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Truro Conservation Area Advisory Committee (TCAAC) Meeting held Tuesday 05 November 2024 at 10.30am in the Training Room, First Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, TR1 1EP

- 1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES** C/24/793

The attendance was as follows; The Mayor (Councillor Mrs C Swain), Mr Moore (Chairman), Councillor Biscoe, Councillor Mrs Carlyon, Mr McCready, and Mr Robertson.

Mr Bradbury tendered apologies.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** C/24/794

No members declared any interests.
- 3 MINUTES** C/24/795

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 October 2024 were considered a correct record.
- 4 PLANNING, CONSERVATION AND LISTED BUILDING APPLICATIONS** C/24/796
 - a** PA24/07790 St Georges Vicarage St Georges Road Truro Cornwall TR1 3NR C/24/796.i

The Chairman read out the views of Mr Bradbury, that this should be left up to the safe hands of the trees officer but notes a preference for pruning as the tree and shrub removal seem drastic. The committee members concurred.
 - b** PA24/07766 15 St Nicholas Street Truro Cornwall TR1 2RW C/24/796.ii

Members would like to have seen a more detailed schedule of works stating the equality of importance of the front and rear of properties in the conservation area particularly those of 18th and 19th century.

Proposed roofing materials need clarifying as well as the confirmation that rainwater goods are to be iron and black in heritage style.

The committee in principle agreed the works needed undertaking however felt that details should be provided that would satisfy the conservation officer.
 - c** PA24/07161 17 Falmouth Road Truro Cornwall TR1 2BL C/24/796.iii

It was surmised that the reason for this application was the future marketability of the dwelling. The chairman added that back land

views within the conservation area were important for their interest and history.

This application was commended as excellent practice and supported by the committee.

6 CHAIRMANS REPORT

C/24/797

A question was asked to the chairman about the status of the Thomas Daniel listed building consent. In reply the chairman expressed his disappointment in the approval of the scheme.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

C/24/798

The chairman reported on his previous engagement as member of the Cornish Buildings Group where a petition failed to get the required level of support.

It was felt by members that the church had ignored prospective buyers and not provided evidence of attempting to secure heritage funding.

Some issues with the proposals were identified by the committee.

- Residents loss of pastoral provisions in a central location.
- Population growth being the original cause in the 1960s of the creation of the parochial council, with parishioners now having to go further afield.
- Spiritual deprivation.
- The polyphant stone tower being the main cause for concern, unusable and without practical purpose. A huge liability.

A division in priorities between the tower and the church would be welcomed, suggestions that the tower be replaced with a more useful, potentially modern design were proposed by members; retaining as much of the church as possible.

It was questioned, if demolished, that housing is what's needed in the conservation area. In any case members considered the sites residential potential low due to its poor access.

If demolished the committee would like to see that the stained glass be salvaged.

One member of the committee suggested the following approach.

1. Separate the tower and the church.
2. Design an alternative tower, this could be by way of competition.
3. Demolish the tower.
4. Combine the St Paul and St Clement parochial councils.
5. Return the church to its parochial and pastoral functions.

The other members of the committee agreed with this.

6 CHAIRMANS REPORT

C/24/799

The chairman reported on the granting of the planning approval for the Thomas Daniel, the confirmation of the Wig and Pen's railing replacement, the inevitable demolition of Morefield car park, and finally on his meeting with the Town Clerk regarding constitutional

matters - a discussion ensued as the aim of the Clerks office in this matter.

In addition to this it was reported that there had been an offer to undertake a photographic survey for the local list.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
26th November 2024 10.30am

C/24/800

The meeting closed at 1147 AM.