

Minutes of Meeting of St Andrew's, Rothesay, Church Roof Committee held on 03.02.2026

Present:

Fr. Jarek; (ZM); Elise Keel (EK); Eileen Hillis (EH); Gordon Hillis (GH); Kathy Tritsheler (KT); Charlie Tritsheler (CT); and Charlie Kennedy (CK).

Apologies:

Irene Kennedy-Saha; Patricia Renfrew; Elise Keel and Katherine Armstrong; Zareya MacGillivray and Tommy McNally .

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Approved.

Matters Arising:

Fr. Updated on the Church heating. Costs in the region of £100,000. GH suggested industrial heaters as an alternative. CK raised the possibility of a grant for infra red heating. Fr. had spoken to Stevie Bell who is selling an infra red heater for £300 to use as a trial. CK will ask John Wiggins to meet with Fr. PD asked if Bute Blacksmiths could make a new vent for the fumes.

Following an appeal twenty Polish Priests have already made donations.

Colin has made submissions to 24 possible sources of funding.

Bishop donated £9,000 for re-wiring.

CS has confirmed that he was unsuccessful with his appeal to a Foundation in the USA. There will be a small contribution from his Charity.

Fr. Jarek confirmed that John Brown of Strone would be to patch the roof in the interim.

PD advised Expression of Interest to National Lottery should be prepared and ready for submission shortly.

PD suggested writing to wealthy people with an association to Bute:-

- Adam Crozier, CEO of Royal Mail
- Ian Napier, Chair of Wimpey House Group
- Guy Crichton – Bute Island Foods
- Orissors were also mentioned. Not keen to be involved with religious groups

PD suggested a regular second collection every Sunday.

CK will draft letters for Fr. Jarek's approval.

Quiz will take place on 10th February.

EH advised due to Glenburn's opening date there will be no time to arrange St Patrick's event.

KT confirmed people had been asking about Bingo Night and confirmed she has colleagues who are willing to help.

GH commented that new faces were needed to help all round. Fr. will make an appeal after Mass. Committee Members to make direct requests.

GH/EH suggested a Race Night in Port Bannatyne Golf Club where there would be no charges incurred.

AOCB:

John and Irene Chapman have donated a tv for Fr. Roddy's Study.

CT provided Fr. Jason's number for the wall.

Fr. advised that there were new people joining the Church. 3 Weddings booked, 7 children for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and congregation numbers are growing.

Date of Next Meeting

3rd March 2026.