



Christ Church Bath

Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Tuesday 10th July 2012

Chair: Lewis Boyd
Secretary: Brenda Wall
Members present: Margaret Silver, Kerri Chivers, Judith Bishop, Angela Townshend, Margaret Burrows, Morny Davison, Sarah Kerr, Angela Soboslay, Martin Palmer, Janet Mahto, Mark Elliott.

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
1.	Canon Angela Townshend led an opening prayer	
2.	Apologies Absent: Richard Gabe. Apologies: Bob Siderfin, Malcolm Wall, Clive Tilling, Rebecca Nicholson, Andrew Sillett, Tony Buss, Sylvia Ayers.	
3.	Approval of minutes (17th January 2012) Several names should be added to the Hospitality Committee, which were excluded in the minutes of the meeting on 21 May 2012. They are: Martin Palmer, David Bishop and Malcolm Wall. The proposal that the minutes then be accepted came from Morny Davison, seconded Martin Palmer.	Lewis Boyd to update previous minutes

4. Matters arising

Several subcommittees have met, but no other actions have been taken.

Subcommittee reports have been introduced under item 6, Regular Reports.

5. Main agenda item – Topics for discussion throughout the year

The following items were decided upon for main agenda items throughout the rest of this session of Church Council:

- Stewardship in September
- Control of Church spending by council in November
- Local ministry team in January
- Report back from all sub-committees in March

6. (a) Subcommittee reports

The Liturgy committee hopes to meet in September/October.

Church as Space: Bob Siderfin is looking at dates for a meeting in September.

Stewardship committee has not yet met.

Hospitality committee met and discussed Janet Mahto's Open House. (28 July, 12pm onwards), raising funds for Genesis Trust.

Judith Bishop made the point that as a council we need to recruit new people who have appropriate skills.

A booklet is being put together of roles in the Church and who fulfils them. This should be given out at Harvest Celebrations, a time of Stewardship and Talents.

There followed a discussion about the putting together of a Church directory of names and addresses and how this should be published.

(b) Priest In Charge report

Canon Angela preached at St. Swithin's church and was warmly welcomed. The relationship between our two churches is building.

"Exploring Christianity" course involving several churches in the Diocese re-starts in September.

Canon Angela is conducting a service at St. Stephen's church.

Janet Mahto and Mark Elliott were at the week away in Wales for Christ Church and St. Stephen's and found it to be a good and valuable weekend.

(c) Trustees

No meeting of the Trustees but there is the good news that we are getting new tenants in the school building. They want the top floor only and no parking spaces. They also want to rent the house. The Bath School of Stage and TV make-up want a 10 year lease with a break point at 3 years.

Banes still have not paid what they owe Christ Church.

The use of the ground floor of the school building to be discussed by the "Use of Space" committee.

(c) Churches Together in Bath

No report. It will be presented at our next meeting.

(d) Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met in the Abbey to hear about exciting plans for the refurbishment and expansion of the Abbey. We also were given information about various courses and learning experiences, which are being developed to be offered throughout the diocese.

7. AOB

Margaret Silver made a plea for new noticeboards in Church and that they be well used and people actually look at them!

- 8.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 19:30.

Council closed with The Grace at 20.55.