

St Bride's Church, Fleet Street

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting Held on Monday 25 April 2016

Present:

Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce (Rector and Chair), Revd Dr Jeff Lake (Assistant Curate), Emmanuel Adeniji, Gerald Bowey, Geoffrey Burgess, Eric Davies, Helen Fraser, Alasdair Johnstone, Valerie Locks, Peter Longland, Jane McClenahan, Ashley Painter, Peter Silver, Everarda Slabbekoorn, Ingrid Slaughter, Terence Smith, Margherita Watt, Jerry Wright

Non-members present: Christopher Betterton, Josh Delia, Claire Seaton, David Smith

1. Opening prayers

The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Apologies for absence

These were received from Guy Black, Lucy Bowsher, Julie Christie-Webb, Chris Cottrill, Carole Cox, Paul Dyson, Katharine Wilkinson,

3. Welcome to new members

The Rector welcomed Alasdair Johnstone, Jane McClenahan and Margherita Watt to the Council.

4. Induction of members

4.1. Council members were reminded of their lawful Trustee status and were advised that literature was available to them to assist them with their work.

4.2. Council members were reminded that they were obliged to complete an annual statement confirming that they were not disqualified from being trustees.

5. Appointment of Vice Chair

Ingrid Slaughter proposed and Geoffrey Burgess seconded that Jerry Wright be appointed Vice Chair of the PCC. This was unanimously approved.

6. Appointment of Treasurer

Emmanuel Adeniji proposed and Valerie Locks seconded that Ashley Painter be appointed PCC Treasurer. This was unanimously approved.

7. Appointment of Secretary

Peter Silver proposed and Margherita Watt seconded that Christopher Betterton be appointed Secretary to the PCC. This was unanimously approved.

8. Electoral Roll Officer

Jane McClenahan proposed and Everarda Slabbekoorn seconded that Claire Seaton be appointed Electoral Roll Office. This was unanimously approved.

9. Appointment of co-opted members

a) Children's Champion

Eric Davies proposed and Emmanuel Adeniji seconded that Katharine Wilkinson be appointed Children's Champion. This was unanimously approved.

b) Communications Working Group Chair

Peter Longland proposed and Helen Fraser seconded that Julie Christie-Webb be appointed Chair of the Communications Working Group. This was unanimously approved.

10. Appointment of Parish DBS Evidence Checker

10.1 Ashley Painter was standing down from the role and was thanked for his work in this area.

10.2 Jerry Wright proposed and Jane McClenahan seconded that Lucy Bowsher be appointed DBS Evidence Checker. This was unanimously approved.

11. Appointment of Standing Committee members

This item was deferred to the May meeting of the Council. Chris Cottrill, as Churchwarden-elect, would be invited to attend Standing Committee meetings.

12. Adoption of Safeguarding Policy

12.1 Council members were reminded that they were required to acquaint themselves with the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and that the parish was legally obliged to report any concerns to the Diocese.

12.2 Council members were advised that they should complete a Diocesan e-Learning module, the details of which would be circulated.

12.3 It was noted that members of staff and congregants who had regular contact with children and vulnerable adults should undergo a DBS check.

12.4 Gerald Bowey proposed and Jane McClenahan seconded that the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Statement (which was read to the Council) be signed by the Rector and Churchwardens. This was unanimously approved.

13. Any other business

13.1 The Council expressed its thanks to Peter Silver for the work he had done for the PCC and the wider church over a number of years.

13.2 The Council discussed the recommendation put to it by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners that Peter Silver should be appointed Churchwarden Emeritus when his term of office ended in the summer.

13.2.1 It was agreed that the position would be an honorary one and would involve assistance and support for the Rector and involvement in ceremonial duties if required when the elected churchwardens were not available.

13.2.2 It was felt that the position would not involve automatic trusteeship (or membership of the Council) but that if there were vacancies on the Council, an honorary churchwarden emeritus could stand for election in the normal way.

13.2.3 The Council noted the position.

14. Closing prayers

14.1 The meeting ended with the Grace.

Next meeting:

Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 1805 hours