Fundraising Feasibility Study Summary

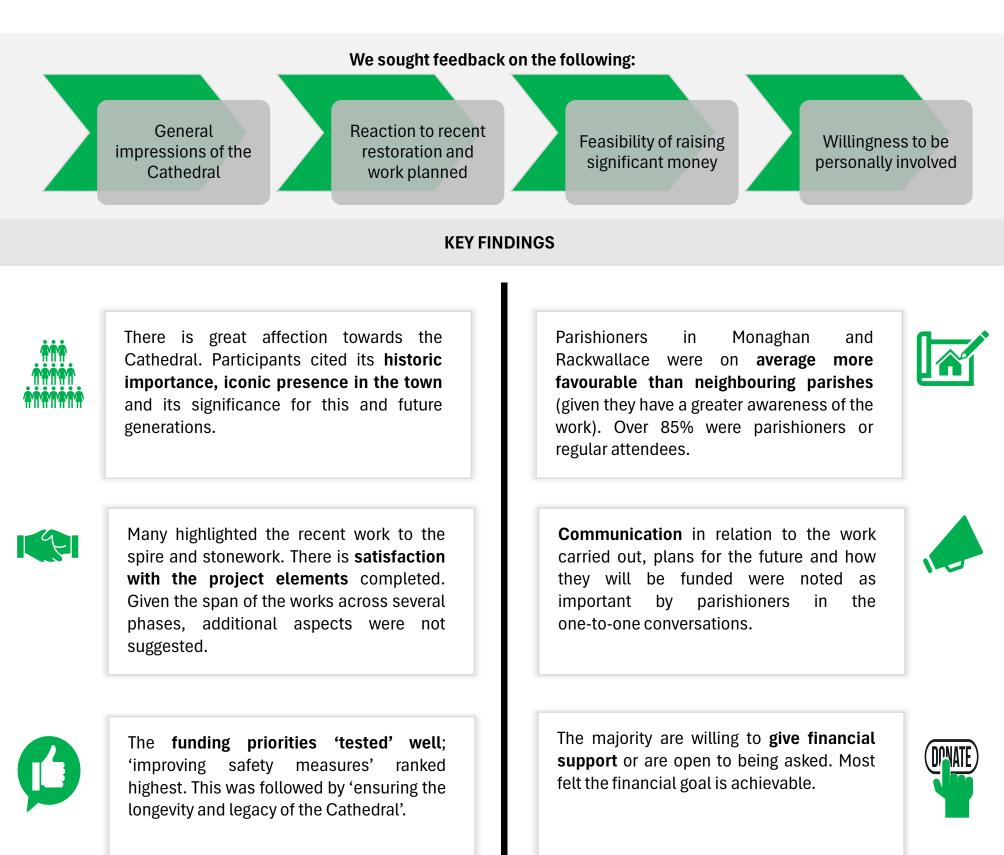




We appreciate the time and interest of those who shared their opinions in the recent feasibility study. Given the significant restoration work needed on St Macartan's Cathedral, continued fundraising will be necessary. We value the high level of participation and the willingness to provide support.

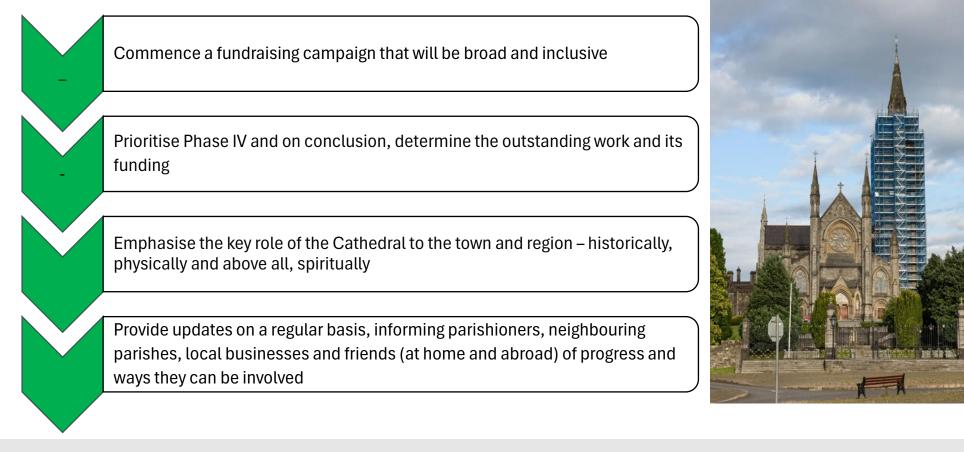
The feedback gathered was extensive – 1,401 parishioners in Monaghan and Rackwallace Parish and its five neighbouring ones – Donagh, Kilmore/Drumsnatt, Clontibret, Roslea and Tyholland (1,386 surveys and 17 one-to-one conversations).

The focus of the restoration project now is on Phase IV. On the western side of the Cathedral, many of the features at the main entrance require attention. These include repointing of turrets and replacing stonework mortar. This will be done in a sequenced manner over an 18-month period. It is important to keep the restoration going to retain our expert contractors, ensure cost effectiveness and build on the progress we have made.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Considering the 1,401 opinions received, along with the most effective way to raise such significant funds, we have agreed to:



NEXT STEPS

Our aim is to ensure the safety and preservation of our beautiful Cathedral. This in turn will guarantee the endurance of this iconic, sacred space. Mindful of the sacrifices made by our forebearers during the mid-19th century in building the Cathedral, it is incumbent on us now to play our role in safeguarding its legacy.

Please pray for the continued progress of the restoration and success for our fundraising initiative. To enable everyone the opportunity to learn more about the work, to ask questions and consider their financial support, we will be holding one-to-one meetings, small group gatherings and large get-togethers over the next year. When you receive a call or letter about the fundraising campaign, we would appreciate you:

- Accepting the invitation to hear the details
- Listening with an open mind
- Responding positively at a level right for you

Thank you. We look forward to keeping you updated on our ambitious plans and how you can help us realise them.

For more information see: <u>https://youtu.be/GGgDr_Oudbw?si=QJfRS7Lp-Mp6I-DB</u>

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