

Chapels reported to CAPEL

Building Applications and Threatened Sites

List 1.

Major changes or alterations have been proposed to the following chapels, but detailed plans and further information was not available to Capel. A written submission to the relevant Planning Authority was not made. Both lists relate to the period from September 2005 to February 2006.

Dock Chapel, Morfa, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire: Amended Planning Permission for conversion of chapel to 8 No. apartments.

Salem Baptist Chapel, Llandybie, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire: Residential development of one house.

(Former) Engedi Chapel, Brymbo, Wrexham: Demolition of chapel building and erection of 4 No. dwelling houses.

(Former site) Nebo Baptist Church, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent: Development of United Welsh Housing Association supported housing scheme.

Berea URC, Nantyglo, Blaenau Gwent (Listed): Now an Imaan Islamic Society Mosque. Alterations to kitchen, toilets etc to make the mosque usable again.

Capel Rhydfendigaid, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig: Erection of disabled toilet.

Hill Park Baptist Church School House, Prendergast, Haverfordwest: Conversion into 6 No. one bedroom flats – difficult access to restricted site. Original features to be retained and reinstated. The chapel is not affected.

Berea Chapel, Cefn Bryn Brain, Swansea: Construction of 6 No. detached bungalows with roads and services.

Elim Chapel, Llandybie Road, Ammanford: Conversion to 2 No. residential units.

List 2.

Copies of plans and other information were available in the following cases, so Capel was able to examine and comment on the proposals.

Capel Hawen and vestry, Tan y groes, Llandysul, Ceredigion (Listed Grade II): Good conversion of building into 3 No. dwellings after consideration of alternative uses.

Towyn Pentecostal Church, Towyn, Denbighshire: Extension to existing church and car parking area.

CM Chapel, Pontrobert, Meifod: Good sympathetic conversion to residential property.

Capel Ebenezer, Ceinws, Machynlleth: Conversion to house. First floor balcony and roof light arrangements unsatisfactory also concerns about door and window design.

Capel Peniel, Llan Ffestiniog, Gwynedd (Listed): Subdivision and conversion of vestry into dwelling. The chapel is not affected.

Capel Ffynhonnau and adjoining house, Llanefydd, Denbigh (Listed Grade II): Alterations and conversion to 1 No. dwelling and erection of garage/workshop. Satisfactory conversion after 5 years of decline. Questions raised about the door glazing, wall plaque and Art Nouveau railings.

Pen y Bryn Chapel, Dolfor, Newtown: Conversion to dwelling with vehicular access. A good conversion but need for extra front gable windows questioned in addition to roof lights and huge rear glazed wall.

Bethania Chapel, Bontddu, Gwynedd: Conversion of chapel to dwelling. Satisfactory proposal with concerns about external plaques and lack of details for windows and doors. Planning consent was refused.

Capel Bethlehem, Cwmerfyn, Aberystwyth: Conversion and extension of wayside survivor of lead mining community. Unsympathetic glazing and stone plinth proposed also use of upvc or stained softwood. Comments submitted by Rob. Scourfield.

Tre'r Ddol Methodist Chapel, Tre'r Ddol, Machynlleth: Conversion to holiday unit with unusual interior structure proposed. Attractive Victorian chapel which deserved to be listed. Comments submitted by Rob. Scourfield.

Towyn Pentecostal Church, Gors Road, Towyn, Colwyn Bay: Extension to existing modern building using matching style and materials. No objections raised.

Llys Awen Chapel, Derwenlas, Machynlleth: Disused chapel conversion adjoining Llys Awen to extend dwelling with additional residential curtilage to rear (change of use of agricultural land). No objections raised.

Zoar Chapel, Castell-y-Bwlch, Henllys, Cwmbran (Grade II Listed): Sympathetic conversion into detached residence. A simple 1836 rendered chapel behind a small burial ground at a lonely crossroad. Probably the best outcome for this chapel.

Old Chapel, Park Street, Newtown, Powys: Conversion to office accommodation. A good conversion with addition of matching side wall windows and roof lights.

Redundant Chapel, Waterfall Road, Dyserth, Denbighshire: Conversion into 4 No. flats so interior will be destroyed. In a Conservation Area. Arrangements made with the Conservation Officer for Capel to photograph the interior. Proposals for the exterior are satisfactory except for parking arrangements at the front of the chapel

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Capel Ffynnhonnau and adjoining Chapel House, Llanefydd, Denbigh: Conversion of the chapel into a dwelling with the erection of a garage/workshop has been approved with conditions.

Soar Independent Chapel, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil: Chapel members raised concerns about the future of paintings, documents and the chapel library in the vestry. Chapel can confirm that these items are in no danger and their safekeeping is assured.

Bethania Chapel, Bontddu, Gwynedd: Chapel supported conversion of this chapel with reservations but planning permission has currently been refused.

Capel Arenig, Arenig, Bala: An appeal has been made to the Welsh Assembly against the refusal of planning permission for the conversion of this Tin Tabernacle into holiday accommodation.

Horeb Chapel (Presbyterian 1862), Pentyrch, Nr. Llantrysant: Closed in June 2005 and now in private ownership. After renovation the chapel will open again as a small concert hall and continue in use as a chapel.

Hope Baptist Church, Crosskeys, Gwent: The workers canteen at Blaen-y-Cwm village, used during construction of the Grwyne Fawr reservoir was afterwards sold to the church and reerected at the rear as schoolrooms. 2007 will be the 125th Anniversary year of the church.

Christ Church URC, Llandudno, Gwynedd (Grade II Listed): Recently resold and intended as recycled and general architectural artefacts showroom.

Zion Congregational Chapel, Llanwnog (near Caersws): Built 1862 on land donated by a local farmer and rebuilt 1895. The congregation is now reduced to 5 or 6 members. A decision has been taken to close the chapel with a final Harvest Festival service on 20 September 2006. The chapel is in a good state of repair but the schoolroom is not usable.