

# CHRIST CHURCH

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018

**Present:** Revd Lore Chumbley (Chair), Virginia Knight, Sarah Kerr, Jude Bishop, Janet Mahto, Georgina Bowman, Mark Elliott, Jonathan Stead (Acting Secretary), Lewis Boyd, Sharon Rawlings, Matthew Jones (Lay Chair)

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer:** The Chair welcomed members especially those newly elected and opened the meeting in prayer.

**2. Apologies:** were recorded from Rowena Hall, Brenda Wall and Penny Edwards.

**3. Co-option of council members for 2018/19:** Will Willans was proposed by Georgina, seconded by Janet and approved unanimously.

**4. Election of lay chair, treasurer, secretary and standing committee:** the current lay chair, treasurer and standing committee agreed to stand and were unanimously re-elected. Jonathan offered to act as secretary for this meeting. It was suggested that we invite Tosin to be council secretary. Lore to discuss it with her and if she agrees, invite her to the next meeting.

**5. Minutes of the last meeting of 20 March 2018:** the following amendments were agreed upon:

Item 6: Local Ministry Group: the word "sad" was replaced by "noted" in the first line.

Item 7: Reordering: the following was inserted at the end of the penultimate paragraph, "The Victorians had put their stamp on the church building, and now it is our chance to do so."

Item 8: Churchwarden's term of office: the final sentence of the first paragraph was removed.

Item 9(2): The last sentence was omitted.

The adoption of the amended minutes were proposed by Georgina and seconded by Sharon.

**6. Matters arising:**

9(i) GDPR: Lore had invited Sarah Jones to attend today's meeting.

**7. Minutes of the last Trustees meeting:** the minutes of the 15 March meeting were noted.

**8. Worship:**

**a) Holy Week and Easter:** positive feedback was given for the Agape meal in terms of the fellowship, excellent food and music, and that two passers-by had been invited to join the meal. It was especially pleasing to see the children participating in a meaningful way. There was support for the meal to be held at Christ Church again but Lore had previously agreed that we would share it at St Stephens next year and she will speak to their Rector specifically about the involvement of children. Regarding the visiting priest and his role during the week, it was suggested that in future a clear brief be given to the person invited in advance. There had been a low attendance at his talk and it was questioned whether there is space in the programme during major church festival periods like Easter for such talks. It was debated as to the most appropriate time of the time to have something similar and the matter was referred to the Ministry Team for a decision.

**b) Music:** Mark spoke to the written report he had submitted to Council and commented on his happiness with the work of the choir and also with the awards earned by the young choristers. He expressed concern about the lack of new young choristers and informed the meeting that he had made contact with the music teacher at St Andrews School and would be keen to run a Saturday workshop as a choir tester for interested pupils. It was agreed that an amount of 250 pounds be made available for marketing and recruitment of junior choristers. Council strongly supported this initiative and warmly congratulated Mark and all the choir members on excellent work. It was exceptional that a church with a congregation the size of Christ Church should have a choir of such quality.

Mark asked for comments on the music generally and Jonathan suggested that it would be good to practice hymns not well known to the congregation, and that the congregation be included and encouraged to sing more parts of the liturgy including the psalm. Mark and other members responded with some practical solutions including a printed hymn book for August when the choir is in recess. Lore would also invite the congregation at appropriate times during the service to sing relevant sections of the liturgy. The matter was referred to the Worship Group for further discussion and action.

Regarding the use of Christ Church for outside concerts, Virginia mentioned that she has contacts with music groups in Bristol and would make our venue known to them. Matthew indicated that we had become the preferred venue for the Bath Big Band and Jude said the same was true of CanZona choir. The success of having the Julian Road door open for concerts was noted.

**c) Armistice Day:** there will be a full peal at 11:00 and a service on the day. The meeting discussed a possible theme, format and speakers. Suggestions included readings from the war poets and an exhibition of the Julian Road area during the first

and second wars and a commemoration of Christ Church fallen soldiers. Brenda had expressed interest to be involved and Jude offered to look at possible music.

d) General: Virginia expressed concern about aspects of the wedding held recently and also suggested that the couple be including in the church prayers before and after the wedding. It was also agreed that such weddings be posted on the church diary on-line and Matthew will action this.

## 9. Finance and fundraising update:

a) Georgina reported that we have now paid last year's diocesan share plus £5,000 for this year and have set up a regular payment of £1,000.00 per month. Georgina will keep this under review.

b) Fundraising. **Or-**  
**gan fund** The Canzona Concert raised £1,000, congregation pledges are up to £13,000. Mark is aiming to raise £30,000 from grant applications, Lewis and Richard are planning a sponsored walk. It was emphasised that donors are to be made aware that if more money is raised than is needed for the organ then any surplus will be used for the east end re-organisation

**East end Reorganisation.** The Time and Talent Initiative raised £3,100. So far £5,000 has been raised specifically for the East end reorganisation. An application is in preparation in for The Garfield Weston anniversary fund. Other fund-raising activities are being organised.

10 a) Trustees have agreed on Works to be done to the lighting in the West end of church. A quotation from NDH Installations had now been received for replacing the current ceiling lights at the West end of the church with new LED, angled downlights. The cost will be £510+VAT Council approved the decision.

b) Council discussed the need for the ringing chamber to be repainted. It was agreed in principle that this should go on a list of works which council would like to see done. A poster from 1849 has been found and hung in the ringing chamber (this does not require a faculty).

11 Caribbean Celebration. A celebration of the arrival of the Windrush is planned for June 24th. There will be a BBQ from 12noon-2.30 following a celebration Eucharist.

12 Christ Church has been invited by the Diocese to be training church to which a curate could be assigned. This would require the Priest in charge to have some training and the submission of a Parish Profile. The financial implications if we were to be assigned a curate would be the paying of expenses. Housing is provided by the diocese. After discussion council agreed that this was a positive step for Christ Church and could provide a valuable training post for the right candidate. Lore emphasised that a candidate would need to meet with both

council and trustees before a curacy was agreed on. We will submit a parish profile as requested to the Diocesan office.

#### 13GDPR

In line with new General Data protection rules, trustees are developing a new policy to ensure that we do not use individuals' data without their consent. Sarah Jones is leading on this, but was unexpectedly unable to attend the council meeting. Matthew reported that Sarah had requested that as part of her review, council consider where data on individuals is held and let her know. It is expected that we will need to ask for permission from church attenders to use their data - and will probably do this in the form of a written request for permission.

#### 14 Work Plan

Matthew Jones suggested that council develop a rolling plan of matters to discuss. He and the priest in charge will look not this

#### AOB

a) Rather than open the church every Saturday this summer, we will have an open day celebration on September 8th

b) Virginia reported on our local 'House of Prayer' which she has attended at the Hare and Hounds. She encouraged others to attend.

#### 15 Date and time of next meeting

There will be an extra council meeting on June 17th after the Sunday service in order to consider responses to the consultation on the east end. This will allow us to send in grant applications before the deadline at the end of June. The next ordinary meeting will be on July 17th