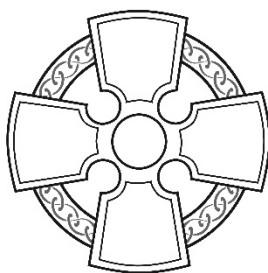


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**CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO THE
SALE PROCEEDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT RHOSCROWTHER
AND THE RETAINED LAND**

What is this consultation about?

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales ('the Representative Body') is the trustee of the remaining sale proceeds of the Sunday School at Rhoscrowther and the retained land. The land referred to is shown on the attached plan (Appendix 1) with the land shown hatched red being the retained land and the building and unhatched land being the land that has been sold.

History

The property was transferred to the Representative Body under the Welsh Church Act 1914 by WCC Order dated 4 July 1946 as 'the old National School Rhoscrowther but now used as a Sunday School ..'. The property was originally conveyed to the Archdeacon of St David's by a Conveyance dated 4 June 1851 'upon trust to permit the said premises and all buildings thereon erected or to be erected to be forever hereafter appropriated and used as and for a School ... such School to be always in union with and conducted upon the principles .. of the Incorporated Church under the sole control of the Rector or Officiating Minister of the said Parish'. At the time that the land was conveyed there was no building on the land. The land is in the eastern extremity of the Churchyard of St Decumanus's Church. The building erected on the land was, according to our records, always used as a Sunday School. In 1983 the Rector advised that 'The building is within the curtilage of the Churchyard and has only ever been used, as far as we can ascertain, as a Sunday School since it was built in 1853'. Further enquiries were made in 2007 and the Incumbent advised 'I have parishioners who were school children in the area in the 1940s and they can confirm that Rhoscrowther children went to Pwllcrochan School at that time.'

Further research was carried out and the following information was located (<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/PEM/Rhoscrowther/RhoscrowtherGaz1868>):

The National Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland - 1868

In 1868, the parish of Rhoscrowther contained the following places:

"RHOSCROWTHER, a parish in the hundred of Castlemartin, county Pembroke, 6 miles from Pembroke, its post town, and 2 S. of Milford. The village, which is of small extent, is situated on the Haven, near Angle Bay. The living is a rectory* in the diocese of St. David's, value £307, in the patronage of the lord chancellor. The church, dedicated to St. Decumanus, is an ancient cruciform structure with a tower. The interior of the church contains two or three sculptured figures. The chancel was completely restored and a Sunday-school building erected in 1851."

The building was used as a Parish Hall up until 1996.

In June 2005 St Decumanus's Church, Rhoscrowther was leased to The Friendless Churches Trust (now known as the Friends of Friendless Churches) for 999 years. The Churchyard was not included in the Lease.

In September 2007 part of the land on which the Sunday School was built together with a small portion of the land was sold with the net sale proceeds being £38,637. A decision was made that the sale proceeds were to be held for church hall purposes in the Parish.

The ancient parish of Rhoscrowther has been united and merged into the Parish of South West Pembrokeshire (the new Parish).

Sale proceeds

Attached is a Statement relating to the sale proceeds of the Sunday School (Appendix 2) and it will be seen that some of the funds have been spent on the Church Halls in Lamphey and Hundleton (Hundleton is in the ancient parish of Monkton).

Jubilee Hall, Lamphey was refurbished (£10,000 was provided to assist with the refurbishment) and is used for Sunday School educational activities, Mother's Union meetings and talks, Young Farmers seminars and general community usage.

Hundleton Church Hall is used by many different groups including a Parents and Toddlers group, general church meetings including Christian seminars, Safeguarding training and guitar lessons. The community also use the Hall for providing support and lunches to those suffering with Alzheimer's and their carers.

Further funds were requested for works to Monkton Church Hall and on reviewing the file a decision was made that a Cy-pres Scheme was required from the Charity Commission to deal with the remaining funds and land.

Application to the Charity Commission

An application for a Cy-pres Scheme was made to the Charity Commission on 22 June 2022 in relation to the remaining funds, requesting that the funds be used for Church Hall purposes in the Parish (now South West Pembrokeshire). The Charity Commission drafted a Scheme on 13 March 2023 with the objects being 'to advancing religion and religious education in line with the principles of the Church in Wales in the area of benefit'. The area of benefit was defined as 'the parish of South West Pembrokeshire'. As required, notices of the application were placed on the Notice Board in the Churchyard of St Decumanus's Church, on the Parish website and on the Parish Facebook page on 20 March 2023.

We are informed that the Charity Commission received representations from members of the public in relation to the Scheme and we are therefore undertaking a full Consultation relating to this matter.

Proposed use of the remaining sale proceeds and the retained land

In view of the representations made to the Charity Commission, we are now proposing to use the remaining funds (capital and income) for the benefit of the Penrhyn Church in Wales School in Hundleton.

It will be seen on the Statement attached that the income generated by the capital funds was £474.16 in 2022 and £553.94 in 2023. The income generated would not provide any significant benefit on its own and therefore it is intended that both the capital and the income will be paid out to the School if a Scheme is agreed.

In relation to the retained land, we are proposing that this land (shown hatched red on the attached plan) be transferred to the Representative Body as part of the Churchyard at the former St Decumanus's Church. The Churchyard is still used for burials for those of all faiths and none and serves the local community. The land is enclosed within the Churchyard wall and has formed part of the Churchyard since it was transferred to the Representative Body in 1946 (if not earlier).

How do we respond to this consultation?

If you have any comments on these proposals, please send them for the attention of the Trusts and Charities Officer, Margaret Hughes either by post or by email to the following address before Monday 6th January 2025.

Margaret Hughes 4th Floor, 2 Callaghan Square, Cardiff CF10 5BT or margarethughes@churchinwales.org.uk

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APPENDIX 2

Proceeds of sale of the Former Sunday School, Rhoscrowther

Date	Description	Value	Balance
2007	Net proceeds of sale	38,637.00	38,637.00
30/06/2012	Interest Sept 2007 to June 2012	3,200.74	41,837.74
30/09/2012	Interest Payment	52.58	41,890.32
31/12/2012	Interest Payment	52.65	41,942.97
31/03/2013	Interest Payment	51.71	41,994.68
30/06/2013	Interest Payment	52.35	42,047.03
30/09/2013	Interest Payment	52.99	42,100.02
31/12/2013	Interest Payment	53.06	42,153.08
31/03/2014	Interest Payment	51.97	42,205.05
30/06/2014	Interest Payment	52.61	42,257.66
30/09/2014	Interest Payment	53.26	42,310.92
31/12/2014	Interest Payment	53.32	42,364.24
31/03/2015	Interest Payment	52.23	42,416.47
30/06/2015	Interest Payment	52.88	42,469.35
30/09/2015	Interest Payment	53.52	42,522.87
31/12/2015	Interest Payment	53.59	42,576.46
31/03/2016	Interest Payment	47.64	42,624.10
30/06/2016	Interest Payment	47.69	42,671.79
30/09/2016	Interest Payment	42.90	42,714.69
31/12/2016	Interest Payment	42.95	42,757.64
31/03/2017	Interest Payment	31.63	42,789.27
30/06/2017	Interest Payment	24.09	42,813.36
30/09/2017	Interest Payment	20.50	42,833.86
31/12/2017	Interest Payment	26.99	42,860.85
31/03/2018	Interest Payment	35.93	42,896.78
30/06/2018	Interest Payment	43.74	42,940.52
31/12/2018	Interest Payment	117.21	43,057.73
31/03/2019	Interest Payment	69.47	43,127.20
30/06/2019	Interest Payment	68.40	43,195.60
30/09/2019	Interest Payment	64.04	43,259.64

31/12/2019	Interest Payment	63.73	43,323.37
04/03/2020	Towards building new church hall Hundleton	-10,000.00	33,323.37
31/03/2020	Interest Payment	28.61	33,351.98
30/06/2020	Interest Payment	14.08	33,366.06
31/01/2021	Works to Jubilee Hall	-10,000.00	23,366.06
30/09/2021	Cash invested	-23,364.49	1.57
31/12/2021	Interest Payment	88.25	89.82
31/03/2022	Interest Payment	100.69	190.51
30/06/2022	Interest Payment	117.69	308.20
30/09/2022	Interest Payment	128.14	436.34
31/12/2022	Interest Payment	127.64	563.98
31/12/2022	Cash Invested	-435.89	128.09
31/03/2023	Interest Payment	154.36	282.45
30/06/2023	Interest Payment	115.34	397.79
30/09/2023	Interest Payment	156.95	554.74
30/09/2023	Cash invested	-396.70	158.04
31/12/2023	Interest Payment	127.29	285.33
31/03/2024	Interest Payment	141.07	426.40
30/06/2024	Interest Payment	157.59	583.99

Date	Share Type	Value	No. of shares bought
12/11/2021	Capital	-23,364.49	10,421
25/01/2023	Income	-435.89	208
27/10/2023	Income	-396.70	186
Total No. of Shares			10,815
Value of shares @ 30/06/2024 @ £2.30 per share			£24,874.50