



**Minutes of a Circuit Meeting  
Held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at  
Winton Methodist Church**

**1. Welcome**

The Revd. Tony Cavanagh welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was informed that David Ramsden was unable to be with us due to illness

**2. Opening Prayer**

Revd. Cavanagh led the meeting in prayer with emphasis on David and his family.

**3. Membership of the Meeting**

The list of Trustees was agreed and it was noted that there were present two non-voting attendees.

**4. Apologies for Absence**

As per the circulated list.

**5. Letters of Greeting and Items for Prayer**

Revd. Cavanagh will write on behalf of the meeting to David Ramsden and family and to Tony Goodman of Lytchett Matravers whose wife has passed away.

**6. Minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The minutes were agreed

**7. Matter Arising**

7.1 The social event discussed at the meeting has not happened yet due to problems of finding a suitable date, it will be planned for a future date.

7.2 The suspicion of fraud policy is to be discussed outside the meeting and resubmitted to the meeting.

8. The speaker from "Compassion" was not present.

**9. The Wave**

A presentation of the work of the Wave project in Swanage was given by Tom Bullock, Jo Mathews, Guren Fulle, Ali Patrick and Gillian Efferay. The Wave is an ecumenical project and works with children and young people to the age of 18. They organise: -

Notelets for toddlers

Stars for children aged 4 to 7.

Tetra for children aged 7 to 11.

Juice for children aged 11 to 14.

Re-Mix music based sessions for those aged 11 to 18.

Rooted and Rooted junior which are fellowship and Christian study based for those aged 14 to 18

They also work in the 3 schools in Swanage with assemblies, lesson support and a Christian Union.

The Wave provides support to the churches in Swanage in Toddler Groups, Messy Church and with uniformed organisations.

The trustees of the Wave expressed their thanks for the support that they had received from Poole Bay circuit.

Further details of the Wave can be found at [www.Wavekids.org.uk](http://www.Wavekids.org.uk).

The meeting wished Tom Bullock well for his forthcoming marriage and move to work at the Methodist Church in Hackney.

## **10. Good News stories from around the circuit.**

Broadstone – a youth club is starting, a family film club is proving a success and a bible study class is being planned for single parents.

Wool – Chris Melhuish thanked the circuit for the responses to his request for help with the sound system.

Winton - The half term events for children were very successful and more had been requested.

Shoe boxes- 25 years of shoe boxes this year and leaflets are available.

## **11. Life of the circuit.**

### **11.1 Staff News**

The meeting expressed their thanks to Mrs. Joan Jackson (safeguarding), Mr, Brian Tucknott and Mrs. Gloria Dennigan (Local Preachers secretaries), Mr. David Ramsden (Circuit Meeting Secretary) and Mrs. Linda Shah (Circuit Steward) who are all stepping down after many years of service.

### **11.2 Circuit Stewards report**

The re-invitation process is underway for four of the presbyters and at the end of June the local churches will be consulted.

Two of the presbyters will on Sabbatical in the next connectional year, Revd. Sue Gowling from January to March and Revd. Chris Moreton from April to June.

Due to the work involved with the Bournemouth church start up and to provide cover for the sabbatical period it is proposed that the circuit continue to employ on a part time basis the Revd. Elizabeth Rundle for a further year.

Proposed Mr. Steve Shipton-Ashwell seconded Mrs. Carol Joy. The proposal was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

### **11.3 Update regarding Bournemouth Methodist Church.**

The meeting was informed that four of the Bournemouth churches; Trinity, St. Georges, Winton and Victoria Park; wish to come together and form one church to be known as Bournemouth Church. The Bournemouth Methodist Church to be part of the Poole Bay circuit. This change had been agreed by the four church councils at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Kinson Methodist church have decided that they prefer to remain as a separate church. Revd. Betto Viana gave an overview of the proposed structure of the new church, copy attached.

Revd. Tony Cavanagh informed the meeting that the proposed change and structure was agreed by both the Southampton District and the Connection.

The meeting agreed the change; 39 votes in favour, no votes against and one abstention.

The Bournemouth Methodist church will come into being on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

#### **11.4 Worship and Spirituality Conference**

A planning meeting has been held and the Launch is set for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Rev Viana requested anyone who would like to be involved in the organizing to let him know, he particularly requested people who wanted to be involved not just church office holders.

#### **11.5 Circuit Database**

Permission was requested for the circuit office to use a database programme (suggested by District) to construct a database for use by ministers. The database to contain names, contact details and other information. There was some discussion regarding the requirement for individual permission and concern over privacy. It was suggested that Connexion should be able to provide a view on this as other circuits have probably faced the same question.

#### **11.6 Report from the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting.**

We remembered the lives, work and witness of Revs Bernard Jinkin, Muriel Frampton, and Donald Shaw, who have recently died. We also remembered those preachers and worship leaders who are unwell.

The meeting received positive and encouraging reports on our preachers in training:

Denis Dean (11 quarters) has passed 2 more units of the training course and was continued "on trial".

Les Smith (8 quarters) was also continued "on trial".

Angela Bartlett (3 quarters) was moved to "on trial".

The meeting affirmed a "Note to Preach" for Cedric Baker of Broadstone.

Tom Bullock gave a challenging presentation on "The Missing Generation". This was his Unit 18 final formal training requirement. The meeting wished Tom well for his marriage and for his move to a new job in Hackney.

Christine Thompson has transferred to the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit.

This was the final meeting as secretaries for Gloria and Brian, who retire at the end of the connectional year.

#### **11.7 Request for a Circuit Meeting Secretary.**

Revd. Cavanagh highlighted the urgent need for a secretary to the meeting and requested that anyone interested/willing should contact him.

## **12 Property**

12.1 The meeting ratified the consents for:

Removal of chimney at St. Luke's road.

Remedial work for damp problems and general maintenance at St. Luke's road.

Letting of 37 Headswell Avenue.

12.2 Consent was given for the re-letting of 30 Fernside Road.

12.3 Churches are reminded to complete the Property Checklists over the summer.

## **13 Finance**

13.1 Annual Report 2014/2105

The report's adoption was ratified.

13.2 Circuit Grant policy

Following some discussion, the policy was adopted.

13.3 Budget and Assement

Revd. Cavanagh stated that due to pressure of other items these were not yet available, steps were being taken to ensure that they are available for the September meeting.

## **14 CCLI Licences**

There is concern that hymns and songs not on the CCLI list cannot be copied or projected. There was also confusion as to what permission is included when an electronic copy of Singing the Faith is purchased. Can anyone at connection help? Peter Boardman undertook to find out what St. Georges had in place as they do not have a problem. This issue will be addressed at a future meeting.

Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September, Broadstone.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded with the communal saying of 'The Grace'