

REPORT TO ASSETS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

CEMETERY CHAPEL



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1.0 UPDATE ON BUILDING RENOVATIONS

The majority of the internal redecoration has been completed with the walls replastered and painted. The works the exterior of the tower have been completed and the scaffolding taken down. The works to the lower roof and ridges is currently being undertaken with supervision from ecologists to ensure any potential bat roosts are not disturbed. The new utilities have been laid to the chapel and are awaiting connection from Scottish Power Energy Networks and United Utilities in the new year. The septic tank is currently being installed.

There has been additional expenditure as follows:

- Following the previous committee meeting the cemetery working group agreed the colour scheme for the internal painting; this necessitated the ceiling in the main hall being repainted - £1,500
- A timber leg to the spire required replacement due to significant rot - £300
- A new board and lead valley was created where the drainage from the main roof and spire meets as the existing channel was not sufficiently angled to prevent pooling - £450
- The lead covering on the roof of the tower required repair and its condition had resulting in water ingress to the tower which had corroded the steel supports. Two brackets and tension bars were engineered to reinforce the supports and the lead repaired - £1,800.

There will be further additional expenditure for repairs to the parquet flooring and door frame in the kitchenette where water ingress has caused timber to rot.

2.0 PURCHASE OF CHAIRS

The budget for the renovation project included a sum of £3,500 for the purchase of the necessary supplies to make the building lettable e.g. furniture and kitchen supplies.

The cemetery working group have reviewed a number of options for chairs and determined that the most suitable would be the Rosehill Churchill stacking chair (see photo in annex). The total cost for 50 chairs would be £4,177. The working group chose this chair as the most in keeping chair for offering a quality venue and the fabric is stain resistant and more durable than a standard meeting room chair. Twelve of the chairs would include arms. Stacking chairs have been chosen to maximise flexibility of the space.

The remainder of the furnishings costs would be in the region of £1,000 which includes a fridge, kitchen supplies (cups, cutlery, tumblers etc) tables and an alter cross.

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should note the update on the building works and consider the approval of the purchase of the chairs as outlined.

ANNEX



Rosehill Stackable Chair
(example only, colour to be different)