



# Christ Church Bath

## Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Tuesday, 19 January 2016

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| <b>Chair:</b>           | David Rawlings   |                |
| <b>Secretary:</b>       | Judith Bishop (Acting)   |                |
| <b>Members present:</b> | Sharon Rawlings, Judith Anderson, Alex Soboslay, Matthew Jones, Mark Elliott, Malcolm Wall, Sarah Kerr   |                |
|                         | Also in attendance - William Willans (Ringing Master)  |                |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>      | <b>Minutes</b>   | <b>Actions</b> |
|                         | David Rawlings led an opening prayer   |                |
|                         | <b>Apologies</b><br>Morny Davison, Ian Hay Davison, Rowena Hall, Margaret Burrows, Janet Mahto, Andrew Sillett, Brenda Wall, Angela Soboslay   |                |
| <b>1.</b>               | <p><b>Approval of Minutes Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b></p> <p>Corrections and additions to Council minutes of Tuesday 24 November 2015</p> <p>2. Matters arising<br/>It was Sharon Rawlings, not Sarah Kerr, who suggested that we have an advice slip in every pew</p> <p>Alcohol licence: formal motion regarding licencing hours was proposed by Andrew Sillett, seconded by Mark Elliott and passed without opposition</p> <p>Angela Soboslay and Brenda Wall offered to try and find out about the handbells and if they were still in existence.<br/>There was also mention of the piano donated by the Rice family and if it should be added to the inventory and itemised under the insurance.</p> <p>7. Charities<br/>Judith Bishop gave some background to a charity, Children of Choice, providing help to people, primarily young women &amp; children, in Kenya. She confirmed that all money donated was used to buy clothing, bedding, flour and anything that would improve the lives of some very poor people. All information to be passed on to the Charity Group to add to the list of charitable causes.</p> |                |

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|   | <p>9. AOB.</p> <p>It was Malcolm Wall and not Mark Elliott who reported that there had been two instances of property stolen recently</p> <p>Having highlighted these changes, the Minutes were accepted unopposed.</p>  |  |
| <b>2. Matters arising</b>                       | <p>It was suggested that Council should have a recent inventory presented at the next meeting</p> <p><b>Proposer</b> Judith Bishop <b>Seconder</b> Sarah Kerr</p> <p>The motion was carried with one abstention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Financial report – Malcolm confirmed that there was no report</li> <li>5. Mark Elliott confirmed that there had been 4 applicants</li> </ol>   |  |
| <b>3. Financial Report</b>                      | <p>There was no financial report. This will be presented for the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> April</p>  |  |
| <b>4. Most recent ratified Trustees Minutes</b> | <p>No minutes had been produced since the last meeting.</p>  |  |
| <b>5. Publicity</b>                             | <p>The publicity group to be asked for a report detailing who's responsible for what.</p>  |  |
| <b>6. Charities – Rowena Hall</b>               | <p>As both Rowena Hall and Andrew Sillett were not present, there was no report. There was a discussion regarding what charities had been nominated for 2016.</p> <p>Malcolm Wall mentioned that we still had the cash raised for US refugee charity. This needs to be paid as agreed.</p> <p>Matthew Jones suggested that perhaps we should concentrate on having fewer charities split throughout the year.</p> <p>This was proposed by Malcolm Wall and seconded by Matthew Jones. The motion was carried with one member of Council against.</p> |  |
| <b>7. Bells</b>                                 | <p>In Ian Hay Davison's absence William Willans presented a report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 6th February is the date of the Queen's accession to the throne. It was requested that there would be a regular bells practise followed by an additional hour of ringing.</li> </ol>   |  |

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|                      | <p>2. Bell ringing for the installation of Lore Chumbley which would be in addition to normal practise</p> <p>It was agreed all requests of this nature should be dealt with through the Standing Committee</p> <p>The sound control still needs to be adjusted and an acoustic engineer has been engaged to investigate the bell chamber. This is causing problems as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. noise within the neighbourhood</li> <li>b. Until the volume if more controllable, we are unable to recruit and teach</li> </ul> <p>It is possible that more soundproofing is needed. We are awaiting Michael Barron's report, so we don't know if this is what is going to be recommended.</p> <p>Mark Elliott offered thanks to William Willans for taking the time to come to the meeting and present his report.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>8. AOB</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Alcohol Licence</b> – this allows Christ Church to serve alcohol only and not sell directly, i.e. serve alcohol to people attending a pre-arranged event. Serving between hours of 11am &amp; 11pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All instances will be approved of by the Standing Committee</li> <li>ii. All events must be diarised</li> <li>iii. The licence covers the church and the Mews.</li> </ul> <p>Council thanked Alex Soboslay for his work on this.</p> </li> <li>b. <b>Change of date for AGM (from 17/4 to 24/4)</b> – this was at the request of Sarah Jones, Chair of Trustees. <p><b>Proposed</b> by Alex Soboslay <b>Seconded</b> by Judith Anderson</p> <p><b>Motion carried unanimously</b></p> </li> <li>c. <b>Use of church and improvements necessary to accommodate large audiences</b> <p>Judith Bishop presented a report highlighting a number of problems Christ Church has which affect large events being held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Safety at the bottom of the steps towards gallery edge</li> <li>ii. Lighting on the south stairwell</li> <li>iii. Carpeting of north stairwell and broken floorboard at foot of stairs</li> <li>iv. Cleaning items on north stairwell need to be in a secure cupboard</li> <li>v. Sound</li> <li>vi. Cleanliness</li> <li>vii. Removal of rubbish</li> </ul> <p>A discussion ensued and it was noted that the Trustees had discussed the gallery parapet and they had agreed that a safety rail should be installed at the bottom of each aisle. For now, the front row should be roped off.</p> <p>The additional lighting socket in the south stairwell should be investigated and an extra bulb used if possible.</p> <p>Carpet does need looking at and either replaced or secured to avoid trip hazards. Floorboard should be fixed.</p> <p>A secure cupboard should be found for the cleaning material.</p> </li> </ul> |  |

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|  | <p>Speakers need to be extended up to the gallery</p> <p>At the end of the discussion on this, there was general agreement that Council wishes to make these recommendations to the Trustees.</p> <p>Following the bells work the gallery was extremely dirty</p> <p>Alex Soboslay offered to sort the rubbish in the gallery. Advice as to what we should do with the platforming and staging would be sought from the Trustees.</p> <p><b>d. Junior Church expenditure</b></p> <p>Sarah Jones proposed that some of the money set aside for Junior Church be spent to tidy up the crèche corner at the back of church. Emma Elliott and Sarah had researched some appropriate furniture. Council suggested that Sarah or Emma should prepare a list of the items they wished to purchase.</p> <p><b>e. Update to building projects</b></p> <p>Sarah Kerr proposed that when the vestry toilet is refurbished it should include a low level basin to enable the flower group better access to the water.</p> <p><b>f. Security issues</b></p> <p>Malcolm Wall reported an incident that had involved an altercation with a particular individual after the Sunday service. This is now a police matter. It was evident that members of Christ Church were not altogether clear as to how to deal with a situation such as this.</p> <p>Mark Elliott whilst mindful of the security of the congregation was adamant that this particular incident should not result in locked doors as this flies in the face of our openness and inclusivity. We should investigate some advice or training from the police or even Paul Solley of Genesis.</p> <p>It was suggested that Malcolm should get a group together and bring a proposal to Council as to how we should go forward with this.</p> <p><b>g. Photography and video recording permit</b></p> <p>Andrew Sillett had circulated a possible example of a permit for use at Christ Church. In his absence it was agreed that this subject should be taken forward to a future meeting together with the security issue.</p> <p><b>h.</b> It was reported and agreed that the heating had been inadequate for the previous couple of Sundays. It was agreed that the heating should start earlier when the weather is cold.</p> | <p><b>A Soboslay</b></p> <p><b>MW</b></p> |
|  | <p><b>Meeting closed at 21:30</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting Tuesday 23rd February at 19:40</b></p>   |   |

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