repairs**

**Churchyard Wall** – Rev Paul Wilding advised there was no progress as he had not yet spoken to Torquial Forsyth.

**Churchyard Path** – The PCC have given the go ahead to Michael Jones to repair the path to Ysgold y Fach, at a cost of £1,400 with the work being completed by the beginning of August. After discussion about which accounts would be used to pay for the current repair projects, it was agreed the Friends would contribute £400 towards the path.

**Church repairs** – A quotation is still awaited from Michael Jones for the maintenance work with a view to it being done by early August. The work would be financed from the Friends account.

**Grants** – Rev Paul Wilding explained the problems with the church tower as reported at the last PCC meeting. There has been no further communication from the Architect so it is not known whether an application was put into CADW by 30<sup>th</sup> April. The need for another application to HLF for the repairs to the tower, woodwork and electrics was discussed and it was agreed that Gillian Byrne would request a meeting with the Architect to establish the full scope of work and costings. It was also felt that as the HLF grant application process requires a lot of time to complete it would be beneficial to establish whether our application would be looked on favourably by the Diocese with regards to getting the necessary letter of support. Gillian Byrne offered to try and correspond with the Diocese office to try and get some feedback.

**Treasurers report**– The treasurer reported the current balance as £11,935 and this included recent donations of £720 from Miss Price and £128.78 from David Eynon. As opening a further 30 day account involved a lot of complications it was agreed that £8,000 would be transferred into an existing fabric account that currently has a balance of £722.54. It was confirmed that transferring these funds would not jeopardise the Friends access to them and they can still be used in figures for future grant applications.

**Other Business**

**Fundraising – Demonstration evening** – Janet Watkins was thanked for booking Gareth Richards for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015, in an evening themed 'A Taste Of Autumn' at a cost of £100. It was confirmed that the hall was also now booked. It was requested that tickets be available for sale at the flower festival and both Sennybridge and Trecastle shows, Gillian Byrne agreed to do this. It was agreed the price would be kept the same as last year (£8), with a start time of 7pm for 7.30pm

**History evening** – Dave Howells was not present so nothing to report on this item.

**Agincourt600** – It was proposed that the theme for the flower festival would be 'The Archers Journey' and a plan was shown giving the location of the floral displays, with each location representing a town or village that the archers journeyed through. Gillian Byrne agreed to send out letters to the Flower Arrangers in the next week and also to send out letters to the sponsors of the last flower festival in 2012 to try and get repeat sponsorship. It was also suggested that the Upper Usk Valley Rural Alliance be approached for sponsorship. Posters were discussed and a design agreed upon. It was also suggested that copy be sent to the Parish Magazine by the end of May.

Discussions took place regarding the altar frontal and Nicky Davies is to organise a meeting for the Whitsun holiday so ideas can be formulated and work can be planned. Gillian Byrne was asked to email Dave Howells to see whether other attractions may be available through the Agincourt 600 Wales project.

**War Memorial Grant** – Gillian Byrne reported that she had spoken with the War Memorial Trust but as the grants available are not 100% it was agreed to leave this for now as funds need to be channeled into repairs.

**Future fundraising** – It was agreed that we would not pursue previous thoughts of a sponsored walk to coincide with the service at Brecon Cathedral as it is the same weekend as our demonstration evening.

Finally the meeting was concluded with the Chairman giving a vote of thanks to everyone for their efforts.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in Ysgold y fach**