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The money we have has all been donated by church members and friends for the Lord's work, so we have to be transparent and careful in our stewardship of it.

Our quantity surveyor, like myself is also a church member, so in developing his budget costs has suggested that we could save money and simplify the construction by changing the design in various areas, the main one, being to change the roof construction over the Crush area from a sloping to a flat roof

A flat roof would avoid having to break into the existing hall roof, which, in an old building could open up a can of worms, if the existing roof and eaves timbers need replacing or repairing. The main Kitchen roof seems sound, but we can't see down into the coomb and especially the parapet area above the lobby and Vestry, whilst not showing any internal signs of damp is an unknown.

The Vestry roof is also a different pitch to the Kitchen which means taking even more of that roof off and in hindsight actually looks awkward especially around the existing skew tabling which will need careful flashing details.

The flat roof joining the existing wall with a simple abutment below the gutter line is much simpler and neater, and safer from a flashing detail point of view, and again, in hindsight, in my opinion looks better and more natural, especially with the "faux lead rolls".

There is also the view favoured by many planners and architects that a modern extension to an old building is better and more appropriate and honest if it looks like what it is, an extension. Asd a case in point see the picture below of Nairn URC.

