

Calne Partnership of Churches Meeting
Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 7.30 pm
Venue: St Edmunds Church

Minutes of the Meeting

Elizabeth Hitchens welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Bob Kenway opened the meeting in prayer.

Those Present (in alphabetical order): Pauline Appleby, Morcia Booton, Francis Bosworth, Fr Vincent Curtis, Patricia Davies, Elizabeth Hitchens (Chair), Rev Bob Kenway, Kathryn Miller, Terry Mills, Rev Wendy Tucker, Stan Woods (Secretary).

Apologies (in alphabetical order): Derek Gard (Treasurer), David Halls, Rev Sam King (on sabbatical). Rob Pickford, Carole West.

As our BYFC speaker had been delayed we started with the agenda pending his arrival.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April 2016 – were accepted as a true record unanimously, and signed by the chairman.
Omissions or errors - none noted.

3. Matters Arising

a. Alternatives to Lent Course 2016

The proposed dramatized recitation of St Mark's Gospel will take place on 20th September at 7pm at St Marys Church.

Bob suggested a follow up to this with small groups across the churches following the "Christianity Explored" course. Suggested timeframe Sept/October.

Action: Bob to email details to all, or to the secretary for distribution.

Action: Church Member Reps to come back to the secretary as soon as possible to confirm whether or not their church wishes to take part.

b. Food Bank Logo creation (Kathryn – update) – The logo is agreed as per KPs email – that is, to be the same as the CPC logo with the wording altered to reflect the name "Foodbank".

c. Churches Centre Proposal (Westbury - Crosspoint visits). Neither Rob Pickford nor Stan Woods were able to visit Crosspoint by this meeting. This will remain on the agenda for the next meeting and Sam's return from sabbatical.

d. Christmas Day Lunch (Update - Stan) – Not much to report other than that he would like the churches support for volunteer drivers on Christmas Day to transport guest to and from the Lunch at the Town Hall and that he was looking for a Transport Manager to handle the logistics of transporting 80 guests on the day. More as soon as details are settled. Stan mentioned that Tom Rounds (our Mayor and whose charity project this is) is due to undergo a serious operation next Tuesday and that he and his wife Rachel and their family would value our prayers.

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- e. Open Blue Bus (Update – Terry) – Terry mentioned that some progress is being made on the bus, but that it was unlikely to be ready before the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2017. The bus when ready would require a permanent safe parking/garaging location. All requested to keep a lookout for suitable accommodation.

Our BYFC Speaker arrived at 7.47pm and business was suspended for this.

A brief presentation by British Youth for Christ – Steve Dewar (Youth Worker). Steve has been a BYFC parish youth worker based in Potterne for the last 5-6 years.

Issues with anti social behaviour before they started. Working in the local church for 11-18 year olds. Provides support for local primary school years 6-7. One to one mentoring and befriending for individuals - football and providing opportunities for conversation and positive male role models – "...just spending time with them...". Taking the gospel "relevantly" to all young people.

Provides "Popup" cafes in the summer has done in Calne. Mentioned the diminution of county youth workers, with BYFC filling gaps. Mentioned Helen Bradley in particular who is still covering Calne.

Our response solicited: to keep in touch with BYC. Can provide short training courses for churches to make it easier for churches to get involved with youth. Steve is currently funded up to 2017. Think about opportunities for school contact – listening to pupils reading, etc. Steve is going to provide their BYFC Partners newsletter to us.

Steve was thanked and stayed on for the rest of the meeting.

The meeting business continued...

- f. Signatories to the CPC account (Derek) – Derek has provided the bank paperwork for this (i.e adding Patricia Davies as a signatory) which will be completed after the meeting.
- g. EU Referendum Debate (CMC) – feedback – It was mentioned that the debate was very well chaired by Derek Gard and the many interjections and comments from the floor were conducted in an amiable and respectful atmosphere.
- h. Financial support for the Website (calnexion.org.uk) - Derek has issued a cheque for Stan Woods, which will be signed after the meeting.
- i. Proposed ecumenical walk during a Summer Sunday afternoon (Bob) – nothing further on this. Morcia offered to contact the organizer and confirm whether this viable or not and inform the secretary for distribution to all as soon as possible.
Action: Morcia Booton
- j. WCT Quiet Day (feedback) Elizabeth reported a lovely sunny day at St Katherine's Church in the Savernake forest. An inspirational time about

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- k. Calne Motor Museum (Blue Bus Support)
Bob reported that he had been in touch with Andy Weeds (Blue Bus Project Manager) and put him in touch with a director of the museum to start a dialogue about possible motor engineering support.
 - l. Guinness Book of Records Event (Supporting Activity - Bob). The idea of a supporting event such as a massed choir from the churches was favourably received. Members need to identify a suitable contact from each of their churches to collaborate on this.
Action: All to approach their church leaders to progress this as soon as possible.
Action: Stan to get an update on progress on this Town Council project.
 - m. Taize style service – Sunday 18th September at 4pm – St Edmunds – This is confirmed. All invited to attend.
Action: members to advertise in their respective churches.
 - n. Healing Seminar at Calne Baptist Church (feedback) - Morcia gave a brief overview of the day including small group workshops, prayer and healing opportunities. Elizabeth said it was a very inspirational day and said she would like to attend another.
 - o. Queen's Birthday Civic Service at St Mary's and Marden House. The commemorative booklet (adult and children's versions) published by the Bible Society about the Servant Queen at 90 were well received. Pauline Appleby asked if the booklet could be bought. Stan said the Baptist church may have a few copies left.
Action: Stan to try to get a copy for Pauline.
- 4. Treasurer's Report (Summary of Accounts) – this was previously circulated by email and displayed at the meeting.
 - 5. Prayer (Elizabeth led us in responsive prayer for the world and especially for Tom Rounds).
 - 6. The AGM for 2017 was set for Wednesday 18th January 2017. Confirmed.
 - 7. Financial Procedures – a proposal (Stan) – Stan mentioned this circulated before the meeting, asked everyone to read it and to be commented on and considered for approval at next meeting.
Action: All members
 - 8. An "open" Advent Service near the beginning of the Advent season (Kathryn). Bob has someone in mind who might take a lead on that. He will approach the person and report back to the Secretary well before the next meeting (for circulation to all)
Action: Bob Kenway

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9. Churches Together – Framework for Local Unity in Mission (Brief overview - comment). Stan & Elizabeth provided a quick summary. Clearly the document needs some in depth reading. However, Terry asked that we consider whether we need to change the current framework before we embark on this document. It was agreed that we table the question and the report for the 2017 AGM headline discussion subject. Morcia mentioned that she had not received this document
Action: Church leaders to be asked to consider what approach the discussion should take and what preparation will be necessary, and Stan to include in the AGM agenda.
10. Articles or events for Wiltshire Summer Newsletter
Action: Stan to update our diary of events and forward to members and the WCT.
11. Any Other Business
- a. Wendy: **Parish nurses** – work out of churches or groups of churches. Emma Colgrave (training as a Parish Nurse) at CM might want volunteers.
- b. Dates of Meetings**
There was a suggestion that we meet in September due to the considerable activities planned this Christmas. Some said that might prove difficult because of full diaries. However, Stan & Elizabeth to circulate some dates for urgent consideration.
Action: All on receipt of the dates.

Afternotes (these are not part of the minute)

Stan had suggested that perhaps July was not a good month to meet because of holidays starting. However, in view of the good attendance at this meeting, perhaps early July meetings would be a good compromise.