

Our Church's Mission Statement:
*To know Christ and to make Him known as Creator, Saviour and coming King,
 by serving all the people of this community*

Message from our Pastor

The Church Board would like to make use of this opportunity to remind you of what happened at the Business Meeting held on 11 May. At the same time you will find below an update on the action taken by Church Board on 15 May. Please make every effort to come to at least one of the open sessions and express your views to the Advisory Group. They are very willing to listen and engage in discussion with every member.

Please continue to put this Development Project before the Lord in prayer.

Updated Church Board Action

As a reminder the Church Board met on Thursday, 15 May and after reflecting on the Business Meeting of 11 May voted:

a) The formation of an ad hoc Advisory Group comprising of the following people

Barbara Clee (member)
 Roy Christie (member)
 Paul Bellamy (elder)
 Simon Ware (Development Committee member)
 Paul Godfrey (COSMUR representative)

b. This Advisory Group will hold open sessions on the following dates:

Sunday June 1st, 3pm-5pm (Williams Hall)
 Tuesday June 3rd, 7pm-9pm (Cedar/Sycamore)
 Thursday June 5th, 7pm-9pm (Williams Hall)
 Sunday June 8th, 3pm-5pm (Williams Hall)
 Monday June 9th, 7pm-9pm (Cedar/Sycamore)

During the open sessions all church members can come and share their views and give their comments, suggestions and concerns on the amended design as voted by the Business Meeting.

c. That after listening to the membership at the conclusion of these open sessions the Advisory Group present a collated response to the Church Board on the 12th of June in order for the Church Board to decide on the way forward to see the development project come to fruition.

d. In the meantime the Church Board will also take the time to explain the full financial implications of the development project and the decision made at the Business Meeting of May 11th, 2014.

Reminder of the Business Meeting held on Sunday May 11th

The Church Board would like to thank all the church members who made the effort to attend the Business Meeting. It was the biggest representation of the church for a very long time indicating the importance of the discussion and decisions that had to be made.

The Development Committee completed the work that the church instructed them to do at a number of Business Meeting over the last 5 years. That was to bring the development project that was presented to the Business Meeting to a point where it would be technically ready for commencement. This was achieved with a lot of hard work and the Church is indebted to the time that this committee put in to bring the final presentation to the church.

Although the development project involves a lot of detail the main changes, challenges and compromises were presented to the church. The discussion focused on four specific aspects: the size of the Williams Hall; the position of the lift; the loss of the balconies with the impact on seating; and the overall cost plan.

After much time was given to questions and comments the Business Meeting first voted two amendments to the design plans that were presented. A) Voted to retain or increase the current size of the Williams Hall. B) Voted to relocate the position of the lift to the North Porch. Other comments made after these amendments were about the possible retention or increase of balconies that were not on the current design and the possibility of more storage space for the Williams Hall.

Further discussion took place regarding the overall cost and questions were raised as to why something less expensive isn't considered.

After the amendments were voted and further comments were made the Business Meeting was asked to vote on the following recommendation: *The Business Meeting accepts the recommendation from the Church Board to proceed with the Development Project based on the voted amendments to the architectural drawings regarding the Williams Hall and the position of the lift. That these amendments be made as soon as possible and if they do not increase the cost plan as presented or fall within the contingency provided that the project commence immediately. If the costs of the amendments cannot be accommodated within the provided contingency the cost plan be brought back to a Business Meeting as soon as possible for consideration*

To this motion, 63 voted in favour and 63 voted against. The result was that the development project was sent back to the Church Board, to reconsider the amendments voted as well as the comments raised by the Business Meeting.