



Christ Church Bath

Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Chair: David Rawlings
Secretary: Judith Bishop
Members present: Sharon Rawlings, Andrew Sillett, Rowena Hall, Sarah Kerr, Morny Davison, Ian Hay Davison, Alex Soboslay

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
	David Rawlings led an opening prayer	
	Apologies Matthew Jones, Mark Elliott, Margaret Burrows, Malcolm Wall, Brenda Wall, Judith Anderson, Angela Soboslay, Janet Mahto	
1.	Approval of Minutes Tuesday 22nd September 2015 Some corrections to the previous Minutes were necessary: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Mark Elliott was present. Sarah Jones was in 'attendance'.Photography in church was discussed and Andrew Sillett was asked to check on the Diocesan position.Security in church was also discussed. Sidespeople were to be asked to be aware of anything going on at the back of church.Spring clean after the bells works was to be investigated by the Standing Committee.Social Events - The 'thank you' to Judith was not due here but should have been because she had offered to take on being Secretary for Council until the next AGM Having highlighted these changes the Minutes were accepted. Proposer - Andrew Sillett, Seconder – Morny Davison	
	Matters arising Photography in church. Andrew Sillett is still to check on the Diocesan position.	AEWS
	Alcohol licence. This is still with Alex Soboslay who apologised that it hadn't been done. Delay was due to pressure from other church matters such as getting the Church profile produced.	AS

Under AOB, Valuation of the church silver. Andrew Sillett is still to look into this. **AEWS**
Sharon Rawlings suggested we ask Sarah Shepherd.

It was suggested that Judith Bishop should ask David Bishop and that Mark Elliott should check with the Gladstones. **JB/ME**

The new piano (courtesy of the Rices) needs to be tuned and we need to check if it's included under the insurance policy. Judith to check with David Bishop. **JB**

Alex and Mark Elliott have had a meeting with Father Jeremy. The Archdeacon needs to look in to getting permission for St Mary's being able to use Christ Church for services while they are repairing the fire damage. Alex to report back to council. **AS**

2. Publicity

We now have a team of people with a new coordinator, Janet Mahto. Matthew and Sarah are arranging to hand over what they have and to offer any help that's required for the new team to take this important function on.

3 New priest in Charge – where are we?

The advert for the new incumbent is in the Church Times this week (w/c 21/10) and next (w/c 28/10).

The advert offers links to the church website and there have been an encouraging number of visits of people coming through this route looking at past issues of the church magazine.

Last Sunday (19/10) we had a visit from a couple who were perhaps interested in the position.

Closing date for applications – 2/11/2015

All applications will be received by the Archdeacon's secretary

4 Nomination of Brenda Wall as Lay Reader

Brenda is looking for support from the church council and for them to nominate her for Lay Readership before going forward to training. Angela Berners-Wilson will certify the application and Angela will provide a reference when the selection is due to take place.

The Revd Canon David Harrex, Bath Archdeaconry Warden of Readers requires a minute from the council that states our willingness to support and encourage Brenda in becoming a Reader in our church.

It was agreed that everyone at the previous council meeting was in favour of Brenda being offered forward for training. All councillors in attendance at this meeting were also in favour.

Ian Hay Davison proposed that council agree to support Brenda's application, seconded by Sharon Rawlings. All were in agreement.

5 Church Maintenance and New works

Sarah Kerr offered a report from Robin who had asked some questions of George Chedburn (Architect):

1. If we seal off the South West door will the gallery still fully pass Fire/Building regulations as far as evacuation is concerned?
2. When we submit the Faculty application for the toilets do we need :
 - a. To cover the porch aspects too?
 - b. To provide a vision for the porch upgrade?
 - c. Not to mention the porch?
3. Rough Order of Magnitude costs?
4. Which date Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to aim for?

5. Drawings should include phase 2 of the heating project, i.e. sites of radiators,
 - a. In toilet area
 - b. In porch area (though might just need pipework only) if we're not sure where the radiators will go

The DAC was sent 3 plans and asked for their advice as to which option they would recommend. They recommended option 1.

A discussion followed, it was agreed that during the fire inspection it was not thought that the SW door posed a risk. It was recommended that the South door should be brought back in to commission as a fire exit and perhaps a fire alarm should be added to the ringing chamber. The Trustees will need to decide about these suggestions.

David Rawlings suggested that Alex talk to Robin and get him to get on with the application to the DAC.

AS

Rowena Hall asked if we had a rolling programme of redecoration. Alex confirmed that this would be included in the Quinquennial report. Rowena suggested we look at tidying up the back wall of church by installing continuous notice boards and useful shelves, etc. Perhaps the pictures of the previous incumbents should be displayed elsewhere.

It was suggested that perhaps we need a faculty to do any painting or it may be possible to get the Archdeacon's permission to freshen up the dull interior.

It was decided that council should propose that the Trustees look at redecorating the back of church.

A discussion about toilets followed where the council were informed that the DAC recommended 2 toilets to replace the existing ones.

It was decided that the building committee should move on refurbishing the vestry toilet to make this habitable

6 Charities

Rowena led the discussion.

She confirmed the following had been agreed previously:

1. November charity would be for Refugees through United Society (US)
2. December charity would be Julian House and Genesis

There were several suggestions for other charities for future months.

It was recommended that Rowena and her group, Andrew Sillett and Sharon Rawlings should look at other charities and write a proposal covering their recommendations for the next year.

**RH/
AEWS/
SR**

7 Finance

As Malcolm Wall was not present there was no financial report. Alex Soboslay confirmed that Council now has a formal bank account.

8 Services leading up to and over Christmas

1. 22/11 - Christ the King – bells
2. 6/12 – Advent 2 – penitential season so no bells
3. 20/12 – Carol Service - bells
4. 24/12 – Christmas Eve
 - a. Christ Church afternoon Crib Service – no bells
 - b. St Mary's 6pm service – no bells
 - c. St Mary's 9pm service – no bells
 - d. Christ Church 11:30 – Midnight Mass service – no bells

5. 25/12 – Christmas Day
 - a. Christ Church - No 8am service
 - b. St Mary's 8am service – no bells
 - c. Christ Church 10am – bells
6. 27/12 – Low Sunday. It hasn't been decided yet whether there will be a service this day.

The use of bells needs to be ratified by the Standing Committee

9 AOB

- a. **Request for assistance from the City of Bath Chaplaincy (AEWS)** – Trustees have agreed to pay £200 towards the support of Rob Popejoy, Chaplain at the City of Bath College. This post was previously supported by the Deanery and the College. Andrew agreed to raise the issue at Deanery Synod.

AEWS

Council was pleased to hear that we have two students attending Christ Church, one from Bath Spa and the other from the Lutheran Church.

- b. Bells report (IHD) – Ian reported that the final bills had been received from Acredale.
 - a. There is an extra cost for concrete.
 - b. The date has yet to be decided to open the windows
 - c. Ian has written a paper regarding the level of sound the bells are producing. The sound seems to be leaking through the clock tower onto the roof. Ian will ask Dave Kelly to investigate where the leak is occurring.
 - d. Ian relayed a request from a group of young ringers (University of Bath) to ring at Christ Church on Monday 14 December between 15:45 and 17:00. This was referred to the Standing Committee for a decision as the Trustees also have an interest in what ringing takes place on our bells.

IHD

Meeting closed at 21:01

Next meeting Tuesday 24th November at 19:40

Signed Dated