

Church of Scotland
(Aberdalgie, Aberuthven, Dunning and Forteviot)
Visit of the General Trustees

A visit of the General Trustees for the Church of Scotland, took place on Thursday 30th October 2008, commencing at Dunning Church at 14.00 hours.

The meeting was called by the General Trustees to deal with applications for a grant towards the cost of a feasibility study, with regard to the reordering of Dunning Church, also an application to release funds in connection with the renovation of Aberdalgie Manse.

In Attendance :

Dr Larry Rolland, Church of Scotland General Trustee.

Rev, Martyn Thomas, Church of Scotland General Trustee.

Mr Ron Jamieson, Church of Scotland Art & Architecture Committee.

Mr Ian Webster, Church of Scotland Art & Architecture Committee.

Mr Raymond Young, Convenor Reordering Group.

Mr Simon Rhodes, Fabric and Reordering Group.

Mr Russell Mann, Treasurer, Stewartry of Strathearn.

Mr Duncan M Dow, Secretary Reordering Group

Dunning Church Reordering : The General Trustees explained that they were on a fact finding visit to each building in connection with the applications that they had received, in order to progress them to the next stage.

After listening to the proposed plans for reordering Dunning Church, and an inspection of the building and grounds. The General Trustees agreed that there was definitely a case for reordering the facilities, to make them fit for purpose for the next generation. It was agreed that further submissions were necessary, to give a clearer idea of the costs involved with the reordering project. Mr Raymond Young agreed to address this issue and submit a paper to the General Trustees for their further consideration. At the close of this meeting, Mr Raymond Young left to attend a previously arranged meeting in Glasgow.

Aberdalgie Manse : After visiting Dunning Church, the Group moved on to Aberdalgie Manse and were joined by Mr Russell Mann Treasurer of the Stewartry of Strathearn. The purpose of the visit to Aberdalgie Manse was to consider the merits of releasing £100,000 from centralised funds, towards the costs involved in renovating Aberdalgie Manse. After inspecting the Manse inside and out, concerns were raised as to the overall condition of the Manse, in particular the dampness that existed in several areas within the Manse. The General Trustees also inspected the Walled Garden and the Glebe.

Before the central funds could be released, the General Trustees requested that a full structural survey Grade 3, and a valuation be carried out on the Manse, they also requested the size of the Glebe and the Walled Garden with a view to alternative uses for those areas. The General Trustees also raised concerns, regarding the costs involved in heating the Manse and the suitability and practicalities of a Manse that size, in relation to modern Ministry.

The General Trustees indicated that financial assistance may be available, towards the costs involved with a survey. Duncan Dow agreed to follow up this issue with Mr Keith Mason and Mr Keith Fairweather in the General Trustees office

The meeting closed at approximately 16.30 hours.

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Duncan M Dow

Minute Clerk to the Kirk Session 30th October 2008.