

Minutes of Bemerton PCC Meeting Tuesday 7th January 2020

Present: Terri Seaton; Colin Frayling; Gillian Newton; Laurence Newton; Helen Pessell; (Minutes), Ineta Zeile; Hilary Bird; Frank Pessell;; Paul Kerley; Howard Tranter; Debbie Ford; Mike Bird; (Chair),

Apologies; Robyn Golden-Hann

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 5th November were signed as a true record after a change was made to the treasurer's report.

Matters Arising

Actions from Last Meeting

- Colin to continue chase up repairs to inner doors – ongoing, Colin seeing someone this week
- Hilary to purchase 2 Islands for coffees at St Michael's – ongoing not yet in stock

Interregnum

Hilary reported that the advert will be in the Church Times 17th and 24th January with Interviews taking place at the beginning of April. Hilary apologized that changes to the profile had had to be completed before the PCC, but the document had to go to the printers on 3rd. However, the PCC had seen the e-mail detailing the changes and approved them and Hilary also brought copies for the PCC to see.

When the churchwardens met with Alan one of the items discussed was the possibility of building better links with St Paul's Church. This could be mutually beneficial but would not involve changes to the uniqueness of either of our churches. It might also help any future rector if we had begun to build up relationships with other churches. The PCC were happy and optimistic for talks to continue as long as it is understood that we could not take on any extra workload and that it would not be seen as a takeover by St Paul's. Helen will e mail Alan Jeans to report the PCC decision.

Treasurer's Report (Circulated prior to Meeting)

Gillian reported that the actual end of year figures are better than she predicted with an end of year deficit of £16,000. This was mainly from donations and wedding and funeral fees.

Gillian explained her notes arising from the accounts (previously circulated)

The Community Centre have now completely repaid the loans from the church and are now contributing £100 a month to church funds which it is hoped will gradually increase

St Andrew's Church and St John's Place (SJP)

Hilary reported that the faculty for the handrails at St John's has been approved and that the SJP committee are finalizing the details for the lights prior to faculty approval being sought

St Andrew's quinquennial inspection has been completed. The Friends of St Andrew's fund will pay for any work needed but although the report has not yet been received it did not highlight major problems.

A light switch is broken which will be mended but Hilary has had no response yet from the electrician. Robyn has sourced a replacement altar tile and replaced it. The cupboards to replace the curtains necessitate moving a memorial which will take some time.

St Michael's Church

The faculty for the AV system has been resubmitted and will appear before the DAC in either January or March so is unlikely to go ahead before the summer.

The front door to the church is causing concern as the lock is faulty at times which could be due to the door being hooked open for long periods pulling against the door closure. After some discussion it was decided to have the hooks for the door but that they should be monitored and only left open for as short a period as possible.

The churchwardens will look at the lower fire doors which are not closing properly

The glass notice board has been distorted as a gust of wind caused it to break. Gillian will claim for either a new board or repair through our insurance

There is an occasional leak in the left-hand aisle, it would be helpful to adjust the guttering but this would necessitate scaffolding at some considerable cost so will be monitored at present. The possibility and cost of work from a 'cherry picker' will be explored.

Paul and Laurence will talk to Maureen about the pictures currently being stored in the vestry to decide which should be re hung around St Michaels's. The cupboard in the aisle will also be emptied and removed.

Community Centre Update

Ineta presented the Community Centre's end of year accounts which show a profit of 1,645.07. Ineta was thanked for this achievement. The café was highlighted as raising £3000 more than last year with the community fridge providing benefit to the community.

Ineta expressed her frustration regarding the lack of support she felt she is getting from the PCC especially as there was no rector to line manage her. She felt there had been unacceptable delays with the formation of the CIO which had left her unable to run new projects at the Centre as she wished and that decisions she had made were being questioned.

Ineta asked for and was given a unanimous vote of confidence in her role as Centre manager and to continue in this role once the CIO is in place.

It was hoped that when the CIO was formed the Board of Trustees would give her the support she sought and help with the decision-making allowing reports to the PCC to be much briefer. A management committee helping with the day to day running of the Centre also needs to be established.

It was suggested that Ineta meets with Mike who as Chair of the PCC is submitting the application for CIO

Policies

The Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and updated. Other policies will be reviewed at the next meeting. Helen will bring a list of those policies needed.

Any Other Business

1. Alan Jeans to be asked for his availability for the 2020 APCM
2. During the week of Christian Unity 19-25 Jan, we are linked with Salisbury Baptist Church with members of their congregation visiting us on 19th and some of our congregation going to their service on 26th. Gillian asked for volunteers.

3. Ineta would like to have a festival of Angels to celebrate St Michael's Day on 29th September, this was approved
4. We have had a large Home Communion set donated which needs some replacement pieces. We have a family member asking for ideas for a donation in memory of his mother so we thought this might be an appropriate project.
5. There will be a good Friday walk of witness with the Methodists and Catholic Church again this year.

The Next Meeting of the PCC March 3rd 2020