

**CHURCHES TOGETHER for CHIPPING BARNET COUNCIL MEETING**  
**On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:30pm at Hope Corner**

Opening Devotions

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes of the last Council Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021
- 3) Notification of Any Other Business not on agenda
- 4) Matters Arising from the Minutes:
  - a) Winter Shelter
  - b) Barnet Christmas Street Fair on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Sadly, we could not manage a stall in the street, nor a band. However, the fair committee were determined to run the carols and found a band; we provided an impromptu choir (mainly from St John's) and supported them with carol sheets provided by Underhill Baptists. Wesley Hall held a café and hosted craft stalls and events, with help from other churches.
  - c) A leaflet with Christmas services was produced, though with a number of problems which must be addressed before we attempt the same exercise this year: the paper was too flimsy and it failed to arrive in time for the fair, or before some churches distributed their own leaflets. While we apologise for this, there are further questions about this leaflet that should possibly be addressed by the Office-holders and the ministers' group.
  - d) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
  - e) Mission Planning – this was cancelled in May 2020, but the Office-holders should consider when it would be appropriate to rekindle it.
- 5) Lent Arrangements (decisions to be taken in AGM)

The Executive have proposed that there will not be a collection taken in churches, and the Quiz will not be attempted until people are able (and willing) to meet in person.

Lent starts on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Easter on April 17<sup>th</sup>. There has been a request for joint Lent studies, but this is unlikely, unless churches are able to expand their existing study groups.

- 6) Good Friday and Easter 2022

We would hope to run the Walk of Witness and Easter sunrise events this year, but it may depend on how many people are willing to participate. Also, we need to consider the effect of the pavement widening in the High Street. We would expect the ministers' group to make a decision as soon as they can, while the Office-holders will ensure that all necessary permissions, risk assessments and insurances are agreed in principle.

- 7) Queen's Platinum Jubilee (same weekend as Pentecost)

The Executive wondered if we should hold an event – a picnic, or a Brass Band concert: possibly on an open space (eg: Hadley Green). We would need a working group to plan it.

- 8) Declared AOB

The Council meeting will close at this point, and will be followed by the AGM

AGM agenda follows on the next page

**CHURCHES TOGETHER for CHIPPING BARNET AGM**  
**On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – after the Council meeting**

- 1) Confirmation of minutes of AGM meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- 2) Annual Report from the Chair
- 3) Adoption of the new Constitution
  - note the new Constitution will be voted on under the EXISTING constitution, which requires two-thirds of the Council members here present to vote in favour of it. Council members are the 20 representatives of our eleven churches, together with co-opted members (two members of Executive who are not church reps).
  - The proposed new Constitution has been formulated by committee, debated and agreed by the October Council in 2021, and sent to all our churches, who have therefore been given the opportunity to review it themselves, and acquaint their Council representatives of their views.
  - If the new Constitution is adopted the remainder of the meeting (including the elections of office-holders) will proceed under the rules of the new Constitution.
  - If adopted, all Council members will be asked to sign the new Constitution.
- 4) Matters arising from previous minutes
  - a) The Constitutional review was completed by the Executive, with assistance from Penny Chambers. The Ecumenical Facilitator from CT in Hertfordshire reviewed it (and made some changes) before it went to Council in October.
  - b) Coffee Stop has been discontinued, as neither the customers nor the volunteers have returned
- 5) Report from the Treasurer/Appointment of the Independent Examiner – annual accounts, budget and decisions about Lent Appeal, contributions from member churches, and new bank account.
- 6) Adoption of reports
  - a) BCA – Hope Corner
  - b) Barnet College Chaplaincy
  - c) Prayer breakfasts
  - d) Hope Corner prayer
- 7) Election of Officer-holders: Please pray for these appointments – we have 3 vacancies
  - a) Chair
  - b) Vice-Chair
  - c) Secretary
  - d) Treasurer
  - e) Publicity
  - f) Prayer Secretary or Representative of the Council
- 8) Closing Prayer

Dates of next meetings:

Executive – tbc, but week beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> suggested.

Council – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

AGM – Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023