

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting 11th November 2010

Present: Sylvia Ayers, David Bishop, Judith Bishop, Margaret Burrows, Mark Elliott, Hazel Boyd (minutes), Lewis Boyd (chair), Jane Nicholson, Martin Palmer, Margaret Silver, Clive Tilling.

1. Opening prayer.

2. Apologies for absence. Keri Chivers, Margaret Heath, Janet Mahto, Bob Siderfin, Andrew Sillett, Brenda Wall, Malcolm Wall

3. Approval of minutes from meeting on 15th September. A: DB, S: SA

4. Matters arising.

- Play day: JB reported that a venue was still needed and would chase Kingswood School. Prior Park was also suggested.
- ME has contacted Philip Hawthorn.
- Parish Profile Group now in place, draft profile to be ready for next council meeting.
- Cleaning rota: JN is co-ordinating this and has had more volunteers. JN to produce a rota when the deep clean has been done.
- Talent register: JB has produced a draft form and shown to council for comment
- Paper towels: Paper towel dispensers have been purchased and need fitting. MP offered to fit them. JB suggesting extending the improvements to the vestry toilet.
- Pastoral care: KC has produced a box to deposit requests for pastoral care.

5. Regular reports

- LMG:** ME: Philip Hawthorne now in place. ME had a positive meeting with him a few weeks ago. PH is enthusiastic about strengthening the links between the churches, and has a large number of children at St Stephen's to focus on. ME is to continue to give school assemblies and to preach at St Stephen's, and PH is to come to Christ Church. There will be a joint LMG service for Christ the King (21st November), with PH preaching.
- CTB:** SA passed the latest CTB minutes to the chair (see attached), and Christ Church choir has been invited to sing at the Mayor's Call to Prayer in January.
- Deanery Synod:** Nothing to report, AS and MH attending meeting tonight.
- Trustees:** ME reported on their meeting of 13th October, including:
 - Cottage No. 2 is now let to students until July 2011
 - The tuition centre becomes available on 25th March
 - The Queensberry hotel's parking lease has been renegotiated (upwards!)
 - The porch: concerns about damp will be addressed in full when a faculty has been granted
 - Kitchen: this will be completely refitted
 - Architects: One of the diocese's listed private architects may be used
 - Finance: Our Parish Share for the year has just been paid in full
 - New trustee appointment: Martin Palmer has agreed to be a trustee
 - Interregnum planning: Parish Profile Group has been formed to gather views

5. Review of council members

Council reviewed the current list of members. Several trustees are on the outgoing (3rd year) group. The AGM will be an opportunity to encourage more non-trustees onto council.

6. Progress of working group projects

- The kitchen is the next project to do, followed by the sacristy
- Work will be carried out on the porch when the faculty is granted
- CT has is in touch with a contractor regarding the repair of the hinged covers

7. Homeless information leaflet

LB presented a draft copy of an information sheet, listing directions to Julian House, Genesis etc. to be left in the porch for people to take away. This was well received by council and it was suggested that the Cedar Tree should be added to the list.

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- ⤴ Advent service sheets have been produced for a trial period by Matthew and Sarah Jones. Comments are welcome.
- ⤴ Pastoral care: KC is co-ordinating this and has had at least 10 volunteers.
- ⤴ MH requested information about open Christmas: MW is co-ordinating this. Collections will take place at the Norland Nannies' service and the King Edwards' Christingle service. JB said there was a need to clarify who cheques should be made payable to, and will mention this to MW.
- ⤴ Alexander Soboslay's 18th birthday is tomorrow – ME will co-ordinate a gift from Christ Church. Also, it will soon become important to have another server(s) as Alex may start to have other commitments. LB to approach chalice assistants about this.
- ⤴ Tessa Claridge says thank you for her birthday card.
- ⤴ Council thanked those who organised the Harvest Lunch for an excellent event. The funding of social events will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Next meeting: Monday 17th January