ST BRENDAN'S PARISH FORUM MEETING No 6.

17th November 2008

PRESENT : Father M Cooke (Chair) [FrMC] Tony Proctor (Secretary) [TP] Kath Brown [KB] Catherine Bridge [CB] Peter Carolan [PC] Clare Corser [CC] Martin Cleary [MC] Sue Cleary [SC] Keith Hamilton [KH] Stan Horrocks [SH] Marie Kwiatkowski [MK] Lisa Lamoury [LL] Joanne Livesey [JL] Rita Livesev [RL] Julie McLoughlin [JM] Chris Owen [CO] Irene Sheridan [IS], Terry Smith [TS] Anne Walsh [AW] Kathryn Wilkinson [KW]

Apologies

Kath Denton [KD] Bert Hustwit [BH] Pat Partington [PP] Tom Rabbit [TR]

<u>No</u><u>Item</u>

<u>ACTION</u>

1. Introduction

FrMC opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 20th October 2008

The minutes were approved

3. <u>Matters Arising</u>

FrMC advised the Forum that St John's Forum agreed with St Brendan's Forum's view that, in respect of 'Faith in the Future – Five Years On', the preferred 'cluster' would comprise St Brendan's; St Columba's and St John's.

No Item

<u>ACTION</u>

4. <u>Action Summary</u>

The Action Summary was reviewed and updated as follows:-

Item 18 – Meeting Room Options – was the main business of the meeting.

Item 22 – Church Grounds – FrMC advised that he had identified a contractor to carry out a tidy up and ongoing maintenance. Item cleared.

5. Property Update - Meeting Room Options

FrMC invited Keith Hamilton to present to the meeting options to provide a community meeting facility. Keith presented, by means of detailed sketches and visiting each area with Forum members, proposals to provide meeting facilities in the following areas:-

- 1. The existing Sacristy area.
- 2. The Choir Loft.
- 3. The House.

Following extensive discussion the majority view was that the Choir Loft option presented the most attractive option, with the House being the least supported or preferable option. The Sacristy option also attracted a good degree of support.

The Forum invited Keith to see whether he could obtain, using the services of a quantity surveyor, indicative and comparative costs for each option. Keith undertook to progress such.

FrMC thanked Keith Hamilton and Lisa Lamoury for their work to date which was much appreciated.

6. <u>Heating Options</u>

FrMC asked the Forum for their preferences over heating solutions. It was agreed that better advice was needed to allow sound decisions to be taken and that professional advice be sought. Harwood Heating was suggested as a reliable local contractor who might be able to advise.

7. Any Other Business

(a). SH raised the problem of the maintenance of the external fence adjacent to the bungalows. FrMC agreed to speak to the warden and Stan would look at suitable repairs.

<u>ACTION</u>

7. (b) Phoenix Knights of Harmony

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<u>No</u>

<u>Item</u>

- 'td. Terry Smith updated the Forum on the successful fund raising evening held on 16th November which had raised over £800 for the Parish. The meeting congratulated the event organisers and asked for a letter of appreciation to be sent to the 'Phoenix Knights of Harmony'.
- 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7pm on Monday 12th January 2009 at St Brendan's RC Church.

All to note.