

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting

12th May 2008

Present: Margaret Burrows, Judith Bishop, David Bishop, Antony Claridge, Mark Elliott (chair), Chris Gladstone, Andrew Sillett.

Apologies: Emma Elliott, Sarah Hiscock, Clive Tilling, David Marles, Nicky Gladstone, Martin Palmer, Margaret Heath, Sylvia Ayers, Janet Mahto, Margaret Silver.

Minutes of the previous meeting (Agenda 3)

The minutes of the 13th March 2008 meeting were approved and signed. (Prop: Antony Claridge, Sec: Andrew Sillett)

Matters Arising (Agenda 4)

- Mission Statement
Chris Gladstone had summarised all the LMG activities identified in the September 2007 LMG workshop and summarised them under the Mission Statement headings. Antony believes this will serve all three churches, but are we confident we're in a community that serves OUR points of mission. Margaret Heath has raised the need for a commitment on environment. All agreed to adopt the 5th of the Marks of Mission from Lambeth – to strive to “.....” and this to be adopted under “Serve our Community” Prop: Andrew Sillett / Sec: Chris Gladstone.

Remarks from Officiating Minister & LMG update (Agenda 5)

- Antony requested the report from the AGM be taken as a current update.
- Now that the lighting project is complete, there is a need to move quickly to the refurbishment and remodelling of the west end, and council agreed that Antony should encourage the Trustees to move on this.

Churches together in Bath (Agenda 6)

The report from the last meeting was discussed in the absence of a report from Sylvia Ayers. It was noted that the climate change meeting had been well attended; the Christian Aid service rather less so. Antony asked for prayers for Widcome and Holy Trinity that are without incumbents.

Deanery Synod (Agenda 7)

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The form naming Christ Church's nominees is required to be submitted by 16th May. Margaret Heath and Sarah Hiscock have volunteered. Antony will clarify with Lewis Boyd that he is also willing to be nominated.

Lighting Project (Agenda 8)

A report from Martin Palmer noted

- the lighting project is complete, bar fabrication of oak covers for the LED battens. The project was completed on time and has transformed the church.
- The workmanship by RS Electrical Services was to a very high standard, including a considerable amount of refurbishment as well as tidily executing the new lighting. The work was kept generally to budget allowing for the extra unplanned electrical and Health and Safety work.
- Thanks were due to all for help, tolerance and cooperation whilst the installation was in progress.

There was a request for more general training on the operation of the new system. It was generally agreed that a letter of gratitude be sent to Martin Palmer for his exceptional efforts on this project.

Brunel Manor Update (Agenda 9)

The target for the weekend was 100 people from the LMG. Christ church response has been good with over 50 participants on the list, which totals over 80. this is sufficient to book the whole house. Thanks were recorded to the Trustees for assisting financially in some areas, and to Angela Soboslay for administrative work.

Bath Festival Preparation (Agenda 10)

Preparation for the Bath Festival's sell-out Hilliard Ensemble concert (25th May) was discussed.

Bath Festival will bring their own lighting experts (Enlightened), who have been involved with Christ Church's new system.

The gallery needs cleaning. Antony will contact Angela Soboslay and Jane Nicholson on this before contacting contract cleaners. Rubbish from the Lighting Project and redundant shelving boards must be removed. Loose floorboards were noted which must be fixed before the concert. The Secretary was asked to alert Martin Palmer to these issues.

Council Business Planning (Agenda 11)

Dates were chosen for this year's meetings, and the agenda topics nominated previously were ascribed to them. Other agenda items can be added as necessary:

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| Mon 12 th May | As above |
| Wed 9 th July | LMG business general (post the Brunel weekend); Parking |
| Tue 16 th Sep | Fund raising and events ("fun-raising") ahead of a possible event in February |
| Thu 13 th Nov | Study/prayer groups; attuning worship to the Church Year; spirituality general |
| Mon 12 th Jan | Debate on West End re-organisation |
| We 18 th Mar | Audit of performance against the mission statement in preparation for the AGM; selection of topics for next year |

Any Other Business (Agenda 12)

A suitable leaving present for the Kemps was discussed.

Next Meeting (Agenda 13)

The date of the next meeting is **9th July 2008**.