



Christ Church Bath

Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Monday, 05 December 2011

Chair: Malcolm Wall
Secretary: Brenda Wall
Members present: Andrew Sillett, Margaret Burrows, Sylvia Ayres, Bob Siderfin, Janet Mahto, Angela Townshend, Margaret Silver, Mark Elliott

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
1.	The opening prayer was led by Canon Angela Townshend, Priest in Charge	
2.	Apologies David & Judith Bishop, Rebecca Nicholson, Angela Soboslay, Lewis Boyd	
3.	Approval of minutes (19 October 2011) Proposed by Andrew Sillett, seconded by Sylvia Ayers. No corrections suggested.	

4. **Matters arising**

Confirmation received from Alex Sobosley that he is working on a short History of Christ Church. Andrew Sillett will help with the final editing.

Andrew Sillett proposed a vote of thanks to everybody who helped to organise Angela Townshend's institution, particularly to Angela Sobosley. Bob Siderfin seconded this proposal.

Angela Townshend added her thanks for a wonderful welcome and a moving institution service.

5. **Main agenda item – Plans for Outreach**

There was a discussion about the Genesis Voucher scheme which has been put in place followed by thanks to Jane Nicholson who has started bringing bacon sandwiches for our regular homeless guests every Sunday morning. Andrew Sillett put forward the idea of setting up a stall outside CC every Saturday morning, offering coffee & information about services, Cedar Tree Café, etc. Angela Townshend suggested giving vouchers for Cedar Tree away at the same time as Genesis vouchers to encourage more people to come to Cedar Tree. Angela also suggested that all Cedar Tree volunteers receive "listening skills" training. Mark Elliott felt that we should have a clear policy about approaching needy people and wondered if we should ask Paul Solly from Genesis Trust to give a Sunday talk about local needs.

Andrew Sillett offered to contact Paul Solly.

Malcolm Wall made the point that outreach should be to everybody living in the area and wondered if events such as a "Men's Breakfast" would work well. He also suggested a small group come back to the council with more proposals for outreach. Andrew Sillett, Malcolm Wall, Brenda Wall and Angela Townshend agreed to do this. A date was fixed of 20 January 2012 at the University Chaplain's house at 2.00pm.

Andrew Sillett, Malcolm Wall, Brenda Wall and Angela Townshend to report back to council with recommendations

6. **(a) LMG**

Angela Townshend reported that the LMG has been discussing the weekend away planned for later in the year. This is going to be a dry weekend! There was some consternation expressed.

The "Exploring Christianity" course will begin on Wednesday 11 January 2012 and run every week until Easter. The first meeting will begin with a buffet supper at 7.00pm. Following meetings will begin at 7.30. The first module is on Spirituality.

On 29 January 2012 there will be a combined service at St. Stephen's led by Martin Pool who will be leading the weekend away.

(b) Trustees

Mark Elliott reported that the Trustees met in late October to discuss the financial situation in relation to the School. Thrings Solicitors are writing draft proceedings to the Council on the state of dilapidation costs. There has been the beginning of negotiation with BANES. A potential tenant is interested in the building if the situation on the dilapidations can be sorted. It was decided that Christ Church can currently afford only half of its Parish Share. The rest will be paid when Christ Church has enough money. The Church Cottage is on the market for rent at £895 per month with Challenger Estates.

c) Churches Together in Bath

There has been no meeting of CTB since the last Council meeting.

(d) Deanery Synod

Moves on the Ordination of Women have been accepted. Approval from Diocesan Synod will be taken to General Synod next summer.

7. **AOB**

Angela Townshend suggested that co-ordinators should be named in the various important areas of cleaning, flowers, hospitality etc. This would spread the volunteering burden and facilitate efficiency.

8. The date of the next meeting will be
Thursday 19th January 2012

The meeting ended with the grace at 9:15pm