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RE: St Mair, Llanerchymedd (7688):Faculty System: Consultee invitation

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Dear Sarah

Please see the Inspectors comments for this faculty consultation below:

Bethan Jones approached me for formal advice on this lychgate some weeks ago. I have copied my emails with advice into the ishare folder for this application.

The grade II lychgate is the last surviving element of what was previously an entirely enclosed southern boundary of the market square. The demolition of flanking buildings resulted in issues with the side elevations as these walls were not tied in properly. The SE report shows that the roof of the lychgate has been altered and subject to inappropriate and damaging attempts at repair. The present roof covering is not historic and was presumably replaced when the existing plywood ceiling was installed along with some of the rafters/rafter repairs.

I agree that replacement of the roof structure is needed, although if there are any opportunities to retain and incorporate surviving historic timberwork, efforts should be made to do so. The current quote is to fully dispose of the present structure, and it is unclear from the SE report and photos if any of the original roof structure survives – perhaps some of the larger purlins? If so, it would be helpful to understand whether these can be incorporated into the new roof. Bethan has confirmed that RCAHMW are inspecting and recording the roof structure, so hopefully they will identify any historic fabric to be retained and spliced into the new roof.

The intention is to remove the plywood ceiling, which is of aesthetic benefit to the lychgate which presumably was formerly open to the rafters. The important clock mechanism will be enclosed with a hatch for maintenance.

The quote includes localised repointing, there appears to be quite significant areas of cementitious repointing, the roughcast render on the exterior east and west elevations also appears to be cement and there is obvious cracking in the render. There is currently no scope nor budget to address the inappropriate mortar and renders across the lychgate, but it has been flagged as a consideration for the Diocese. I have no objections in principle to the cintec anchors to tie in the external walls. However further detailed design drawings including the locations of any anchors and the design calculations, with the justification for this approach explained in lay terms should be included in the Faculty.

Kind regards.

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