

Ivybridge Methodist Church Council

Sunday 23rd July 2017, 12.30 pm after the Service
Minutes (version 'b')

Extraordinary Meeting of the Church Council

To consider the possible replacement of the heating

Present

Rev Mark Lawrence, Carolyn Lawrence, Lynn Allen, Miles Allen, David Bithell, Phil Blunt, Sara Bromage, Kate Duckering, Robin Duckering, Sarah Hladkij, Judy Jago, Andrew Lawrie, Reg Marriott, Val Marriott, Tony Merriman, Carole Mitchell, David Moulder, Chris Phillips, Dave Rowe, Alison White, Victor Abbott

Apologies for absence: Barry Jury, who sent his views by email

Review

Chris Phillips gave the response of a company, SDS Solutions.

There is nothing wrong with the heaters on the east side of the Church but just too few for the volume of the space to be heated.

The boiler to service the heaters has failed and a new, 65kW boiler at £6855 + VAT is required.

The heated air rises and the space towards the ceiling can be hot; there is a recommendation to fit silent fans to send the heated air down, at £3,500.

The heaters at the front (the Sanctuary on the south side of the building) are obsolete.

This replacement boiler will not also provide the hot water in the kitchen. SDS will supply a water heater for the kitchen within the price.

Andrew Lawrie advised that IMC accounts can bear the expenditure of c.£8,500 but we will be at our minimum recommended limit (£22,500) if there is a) no other significant expenditure and b) the payments do not happen before the end of August.

Discussion

It was raised that grants are available from Circuit and Methodist Insurance for 25% of the costs of the heating.

Action: Val Marriott to investigate the grants

There was a discussion on the siting (the physical deployment) of a fully integrated and balanced system.

There was a discussion on funding and other demands.

There was a discussion on false and/or temporary intermediate ceiling.

There was a question about due diligence on the supplier and the principal response was the quality of the Murch & Baker's current work, especially that at Derriford Hospital.

Decision

On the proposal to spend the money on the boilers, and on changes to the heaters:
unanimous

Action: Chris Phillips to organise the work

Conclusion

The meeting ended with prayer