

# NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ST THOMAS AND MARY AQUINAS

7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Present: Robin Brims, Margaret Stewart, Laurie McLeman, Anne Heywood,  
Fr Robert McTeer, Joanna Pullan

In attendance: Kim Pearson Secretary, Fr Jonathan Rose and Alice Phillipson,  
St Thomas and Mary Aquinas,

1.	<b>Apologies For Absence</b>  David Jowitt and Peter Ryder	Action
2.	<b>Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 25th July 2018</b>  Approved	
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>Website</b>  Margaret explained that our current web support was from an individual rather than a larger company. Reluctant to change to another provider unless one comes highly recommended and proven. Robin agreed we should carry on with current provider.  <b>Insurance</b>  Robin explained that nearer the time of our next policy renewal, Kim would seek out best value for our insurance  <b>Succession</b>  Robin told the meeting that he had permission from the Bishops to approach a potential new trustee and possible future chair. A formal interview process will be set up by Robin.  <b>Volunteering Request</b>  Robin explained he had talked to the potential volunteer and had explained that due to lack of development work within the trust at the moment, the offer was appreciated but there was not enough to do.	Kim  RB
	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  None.	

5.	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>a. The chairman's report was noted.</p> <p>b. Robin expressed his thanks to Alan and Kim for preparing for the meetings.</p> <p>c. Robin outlined that we were close to our grant giving budget of £50k for the year with current offers standing at £35k. It was agreed to carefully monitor offers for rest of financial year. Margaret stated that she was heartened at the increase in interest in the trust feeling that the development work on the website and social media had helped with this.</p> <p>d. It was agreed to look into online banking and a potential move to BACS.</p>	RB																		
6.	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer's Financial Report was noted.</p>																			
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9.	<p><b>Feedback from Church Visits</b></p> <p><b>Holywell St Marys</b></p> <p>Laurie and Margaret (and Robin separately on his horse!) had visited and found it a warm and welcoming church with our contribution helping towards its future.</p> <p><b>Allendale St Cuthberts</b></p> <p>Laurie and Margaret had found this a beautiful historic church and felt it was a very positive decision to support it with funding</p> <p><b>Edmundbyers St Edmunds</b></p> <p>Robin told the meeting this was an ancient church in a tiny village and felt that our small contribution had gone a long way to preserving its future.</p> <p><b>Collierey St Thomas</b></p> <p>Fr Robert to visit.</p>	RMcT																		

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11.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>Wednesday 6 February Our Lady of Mercy and St Godric TBC</p> <p>Wednesday 10 April Murton Holy Trinity TBC</p> <p>Wednesday 10 July TBC</p> <p>Wednesday 6 November Holywell St Mary TBC</p> <p>The Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting.</p>	Kim