



Christ Church Bath

Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Tuesday, 23 February 2016

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

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
	David Rawlings led an opening prayer	
	Apologies Margaret Burrows and Janet Mahto	
	1. Approval of the Minutes Tuesday 23rd January 2016 All changes to the minutes had previously been notified by Alex Soboslay to the Secretary and included in the final version of the Minutes signed off by the Chair.	
	2. Matters arising <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of Minutes. Handbells – there had been no progress acquiring information regarding the handbells. Angela Soboslay said she would ask St Swithin's	AngS
	AOB – <ol style="list-style-type: none">d. A print out of the furniture that had been ordered was distributed. After some discussion it was proposed that Council agree to the choice. Proposed Malcolm Wall, seconded Morny Davison. There was one abstention.f. Security Issues – Mark reported that a wireless phone was now installed in the kitchen. Posters need to be designed and put up for Cedar Tree as they are most vulnerable. Paul Solley is willing to come and talk to anyone with concerns. Although absent from the meeting, Janet Mahto is aware of this and will sort out a suitable time and group to attend the talk.g. Photography & security in church – Andrew Sillett re-presented the diocesan guidelines. After some discussion Mark proposed that a small group should be formed to find out what other churches do and what's appropriate for Christ Church and report back to council.	ME/AEWS/ AlxS/DR
	3. Financial Report There was no written financial report. Malcolm said there were concerns over the last three years that income was falling. David Rawlings asked if the congregation had reduced. There was no one reason for the reduction in income. The numbers in the congregation fluctuate due to deaths and people moving away while others arrive but	

understandably don't necessarily commit to giving straight away. As weekly communicants are recorded this would be a good start to finding out how the numbers have changed. It was decided to leave further discussion to the next meeting when Rev'd Lore Chumbley would be with us.

Matthew Jones quoted from the May minutes where it was recorded that the Diocese had asked for a contribution of £15025 for 2015. We have paid £10000. The diocese is now suggesting we might pay the balance of £5025. Malcolm suggested that we need to be clear about our committed expenditure before we decide what we pay to the Diocese.

4. Most recent ratified Trustees Minutes

As there had been no meeting since the last Council meeting, there were no minutes available.

5. Installation of Lore Chumbley – 12 March 2016

The service will be held at 11:00.

Invitations had been sent out to all deanery clergy, Lore's church and the church mailing list.

The Archdeacon will be presiding and Jeremy Key-Pugh (Lay chair of Deanery Synod) will be preaching.

Mark Elliott has organised the order of service. Bells will be rung at appropriate points of the service.

Malcolm Wall has organised the drinks, Judith Bishop and Clive Tilling have organised the food and Jo Palmer is making and icing the cake.

Numbers are not confirmed so we are catering for around 100.

There will be presentations to Lore from representatives from different groups in the church. David Rawlings was nominated to be the council representative.

With regards to parking, Angela Soboslay will ask St Mary's for the use of their carpark.

6. Publicity

There was no report detailing who's responsible for what as Janet Mahto has been away. **JM**

Mark Elliott reported that the Easter publicity is in hand.

7. Charities – Rowena Hall

Rowena Hall confirmed that the committee was considering fewer charities but emphasised the need to wait until Lore had been consulted before presenting anything to council. In the meantime, it was proposed that March & April charity should be Send a Cow. Proposer, Rowena Hall, seconded by Malcolm Wall. The motion was carried.

The Charity committee will arrange a meeting with Lore as soon as possible.

8. Photography and Security in Church

As this had been discussed at length in Matters Arising there was nothing more to report.

9. Bells

Ian Hay Davison reported that there would be bell ringing for Lore's induction, -10:15 – 11:00 and after the service 12:30 – 13:00. The chiming bell would also be available for Lore to ring.

The casements to the ringing chamber have been finished.

A sound engineer, Michael Barron will be visiting this week to find the sound leak.

Ian reported on the current bank figures. Once the Gift Aid and vat recovery have been claimed, a contribution from the Barron Bell Trust has been received and the loan from the Trustees has been repaid, there is a shortfall of £1777.49. The planned peal dates would be presented to the Standing Committee for approval.

10. AOB

- a) Lay ministry – Brenda Wall confirmed that she has completed all the paperwork and obtained the necessary signatures and this is now with the Warden of Readers.
- b) AGM report booklet has been collated by Alex Soboslay in the past. Alex agreed that he is willing to do this again. Proposed by Judith Bishop, seconded by Judith Anderson. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 21:00

Next meeting Tuesday 5 April at 19:40

Signed

Dated