

Church Sale Timeline

5 March 2023

Peter Ely writes to the Moderator and Session Clerk to note the church's future is in doubt and to request the Kirk Session consult with the community.

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Peter Ely writes to Perth Presbytery to suggest that the CC considers recent and forthcoming changes should increase church attendance. Requests for CC input to any proposals about the church's future.

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Peter Ely emails to CC circulation lists stating the current situation with the church and that he has requested the Session should communicate directly with the community.

March 2023

Kirk Session agrees community should be involved. It delivers a leaflet to all homes in the parish inviting folk to support the church. The CC also issues this in an email to all on its circulation lists.

Comm Council understands that Kenmore Church is the preferred option to retain.

5 July 2023

Taymouth Castle offers to fund a building report for the church, similar to that they funded for the Reading Rooms.

3 Dec 2024

CC informed by Taymouth Castle that they had commissioned a building survey for the Kirk Session and that the Church of Scotland had yet to make a decision.

Feb 2025

Peter meets with Interim Moderator and is told the church is most likely to be put on the market later in the year. Peter requests community should be given purchase priority **should it be sold**.

13 March 2025

Comm Council informed Peter met Lorimer Grey from Church of Scotland. Informed that Kenmore church is likely to be sold unless there is a major change of plan during the year. Peter has asked for details of likely cost and any limitations on use that will be applied.

29 April 2025

Kirk Session confirms Session voted in a majority for the church to be sold and the Comm Council to be offered exclusive sale rights at valuation price.

8 May 2025

CC votes to investigate a purchase and prepare a feasibility study.

17 June 2025

CC publishes its statement.

19 June 2025

Robert Lee confirms valuation figure of £80k. Clock starts ticking.

22 June 2025

Colin Morton writes to Mr Lee expressing concern at the valuation price and six month time limit. Asks for the church to be donated to the community. Requests a meeting to discuss.

3 July 2025

Colin Morton meets Robert Lee at CoS HQ in Edinburgh. No movement on any of our requests.

10 July 2025

Comm Council considers the feasibility report and decides to go to public consultation, starting with a public meeting.

24 July 2025

Public meeting in Kenmore Church

24 July 2025

Online survey starts

7 August

Consultation ceases

13 August

CC meets and agrees it has a clear mandate to move to next steps - investigate funding and appoint a project manager.