

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 or further details were not available: a written submission to the relevant Planning Authority was therefore not possible. Both lists relate to the period from October 2004 to the end of January 2005.

Bethel Church (site), Beaufort, Ebbw Vale: Residential development to replace demolished chapel.

Gwynfryn Independent Chapel, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire: Replacement of front parapet stonework by traditional slated verge and roof.

Nazareth (English Baptist), Cae Garw, Mountain Ash, Rhondda Cynon Taff: Alterations including disabled access.

St David`s (Presbyterian), Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff: Removal of all pews.

Trinity Baptist Chapel, Trelewis, Merthyr Tydfil: Construction of kitchen and disabled toilet.

St John the Baptist Mission Church, Catbrook, Monmouthshire: Conversion to residential dwellings.

Carmel Chapel, Bonvilston, Vale of Glamorgan: Conversion of chapel and vestry to residential use.

Salvation Army Chapel, Porth, Rhondda Cynon Taff: Conversion to flats.

Siloh Chapel (United Welsh), Llandudno (Grade II Listed): Alterations to entrance and to the internal layout and provision of disabled access ramp.

Glynarthen Chapel, Glynarthen, Llandysul, Ceredigion: Disabled ramp access to vestry.

Blaina URC, Blaina, Blaenau Gwent: Outline planning permission for residential development.

Capel Tegid, Bala, Gwynedd (Grade II Listed): Installation of central heating, disabled toilet and removal of seats for wheel chairs.

Gwynfa Hall, Holyhead, Anglesey: Demolition proposed for former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, currently Salvation Army meeting hall.

Cwm Chapel, Churchstoke, Montgomeryshire: Alterations and extension, including garage (already converted chapel?).

The English Baptist Church, Carmarthen: Provision of new rear access and stairwell, an internal lift and alterations to steps and stairs.

Berea URC, Nantyglo, Blaenau Gwent (Listed): Now Imaan Islamic Society; Removal of pews and timber floors affected by dry rot.

Gospel Hall, Abertridwr, Caerphilly: Possible demolition.

Capel Salem, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay (Listed): Disabled access and new side entrance for the Antioch Fellowship.

Bethel Christian Centre, Old Colwyn: Demolition and construction of 9 Flats.

Catholic Church, Curre Street, Cwm, Ebbw Vale: Change of use to 4 bedroomed house and garage.

Capel Peniel, Glan Conwy, Conwy: Conversion of chapel to dwelling.

Old Chapel, Newbridge Street, Laugharne, Carmarthenshire: Amended conversion of chapel into dwelling.

Soar Chapel, Mynyddgarreg, Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire: Alterations and change of use to a dwelling.

Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Crane Street, Cefn Mawr, Denbighshire: Recently sold.

Salvation Army Citadel, Coed Poeth, Wrexham: Closed and sold for conversion to dwelling.

Salvation Army Citadel, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham: Closed October 2004; For Sale on the market.

Black Park Methodist Chapel, Chirk: Threatened with closure but actively seeking support (www.blackparkchapel.org.uk). This is a colliery chapel built by the miners at their own expense.

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.

Gwern-y-Nant Presbyterian Chapel, Llansantffraid: Sympathetic conversion to dwelling involving lowering of ground floor and lengthening of three windows.

Former Wesleyan Chapel, Perrots Road, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire: Currently antiques store and showroom. Conversion proposed to 8 Residential Flats with demolition of link building. Retention of link building suggested for access and amenities.

Capel Moriah, Dolwyddelan, Gwynedd (Grade II Listed): Good conversion into 2 residential accommodation units.

Capel yr Annibynwyr, Abergynolwyn, Gwynedd: Sympathetic conversion into 2 dwellings with reservations about the treatment of the Rose Window and upvc fenestration.

Glanaber Chapel and Chapel House, Llanuwchllyn, Nr. Bala: Revised proposal for demolition and construction of 2 residential units. No local support for conversion of the chapel.

Capel Bach, Llanbedr, Gwynedd: Satisfactory proposal for change of use to one-bedroom dwelling.

Elim Pentecostal Church, Colwyn Bay: Sympathetic conversion to 12 appartements which preserves the integrity of the Church.

Capel Hermon, Llanerch Road East, Rhos on Sea, Colwyn Bay: Demolition of existing chapel and construction of new chapel and 8 residential flats. Plans proposed by the Chapel Trustees.

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William Williams Pantycelyn Memorial Chapel, Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire: The financial target for renovation set for December 2004 has been achieved and the work is now being planned.

Cefn Bychan Baptist Chapel (1826), Newbridge, Wrexham, (Listed): The gravestones illegally removed from the burial ground have been returned but the chapel and burial ground remain in a state of neglect.

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Capel Egryn, Tal-y-Bont, Gwynedd: Chapel and schoolroom – change of use to dwelling.

Saron Chapel, Cowny, Llanwddyn, Oswestry: Conversion to dwelling.

Dock Chapel, Morfa, Llanelli: Conversion of chapel to 8 No. flats with addition of glazed entrance area.

Memorial Chapel, George Hill, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire: Conversion of chapel to 4 No. offices.

Pentwyn Chapel, Upper Tumble, Llanelli: Conversion of former chapel to residential use.

Pen Nabo Chapel, Penybontfawr, Oswestry: Chapel under threat – no information available.

Bethania URC, Upper Chapel, Breconshire: Decision taken to close the chapel. Advice Leaflet sent to Mr Vivian Parry.

Ebenezer CM Chapel, Llwynbrwydrau, Llansamlet, Swansea: Council application to demolish the chapel for residential development. Information from Mr W J Meredith.

Former St David's Church, Stanley Road, Llanelli: Planning application for conversion to 5 No. link dwellings.

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. The preservation work and alterations proposed for the Grade I Listed Maesyronnen URC, Glasbury-on-Wye, were assessed by Mr Norman Chang.

Tynycwm Chapel, Pontrhydbendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, Ceredigion: Unsympathetic conversion to dwelling involving new entrance, dormer windows and Upvc. Plans approved.

Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Church Street, Bute Town, Cardiff: Revised plans for open narthex extension, memorial archway and elevated brick belltower. Proposals are in keeping with the existing building.

Capel Peniel, Llanegryn, Gwynedd: Conversion into single dwelling with office. Too many roof lights due to low building height, otherwise a good conversion.

Capel Arenig, Arenig, Bala: Sympathetic conversion of former Tin Tabernacle into holiday accommodation. Outcome better than further neglect and eventual demolition.

Capel Saron, Tyn y Maes, Bethesda: Conversion of disused chapel into dwelling with extension. Unsympathetic conversion proposed with poor features.

Capel Antioch (Congregational), Crymch, Pembrokeshire: Conversion of chapel into dwelling. Good conversion except for external decking feature.

Baptist Church, Abersychan, Pontypool, Torfaen CB: Provision of disabled access with ramps, reusing walling materials. No objections raised.

Llanefydd CM Chapel, Llanefydd, Denbigh: Provision of extension for Committee Room, toilets etc and internal rearrangements. No objections raised.

Gleiniant CM Chapel, Trefeglwys, Caersws: Conversion of chapel and schoolroom into two separate dwellings with vehicular access. Not a wholly sympathetic proposal.

Peniel Chapel (Listed), Carno, Caersws: Conversion of chapel and schoolroom into dwelling and workshop/studio. Very good conversion proposed by the Presbyterian Church authority.

Maesyronnen URC, Glasbury-on-Wye, Powys (Grade I Listed): Internal and external preservation work including roofing and drainage. Reinstatement of original door opening on north wall and toilet extension. Procedures under the Ecclesiastical Exemption. Norman Chang made no objection to the proposal but suggested that some information about the chapel prior to its Grade I Listing would have been helpful.

Capel Saeson, New Row, Pontrhydygroes, Ceredigion: Proposal to rebuild the derelict Lisburne Mines Chapel, possibly as part of the Ceredigion `Spirit of the Miners` Project. Capel supported the proposal made by Mr E W Hughes.

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Llanuwchllyn, Hen Gapel, Nr. Bala: The derelict chapel house adjoining the chapel has been restored and extended and is now inhabited. A plaque has been placed on the wall recording that this is the birthplace of Michael D. Jones, who organised the Welsh settlement in Patagonia, and returned to succeed his father as the Principal of the Independent College in Bala.

Black Park Methodist Chapel, Chirk: Since the last Newsletter a decision has been made to close this colliery chapel in spite of local efforts to save it.

Hebron Chapel, Cymmer, Neath: Following information that there was some concern about the interior furnishings of this Grade 11 Listed chapel, currently on the market, CADW was contacted.

Baptist Chapel, Newbridge Rd., Cefn Bychan, Wrexham: Listed Building Consent for the conversion of this chapel as a dwelling has now been granted. The illegally removed gravestones have been returned to the site and are required to be positioned around the edge of the site according to an approved plan.

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Capel Coffa, Llandudno Junction, Conwy: Provision of disabled access ramp and toilet facilities.

Capel Bethel, Llanfachredd, Gwynedd (Listed): Change of use of chapel to form part of adjacent dwelling (Ty Capel Bethel).

Capel Moriah, Dolrhedyn, Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd: Glazed pitched roof at rear to create new toilet and kitchen facilities.

Beulah Chapel, Beulah, Newcastle Emlyn, Ceredigion: Improved access for disabled via the vestry.

Park United Reformed Church, Murray Street, Llanelli: Change of use from church to a furniture shop (in the interest of long term preservation).

Greenfield Baptist Church, Murray Street, Llanelli: Replacement of 2 No. side windows with doors to install disabled ramp entrance.

Brynhyfred Sunday School, Golden Grove, Carmarthen : Conversion to dwelling with an extension and separate garage.

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.

Libanus Chapel, Bute Street, Treherbert, Rhondda Cynon Taff (Listed Grade II): Structural engineers report site defects and previous attempts to reconstruct the frontage have failed. Disused for 12 years. Interior of interest. Demolition is the likely outcome.

Capel Bethel, Llanfair, Harlech: Conversion of chapel to dwelling with other alterations. A good conversion – Neuadd Goffa is opposite and no alternative use was proposed.

Carmel Baptist Chapel, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, Ceredigion: Replacement of 5 No. existing windows with fixed Upvc double glazed windows with Georgian glazing bars to match existing style.

Bethel Christian Centre, Old Colwyn, Gwynedd: Demolition of existing building and erection of 10 No. residential units. No information about the old building was available.

Capel Rhyd y Meirch, Cwm Penmachno, Gwynedd: Conversion into residence with visitor accommodation, café/dining and gallery/studio. A good conversion which will preserve the chapel.

Sion Baptist Chapel, Brook Street, Llanfyllin: Change of use to dwelling with new entrance and additional roof lights. A sympathetic conversion.

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Capel Saeson, New Row, Pontrhydygroes, Ceredigion: Plans to rebuild the derelict Lisburne Mines Chapel have been refused because it would be regarded as a new building in a countryside location.

Knolton Mission Church (Listed Grade II), Bryn, Overton, Wrexham: Revised plans with new details have been approved for this fire damaged Tin Tabernacle once destined for St Fagans.

Gleiniant CM Chapel, Trefeglwys, Caersws: Revised application to provide improved access and parking was required by Powys CC. Conversion of chapel and schoolroom as detailed in the previous list.

Capel Hermon, Rhos on Sea, Colwyn Bay: Plans have been approved for a new chapel and 8 No. 2-bedroom flats to replace the existing chapel.