

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SCARBOROUGH

Minutes of a meeting of the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Scarborough held at Queen Street Methodist Central Hall, Queen Street, Scarborough on Tuesday, 12th. November, 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Reverend Richard J. Walker (Chairman) (St. Mary's with Holy Apostles, Reverend Emma K. Morgan (Vice Chairman) (Northstead, Wreyfield Drive, Scalby & Queen Street), Mrs. Ruth Dale (Secretary) (Northstead), Mr. Colin T. Adamson (Minutes Secretary & Treasurer) (Westborough), Ms. Lesley Armour, Mrs. Pam. Barton (Holy Apostles), Reverend Geoff Bowell (S.C.F.), Mrs. Christina Bramley (Faith in Scarborough Schools & Burniston) Ms. Susan Chapman (Quakers), Mr. Bruce Clark (Burniston), Mr. Richard Crocker (Salvation Army), Mrs. Catherine Duffton (Faith in Scarborough Schools & Ebenezer), Mr. Colin Finch (Albemarle), Mrs. Margaret Finch (Albemarle), Father Eddie Gubbins (St. Peter's, St. Joseph's & St. Edward's), Mr. Mike Gurney (S.C.F.), Mr. Craig Henderson (St. Martin-on-the-Hill), Mrs. Anita Hill (Ebenezer), Mrs. Annie Holles (Wreyfield Drive), Reverend Mike Leigh (St. Mark's), Mrs. Hester Miller (Quakers), Reverend Graham Morgan (Superintendent North Yorkshire Coast Circuit, Queen Street, South Cliff & Westborough), Reverend David Nellist (Maranatha), Captain Stephen Noble (Salvation Army), Ms. Kathy Offer (Salvation Army), Reverend Graeme Parkins (Elim), Mrs. Jenny Parkins (Elim), Mrs. Kate Tate (St. Martin-on-the-Hill & Churches on South Cliff) Mr. Steve Tate (St. Martin-on-the-Hill), Mrs. Mary Walker (St. James with Holy Trinity) and Mr. Jonathan Wilkins (Holy Apostles).

19/42 OPENING DEVOTIONS:- The Chairman read verses from John 15 and then reflected on them in relation to the current season of Remembrance, followed by a prayer.

19/43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- Apologies were received from Reverend Paul Abell (Kingdom Faith), Mrs. Ros. Brewer (St. Mark's & Scarborough Deanery), Mr. Joe Coates (St. Mary's with Holy Apostles), Reverend Neil Douglas (Ebenezer), Mrs. Rachel Jameson-Firman (Burniston), Mr. Adrian Moore (Kingdom Faith) and Mr. Brian Ward (Kingdom Faith), Steve Blower (Swalk)

19/44 MINUTES:- The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th. November, 2018; having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

19/45 MINUTES:- The Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th/ June, 2019; having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

19/46 MATTERS ARISING:- None

19/47 OFFICER'S REPORTS

a) Chair

The Chair spoke about

- i) Syrian Refugees and the opportunity for those residing locally to learn English as a second language but stated that the scheme has still not come to fruition. He outlined that the North Yorkshire County Council dissolve responsibilities to local agencies, such as Churches Together in Scarborough. Money is drawn down from national government and the organisation pays N.Y.C.C. for tutors. A proposal has now been submitted to N.Y.C.C. There is two and a half years of the scheme to run. The funds will be held by St. Mary's on behalf of C.T.I.S.
- ii) Winter Watch. A request had been received from Scarborough Borough Council to assist with Winter Watch to help with assistance for the homeless. Venues are being sought. Security and CCTV will be put in place. Teams of people are required to set up and mop up.
- iii) There will be a Town Hall Carol Service on 19th. December
- iv) Two part-time missionaries have been appointed by St. Mary's with Holy Apostles to primarily work in the Old Town area of Scarborough
- v) The Reverend Christopher Whitehead sadly died on 11th. November and his wife Janet to be remembered at this time.

b) Secretary

The Secretary spoke about

- i) Her appreciation of Colin Adamson in his role as Minutes Secretary and now well the secretarial side of C.T.I.S. had worked in the last year.
- ii) Her thanks to everyone for the information that she receives to disseminate around the churches.
- iii) The privilege to be at Father Albert's farewell service and that the contact is being retained.

c) Treasurer

The Treasurer tabled to Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st. October, 2018 to 30th. September, 2019 and the Balance Sheet as at 30th. September, 2019 showing a surplus of £473.03 and a closing balance of £699.53 He made specific reference to Member Church Subscriptions and read a list of those churches who had contributed including a few whose subscription had been received after the year end and will be included in the following year with an appeal for all churches who hadn't paid in the last year to do so as soon as possible. The Accounts had been independently examined and were formally approved by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

On the proposition of Reverend Geoff. Bowell, seconded by Reverend Mike Leigh, it was agreed that a donation of £100 each be made to Faith in Scarborough Schools, Sidewalk, the Rainbow Centre, Westway, Angels and Winter Watch.

It was agreed that Member Church subscriptions remain at a minimum of £15.00 per church per annum.

19/48 REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH AND SUPPORTED BY C.T.I.S.:-

- a) **Faith in Scarborough Schools** - Mrs. Catherine Duffton and Mrs. Christina Bramley gave a visual presentation covering the work, including the Trustees and Volunteers. 135 assemblies had taken place in 23 schools during the year. A variety of themes had been covered. Christina gave her reflection on the last two months and Catherine her reflections on the last year. Reference was made to being able to adopt a school. Mention was made of the Christmas Journey which is an interactive nativity taking place at Scarborough Christian Fellowship.
- b) **Sidewalk** - Reverend Geoff Bowell stated that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th. November at Albemarle Baptist Church at 6.00 p.m. He reported that the loss of the Children in Need money had put the work in jeopardy but that the North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit has pledged £10,000 a year for three years. Sidewalk is involved with Year 6 pupils, providing a bridge between primary and secondary schools. There is mentoring in most secondary schools on a weekly basis. A Youth Steering Group has been established.
- c) **Rainbow Centre** - Mrs. Pam Barton stated that it is a challenge to keep funding coming in. A new charity has been established. Men's clothing is required and food parcels are required.
- d) **Westway** - No report was received. Greeting to be sent to Reverend Sam. Taylor.
- e) **Angels** - No report was received. New training will commence on Monday, 18th. November at the Summit at 7.30 p.m.
- f) **Salvation Army** - Captain Stephen Noble reported that the demand for food continues. Links are established with the Rainbow Centre and with Westway. The work also involves a ministry through the giving of toys.

19/49 CHRISTMAS ADVERT:- The Secretary stated that the churches Christmas advert would cost the same as in 2018 at £650 in the Scarborough News and would appear on 5th. December and that the cost will be £395 in the Review and would appear on 29th. November and would also include a 150 word editorial and three pictures. It was proposed and agreed that such an advert appears in both papers.

19/50 DIARY DATES:-

- a) **Carols by Candlelight at Christmas Sparke** on Saturday, 30th. November at Open Air Theatre at 7.00 p.m. Reverend Mike Leigh stated that this is at the end of the event and can continue until 8.00 p.m.
- b) **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – Saturday, 18th. to Saturday, 25th. January
Service on Sunday, 19th. January at Scarborough Christian Fellowship at 6.30 p.m.
- c) **World Day of Prayer Service** on Friday, 6th. March at St. Mark's, Newby at 11.00 a.m.
- d) **Good Friday Walk of Witness** on Friday, 10th. April from 9.30 a.m. Reverend Graeme Parkins stated that he will start and gather people together to begin the planning.
- e) **Pentecost Service** on Sunday, 31st. May at 6.30 p.m. It was agreed that this be held at St. Peter's
- f) **Mission to Scarborough** - Reverend Geoff Bowell spoke about this event which will take place in July.

19/51 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019/20

- a) **Chair** - The Reverend Richard J. Walker was re-appointed for a further year
- b) **Vice-Chairs** - The Reverend Emma Morgan was re-appointed for a further year. Mr. Bruce Clark was appointed for the ensuing year.
- c) **Secretary** - Mrs. Ruth Dale was re-appointed for a further year.
- d) **Minutes Secretary** - Mr. Colin T. Adamson was re-appointed for a further year.
- e) **Treasurer** - Mr. Colin T. Adamson was re-appointed for a further year.

- f) **Steering Group** - The Officers and a representative from the Member Churches and the Organisations supported by C.T.I.S.

19/52 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **The Church, Theology & Ecology** - Mr. Bruce Clark spoke on this matter in respect of environmental issues, the planet and climate change; and the place of the church and the response of the church. A paper has been produced and this will be circulated to all members. A small group to be set up- to take this matter further.
- b) **General Election Hustings** - Reverend Geoff Bowell to host this event in early December. A date to be circulated.
- c) **Torch Trust** - Reverend Emma Morgan had received an e-mail from Torch Trust : Sight Loss Friendly Church requesting an opportunity to speak at a C.T.I.S. meeting. It was agreed to invite someone to speak at a Steering Group meeting.
- d) **Anti-Terrorism** - Reverend Graeme Parkins spoke about a seminar on Counter Terrorism and Safety Awareness for Worship Venues to be held on Wednesday, 27th. November, 2019 from 9.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. at The Summit
- e) **Simeon Wood** - Reverend Graham Morgan made reference to a concert by Simeon Wood to be held on Thursday, 28th. November, 2019 at Queen Street Methodist Central Hall. Admission is free.

19/53 DATES OF THE MEETINGS:- It was agreed that the Steering Group meets on Tuesdays, 21st. January, 17th. March, 9th. June and 15th. September, 2020 at Northstead Methodist Church at 12 noon.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd. November at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. at Queen Street Methodist Central Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed, with the Grace.