

Summary Notes of Llandaff Cathedral Community Council Thursday 9th November 2023

- The meeting opened with a presentation by two members of the Cathedral Youth Council, Agnes and William. We were delighted that since they both happened to be choristers, they could also sing for us - choosing Rutter's *'The Lord bless you and keep you'*. They went on to speak positively about their experience of being choristers, including their recent tour to Belgium and also the opportunity to sing in St.Paul's Cathedral in London. They also advised us that the Youth Council had selected Macmillan Cancer for the Cathedral's Advent Appeal.
- We then heard about the Cathedral's successful Sixth Form Conference on the theme of social media which had been held in October and about plans for next year's conference which would be on environmental themes.
- We discussed feedback from the recent Cathedral Chapter Meeting:
 - Issues relating to correspondence from the *Friends of Llandaff Cathedral* and associated funding issues.
 - Health concerns and mitigating action associated with the burning of incense.
 - The Cathedral's development of a new Strategic Plan, and how there would be consultation about this. (There was already strong agreement that the Cathedral toilets were in need of improvement).
 - Appointment of a new Head Verger and a new Canon Precentor and the upcoming vacancy for Cathedral Safeguarding Officer.
 - There was information on the installation of the new boiler, the overall financial position and VAT registration.
 - It was noted that the Cathedral had adopted an *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy* and that this had been distributed to all of the Cathedral's volunteers.
- Ian presented information on upcoming events in the Cathedral, with a particularly high number in the December run up to Christmas. Extra stewards were needed. In this context, we also looked at the number of volunteers who were currently active and how we might secure new recruits. We reflected on the most recent *Volunteer Sunday*. Every Council member would try to approach one or two people to secure new volunteers and there was also an agreement to approach individuals through Sunday School correspondence.
- Ian also presented information about the number of people visiting the Cathedral and how this was finally projected to represent an increase on pre-pandemic levels.
- It was noted that Ged was resigning as Chair due to his family relocating to Kent. Members of the Council were allowed two weeks to put themselves forward for the role - with a ballot to take place in the event of more than one nomination being received by the deadline.