

**MINUTES of the AGM of CHURCHES TOGETHER for CHIPPING BARNET
(held after the Council meeting) on 25th February 2021.**

Present: John Ainslie, Veronica Bibby, Penny Chambers, Bernie Cleal, Caroline Hay, Fred Hudd, Janet McIntyre, Carol Moeke, Christine Nuckey, Rev Thomas Renz, Sandra Steels, Flavia Woodhouse, Vania John-Baptiste, Dominic Grant, Julian Desborough.

Apologies for absence were received from Rev Andy Rimmer, Tristan Chapman

1. **Minutes of the last AGM meeting on February 21st, 2020** were accepted and signed.

2. **Annual Report from the Chairman** – Janet McIntyre

Janet reported on the last year a copy of the report is attached to the minutes. Several members at the meeting thanked Janet for keeping us together and things going during the year.

3. **Constitutional matters**

Janet advised that it was necessary to review the constitution this year, it had been written in 2014 and not been updated since. Also, the Clergy would be looking at the vision of CTfCB for Barnet, what are the aims and values and how we will achieve them. A working party will be needed who will report back to the October Council Meeting, the proposal will be circulated to the churches and voted on at the AGM in February 2022.

Roger Seaton is also planning to look at the articles of BCA which will be incorporated into the overall report. Another suggestion was that a third meeting in the summer would be a good idea, Janet asked for people to consider if they could be included in the working party as we prefer it not to be just the Executive, other ideas would be welcomed.

Janet advised that she would send out a pack of documents, including the Constitution, BCA, Job Descriptions etc to all the ministers and reps to ensure everyone has all the information.

4. **Report from the Treasurer** – Caroline Hay

The accounts for 2020 and the proposed budget for 2021 had been circulated in advance. Copies are attached to these minutes. Caroline advised that not all the contributions had been received last year, she had sent out the requests late due to the pandemic and not chased up the outstanding ones. A proposal from the Clergy/Exec meeting was put forward regarding subscriptions for 2021: In view of the impact of Covid-19 on Church finances and the reduced spending in 2020 and 2021, the proposal was that we revert to the previous level of subs, retrospectively reversing the 10% added last year but ask churches who did not pay last year to consider paying double this year in the interest of fairness. If churches did pay last year, then the additional 10% could be deducted from this year's subscription.

Dominic queried the reasons for being members of Churches together In Hertfordshire as we are a London Borough, John Ainslie and Janet replied to this and he was happy with continuing with this.

John Ainslie asked the meeting to consider whether the subscriptions for the larger churches could be reduced for the current year as the pandemic has particularly hit the income of these churches. After some discussion it was agreed to reduce the subscriptions for 2021 to £500.00 for all the large churches.

Lent Appeal: We are holding £1239.00 Raised for CAP in 2019 for a future Job Club, Caroline has spoken to the co-ordinator who advised that they were in the process of setting up a debt centre which they hope to have up and running by July, Christchurch and the Stable are currently involved with this. They think that this is priority this year due to the pandemic, but hopefully a Job Club will be set up in 2022. They are fundraising at present to set this in motion. After some discussion a proposal was put forward by Janet that the money originally collected for the CAP Barnet job club would be given straight away to support the new Barnet debt centre, this was seconded by Caroline and agreed unanimously by the meeting. For this year's lent appeal there would be no collection in the churches. It was proposed that a quiz would be organised on Zoom to raise funds which could be added to last year's amount of £527.00 and donated to Wycliffe Bible Translators. The date for the quiz would be 17th April at 7.30pm, after some discussion it was agreed that this would go ahead. Caroline would distribute

information and set up a means of collecting the donations.

Caroline proposed that we accept the budget for this year it was seconded by Christine and was agreed by all.

5. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Last year's examiner was not available for this year's accounts; it was discussed at the Exec meeting and Janet was asked to ask George Hampson who previously worked for HMRC and has done courses on auditing etc. We only need someone who is good with figures to look over the accounts and confirm that they are all OK. This was proposed by Caroline and seconded by Christine and agreed by all.

Reports:

- **BCA/Hope Corner: Julian Desborough.** Full report will be circulated with the minutes.
No real change: they will have given out 1400 lunches and 100 Christmas lunches for residents in Dollis Valley and Underhill Ward by end of February. The profile of the centre has really been raised, with Barnet Council being interested in the work and involving them in post lockdown discussions on how we can support local residents etc. It seems that eventually hope Corner will be viewed as the community hub for the area. It seems that we have proved ourselves during the lockdown.
- **Barnet College Chaplaincy:** Revd. Tristan Chapman – Full report will be circulated with the minutes.
Tristan reported that Chaplaincy at Barnet and Southgate college was continuing, but in a more restricted way. They had not been able to meet in person since March 2020, there has been a regular meeting every Tuesday by Zoom to which a small but faithful group have joined them.
- **Coffee Stop: Carol Moeke.**
The coffee stop has not been open for months due to the pandemic, it is hoped that once Wesley Hall reopens, and people are allowed to sit close to each other it will start again. The coffee stop usually donates about £600.00 to CTfCB per year, but last year it was only £160.00 so obviously has been closed. Carol is concerned about the people who usually use Coffee Stop, they are mainly elderly and the spark has gone from them, they desperately need to get back to normal, and have a cup of coffee with somebody.
- **Prayer Breakfasts: Janet McIntyre**
Prayer breakfasts continue on Zoom on the first Saturday of the month

6. **Annual election of officers to the Executive:**

Janet McIntyre (chair) – proposed Shaun Sanders, seconded John Ainslie

Sandra Steels (secretary) – proposed Thomas Renz, seconded Carol Moeke

Caroline Hay (treasurer) – proposed Christine Nuckey, seconded Flavia Woodhouse

Carole & Paul Moeke (publicity) – proposed Janet McIntyre, seconded Caroline Hay,

Dominic Grant (Vice Chair) – Thomas Renz, seconded Penny Chambers

All were elected unanimously.

7. **Annual election of the Representative of the Council to the Executive:**

Nobody volunteered at present.

8. **Date of next meetings**

Executive meeting: (tbc)

next Council meetings: Thursdays October 21st 2021; February 24th 2022 (AGM)

9. **The meeting closed with prayer**