

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting 22nd June 2010

Present: Sylvia Ayers, David Bishop (Chair), Judith Bishop, Margaret Burrows, Keri Chivers, Antony Claridge, Margaret Heath, Janet Mahto, Jane Nicholson, Martin Palmer, Bob Siderfin, Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver, Angela Soboslay, Brenda Wall, Malcolm Wall.

2 Apologies for absence

Lewis Boyd, Mark Elliot, Sophie Smith

3 Approval of minutes of meetings on 16th March and 10th May.

The 16th March minutes were approved with addition of "to Trustees" after the word "Treasurer". (P:MP, S:AS). The 10th May minutes were approved with a correction to the spelling of Philip Hawthorn's name. (P:AS, S:JM)

4 Matters arising

16th March

- It was reported that according to the Bath chronicle the proposal to charge for Sunday parking had been dropped.
- Plans for a "Playday" depended on finding a suitable venue for c120 with suitable kitchen. Enquiries should be made at Kingswood (JB) and Paragon (MP). The date should be early in the year, and close to Christ Church.

10th May

- It was still not clear whether Lewis Boyd had agreed to become the regular chairman for Council meetings.

5 Regular reports

a Minister's Report and Local Ministry Group

Antony reported that Philip Hawthorn had agreed to preach at our Patronal Festival. Antony approved of the division of responsibilities between Trustees and Council, giving the latter more time to discuss the spiritual life of Christ Church. he urged that communication with the congregation be improved, and it was agreed that copies of the Council minutes be made available to all (possibly via the notices?) and the website, adding an invitation to attend a meeting.

b Churches Together in Bath

Sylvia gave highlights of the report that was available in the new-styled magazine.

c Deanery Synod

Andrew gave a report that is also available on the church notice-board. He had been most favourably impressed by the bishops – both in terms of their enthusiasm and the amount of work they achieved.

d Trustees Report

In the absence of a formal Trustees report, David said the outside area along the north wall of the building needed attention to clear it of weeds. Use of a weed-killer near school premises would need care. The possibility of “reclaiming” the garden north of the apse was also discussed. Janet offered to investigate and advise what could be done. Andrew pointed out the legal implications of allowing access to the new owner of the house next to the apse, which will be relayed to Trustees.

6 Cedar Tree

It had not been thought necessary to invite Nicky Gladstone to discuss Cedar Tree as the new co-ordinator Keri Chivers and the team of Jane Nicholson, Margaret Silver, Brenda Wall had already taken the work on. Following discussion, in particular on aspects of hygiene and security, it was agreed Keri would write up requests for help eg moving tables for inclusion in the notices. Keri would also coordinate checking of the servery and compile a list of essential improvements. Warm thanks were proposed to Keri and helpers, and also to NG who had the original vision and started Cedar Tree. It was agreed a letter be sent to Nicky, (Action DB).

7 Any Other Business

- Sylvia announced that total takings for Mothers Union overseas amounted to £77, helped by sales of garden flowers and fruit.
- Margaret Heath showed and recommended the book “*Keeping Somerset Churches Alive*”, by Hugh Playfair.
- Antony noted that Lewis now licensed as required under Child Protection. Proposed Government changes should be monitored.
- A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Antony for all his leadership, hard work and skilful input to the Council over many years.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm with the Grace.