

CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES

11th June 2019

BMC @ Victoria Park

1. Rev. Tony Cavanagh welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Opening Devotions** were led by Deacon Sarah Wickett
3. **Agree Membership:** The attendance list was circulated and agreed by the Trustees.
4. **Apologies for absence** were received and noted on the attendance list.
5. **Letters of Greeting & Acknowledgement and Items for Prayer:** None were received or requested
6. **Agreement of the minutes of the meeting held 12th March:** The minutes had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - i. The Foundation Training Courses have taken place at Broadstone and Kinson.
 - ii. David Howe reported 5 Poole Bay members attended the postponed meeting at Bemerton Church to discuss the important Connexional conversation on Marriage And Human Relationships with particular reference to the 2013 Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act. A report has been prepared for consultation by Church Council's and Circuit Meetings prior to a decision being taken at the 2020 Conference. Further information can be found on the **Methodist Church web site:** Conference 2019. Conference Programme. Agenda – item 10

Report entitled 'God in Love unites Us'

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David suggests that at our 2019 Autumn Church Council's we discuss the report submitting their comments in time for the 2020 Spring Circuit Meeting. It may be necessary to have special meetings in order to allow meaningful discussions to take place. Two documents will be distributed from the Circuit Office to aid discussions.

8. News from Churches

Judy Holloway reported she had already received the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal leaflets and if any church wanted any she had some with her tonight.

8.1. Bournemouth Projects Update

Tony apologised for the lateness of sending out the relevant documents for the meeting - The Intergenerational Café at Victoria Park and The Boat Project at Trinity. There is a need to get the projects registered on the Methodist Consent Website and to do so needs the approval of the Circuit Meeting. Trustees agreed this request. Hopefully they will progress quickly; both projects are being financed by a legacy.

9. London Marathon and Action 4 Children

Congratulations were expressed to Rev Mark on his achievement in the London Marathon (26.2 miles) and through his efforts just over £3700 has been raised for Action 4 Children.

10. Governance

10.1 Stationing Update – Karen James

Tony recently went to Birmingham and met with Karen and her tutors. Things are all in hand and moving along.

10.2 Circuit Review Update from Suzie & Sarah

Deacon Sarah updated the meeting about the progress of Circuit Mission Folder saying that



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each church will have access to a digital version of the folder and a paper copy. A Mission Celebration Event has been organised for Saturday the 28th September 10:00 – 12:00 at the Spire. At this event, churches will receive their mission folder, showcase their mission activities if they wish to, ask questions, be inspired, share hopes and challenges, and start developing the Mission Action Plan for each church.

There is a Circuit Pastoral Meeting being held at Broadstone on Wednesday the 19th June 12:00 – 14:00.

10.3 Safeguarding Training Update

So far six Foundation Safeguarding Courses have taken place attended by 286 people. There is a further Foundation Course to be held on the 25th November, venue to be confirmed.

An Advanced Course has been scheduled for the 16th November at Upton 10:30 onwards. This will be led by Jane Fisher, District Safeguarding Officer. It is a mandatory requirement certain office holders attend an Advanced Training Course, the following list details of who:

Core List – Required Attendance

- Safeguarding Officer – Circuit
 - Safeguarding Officer – District
 - Safeguarding Officer - Church
 - Members of the District Safeguarding Group
 - Members of the District Policy Committee
 - All presbyters or deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry (including supernumerary ministers)
 - Those who are in paid employment or a voluntary role which includes leadership within the Methodist Church, which involves direct work with children, youth or vulnerable adults
 - Members of the Connexional Complaint Panels, Discipline Committees, Pastoral and Appeals Committees.
 - Those in recognised roles involving pioneering, fresh expressions or evangelism
 - Those who deliver the Foundation Module
 - Mentors for the Youth Participation Scheme
 - Members of the Safeguarding Committee
 - Requirement that specific groups not required to attend the whole module should attend training covering specific sections eg volunteers in direct work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.
 - Local preachers Local Preachers should enrol and complete the Advanced Module at the earliest opportunity after receiving a Note to Preach and completing the Foundation Module. Note that both modules must be completed by the end of the second year of training and before their second interview on trial, whichever occurs first.
 - Worship leaders Worship Leaders should enrol and complete the Advanced Module at the earliest opportunity after commencing training and completing the Foundation Module. Note that both modules must be complete by the end of the second year of training and before their appointment by the Church Council, whichever occurs first. Warmly invited but not mandatory
 - Supernumerary ministers apart from those who have an active preaching or pastoral ministry.
- When planning the training session consideration should be given to the roles of those attending and which sections of the Leadership Module should be covered.

Agreed by Methodist Council April 2019

11. Property

11.1 Update on purchase of new manse

The contract has been signed for Palmer Rd and it is hoped to exchange in the next few days. We now have to ask for TMCP to draw down £432,000 to the Model Trust Fund, this was agreed by the Circuit Trustees.



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11.2 Update on sale of 83 Walpole Road

We have received two offers on the property but the higher offer has now been rescinded. The second offer was increased and has been accepted subject to the money being in place, this being £220,000. When completed the two loans on the property will be repaid.

11.3 Permission sought to sell Wareham Methodist Church

The meeting agreed to sell the church. There has been consultations with Wareham, the final service is Sunday the 30th June. When selling the building we must adhere to the Methodist and Charity restrictions. Pete Smith commented we should make best use of the funds and suggested we use it to fund the two Bournemouth mission projects and in doing so we would save the 40% levy imposed by Manchester; this will need further discussion. The Purbeck Gateway Church has shown some interest in the building.

11.4 Permission sought to let Marlborough Road

The meeting agreed to lease the manse once Rev Mark and family move out subject to a detailed survey on the property; this will be mid-August. Selling the Carbery Gardens manse we are not receiving the rental income and this has put more demand on the assessment.

11.5 Gannetts Parks Manse

It was agreed at a previous meeting the Gannetts Park manse would be sold when Rev Chris and Liz move out. Due to the current sensitive situation no conversations have been had regarding this matter.

11.6 Carbery Gardens

Following the sale of Carberry Gardens the balance of £25000 needs to be transferred to the Spire and needs formal agreement for TMCP to transfer the money. The meeting agreed to this request.

11.5 Authorisation sought for driveway and patio works at Browning Avenue

The block paving at the front of the property and the patio at the rear needs urgent attention and needs to go onto the Consent Website. The cost of the work is £4850, the meeting agreed the work needed to be done.

11.6 Agreement of two Trustees to sign legal papers for 11.1 to 11.3 and 11.6

The meeting agreed to Diane Baggs and Brian Tucknott as signatories for legal paperwork.

12. Life of the Circuit

12.1 Local Preachers' Report

The Local Preachers Report was circulated prior to the meeting, no questions were asked.

13. Finance

13.1 Acceptance of 2019/20 Circuit Budget

The Circuit Finance Group had reviewed the budget for next year in advance of the meeting and the document was circulated prior to the meeting. All churches are finding it challenging to raise their Circuit Assessment money. Peter Cotgrove from Poole suggested line 69 of the document, TMCP Funds to Support Assessment should be raised from £10,000 to £40,000, as he thought the circuit could afford it. Much discussion followed and the following proposal was voted on:

"We increase the line TMCP from £10,000 to £40,000 to fund the assessment for next year 2019/20"

Proposed: Peter Cotgrove

Seconded: Pete Smith

For: 19

Against: 11

Abstentions: 7

The meeting agreed that the calculation to ascertain the individual churches' assessments would now be carried out, using the formula, previously agreed by the Circuit Trustees.

The treasurers would be attending the next Circuit Finance Meeting on Thursday the 4th July at 10:30am to review the resulting assessments and church budgets for 2019/20.

There was feeling among the Trustees that more information regarding the breakdown of our general fund, including designated monies, should be available.

13.2 Budget Variance Report

Nothing was discussed

14. Any other business to be notified to the circuit office by end of 9th June



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14.1 Project ID No. 45526 – 103a High Street, Swanage

Swanage now has a suitable prospective tenant for the property at 103a High Street and would like Circuit Meeting authorisation to go ahead with a short term 3 year lease with a break clause at 18 months for the Property Consents website. The agreed rent is £4500 per annum paying three months rent in advance plus a £500 deposit. The meeting agreed this request.

14.2 Circuit Trustees

Church Council Secretaries are asked to forward hard copies of the paperwork recording their nominated people to serve as trustees at Circuit Meetings to the Circuit Office. This is a requirement of the auditors and the Charity Commission. Names will be entered onto the Charity Commission website.

14.3 Pete Smith Document

Due to the lateness of the meeting Pete Smith's document will be distributed electronically.

14.4 Rev Tony expressed his gratitude and thanks to Rev Mark and Rev Chris for their service in the Circuit. This is their last Circuit Meeting as they both move on in July. Their farewell service is at the Spire on the 24th July 6:30 pm onwards. All their respective churches will have an opportunity in the service for their personal goodbyes.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm with The Grace

Date of next meeting: 17th Sept Circuit Meeting 7.30pm Upton

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