

The Methodist Church

POOLE BAY CIRCUIT

Minutes of a Circuit Meeting held on 10th June 2015 at Kinson Methodist Church

1. Welcome

The members were welcomed to the meeting by Revd. Tony Cavanagh, Superintendent Minister.

2. Opening Devotions

These were led by Revd. Chris. Moreton.

3. Mission Presentation

Deacon Suzie Viana led the session and she was assisted by Jo Bassham - Transform; Alan Dobson - Addaction; David Chidwick - B'CARS.

The notes from these presentations are attached to these minutes.

4. Membership of the meeting

The membership of the meeting was agreed and it was noted that we had 4 visitors

5. Apologies for Absence

These were noted on the attendance sheet

6. Letters of Greeting etc.

There were none

7. Minutes of the meeting on 17th March 2015.

These minutes which had previously been circulated were agreed without amendment.

8. Matters Arising

There were none not covered under the current agenda

9. News from the Churches

St Georges Church reported that the invitation to the Vauxhall Male Voice Choir, agreed at a previous meeting would take place on October 24th. The Choir will not charge but the Circuit have previously agreed to use the event as a fund raising opportunity for an agreed charity. Jennie Symonds suggested on behalf of St George's that the monies raised be given to B'CARS. The meeting agreed. All churches are asked to advertise this event and show support.

10. Governance

10.1 Tony Cavanagh reminded all churches of their responsibility to attend Circuit Meetings. It has been noted that two appointed members have yet to attend any meeting.

10.2 Wareham Methodist Church: will receive additional help from September when Revd. Linda Chester, a Supernumerary Minister, will be working 20 hours per week and 2 Sunday each month, supporting Chris Moreton in the Purbeck section of the Circuit

11. Life of the Circuit

11.1 Staff News: It was noted that this would be the last Circuit meeting attended by Revd. Graham Shaw. who retires this summer. There will be a formal farewell service later, at Swanage Methodist Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 19th July.

Tom Bullock moves to a new role with Wave Ministries in the summer. He has now completed the entire requirement for appointment as an accredited Local Preacher. The

meeting voted without dissent that Tom should go onto the full list of Local Preachers. His recognition service will be held at Swanage URC on Sunday 12th July at 6.30pm. Christine Stuckey stands down as Senior Circuit Steward, with immediate effect, in order to take up the role of District President, Methodist Women in Britain, later this year. Di Baggs will take over as Senior Circuit Steward from this meeting. Linda Shah will continue as a Circuit Steward but will step down as Senior Steward with effect from this meeting.

Revd. Mark Kimber is still unwell and it is thought he will not be returning to full time ministry for some time. It will be proposed to Connexion that Mark be given a recuperative year which will allow him to opt out of the stationing process while he is unwell. If this is agreed, Connexion will pay his stipend and any activities that he engages in will be in agreement with Connexion. The meeting agreed to the principle of this action.

11.2 Tony Cavanagh advised the meeting that we had been unsuccessful in obtaining further Ministerial appointees for 2015/16. We will try again in the next round of Stationing for 2016/17. It was noted that in the year 2016/2017 4 of our Presbyters will be engaged in Stationing.

11.3 Preachers Meeting.

The report from the Preachers and Worship Leaders was agreed together with its recommendations. The full report appears as an appendix to these minutes.

11.4 Jane Shipton-Ashwell advised the meeting that Jenny White, a Pastoral Assistant was coming to the end of her current contract. It was proposed that her contract be extended and to be an open-ended contract as she was now eligible for full employment rights. Proposal agreed to without dissent.

12. Property.

12.1 The meeting ratified the decision, previously made by email, to extend the lease on our Femsde Road property until June 2016. Agreed without dissent

12.2 The meeting ratified the decision, previously made by email, to extend the lease on our Cherry Hill Grove property until June 2016. Agreed without dissent

12.3 Churches were reminded that Property Schedules must be completed prior to the Circuit Meeting on 9th December 2015.

13. Finance

13.1 The Budget for the year 2015/2016 which is attached to these minutes together with accompanying notes was agreed without dissent. The proposed Circuit Assessment for 2015/2016 were so agreed and are attached.

13.2 The contribution to The Wave in Swanage was proposed at £2,500 for 2015/16, with a further £2,500 for the next three years, subject to future budgets being able to maintain this grant. The proposal was agreed to without dissent.

14. Any Other Business

- It was proposed and agreed that future Circuit Meetings be held at The Spire in Poole.
- In response to a request, the meeting was advised that there was not sufficient work for a full time Youth and Children's Worker and that only one church in the circuit had made any request for such a worker.
- Some churches are experiencing difficulty in finding stewards and other officers. It was suggested that a meeting of Stewards should be arranged

The date of the next Circuit Meeting is September 8th.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded by the members jointly saying 'The Grace'.