

Louth Methodist Church Centre

Minutes of the Church Council held on Thursday 8th June 2023

Action in Bold

Present: Kath Adams(chair), Nick Adams,Nancy Cartwright, Paul Fox, Ken James, Karen Morris, Jean Pridgeon, Bryan Utteridge

In Attendance: Elaine Watkinson, Fred Donner

Nick opened the meeting with prayer.

1.Apologies: Gwenda Burgin. Alison Fox, Mark Harrison, Catherine Rolph, Chris Rolph, Heather Jeffery, Rev Graham Miles, Hazel Sherman, Rev Mark Sherman
Kath welcomed our Church Family worker Elaine to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2023, which had already been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

3.2. Church Family Worker(Min 4i). Kath welcomed Elaine to the meeting.

3.1.Church Vision Day (Min 3).Paul reported that the Action Plan was updated following a meeting of the VD Steering group and has since been circulated. He agreed to send a copy to Rev Margaret Asiedu. **PF**

3.2 Elaine gave a very positive report, including an early morning prayer group on her contacts with the various church organisations since taking up her role. Chris Rolph and others are providing interim management support. The meeting agreed that a Management Group will be set up once Margaret Asiedu starts her ministry as MA will be Elaine's line manager. Elaine may identify people she wishes to form a Support Group. **MA/EW**

3.3. Churches for Refugees(Min 4ii) In addition to Ros Malyon no further Methodist representative has been nominated to the management group . It was felt that more clarification about the extent and purpose of joining the group might be helpful: agreed that Ken discuss this with Ros. **KIJ**

4. Reports

4.TT4ALL Fred Donner, who on Julia & Derek's departure, has taken over this activity, reported on a very active group who both enjoy the social aspects of TT, but also make significant financial contributions to our church.

5. Property/Finance

5i.a) Property. In addition to the report, Kath acknowledged the valuable assistance given by John Barker's son David in dealing with problems relating to the Party Wall issues following the sale of 2 & 4 Nichol Hill. Upgrade to Audio system discussed. Church Council agreed that application be made to utilise some of the proceeds of 2 & 4 sale to fund this project. CLT have advised that grants of 25% are available within the District for such projects. Nancy Cartwright to make an application **NC.**

5i.b) Finance.Nancy reported that church accounts show a deficit of £5618 to the 30th April. The use of a card reader for the various activities is being investigated.

5ii) Stewards. Nancy reported that a decision was made not to participate in the Wolds & Coast Churches Festival this year and that if we plan to take part next year, a focus or theme will be needed.

5iii) Ministry & Mission

- a) **Pastoral Visitors.** In the absence of Heather, there was no progress report on the April Newsletter request for new pastoral contacts. **HJ**
- b) **Churches Together.** No report
- c) **Church Newsletter.** No report
- d) **Young at Heart (formerly Derby and Joan)** When the previous leaders resigned, they closed the group bank account and the balance donated to the British Red Cross. Jean reported that funds from the group are now being banked within the Lighthouse account. As YaH is a distinct church activity, for accounting purposes and to fulfil requirements of the Charities Commission, it was agreed that separate arrangements for the group's funds must be made. Jean to speak with Robin to action. **JP**

6. Circuit. Bryan reported that Rev Graham Miles' ministry in the Circuit has been extended by three years as superintendent.

7. Other business

7.1. Church Council Agenda

Kath brought CC attention to an example of a different format for the CC agenda. Members agreed that in future this format should be used. (copy attached to minutes)

7.2. Church AGM.

On the proposition of Kath, the meeting agreed that the church AGM be postponed and will be the focus of the next 5th Sunday morning, which will be 29th October. A note advising members of date to go in the newsletter. All need to consider and approach individuals to fulfil positions, particularly joining CC.

KIJ/GB/All

Further Meetings agreed in 2022: 14th September, 7th December Please note the time, 7.30pm.for our meetings.

Members joined in prayer to close the meeting.