

## **Minutes of Meeting of St Andrew's, Rothesay, Church Roof Committee held on 03.03.2026**

### **Meeting summary**

#### **Quick recap**

The team reviewed previous meeting minutes and discussed recent fundraising successes, including events in Japan and various community activities like race nights and bingo events. They explored advertising strategies and event planning for upcoming activities including a Paris barbecue event and race night organization. The conversation ended with discussions about property matters, fundraising efforts including grant applications and donations, and church maintenance topics focusing on heating solutions and funding requirements.

#### **Next steps**

- Tommy: Investigate race night event and speak to the business about organizing it
- Tommy: Inquire about getting the bingo machine back and check if it's still usable
- Fr Jarek: Write to the Danish businessman (address provided by Elise)
- Fr Jarek: Write to the Duke of Rothesay regarding fundraising
- Fr Jarek: Send email to Lord Lieutenant (AJ Simpson) to ask how to reach them
- Fr Jarek: Send letters to wealthy Catholics for fundraising
- All: Schedule next meeting for Tuesday the 31st (or Tuesday after Easter)

### **Summary**

#### **Fundraising Success and Meeting Updates**

The team discussed meeting minutes from the previous week, which Dylan had already handled. They also touched on a successful fundraising event in Japan that raised a significant amount of money. The conversation briefly mentioned young farmers, but no specific details were provided.

#### **Race Night Fundraising Event Planning**

The group discussed organizing a race night event, exploring ways to generate revenue without charging an entrance fee. They considered having an entrance fee or charging for sponsorships, with Speaker 3 suggesting they could sponsor races and sell horse bets, potentially earning money through these methods. Speaker 3 also mentioned hiring a reputable race night package to handle the technology and logistics.

#### **Advertising Strategies and Impact Discussion**

The group discussed advertising strategies and the effectiveness of certain marketing approaches, noting that some methods are one-time use only due to their nature. They debated the reach and impact of different advertising formats, including pre-recorded races and chariot racing, acknowledging that not all methods effectively reach their target audience. The conversation touched on the need for careful consideration in choosing advertising methods and the importance of proper execution to avoid issues. They also briefly mentioned the need to investigate certain business matters and the potential involvement of a bank, though no clear decisions or next steps were established.

#### **Community Fundraising Event Planning**

The group discussed organizing a bingo event, with a suggestion to run it once a month, though concerns were raised about the timing and machine availability. They also considered combining a barbecue with face painting and stalls as a potential summer fundraiser, with a focus on maintaining a community-oriented atmosphere rather than a commercial event.

#### **Paris August Barbecue Event**

The group discussed organizing a Paris barbecue event, initially considering dates in June but ultimately deciding on August 22nd to allow sufficient time for planning and accommodate various schedules. They agreed to keep the event informal and fundraising-free, with a donations box for the banish pad, and discussed the importance of maintaining a casual atmosphere where no one feels pressured to contribute financially.

#### **Post-Auction Property Activity Discussion**

The group discussed a property that was sold at auction and subsequently had activity inside, with someone reportedly making changes to the interior. They noted that the property had previously been empty and that there were no longer any items on the walls in the kitchen. The conversation touched on the potential value of the property and the possibility of using it for a new purpose.

#### **Fundraising Progress and Strategy**

The group discussed various fundraising efforts, including recent donations and grant applications. They mentioned writing letters to influential individuals and organizations, including a Danish donor and the Duke of Rosa. The team has raised over \$90,000, combining parish donations with grant funds, after spending around \$20,000 on a survey. They plan to send out more letters and emails to potential supporters later that day.

#### **Church Maintenance and Heating Solutions**

The meeting discussed several topics related to church maintenance and operations. The group addressed funding applications, with one member receiving advice to adjust their application amount for materials. They also discussed a significant increase in the diocese levy from £662 to £1,020 per month, with the understanding that donations for repairs would not be included in this calculation. The main focus was on heating solutions for the church, with options including traditional radiators, infrared heating, and floor heating systems being considered. The group agreed to obtain quotes from two heating companies and explore the possibility of installing larger radiators to improve the current system rather than pursuing a complete overhaul.