

## Notes of points raised by DAC members in site visit meeting

Tim asked if there was any restriction to the legacy the Church has received.  
*(PCC resolution restricts use of legacy solely for the project proposals).*

Tim was pleased that we were considering heating for the priest and the person sitting at the piano. He has been in many churches where the congregation have been warm and the priest is freezing.  
*(We agree entirely).*

Tim thought that the community initiatives are a really important part of our project, but he felt this is an area which needs expanding in the Statement of Need.  
*(I have introduced a new section giving more detail on these initiatives).*

Nick R asked if we are going to seek Lottery funding because they will definitely want to know more about the wider community initiatives and outcomes.  
*(We have submitted an expression of interest and had a constructive response. This will definitely be one of our main funding applications.)*

Nick R also asked whether we are using fundraisers to help us.  
*(we have had several meetings with Andy Duncan, and we have produced a funding strategy which we hope to get some advice from Andy from, but he has so far been too busy to respond).*

In relation to the two new rooms at the back what are we doing with the font?  
*(We need move it about a metre to the east)*

Mark E was complementary about where we were going but felt that to make sure whatever we do in the first phase is the integrated to our master plan.  
*(we agree this is an important point and we do feel we have an overall project plan which we have split up into manageable stages as set out in the recent faculty list)*

Nick R- Wondered if the reason for new guttering and downpipes was that they are failing or that they overflow in heavy rain conditions

Jennifer explained that she recommended this for those buildings with large pitch roofs as there are greater incidences of heavy rainfall due to climate change. But calculations need to be done to establish size.

It was also suggested we should do a drainage survey to see where the surface water was going.

*(We fully accept the need for investigate the adequacy of our existing soak aways and calculations to determine size of gutters and downpipes).*

Nick R: There is a problem at the southeast of the apse where the floor is spongy, and that needs investigating.  
*(we agree)*

Peter – implications/restrictions on heating options due to only having one phase electricity supply- he was clear we understood this and that we had come with a workable situation with pew heaters and heated cushions. The placement of those is absolutely key for getting effective heating.

Colin had to deal with an Area Dean objection based on pew heaters were not family friendly- he had to explain they are perfectly safe and effective.

Tim said the one point the DAC would wish us to consider is the size of the two new rooms- we could be disappointed because you're going to end up with two quite small rooms. Suggestion is would it be better to have your screen where the backs of these pews are, and create much better areas for meetings, which might be more flexible.

Mark will let us have a name of a church which has done something similar.

Tim said that the cost of a glaze screen is considerable we may wish to consider a simpler approach.

Peter said it would be worth considering air heat pump for heating the space in these rooms.

*(We will consider all these suggestions)*

DAC were happy with our statements of need and significance but suggested a two-page executive summary.

*(I have done that in latest drafts).*

### **Structure of Meeting from memory!**

Tim started with a prayer and then with introductions.

Nick M gave an overview of the project which included the relationship with the community centre.

Nick B-B outlined our sustainability objectives and for the project to be successful we need to get a more community focus on the use and care of our church building.

Katie explained her involvement and the community groups being set up.

Simon explained the liaison carried out with the 3 schools in the parish and their needs/support.

Jeff answered questions on the Heating proposals and other technical issues.

Tim asked the advisors for comments (most I think are covered in our note above)

There was a break of about 20 minutes for a walk around the church and grounds with members of the project team.

Final thoughts.