



Christ Church Bath

Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Tuesday, 24 November 2015

Chair: David Rawlings
Secretary: Judith Bishop (Acting)
Members present: Sharon Rawlings, Judith Anderson, Andrew Sillett, Alex Soboslay, Matthew Jones, Mark Elliott, Brenda Wall, Malcolm Wall, Sarah Kerr, Angela Soboslay

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
	David Rawlings led an opening prayer	
	Apologies Morny Davison, Ian Hay Davison, Rowena Hall, Margaret Burrows, Janet Mahto	
1. Approval of Minutes Tuesday 27th October 2015		
	Corrections and additions to Council minutes of Tuesday 27 October 2015	
	1. Minutes of Tuesday 22 September	
	a. Add apology from David Rawlings for absence. Ian Hay Davison and Morny Davison spell their surname without a "d".	
	b. Premises licence: remove reference to "apology" and "delay". Alex said that now the profile was done, he expected the premises licence application to be ready for submission in about a month.	
	c. Meeting with Fr Jeremy: Angela Soboslay was also present, as was Mark (Cowan?) from St Mary's.	
	2. Publicity. Add: The meeting expressed its thanks to Janet for taking on this role.	
	3. Recruitment. The Church Times is published Fridays, so the advert was in the issues published Friday 17 October and Friday 24 October.	

4. Nomination of Lay Reader.

Replace “councillors” with “Council members”.

5. Maintenance and works.

In paragraph about drawings including phase 2 of the heating project, move parenthesis in “b” to end of clause: In porch area (though might just need pipework only if we’re not sure where the radiators will go).

David Rawlings suggested that Alex talk to Robin about an application to the DAC.

Sharon Rawlings called attention to some cracks in the walls in the gallery.

The buildings committee should move on refurbishing the choir vestry toilet to make this usable.

6. Charities.

Angela Soboslay is also a member of the working group.

7. Finance.

Alex confirmed that David Bishop, the Treasurer, was setting up a formal Council bank account.

9.b. Bells

In item c: The sound seems to be leaking through the clock chamber

Having highlighted these changes, the Minutes were accepted.

Proposer - Andrew Sillett **Secunder** – Sarah Kerr

Council agreed

2. Matters arising

Photography in church. Andrew Sillett has checked on the Diocesan position. David Rawlings agreed that we have to protect not only young children but also vulnerable adults. We need to avoid photos of identifiable people going up on social media. Andrew proposed that we have a policy statement added, in bold, to the weekly Notice sheet. This should advise that anyone wishing to take photos should obtain a permit from the Churchwardens. Sarah Kerr suggested that we have an advice slip in every pew. Perhaps we should also have a discreet sign at the entrance. This would be a good subject to raise with the new Priest in charge.

Proposer Andrew Sillett **Secunder** Mark Elliott

All agreed

Alcohol licence. Alex Soboslay advised council that the application form was designed for pubs with licensing hours. It was agreed that we should specify the hours of 11am to 11pm.

Andrew Sillett confirmed that we have an inventory of all the ‘family’ silver that’s in the safe.

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.

3. Financial Report

Malcolm Wall confirmed that the Council Fund was carrying a surplus for the year of £5100. This was better than previous years despite that fact that 'giving' is down. We are accruing money for Bath & Wells with a view to pay the Diocese £10,000 in January depending on operational expenditure.

Malcolm will provide a report

MW

4. Most recent ratified Trustees Minutes

Alex Soboslay had provided these in advance of the meeting

5. New priest in Charge

Judith Bishop read an authorised statement from Sarah Jones, Chair of Trustees

"After many months of preparation, listening, hard work and a lot of prayer we have made an offer to one of our interviewees to take up the post of priest-in-charge. We have had a positive response and the trustees have given their unanimous approval. Because of the need to make simultaneous announcements, we not in a position to confirm the name of our new priest until 6th December. There will be an ongoing discussion to confirm the detailed 'terms and conditions' as well as a start date. We hope that this will be by Easter. This will partly be dependent upon being able to agree a date for the service of licensing and installation. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard up to this point, and thank you too for all your prayers. I am confident we can make this last part of our transition period a fruitful one as we continue to support each other and seek to build up the life OF Christ Church. Any appointment is subject to a DBS check, as is standard"

Judith Anderson asked how many applicants there had been and Mark Elliott said he would check this. **ME**

It was confirmed that three of the applicants had been interviewed.

6. Publicity

In Janet Mahto's absence it was confirmed that the postcards advertising Christmas services were in the process of being produced.

7. Charities – Rowena Hall

In Rowena's absence, Andrew Sillett said he had produced a document regarding proposals for recommendation for charities for next year that he would send to the Charity group.

Having agreed, at the last meeting, the charity for December would be Genesis and Julian House, Malcolm Wall agreed to advertise and organise the collection.

MW

A further discussion ensued where it was agreed that we should push 'Foodbank' and that we should get advice regarding donation of clothing for the needy. The Charity group would check with Genesis.

Brenda Wall **proposed** that all loose change in the collection plates in December be added to the Genesis/Julian House collection. **Seconded** by Mark Elliott.

Council agreed

8 Bells

As agreed at the last meeting, the use of bells is for ratification by the Standing Committee

9 AOB

- a. **Security** – Mark Elliott said there had been two instances of property stolen recently, a bag and an article of clothing. People need to be made aware of this. Andrew Sillett has attempted to make the sidespeople aware of the potential problem of leaving the back of church unattended once the service has started. A useful discussion ensued and David Rawlings suggested that people like Andrew Sillett Jane Nicholson and himself make themselves available when churchwardens are otherwise engaged.
- b. **Church Service on 27th December** – It was suggested that there be no Eucharist service held on the Sunday after Christmas. Angela Berners-Wilson and Simon Tatton-Brown had offered to be on standby if anyone requested a service.

Proposed by David Rawlings **Seconded** by Angela Soboslay

Council agreed

Meeting closed at 21:11

Next meeting Tuesday 19th January at 19:40

Signed

Dated