

**METHODIST-ANGLICAN ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm Christchurch
Present	There were 32 people in attendance (see appendix 1)
Apologies	Apologies were received from 15 people (see appendix 2)
Chair	Russ Herbert
Minutes Secretary	Angie Kell

	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Russ welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained the slightly different format of the AGM for this year, with prayer stations for each of the report/group.</p>
19/01	<p><b>Opening Prayer</b></p> <p>Jean Balcombe lead us in opening prayer, quoting from John 20 v 19.</p>
19/02	<p><b>Election of minutes secretary</b></p> <p>Alex Pett proposed Angie Kell to be minutes secretary for the meeting, seconded by Deb Tovey, carried unanimously.</p>
19/03	<p><b>Christchurch Membership Roll</b></p> <p>The membership roll currently stands at 157. Russ Herbert noted that we have just refreshed the Electoral Roll as per the legal requirement, and that there are a large number of people who are actively involved who appear to have not yet got round to signing up again. These are being followed up.</p> <p>The Membership Roll was accepted and RH gave thanks to those who have joined us in the last year, particularly those who are new to faith.</p>
19/04	<p><b>Minutes of the 2018 AGM</b></p> <p><b>Errors and Omissions:</b> There were no errors/omissions noted.</p> <p><b>Amendments:</b> There were no amends to make.</p>

	<p>Jean Balcombe proposed that we accept minutes of the meeting held on 25/04/2018 as a true record, this was seconded by Clive Jennings and carried unanimously.</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the last meeting.</p> <p>The minutes were signed by Russ Herbert.</p>
19/05	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Nil</p>
19/06	<p><b>Election of wardens and ECC members</b></p> <p><b>Wardens:</b></p> <p>Alex Pett – nominated by Lucy Williams, seconded by Angie Kell, carried unanimously.</p> <p>Jess McManus – nominated by Helen Davis, seconded by Angie Kell, carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>ECC members:</b></p> <p>Russ Herbert informed the meeting that Bethan Baker and Rob Coles Pearce have stood down and gave thanks for their service to the ECC.</p> <p>John De Borde was nominated by Lynda De Borde, seconded by Terry Game, carried unanimously.</p> <p>Russ Herbert lead us in prayer for the outgoing ECC members, and incoming ECC members and wardens.</p>
19/07	<p><b>Treasurers report and accounts</b></p> <p>Les Turner (LT) presented the Statement of Financial activity to the meeting.</p> <p>Please see appendix 3 for Statement of Financial Activity Jan 18 – Dec 18. LT noted that there is a report to accompany this. Full accounts are available on request (please email LT to request these).</p> <p>LT gave thanks for God’s generosity. We have been blessed to receive some generous one-off donations this year, which has enabled us to maintain our level of income.</p> <p>LT noted that the church/hall hire has increased by 50% over the last year with expectations for it to grow again this year – thanks to Jess McManus for her work in this.</p>

	<p>LT noted that it does cost a lot of money to run the church – about £100K in contributions to the Circuit and Diocese alone, however the year generated a surplus of about £13K, and we currently have healthy reserves of £83K.</p> <p>The forthcoming challenges include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Grant funding for Kate Dommett and Will Alvarez is coming to an end this year.</li> <li>• Parish share and circuit costs are likely to increase by about 5%.</li> <li>• The work arising from the Quinquennial inspection is budgeted to be around £10K over the next couple of years, with ongoing building maintenance costs.</li> </ul> <p>The Finance Team are continuing to explore opportunities to increase income to carry out the mission of Christchurch with initiatives such as text giving, using card readers, regular giving by direct debit and looking at additional ways to use the building. LT asked for ongoing prayerful consideration of our giving.</p> <p>No questions were raised.</p> <p>LT thanked everyone present for the way we give – both in time and money. He thanked the finance team, which has grown this year. LT invited others to join the team if they feel they have something to offer.</p> <p>Finally, Les Turner proposed that we accept the accounts presented at the AGM. This was seconded by Angie Kell and carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>Agree and appoint the independent examiner for 2019</b></p> <p>LT proposed that we continue to use Haines Watts Chartered Accountants (Bristol) as our independent examiners for another year. This was seconded by Alex Pett and carried unanimously.</p>
19/08	<p><b>Minister's vision</b></p> <p>Clive spoke briefly of the vision of Christchurch: It is all about God's people. We are all valuable to God, no one is worth more to God than anyone else. Clive talked about a change in culture and how we are repeatedly hearing about great things happening in our community as a direct and indirect result of the work of Christchurch.</p>
19/09	<p><b>Prayer Stations</b></p> <p>Members were invited to attend the prayer stations to pray for the work we are doing.</p>

19/10	<b>Close of meeting with prayer</b>  Clive thanked Kathryn McManus-Jones, Jess McManus and Angie Kell for their work in preparing for the AGM. He noted that we will be celebrating the life of Christchurch and the AGM at this Sunday's service.  Clive closed the meeting with a prayer.
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<b>Minutes approved by:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	