

Summary of Chapter Minutes August 2023

- Chapter welcomed Canon Sarah Rogers to her first meeting as a trustee of the charity, the Chair of the LCCC, Ged Bates, as an observer, and Geraint Williams as COO and scribe.
- The Director of Music Stephen Moore joined the meeting for the item on the Music Foundation. Since the Charity Commission had not granted charitable status to the Foundation, the launch event could not go ahead as planned, although a special music event will take place on that day involving local schools. The question of whether to pursue setting up the Foundation as a separate charity or to hold its assets within the Dean and Chapter accounts was discussed and it was agreed to take further and more detailed legal advice.
- Chapter agreed to advertise the post of Head Verger. The Candidate Pack for a new Canon Precentor is in preparation.
- A Staffing Sub-Committee was proposed to oversee a new strategy; SR, JvdL and GW will be on the committee.
- The Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, Kate Bates joined the meeting and gave a comprehensive report on the revised Safeguarding Policy which was adopted by Chapter. The new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy was also approved.
- Chapter agreed to seek professional advice on the need to register for VAT.
- Mike Lawley joined the meeting and reported on the work of the informal Development Committee, and asked for the committee to be adopted as a formal sub-committee of Chapter, which was agreed. The remit and membership of this sub-committee will be addressed later. The committee has been discussing possible major developments to our site which would require funding via a Heritage Lottery fund bid.
- Outline plans for the 2024 Cathedral Festival were approved.