

Cross Party Group on Faith meeting

Religious Buildings....Do they matter?

Norwegian Arts Centre, Cardiff Bay on Wednesday 15 October from 12:15 - 13:15

This Cross Party Group does not make a distinction between group members and external guests with places for meetings being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Minutes:

1. Darren Millar AM welcomed everyone, noting apologies from AMs
2. The Chair noted that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
3. The following individuals were re-elected to their posts, having been nominated and seconded at the meeting:
 - a. Darren Millar AM – Chair
 - b. Jim Stewart, Evangelical Alliance Wales - Secretary
4. Well-known BBC broadcaster Huw Edwards was introduced and gave a presentation on 'Religious buildings...do they matter?'
5. Deputy Minister for Heritage, Ken Skates, responded to the presentation.
6. The discussion on religious buildings was opened to contributions from all present.
7. It was agreed that the Chair should write formally to the Welsh Government to request that a task and finish group be established to identify Wales' important religious buildings and policy suggestions regarding their protection.
6. The meeting was closed by Darren Millar AM with details of the next meeting to be circulated via email by Jim Stewart.

Confirmed attendees

Alan Bayes	Interfaith Council for Wales
Aled Roberts AM	
Alex Glanville	Church in Wales
Amelia Abplanalp	
Arfon Jones	Bible Society
Brian Reardon	
Carole Slade	
Cath Davies	

Christine Moore	Welsh Religious Buildings Trust
Dafydd Owen	
Dafydd Thomas	
Darren Millar AM	
David Brownnutt	
David Smyth	
Edward Holland	
Elfed Godding	Evangelical Alliance Wales
Gethin Russell-Jones	Rhiwbina Baptist Church
Huw Edwards	Speaker
Huw Priday	
Jan Williams	Churches Conservation and Development Officer
Janet Bone	
Janet Finch-Saunders	
AM	
Jenny Hill	
Jim Stewart	Evangelical Alliance Wales
John Winton	Churches Tourism Network Wales
Judith Leigh	
Karshan Vaghani	Hindu Council of Wales
Kath Hilsden	Church in Wales
Katrina Kolze	
Ken Skates AM	Deputy Minister
Kieran Turner	
Mia Rees	
Mike Hedges AM	
Mike Hill	
Mohammed Asghar AM	
Naran Patel	Hindu Council of Wales
Neil Poulton	Presbyterian Church of Wales
Norman Doe	The Law School, Cardiff University
Peggy Jackson	Church in Wales
Praduman Halai	Hindu Council of Wales
Premila Adalja	
Radhika Kadaba	Hindu Council of Wales
Ryland Doyle	
Sally Massey-Thomas	United Reformed Church
Sarah Perons	
Sharon Lee	Housing Justice
Shirley Sleight	Cardiff Reform Synagogue
Simon Cameron	Diocese of St. Asaph
Siva Sivapalan	
Stella Price	
Stephen Price	
Sudha Bhatt	Hindu Council of Wales
Susan Fielding	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

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Vimla Patel
William Graham AM
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Orthodox Church
Hindu Council of Wales