



# The Methodist Church

POOLE BAY CIRCUIT

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13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

WINTON METHODIST CHURCH

The meeting started at 7:30pm

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Opening Devotions:** were led by Di Baggs
3. **Agree Membership:** The attendance list was circulated.
4. **Apologies for Absence:** Noted on attendance list.
5. **Letters of Greeting & Acknowledgement and Items for Prayer:** None raised.
6. **Agreement of the Minutes of the Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> March (already circulated) – Agreed**
7. **Matters Arising:** No matters arising
8. **News from Churches:**

Judy Holloway (visitor, Wareham) updated the meeting that the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal now requires supporters to register via their website ([www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)).

Deacon Suzie Viana advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half project officially started on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The project has already run an Eat Well, Spend Less course and have worked with the service users to cook nutritious and low-cost meals. Donations of food from Tesco enabled the group to provide lunch (soup and crumble) to the residents of St Michael's House, whose cook had been unable to work that day. Parley Golf Club have offered some painting and decorating jobs and were very accommodating and pleased with the results.

Pete Smith (Poole) thanked those at Victoria Park and in the Circuit Office who organised the Featherstone Male Voice Choir Concert which raised £1,500. Pete further shared that the Spire Re-development project had recently been granted £10,000 from the Southampton District.

## 9. **Presentation from the Spire Re-development Team**

Eifron Hopper and Pete Smith presented on behalf of the Spire Re-development Project. It is estimated that if the remaining monies are in place, the final phase could be started before Christmas and would take approximately 6 months to complete.

## 10. **Finance**

**10.1 CLT Away Day** – The CLT are arranging an away day to address the issue that the Circuit's churches cannot afford the Circuit that we are currently. We are already paying for 2 ministers from our TMCP funds at the rate of approx. £95K per annum. If no action is taken our churches estimate that they have they will deplete their reserves in the following timescales:

Bournemouth	2-3 years
Broadstone	6-7 years
Kinson	3-4 years
Lytchett Matravers	9 months
Swanage	12 months
Upton	18 months
Wareham	12 months

The away day will occur in the autumn and it is estimated that the review will take a year to complete. The plan is to present a vision for the future to the March 2018 Circuit Meeting and decide at the June 2018 Circuit Meeting how the Circuit's resources will be utilised.

**10.2 2017/2018 Budget** – The Circuit Finance Group have agreed a budget for next year but will be meeting shortly to re-assess it, in light of the above. The budget will therefore be adopted at the next Circuit Meeting in September.

**10.4 Financial Assistance to the Spire Re-development Project** - In order to raise funds to support the completion of the project the CLT propose selling a manse and making a gift to the project from the nett proceeds. Rev Tony is in discussion with Connexion with the aim of obtaining agreement not to levy the sale proceeds. Rev Tony's contact accepts that the Spire is an inspirational project and that there have been precedents elsewhere. This request will be taken to the Secretary of Conference.

The CLT propose selling the Carbery Road manse (estimated sale of £490K), retaining £50K to cover the cost of any work necessary to make saleable. After the levy of £156K, the net proceeds of £284K will be gifted to the Spire Re-development project from the Poole Bay Circuit. If Connexion agree not to levy the sale, the meeting would make a further donation, of the levy saved. The CLT further propose that the gift of £284K be made to the project by the end of this connexional year (ie. prior to the sale of the property), subject to confirmation from Connexion that this would not compromise the granting back of the levy.

Proposal: That the Circuit sell the Carbery Road manse.

Proposed: Sheila Slattery

Seconded: Rev Betto Viana

Agreed unanimously.

Proposal: That the Circuit advance £284K to the Spire Re-development project prior to the end of the 2016/17 connexional year, subject to confirmation from Connexion that this would not compromise the Circuit's request for Connexion to forego the levy on this sale. And that should the levy not be taken the levy be given to the Spire Project also. An amount of £50K will be held back from the proceeds of sale to pay for any work needed to be done on the Carbery Manse to get it into a saleable condition and to pay fees associated with the sale.

Proposed: Andrew Creamer

Seconded: Di Baggs

Agreed unanimously

**10.3 Termination of the lease of Carbery Road Manse** - , To facilitate the sale of the manse, it will be necessary to serve notice on the current tenants to advise that the Circuit wishes to terminate the current lease when it expires in August 2017.

Proposed: Pete Smith

Seconded: Tony Fernand

Agreed unanimously

## 11. Governance

**11.1 Appeal for Circuit Stewards** – Steve Shipton-Ashwell and Di Baggs are about to enter their 6<sup>th</sup> year as Circuit Stewards and Carol Joy is entering her 4<sup>th</sup> year. Anyone willing to serve as a Circuit Steward should contact Rev Tony.

**11.2 Proposal of new Circuit Steward** – Following his recent trial period, Brian Tucknott was unanimously voted in as a Circuit Steward.

## 12. Life of the Circuit

**12.1 Sabbaticals** – Rev Dr Mark Kimber will be taking a sabbatical through April, May and June 2018. Rev Tony Cavanagh will be taking a sabbatical through June, July and August 2018.



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**12.2 Update on Circuit Office Staff** – Rev Tony advised the meeting that following a prolonged absence from work due to illness and a recent meeting, the contract of Sarah Percy, Financial Administrator had been terminated. Sarah has been advised that she can appeal against this decision.

Recruitment to fill this post will now begin. Rev Tony thanked Jane Shipton-Ashwell and the Circuit Office team for stepping in to cover this role for the last 11 months.

**12.3 Local Preacher's and Worship Leader' Report** – Denis Dean reported that Jack Key, Trinity has been given a note to preach. His preaching will be divided between Poole Bay and Bakewell Circuits as Jack is currently studying at Cliff College.  
Deacon Suzie Viana continues into her third quarter on Note.

13. **A.O.B.** - Rev Dr Mark Kimber reminded the meeting that he will be undertaking the pier to pier swim – Bournemouth to Boscombe in July. It is a 1.4 mile swim in open water, money raised is for The British Heart Foundation. Please see Mark if you would be willing to sponsor him for this challenge.

### **Date of future meetings**

21<sup>st</sup> September, 7.30pm at Broadstone

5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at Victoria Park

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7.30pm at Swanage

The meeting closed at 21.10pm with sharing the Grace.