

St Bride's Church Fleet Street

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Held on Sunday 28 April 2019

Present:

Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce (Rector), Revd Dr Jeff Lake (Associate Priest), Revd Mark Fox (Associate Priest), Emmanuel Adeniji, Nick Baldock, Christopher Betterton, Pamela Bevin, David Bolton, Gerald Bowey, Ed Bowsher, Sheila Capon, Gavin Conn, Eric Davies, Helen Fraser, Julie Glaser, Graham Hill, James Irving, Gillian James, Alasdair Johnstone, Stephen Kingsley, Jenny Kingsley, Julia Kuznecow, Charles Leech, Beverly Leech, Ian Locks, Valerie Locks, Peter Longland, Mark Moody, Lucy Nutt, Ashley Painter, Peter Savage, Claire Seaton, Peter Silver, Ingrid Slaughter, Terence Smith, John Smith, Steve Rumbles, Mary Walker, Sandra Williams.

1. Opening prayers

The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Appointment of Clerk to the meeting

Christopher Betterton proposed and Gerald Bowey seconded that Peter Silver be appointed Clerk to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This was approved.

3. Apologies for absence

These were received from Bee Able, Bobby Baddeley, Sue Baddeley, Ann Bawtree, David Bawtree, Edward Bevin, David Blackwell, Hellen Blackwell, Christopher Claxon, Carol Cox, Ted Cox, Jonathan McEvoy, Clare Wright, Jerry Wright, Lesley-Ann Jones, Canon Shane Waddle.

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 22 April 2018

Ashley Painter proposed and Jill James seconded that the minutes be accepted. This was approved and the minutes were signed by the Rector.

5. Churchwardens' report

- 5.1 The report had been circulated. (See Appendix 1 at the end of these minutes)
- 5.2 There were no questions arising from the report.
- 5.3 The churchwardens were thanked by the Rector (and the meeting) for their work throughout the year.

6. Election of Churchwardens

The four Churchwardens in office had agreed to serve for a further year. A proposal to this effect was proposed by Mary Walker and seconded by Alasdair Johnstone. This was approved.

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Parishioners was closed.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Held on Sunday 28 April 2019

The meeting was preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMoP).

For details of attendees and apologies and appointment of Clerk for the meeting please refer to the minutes of the 2019 AMoP.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 22 April 2018

David Bolton proposed and Christopher Betterton Ed Bowsher seconded that the minutes be accepted. This was approved and the minutes were signed by the Rector.

Rector's Annual Report

The Rector reported to the meeting. The report is attached at Appendix 1.

Questions relating to this report were raised under Item 18, Any Other Business.

The Rector concluded her report by making a presentation to Philip Keown for his unstinting work as Acting PCC Treasurer who was to step down from the post at the next PCC meeting. The meeting also expressed their thanks.

Presentation of 2018 Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts had been approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and made available to parishioners.

In an additional verbal report Philip was pleased to report that the overall surplus was up on the previous year – as was both income and expenditure.

Grants had also been received from the St Bride's Charity.

In answer to a question from Beverly Leach, and in accordance to PCC instructions, James Irving confirmed that £99,000 was generally kept in reserve.

Gerald Bowey proposed and Peter Longland seconded that the Annual Report and Accounts be favourably received. This was unanimously agreed.

Philip Keown (Acting PCC Treasurer) and James Irving (Head of Operations) were thanked for their work.

Appointment of Auditor

Charles Leach proposed and Christopher Betterton seconded that Crowe Clark Whitehill be appointed auditor. This was unanimously agreed.

Election of five lay members to the Deanery Synod

The Clerk noted that an election was not needed this year as the term of office of the current Synod members Geoffrey Burgess, Edwin Chappell, Ashley Painter and Terence Smith would expire on 31 May 2020.

There was, however, one nomination for the one vacancy to the Deanery Synod.

Jenny Kingsley had been proposed and seconded to fill the vacancy for the remaining year and was accepted by general acclamation! She will also be invited to attend PCC Meetings.

Election of members to the Parochial Church Council

The Clerk noted that the terms of office of Emmanuel Adeniji, Gerald Bowey and Alasdair Johnstone ended at this meeting. All three had offered themselves for re-election for a further term. There were two further nominations, Graham Hill and Jill James, and all five were proposed by Christopher Betterton, seconded by Valerie Locks and elected to serve for three year terms.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

13.1. A report on behalf of the Churchwardens had been circulated by James Irving.
(Appendix 2 attached).

13.2 James Irving was thanked for his report.

Report on the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod

14.1 A report by the Rector had been circulated.
(Appendix 3 attached)

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

A report by Ashley Painter (Deanery Synod representative) had been circulated. (Appendix 4 attached)

Ashley was thanked for his report. He also reminded all those present that we were drawing to the end of the 2020 Mission. The Deanery urgently required feedback from Churches and appealed that as many as possible should do so.

There will be more information to follow.

Electoral Roll report

The Electoral Roll report by Claire Seaton, Electoral Roll Officer, had been circulated and attached at Appendix 5. The new Electoral Roll already stood at 165 at the date of the Annual Meetings.

Claire Seaton was thanked for her work.

Safeguarding Report

- 17.1 A report from the Safeguarding officer, Christopher Betterton, had been circulated. (Appendix 6 attached)
- 17.2. There are no facts known which has led to, or is likely to lead to, a safeguarding issue.
- 17.3. Christopher was thanked for his work.

Any other business

It was requested that the sound system in the Church be attended to. A number of members confirmed that it was extremely difficult to hear at times. The expense is, as usual, the main issue although Bob Bryan has offered to train those selected to read at services.

The office would also consider printed copies of the Notices given at the end of a Service by the Rector. (These may usually be found in the order of service.)

A general question was raised as to why we had decided to re-brand and to whom the new image was to appeal. The in-progress work on the Website was similarly questioned and the Rector reported that a Member of the Worshipful Company of Marketors had kindly offered to help address these matters at no cost to St Bride's.

John Smith confirmed that the lightening conductor had been tested since the strike last year and found to be fit for purpose.

The Rector, The Revd Canon Dr Alison J Joyce, was warmly thanked by the meeting for her work and exemplary pastoral skills for St Bride's throughout the year.

The meeting was asked to leave the printed copies of the Report & Accounts at the rear of the Church for the information of others.

Closing prayers

The meeting ended with prayers and closed at 1330.
