

Christ Church Council Minutes
30 August 2011

Present: Judith Bishop, Andrew Sillett, Margaret Burrows, Angela Soboslay, (AnS) Janet Mahto, Robert Siderfin, Brenda Wall, Lewis Boyd (Chair).

1 LB led an opening prayer.

2 Apologies: Rebecca Nicholson, Margaret Heath, Malcolm Wall.

3 Approval of minutes (16 June 2011) On item 7 of the agenda (Away Weekend) it was Janet Mahto who volunteered to attend on behalf of CC.

With this amendment the approval of the minutes was proposed by AS and seconded by JB.

4 Matters arising:

A plate for contributions still needs to be put out at the back of the church. AS to do this, LB to remind congregation.

We have received details of the Genesis Food Bank. JM to get more information & coordinate CC contributions.

5 It was determined that we should not discuss matters of outreach and forward plans until January when new Priest is well in place.

6 Regular reports:

a there was no additional information from LMG

b DB reported on the latest Trustees meeting. No.2 cottage is empty. Angel Townshend (Weaver) will not be using it when she moves to CC. It is now being advertised again by Challenger Properties.

c There have been no meetings of CTB during the summer.

d On 5 September there will be a Deanery Synod debate and vote on the issue of the consecration of Women Bishops. CC is entitled to have 3 members of the deanery synod, at present we have only two. BW was unanimously elected to the DS on behalf of CC. The motion before the DS will be: "That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops & Priests (Consecration & Ordination of Women) Measure and in draft Amending Canon no.30". After discussion feeling was positive for the motion as representing the views of CC. AS will e-mail a dossier of documents and a presentation outlining the current situation.

There is a Lay vacancy in the Diocesan Synod. The House of Laity will elect a new member AS put himself forward as a candidate to fill the vacancy. RS proposed that this be accepted. Seconded by MB. Carried unanimously. AS did not vote in his own favour.

7AOB: The Harvest Celebration would normally take place on 11 September, but it was felt that there is so much else happening (new priest installation, Christ the King celebration, Advent Sunday) It was felt better to have a harvest celebration without a lunch this year and have a proper celebration when our new priest is licensed. These plans to be discussed at the council meeting 19 October. Proposed JB seconded AS. Accepted unanimously. JM has been weeding and clearing the side garden. She believes it would be a good idea to install a cigarette end holder and purchase some equipment for picking up cigarette ends. Angela S offered to ask Clive Tilling to find these. Angela S also proposed a vote of thanks to JM for organising the garden sort out. Seconded BW carried unanimously.

Keri Chivers has requested there be a short history of CC in church to inform visitors. Angela S explained that Alex Soboslay is working on this and that it should be ready for the next council meeting. BS is going to speak to Sarah & Matthew Jones about producing this in the CC style.

JM has sent the money collected from her garden party to Genesis. Their thank-you letter is to be put at the back of the church (BW).

MJW sent a request that the painting of the church doors be completed before the arrival of our new priest. DB confirmed that this in hand by the Trustees, plus the refurbishing of the outside lanterns, and the whitening of the steps. Jane Nicholson has offered to fund the purchase of two plant pots to hold miniature trees either side of the main door.

MB outlined news of a Youth Work conference on October 15 in Wells. She wondered if Sarah Jones is going to that, if she needs any support or funding. MB will follow up.

MB is chairing the production of a student cook book for Freshers. She requested help producing squares of flap jack for the Freshers Fair.

Martin Palmer requested that somebody other than himself do the intercessions this coming Sunday. BW agreed to do them.

8 The date of the next council meeting is 19 October 2011.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 20:55.