

Church Roof Committee Meeting July 1, 2025

Attendees :

CT, KT, EH, GH, PR, EK, ZMac, HMc, CK, FJ, TMc, IKS,
Kathryn Armstrong, Julie Mullarkey, Cathie Mc Hugh

1. Apologies : Fr. J. CS

2. Approval of Minutes

IKS Amendment

Booking of Shinty Hall was by EH. Not GH, Booking done jointly by EH and KT

Proposed- ZMac. Seconded- EK

3. IKS read Fr. J text to meeting.

Julie stated that she had had the idea to write to all churches in UK named St. Andrews to ask for donations and prayers, ZMac had produced a list of addresses for all said churches. Fr. J asked this to be RC churches only and not to be a begging letter. Julie hoping for support of the committee. EK asked about the content of the letter, Committee felt they could agree in principle but a draft/ redraft would need to be submitted to a future meeting when Fr. J present.

4. Fundraising feedback.

Firstly huge congratulations to PR on superb 100 mile cycle run. Table Top sale, following donations total of £700 (after payment of £60 to Lade). IKS gave receipt to CK. A few members asked that we discuss pricing of baking as some felt this was higher than we normally charge with baking donated by Kathy, Jane, Patricia, Liz McHugh and Zareya. In future members of the committee would agree the price and label items appropriately.

Raffle, it was also felt that we could improve on balancing value of prizes overall to amount of ticket sold, method of selecting winners to be changed.

IKS. Asked EK about feedback from Subgroup, assuming that this would be on a "need to know" basis, EK agreed. PR reported she had accompanied the Architect on his recent inspection of the roof, she found this most interesting, as he is an award winning architect it was felt we were in good hands.

EK. Commented on Architect's desire to see original paperwork of our Church held in Mt. Stuart's archives, these are apparently in quite a fragile state so Architect would have to view there. Some general discussion and recapping of ideas raised before for fundraising in relation to roof work e. g. Name a slate (register to be kept)

6. Planned and Proposed events :

a.) Highland Games. After much discussion, where all recognised the need to focus our energies on events that would maximize our returns, it was agreed to abandon thoughts of this event this year.

b). Ballianlay Choir. TMc stated the choir would be delighted to perform in St Andrews during March/ April 2026

Fr. J had previously clarified that this be with a programme mindful of the fact that we are a Church.

c). Barbecue. All recognised the huge success of the Parish Barbecue and very well done to All who organised, donated and cooked....

IKS stated many who attended had asked to donate and would love to attend another. Perhaps a future fundraising event.

d) EK suggested a Fete with perhaps a celebrity to open the event.

Julie has indicated that she has contacts who could access stars like Lulu and Paulo Nutini, it was suggested that she make enquiries.

e) ZMac suggested again a music night with local artists e. g. Gerry Geoghan, Bob Asher, Jimmy McAuley with Disco after. Repeat of the music by Mary (Fr. J.) friends (raised ? (£1,000) last time. Julia suggested recording in the church to make a disc, was advised of need of specialised equipment for this and problems of copyright.

d) PR suggested a Grand Christmas Draw, High tariff prizes. PR has already secured a stay in the Carlton George Hotel in Glasgow Prizes would be £50 or above. Outlay would be £23 to print 1,000 tickets to be sold for £5 each. Would look for all parishioners to try to sell tickets to family and friends. EK to enquire about tickets for Mt. Stuart. ZMac to arrange a voucher for Massage from Susan. TMc enquiring about tickets for Celtic Park. IKS to enquire about pamper voucher from Dianne. All thinking of ideas to include. Tickets require a named promoter and TMc agreed to be named.

e) EH reported the sponsored walk at Ettrick Bay was still under

discussion.

f). GH stated next Quiz will hopefully be mid to late August.

7. Centenary Planning. IKS reminded that we planned to have Centenary last throughout the full year Starting on 29/8/25. Discussion around making or purchasing memorabilia, no conclusions reached. Ideas? KA suggested using Nicola Jones for Canvas bags, or other artistically inspired small items, there would obviously be a cost in this. ZMac could make key rings and magnets. CK suggested a calendar, home produced therefore low cost, simply a year planner on A4 card with a picture of inside of our Church on the reverse including Centenary dates. Selection of photos could be used. Other ideas included pens with church name and dates. All agreed it would be ideal to have any items on sale in time for start of Centenary Mass when we hope to have many visitors. ZMac suggested we could start and end Centenary Year with a Barbecue. KT suggested a Ceilidh after Centenary Mass.

A.O.C.B. All wondered when we put the collection box into use

D of n Meeting. 5/8/25 7 pm
Fr.Roddy's Study