



## Council Minutes for 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

- In Attendance – Malcolm Wall, Alex Soboslay, Brenda Wall, Judith Bishop, Ian Hay Davidson, Morny Davidson, Margaret Burrows, Janet Mahto, Andrew Sillett, Mathew Jones, Sharon Rawlings, Rowena Hall, Sarah Jones.
- Apologies – Sarah Kerr, Angela Soboslay, Judith Anderson
- 1. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Proposed by Alex. Seconded by Andrew. Accepted unanimously.
- Publicity. It was agreed that Mathew should split up the role of Publicity for the purpose of everyone understanding the various roles. An appeal will be made in church for a team of people to take on each of the publicity responsibilities.
- Photography in church, and particularly photographing children. Andrew is going to check on the legal position.
- Thanks were extended to Judith for organising the Toppings events.
- Alcohol license. Now that the fire checks have been made, an application for the license can be made for an annual license, which cost £100, and £70 to renew.
- Harvest celebrations will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Judith Bishop suggested that we have a Spring harvest celebration.
- Judith asked if the bell fund could give money for a professional spring clean. She is looking into the cost.
- 2. Church Housing Trust. Ian asked if this could be a regular charity for CC.
- 3. Charity of the Month. Rowena asked that Friends of Asha be put on the list.

Wizybugs was also suggested. Hazel Boyd is involved in the design of these.

US Connect scheme. We have to agree a basic contribution and timings. We need direct contact from the charity, and Rowena is going to talk to Rebeka about this.

October charity is Bath Stroke.

November is another collection for refugees. Malcolm to advise on which charity.

December is split between Julian House and Genesis.

These were proposed by Malcolm, seconded by Andrew and agreed unanimously.

4. Church Profile. The final profile is very close.

Advert in October in 2 editions of the Church Times and the web site.

Closing date is 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

16/17<sup>th</sup> November are the selection dates

Interview panel will be the Archdeacon, Simon Holland from St Swithins, Sarah Jones, Rowena Hall, and Mark Elliott.

There will be an informal meeting that involves the congregation.

The meeting congratulated Sarah on the project.

5. Re-ordering of the Building. Alex has made a model so we can look at various reconfigured options.

6. Any Other Business

- Ian told us about a funeral on Monday for a former ringer, and they would like to ring the bells. Council agreed to the ringing of muffled bells for 20 minutes.
- Ian presented the accounts of the bell appeal, see notes, and ringers invited the Council to the ringing chamber. Council accepted.
- Ian wants to start discussions with St Andrews School to have a ringing club. Ian will talk to the Headmistress. DBS checks will have to be carried out.
- Ian asked if anyone knows where our hand bells are.
- Alex confirmed that there has never been a churchwarden's inventory.

- Andrew asked if we should have a valuation of our church silver, and if there is any more silver in the bank. Andrew is looking into this.
- Cedar Tree. Cedar Tree has a float of £15, and £100 in the church safe. Janet believes that we should use this money. Malcolm proposed that we use this to buy vouchers, and Andrew seconded this.

We need more volunteers for both Cedar Tree and Genesis, and Janet's name needs to be on the website.

Thanks to Janet for raising over £500 for Genesis through apple picking, and to the congregation for raising £385 for refugees.

- There is a new grand piano in church. The church is looking after it for the Rice's, and it needs to be tuned.
- We are going to invite St Marys Catholic Church to our carol service because of their fire. They have asked if they can have two of their services in Christ Church. The Archdeacon will get permission from the Bishop.

Ian asked if they would like the bells to be rung.

Alex will meet with Father Jeremy to discuss all of this.

Finance. David and Malcolm have been working with the Auditor, and the 2014 Accounts were approved last week.

They are now looking at how Trustees and Council can go ahead separately.

We haven't paid our share yet, but we are in good shape financially.

- Social Events.
  - A wine tasting has been proposed once again by Alex Wall
  - There are also two concerts in church before Christmas.
  - Mark proposed and seconded by Janet to Judith a Thank you because she is organising.

Brenda is looking into a lay reader role and asked for support from Council. There needs to be formal acceptance as an agenda item.

Brenda explained that she would no longer be able to act as Council Secretary, and Judith agreed to take on this role.

Sharon asked if we can have just Action minutes, but Alex made the point that in the interest of transparency they need to be comprehensive.

Next Council Meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Signed ..... Dated .....