



CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES 6th December 2016 KINSON METHODIST CHURCH

The meeting started at 7.30pm

1. **Welcome:** A special welcome was extended to Denis Dean as a potential new Circuit Steward and Terri & Richard Sheppard who, jointly, are considering the role of Circuit Meeting Secretary to the Poole Bay Circuit.
2. **Opening Devotions:** were led by Rev Dr Mark Kimber
3. **Agree Membership:** The attendance list was circulated. Colin Gowling, Karen Greene and Fiona Boardman were noted as visitors
4. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were noted from Ann Hughes, Angela Bartlett, Chris Fry, Chris Meluish, and Clive Allen as well as those already noted on the attendance list.
5. **Letters of Greeting & Acknowledgement and Items for Prayer:** Rev. Robert Higginson, deceased; Peggy Hiscock, Peter Barker, Gloria Dennigan, Angela Bartlett, Helen Thixton. Judy Holloway wished to inform the Meeting that this year 371 shoeboxes had been received. Rev. Cavanagh advised that Elizabeth Rundle is in hospital awaiting an operation and that she be kept in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery at this time.
6. **Agreement of the Minutes of the Meeting held 8th September (already circulated)** – Agreed
7. **Matters Arising:** No matters arising
8. **Presentation by Karen Greene (Broadstone Children & Young Families):** Karen delivered a very well prepared and informative presentation highlighting the progress made through involvement in a range of activities over time which originally started with Messy Church. Getting to know the mums/parents of the children and starting up a Ladies Craft Club initially run by Karen but now by two of the mums/women who originally attended the 6 week Christmas course. Karen also identified a niche for a monthly Friday Night supper meeting for families, a coffee bar for young people on their way home from school. Board game sessions, a midweek youth club with games etc, a budgeting class and a Bible study Group. Karen recounted about her time in Tulsa with a congregation of 1500 and how different it was at Broadstone but she recounted that her Pastor had reminded her of the feeding of the 5,000 – use what you have and with Jesus at the helm it's amazing what you can achieve. Karen also thanked Rev.Sue Gowling for her amazing support through every project whether it flourished or not and offered her assistance to other Churches within the Circuit. Karen was thanked for her presentation.
9. **News From The Churches:**

Ros Murray - Victoria Park: Pews have now been removed which means coffee can now be served in Church after service. Floor has been sealed and sanded and now awaiting chairs. In view of this, the Service on 1st January will now not take place but will be held at St. George's.

Suzie Viana thanked all the Circuit Churches for their hats, gloves, scarves, duvets etc. which had been donated to the sleep safe project. Suzie also reported that 25 homeless had accessed the service with 14 of them now going into accommodation. Suicide Sunday: The homeless and those in need found Sunday a difficult day as there were no libraries or other public offices open so they were at their most vulnerable until Sunday evening.

Pete Smith, The Spire: reported that the developers had finally received planning permission for the Wesley Hall site and that the completion date for the sale of this property would be 6th January 2017. Despite the time taken for the sale to go through the selling price would still cover the two bridging loans (£850,000) taken out for the first part of The Spire.

Dorothy Haynes: Carol Service at 7pm at St. Georges on 7th December, involving Kings Park School.

David Pollington, Kinson Methodist Church: Thanked Karen for her encouragement. Their parent/toddler group was in danger of closing as the original organisers had decided to step down but two mums have now taken on the responsibility of running the group and encouraging the mums to put out and put away the toys

10 Governance:

Circuit Directory - After much discussion it was decided that the main Circuit Directory will provide email and contact phone numbers, but not addresses. The circulation will be open to all those whose details are contained in the Directory and who request a copy from the Circuit Office. It was further agreed to produce a separate Preacher's Directory which will contain the names addresses, email and phone numbers of all active preachers. One copy will be produced for each church.

11 Life of the Circuit:

Staff News: Dennis Dean to be appointed Circuit Steward at next Circuit Meeting.

Report from the Preachers' Meeting: Agreed

Upton Pre-School: Sue McCormick gave a detailed account as to changes required to make the pre-school independent. At present there are insufficient school/nursery places for the population and currently no other pre-school or nursery can offer 30 hour placements. They have identified a way of offering up to 15 places at 30 hours per week and Dorset Council have offered to fund 75% of the additional cost of £19,000 which includes opening for 10 sessions per week in place of the current 8, opening for longer hours per day, providing an all-weather area outside and adding another door from the classroom, allowing easier access for the children and allowing simultaneous use of 1 half by others. The offer by DCC is dependent upon the outside area and additional door being completed before the end of March 2017. These proposals were agreed. Sue McCormick also informed the meeting that the pre-school Leader and Deputy would be switching roles for stability reasons.

Activ8: Nick Wood advised that this group would start with a launch pizza party on 15th January. Activ8 is based in Winton on a fortnightly basis and is open to all young people – wider circuit involvement welcome – flyers available.

12 Property:

Reminder to Churches regarding Property Schedules: If log-in difficulties experienced speak to Tony Cavanagh.

Proposed Work at Gannett's Park Manse: 2 quotes received, work will not commence until the Spring. It is envisaged that the works to be carried out will be in the region of £12/15,000. The meeting agreed that a maximum of £15,000 could be drawn down from Circuit TMCP funds to cover this work.

Proposed Work at Marlborough Road Manse: In view of the various works required at the property the meeting agreed that up to £20,000 could be drawn down from Circuit TMCP funds to cover the work.

Ratify decision to lease extension of Wimborne Road: Agreed

Ratify decision to lease extension of Headswell Avenue until 27th Nov 2017: Agreed

Agreement to re-let Carbery Gardens from January 2017: Agreed

13. Finance:

Clarification of Assessment: Treasurers need to look at impact of new format and report back early 2017

Ratify Related Parties Document: A 100% response was received with Ron Locke being the only related party.

Draft 2015/16 Accounts: It was reported that as at 3pm this afternoon accounts nearly completed. They will go to Auditors for examination and final documents will be presented before March 2017.

14. Any Other Business:

Tony Cavanagh felt it necessary to draw the attention of the Meeting that the Circuit Office Staff were increasingly subjected to inappropriate responses by Church Members and reminded the meeting that the role of the office staff was to support the work of the Circuit and that all information requested was necessary.

Mark Kimber thanked everyone for supporting his Great South Run in respect of Shine Charity which enabled him to raise £1,412.75p

Rev. Sue Gowling reminder the Circuit that from 1st January 2017, Lytchett Matravers' Sunday Service would revert to 10.30 except for the 3rd Sunday in the month when it would start at 10.00.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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