

# St Andrews Building Project Oct 09

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60 people attended the all together evening.. 38 have replied so far & 34 were positive **on all 3 questions** on whether the church should go ahead with the plans, thus affirming the PCC decision. **(Questions asked appear below with the PCC answer in bold.)**

A suggestion was to rename the project so it has a "meaning" in its name.

**\*\* Let the office know by e mail or suggestion box if you have a better or more creative name. \*\***

Most people thought the newsletter was informative & well presented but there are still many questions to answer and research needed.(eg who do we distribute it to) One person thought the leaflet was well produced but did not communicate the vision enough. (vision is particularly important as we feel the project is for the community and not for our comfort.) One person volunteered to cold call the community with a leaflet and sell the idea to them. A comment was made that those in the community (eg The Gala Committee) who were aware of the plans were very favourably inclined towards it. **Communication is always a difficult thing as some people will hear the message, others will not. Both the newsletter & leaflet were studied by the whole PCC amendments made & agreed. We will keep this under review and measure the response from the community.**

How would we man the new facilities , especially if they are open after hours, on Sundays? Could we use the centre as a small profit making concern? **As part of the plans to integrate the new building the PCC will discuss the possibility of a church manager and raising up new teams to help resource the new centre**

A comment was that the project made really good use of available spaces in the church and creating new ones (eg The St Andrew's centre). Comments were that when the new re furbishment was finished the fittings must be of the highest quality. **The PCC will pay particular attention to this and already 2 people have come forward and offered to work on this part alone.**

Some churches had raised funds through surrounding the project in prayer – (no money came from the congregation). One person voiced (and there may have been others) their opinion that in a world with so many needs she felt uncomfortable giving to a refurbishment plan that involved our own comfort (ie toilets) Perhaps an alternative building project in a needy place would be an idea. Holy Trinity Ripon had set aside 10% for giving to another building plan. **One idea that has been mentioned (and this has also come through the prayer ministry) is that we should have a similar building project in a disadvantaged place that 10% of the money raised will go towards. This is to be put on the agenda at November's PCC.** Funds obtained from grants can only be used for St Andrews and cannot be tithed. However the PCC anticipate most money will have to come from the congregation; even if we sell a house it will not be £500k !

One person reminded us that it is important we get the brief right for the architect's plans. It was costly if we altered things after the brief. Another person was concerned about the effect that the renovations might have on the stability of the building. Possibly the nearness to the wall of the Supermarket next door might have implications and we should be very careful about liability and contractual obligations and funding issues. **The PCC are aware of this and will pay particular attention to only employing the best architects, quantity surveyors and contractors as well as being constantly aware of our obligations under the Charities Commission. These can be very complex.**

The PCC have sought approval through a "faculty" to remove the organ,. This involves putting a notice outside the church seeking any objections. (which will be answered sympathetically and with consideration) We have received permission orally to be allowed to dispose of the organ but only in its entirety, not for spares and we are waiting to hear back from a German organ specialist. After removal, shipping, & restoring it is unlikely to have much value but will create more space for us & reduce costs. The organ screen donated by the choir will be kept however.

**Next Steps:**Members of the PCC will be available between services on a Sunday to answer any questions you might have. **Do complete a form at the back.** We are measuring feedback & more decisions will be made at PCC in Nov.

