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Design Report

Client... Margaret Cassidy

Property... St Kenneths Church, 9 Skipness road, Glasgow

Proposal... Change of internal use to Sports Leisure Facility

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EXISTING PREMISES...

The existing building is a vacant church and 2 hall premises one either side of the main church. The premises is a class B listed property constructed in stone for the main external walls with many features on the front elevation and twin towers. The roof construction is a vaulted ceiling within a timber pitched roof with buttress finish internally and a slate finish to the main roof and the two hall premises.

Access to the premises through the front door leads into the entrance foyer and split to two side doors for the two aisles and also doors leading to the upper gallery via stone stairs and then further to the two towers. The foyer has feature timbers and main main board with list of ministers and associated patrons.

On entering the main body of the church the floor slopes down to the pulpit past the timber pews split into three sections and then two sides either side of central organ and pulpit. There are side doors at this point which lead through to the two side halls and facilities. There is a dado rail in timber with vertical t&g cladding from ground level all round the ground floor walls. The balcony which follows the three main external walls are supported on cast iron columns as per layout plan. Above the timber dado level at ground floor and upper floor are the metal framed windows with a triple window to the north gable elevation.

PROPOSALS...

This proposal is for the internal alterations and change of use to form a sports leisure facility which combines teaching, training, weights, exercises both on floor and equipment along with classes in yoga and pilates

At ground floor the existing church pews are to be removed and stored on site for any future re-use. The floor which slopes from entrance down to the pulpit is to be made level throughout with a new timber floor constructed over existing having chipboard finish and then covered with a 10mm thick mat. Round the edges and along the middle of the floor there are the existing 75mm hot water radiator pipes which are being kept. A small upstand is being formed which will have a grill cover to allow the heat to rise will be formed against the timber panelling around the outer walls. The central pipe grill will be fixed to the floor finish. A ramp is to be formed at the pulpit end to allow transfer from the raised floor level down to the existing floor level leading through to the east hall where the upgraded toilet/shower facilities are located. The main heating boiler is located below the organ and is to be retained in full.

The balcony level is to have all pews removed which then leaves a stepped level which is to

have new works to provide a level all round at the highest step against the outer wall. The floor will again have a chipboard floor covered with a 10mm thick mat. The raised edge of the new floor level requires to have a balustrade all round and this will be formed with a metal frame and mesh grill to a height of 1metre.. The upper rear balcony will have pews removed and a new level formed with chipboard and mat finish though this will be a sitting cafe area for the users of the facility to relax. This raised area will also have the metal balustrade finish all round.

The internal finish at present is white painted plaster above timber wall panelling at ground and first floor level with the vaulted ceiling having a blue paint finish. The clients are looking to alter these colours and within the main church will paint the timber panelling dado height with a black finish and the walls will receive a new whit matt paint finish. The ceiling will also be painted white although the main roof timber buttress will have the profiles leaves painted gold to retain there effect. The entrance vestibule stained timber honour board will be retained in full with existing finish and the walls painted to match other finishes. The existing organ, pipes and pulpit are to be retained in full with no change to the timber construction around these altered.

The clients are keen to retain the features within the church and with minimal intervention this is being achieved so that the church premises can be re-invigorated as a community facility in the local area.

Regards Keith Edwards