

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting

12th March 2013

Apologies

Sylvia Ayers, Judith Bishop, Brenda Wall, Malcolm Wall, Keri Chivers, Richard Gabe, Morny Davison

The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes were agreed after agreeing that full names, not initials, should be used.

Matters arising

Roles and Responsibilities (“Christ Church and its Mission”) to be published and be available to the congregation after removing the names and telephone numbers etc. These will be replaced after the document has been seen and commented and with permission of the individuals concerned.

Lewis Boyd

Re ordering - letter to be written to Archdeacon

Angela Townshend

Mews A question of whether we need a letter box at the mews was discussed. Trustees

Deanery Synod - *Correction* Deanery Standing and Pastoral Committee are there to set the agenda.

Link to be discussed in AOB

Jane Kirkbride - In thanks for her work with Genesis, Garden Token to be sent with letter of thanks

Lewis Boyd

Flowers to be sent by

Angela Townshend

Piano Advice to be sought from Bev Pont and Ali Nourse's brother.

Martin Palmer

Review of Church Council

A revised report was tabled in the light of the discussion at the special meeting of Sunday February 24th.

After discussion adjustments were made to the report which Lewis Boyd will add. A final copy will be sent out as soon as possible.

Lewis Boyd

The council will meet a minimum of four times a year. When there are important matters to be discussed additional meetings of Council or Special meetings of the whole congregation will be set.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Lewis Boyd for all his hard work on this project.

Reports

Trustees Mark Elliott reported on the last meeting – damaged bollards to be replaced with a gate; a request to the Buildings Sub-Committee for an estimate of the cost of the adjustments to the tower; update on the refurbishment of the school building, now called Christ Church Lower Mews.

Local Ministry Group Angela Townshend to be helping out at St Stephen's with pastoral services during Philip Hawthorn's operation and recovery after Easter.

Buildings Bob Siderfin thanked Sarah Kerr for giving the report at last meeting. The draft budget is only educated guesses. Bells have had a full review by the Diocesan advisor and have been discussed by Trustees. Exterior stonework is to be repaired on the South side of the church. There is a review of the building to decide on how to make a disabled toilet to conform to legal requirements. The tiles in the sanctuary are to be investigated as to what they are made of and if possible cleaned. The next meeting is Thursday March 14th to further plans for the temporary reordering.

The budget to go to Trustees

Deanery Synod Andrew Sillett reported on the meeting of March 5th at St Mark's School. A copy of the report will be distributed separately.

Liturgy A draft service for Lent has been used, one with all the words and one with the president's words omitted. The liturgy group wants comments. There was some discussion about a screen and projector for occasional use. To be brought back to the new Council in May. Next Agenda

AOB

Cyril Selmes – it was noted that there has been no formal thank you to Cyril for all he had done over the years – it was suggested that a small group from Christ Church visit him at home with appropriate gifts etc. Mark Elliott/Angela Townshend

Link – following a verbal report by Lewis Boyd which was agreed in principle, a separate report will be sent to council of the meeting of Lewis Boyd, Judith Bishop, Sarah Jones, Matthew Jones and Alex Soboslay .

Junior Church

Thanks to be given to Sarah Jones for the script used and to the junior church for all they did at the lovely Mothering Sunday service. Rebecca Nicholson

A discussion on Junior Church to be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. Next Agenda

Next Meeting AGM April 21

