



Rhoscolyn is one of the places that I have come to love and cherish during my relatively short time on Holy Island. St Gwenfaen's Church is an oasis of calm, and for me a place where heaven and earth seemingly intertwine.

Improving access to the Church has been a goal for the people of Rhoscolyn for a long time.

Many of you will know that the committee and congregation, together with the wider Ministry Area Council have been looking recently at a way of improving access, using land from the Rhoscolyn Estate.

We now have Planning approval from Anglesey County Council and also a Faculty from the Bangor Diocese for the new design, both with conditions, the most important of which relates to carrying out archaeological work on the site.

The Rhoscolyn Estate has agreed to us using some of their land to improve access and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales (RB) in Cardiff have the land transfer forms.

However, in view of the complications regarding archaeology, which cannot be costed accurately, and high estimated build costs, the committee have reluctantly decided to put this design of improving access on hold for the current time.

The committee and congregation will now look at ways of improving the current steps to make them safer. Although this is not what we envisaged originally we feel it would make a major improvement.

To be transparent, the monies paid for the various architect fees etc for the latest design have all been raised since January 2015 and the ring fenced Improved Access account stands at £4049, which means the committee have not spent money raised before that date.

It is one of the sadnesses of leaving that despite us working hard on the project, we have failed to achieve our aims, and it is something I regret personally. Should there be any specific questions at this time, please address them either to Susan, Edna or Pam or to the Ven Paul Davies, who as Archdeacon of Bangor and Anglesey, carries the legal responsibility for the Ministry Area as it falls vacant.

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