

**Bro Celynnin Ministry Area Council meeting**  
**15<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Tal y Bont & Llanbedr y Cennin Memorial Hall**

*Present:*

Rev David Parry (chair), Liz Mills (MA Warden), Mike Young (MA Treasurer), Jane Bowen (MA Secretary), Rev Eryl Parry, Heather Thompson, John Shakespear, Simon Baldon, Jenny Young, Chris Roberts, Liz Clough, Joan Devereux, Mags Tobin, Ros Mitchell, Sarah Swallow

*Apologies:*

Rev Susan Blagden, Kate Clews, Lynn Jones

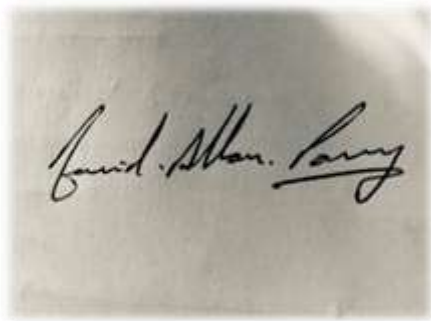
**Item 1: Reordering St Benedict's Church Gyffin.**

David Parry reminded the meeting of the long-standing frustration that this beautiful building lacks lavatory facilities and flexible space. In recent years the congregation have been active in holding mission events, hosting schools work and providing pastoral care. A successful midweek Communion and a monthly contemporary evening service have been established. The latter regularly attracts more than 50 people. Despite its population, Gyffin has no community venues and we could do much more to respond to local need with a sensitively reordered church building.

Proposals had been developed by Elgan Jones (Donald Insalls Associates) in response to our architectural brief and in consultation with the congregation. Those plans had been circulated and were now projected for the meeting to discuss. It was felt important that the new open space at the West end should be floored in stone and that the toilet door have an appropriate appearance for the setting. The pros and cons of replacing the organ were explored. We would hope to recoup some funds by selling the redundant choir stalls. Excitement was expressed about the mission opportunity these plans represent and that we could move forward at last.

*Proposed* Joan Devereux, *Seconded* Heather Thompson:

**To carry out this reordering scheme as specified, funding the work from restricted reserves associated with St Benedict's. Carried unanimously.**

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Rev David Parry, Vicar of Bro Celynnin