

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting

16th September 2008

Present: Sylvia Ayers, Lewis Boyd, Mark Elliott (chair), Jane Fletcher, Margaret Heath, Janet Mahto, David Marles, Yvonne Morris, Martin Palmer, Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver, Angela Soboslay, Clive Tilling.

Apologies: Antony Claridge, Judith and David Bishop, Chris Gladstone, Sarah Hiscock.

Minutes of the previous meeting (Agenda 3)

The minutes were not available and so are due for approval at the next meeting.

Matters Arising (Agenda 4)

No matters arising were discussed.

Churches together in Bath (Agenda 5)

The Churches Listings Leaflet publicises Church Services throughout the City, with the outer-Bath Churches listed by area. A new version is now being printed, (in Buff), and a pack of them will be given to every Church in Bath. Volunteers will also deliver the leaflets to Hotels, Guest Houses and B&B's in Bath.

The Rev Roger Nunn will be Executive Secretary until the end of this month. His latest Newsletter, (copies are on the Church Table), gives details of the Bath & Wells 1100 event on July 4th 2009, and the Green Companion Booklet which is now available from the publishers. Roger also mentioned the possibility of another major Debate, this time on "The Embryo", but this is still at the very early discussion stage.

Future Dates

- The Travelling Light will come to Christ Church from St John's, South Parade on October 5th. It will go from us to Holy Trinity Queen Square on November 2nd.
- The next Meeting of this Committee will be held on Thursday November 13th.
- The Road Peace Service will be held at 4pm on November 16th at Nexus Church. It is planned to erect a carved stone memorial to Bath's Road Crash Victims.
- The 2009 Epiphany Service will take place at Manvers Street on January 11th.

We at Christ Church have not been receiving the Somerset Churches Together report. This is being pursued. As a result, we have only just received notification of the following event:

Churches in Community: From Vision to Action on Saturday 8 November 2008, in Weston-super-Mare. Speakers include Bishop Peter Price.

Deanery Synod (Agenda 6)

No meeting has been held since last Church Council meeting.

Fun(d) raising (Agenda 7)

Last year's Play Day hit many of the right buttons for a community event, particularly including our LMG partners. It was agreed that such an event would most sensibly held every second year, although last year's venue will not be available in 2010. Martin agreed that he would not object to a request to organise a repeat event in 18 months.

After a few suggestions, including a cabaret-style evening and an evening meal, the meeting agreed that a Barn Dance, slightly easier to organise than the Play Day, would be a good community event. It was thought that such an event should include a Ploughman's type meal, should not start too late, and should take place on a Saturday on or before 21/02/2009, so as to avoid Lent.

Martin agreed to see whether a band could be booked for a suitable day.

Any Other Business (Agenda 8)

- A request was made, to general agreement, to restore the Harvest Festival lunch after the 10am service. This will be considered for 2009.
- The view was expressed that an option to have brighter lighting on the altar would be appreciated. As there was general agreement on this point, the matter was passed to Yvonne as chairman of the Trustees.

Date of next Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th November 2008 at 7.30pm.

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