

POOLE BAY CIRCUIT MEETING
14th March 2017
UPTON METHODIST CHURCH

The meeting started at 7:30pm

1. Welcome:

2. Opening Devotions: were led by Rev Dr Mark Kimber

3. Agree Membership: The attendance list was circulated. Derek Symonds was noted as a visitor.

4. Apologies for Absence: Noted on attendance list.

5. Letters of Greeting & Acknowledgement and Items for Prayer:

Rev Chris Moreton, Paddy & Jenny Coles, Rev Elizabeth Rundle, Jane Shipton-Ashwell, Gloria Dennigan.

6. Agreement of the Minutes of the Meeting held 6th December (already circulated) – Agreed

7. Matters Arising: No matters arising

8. News from Churches:

David Pollington told the meeting Rev Dr Andrew Wood was to lead their Anniversary Service on the 19th March celebrating 60 years in the current premises. They will be holding a number of events during the year reaching out into the community. We were asked to remember Kinson in our prayers.

Deacon Suzie Viana told the meeting the Sleep Safe project was in its fifth month and would be finishing at the end of the month. St Georges and Trinity have been hosting this project every Sunday. Around 40 people have been found accommodation this time round.

9. Governance

Appointment of Denis Dean as Circuit Steward: Unfortunately, due to illness of his son, Denis was not able to attend the meeting. However the meeting unanimously agreed to Denis becoming a Circuit Steward.

Trial Circuit Steward Appointment of Brian Tucknott: The meeting unanimously agreed to Brian becoming a Trial Circuit Steward.

Prayer Chain Policy: the policy was circulated prior to the meeting. The document was fully discussed, everyone having ample opportunity to voice their opinion. A few people felt the policy should be referred back to local Church Council Meetings for further discussion so two proposals were tabled.

Policy be referred back to local churches for further discussion.

Proposed: Eifron Hopper	Seconded: David Howe
For: 6	Against: 19
	Abstention: 4

Circuit Adopt Prayer Chain Policy

For: 25	Against: 6	Abstention: 3
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The Prayer Chain Policy was adopted.

10. Life of the Circuit

Staff News - Chris Moreton's sabbatical Easter 2019
Agreed by meeting

Approval of Circuit Support Officer Role

The Job Description and Person Specification was circulated prior to the meeting, a 35 hr p.w. appointment, cost already covered for in the budget. In time this will enable Jane Shipton-Ashwell (Circuit Manager) to reduce to a 4 day working week. The meeting agreed to go ahead and advertise the position with 1 abstention.

Report from the Preachers' Meeting

The meeting unanimously agreed Denis Dean's admission to the Order of Local Preachers. The meeting unanimously agreed the appointment of Denis Dean as Local Preachers Secretary.

Please note Denis's Accreditation Service is the 7th May 6:30 at St Georges.

Update on Activ8:

This group is growing and currently 8 young people attend on a Sunday evening from the Bournemouth and Poole churches. It is hoped some young people from Kinson will join shortly.

Yorkshire Choir Concert:

Featherstone Male Voice Choir have offered an evening in May. Victoria Park will host the concert, date to be arranged. Proceeds from the evening will go to Spire. A team of volunteers is needed for arranging the evening.

6. Property

Change to Expenditure on Circuit Property Policy

Changes to the policy were highlighted in italics. The meeting agreed to the amendments

7. Finance

Adoption of 2015-16 Accounts

The meeting agreed the 2015-16 Accounts with the following amendments,

The amendments to the final accounts for 2015-16 were:

Notes to the Accounts no. 10 on page 15 should be amended to:

Stipends - Last Year : the figure of £83,316 to be replaced by ££225,465

Total Column - Last Year : the figure of £190,388 to be replaced by £332,537

Average number of staff - Last Year : the figure of 4.34 to be replaced by 3.05.

The amended figure of £332,537 will then agree with the figure on page 11, line 7 of the SOFA.

Rev Tony Cavanagh signed the accounts off.

Clarification of Assessment

The calculation was based on Income figures for finance year 2014-15. The meeting approved the figures.

Ratify agreement to repay balance of Bridport & Dorchester loan (£175,000) and pay balance of £74,403 to Poole Re-development.

The meeting agreed the repayments

8. A.O.B. - Any other business to be notified to the circuit office by end of 9th March

Clive Allen told the meeting Pharaoh to Freedom is being performed at Broadstone Church on Saturday, 8th April at 7:30pm. Handouts and posters regarding were given to all churches.

Rev Dr Mark Kimber has set himself two challenges this year. In July he will undertake the pier to pier swim – Bournemouth to Boscombe. It is a 1.4 mile swim in open water, money raised is for The British Heart Foundation. The second challenge is to climb Mt Kilimanjaro, money raised is for the Shine Charity.

Tom and Sandra Bullock are expecting their first baby in June.

Dates of next meeting

13th June, Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Winton

The meeting closed at 20:35pm with sharing the Grace.

Unsigned Draft