

**These minutes are published on the basis that such matters (if there be any) which the PCC has resolved shall remain confidential have not been included**

### **Minutes of the PCC meeting held on**

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

20 Members were present at the meeting.

Hugo Pollak, the Church treasurer joined the meeting at 7.55pm

#### **1. Worship**

Psalm 127 was read together. Erik Wilson stated that since the referendum vote in June to leave the European Union there is a feeling of fear and frustration as none of the governing parties had planned for the result. Global wealth can lead to inequalities and social immobility and the country has to reassess its values. We should pray that the Lord will use this situation as an opportunity. The prayers of the country are needed.

The PCC spent time in sung worship and prayer.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

John Ravalde, Carol Harrison, Allison Ward and Sheila Barker gave their apologies.

Revd. Sam Tyndall was welcomed to the meeting as St Barnabas's new curate.

#### **3. Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

There were the following amendments.

Item 7. 'New members must not feel afraid to ask if matters or jargon can be clarified'

Item 8. 'Richard Jones requested clarification on who has internet authority for banking apart from Hugo'

Item 10. 'The buildings budget is in the red at the moment'

Erik proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016, seconded by Neill Burgess, 16 in favour, 2 abstentions.

#### **4. Matters arising**

##### **a) Associate Minister**

Erik informed us that that there had not been any applications for the position and after Naomi questioned why, Erik gave the reply.

One person was interested but did not apply. It was thought this was because the funding for 3 years was too short to commit her whole family to a move. She also suggested to a third party that the way the advert was worded suggested that the role was limited to the three things mentioned in it

and did not allow the Associate Minister to use their initiative. Erik said that he could have given assurance on both those matters had the person concerned spoken with him.

It is proposed to re-advertise as a long term post in the New Wine magazine, at the New Wine North conference and on the Evangelical Alliance website.

Kate Morris asked if the advert could look 'special' so it would stand out more.

Neill stated we have to be clear that the appointment is under Qualified Common Tenure.

**4b) Peter Rushton.** The Bishop has approved Peter as a Reader and has given him permission to officiate at St Barnabas until he is officially licenced at the annual service in York Minister in November 2016.

### **5. Correspondence**

There will be a Transformation and Strategy Roadshow on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Centre from 7.30pm. 5 tickets are available to PCC members. Neill and Kate will be attending. Neill stated that the discussion would be around a 3 fold strategy of 1) reaching people not reached before, 2) growing the numbers in the church and 3) establishing sustainable finances.

Kate also stated there was a Deanery Conference about Middlesbrough on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. Clergy and PCC members are invited.

### **6. Vicar's remarks**

Erik deferred this to item 15.

### **7. Safeguarding**

A new safeguarding policy will be made available from Allison Ward. All PCC members will be expected to read it.

Naomi stated that should there be any amendments that these will be dealt with by Allison and only brought to the PCC if necessary.

### **8. Facilities Management Committee report (circulated)**

Alistair Bolton presented the report and a copy is enclosed for the minutes.

A correction was made to the grant awarded to the church's organ project from 'The Organ Fund'. It should read £450.

Kate asked that the side chapel could be kept as a quiet room/prayer room. After discussion Alistair proposed that the PCC approved the request to seek a Faculty to make improvements to level the floor and provide a new carpet to the Side Chapel at St Barnabas Church.

Kate Morris seconded this and all were in favour.

Alistair proposed that the PCC approved the change of allocation of £7,500 from the Facilities Management Committee (FMC) budget. Instead of it being used to replace the windows to the office and Reid Room it would be used to pay for the repair and paint existing windows to the office and Reid Room and suited locks for the Hall and Church and improvements to the church office.

This was seconded by Val Hill and all were in favour.

Alistair asked for the PCC to approve the expenditure of up to the value of that agreed by the PCC in the budget for FMC and authority to seek all necessary approvals for such works be delegated to the FMC. This must be approved by a majority of those present at the FMC based on a quorum of two-thirds of the constituted membership and all such spending reported back to the PCC at its next meeting.

Peter Wallace seconded this and all were in favour.

### **9. Report on the Standing committee decision**

Erik informed the PCC that the standing committee had discussed the matter that should the anonymous organ fund donation not be in the bank in time to start paying for the organ repairs that the money from the sale of 64, Queens Road could be used in the interim and replaced when the donation was received.

Richard asked when the money was expected from the donor and Erik said he was assured that the money would come in.

### **10. Finance report (circulated)**

Hugo Pollak presented the report.

### **11. Freewill Offering 2017**

Erik led the discussion about our Freewill Offering for 2017.

Alistair proposed that £112,000 was to be given in 2017, Bob Dodds seconded this and all were in favour.

### **12. Internet and telephone banking.**

Hugo informed the PCC of the need for dual authorisation for internet and telephone banking.

He proposed that Graeme Malyon should take over the checking process.

Erik proposed that Graeme is authorised to do telephone banking.

Nigel Fletcher seconded this and all were in favour.

### **13. Ayresome youth worker**

Hugo informed us that an anonymous donor gave £141 in 2009 for youth and children's work in the Ayresome area and shared their vision as to how it might be used. It was agreed that our current YFC

workers, Shelby and Ashley, were fulfilling the vision and that the money should therefore be directed toward our YFC work in that area.

**ACTION. Anya Heywood to ask Ashley.**

Erik expressed the PCC's thanks for all the work that Hugo does for the PCC as church treasurer.

Hugo then left the meeting.

#### **14. 125 year celebrations and budget**

Alistair presented the ideas from the working party for the monthly events in 2017.

These included:-

New Year's Eve prayer vigil, February – Ceilidh, March – John Archer event, April – renewal weekend, May – organ recital by the Bishop of Whitby, June – flower festival theme 'Our Town', July /August – Family events in Albert Park, August – Seniors afternoon tea, September – Megson and friends, October – scratch Messiah with visiting soloists, November – church concert – the life of the church and Birthday service with the Archbishop of York (subject to his accepting our invitation).

**Action: Erik to contact the Archbishop of York**

Other suggestions are; to have a ladies day outing to Fountains Abbey and have a guest speaker at our main service once a month.

Other items to be prepared for sale at Craft Aid and through the year are; mugs, tea towels, calendars and diaries. A competition for a suitable design is to be held in September.

It is proposed that the overall cost of the celebrations over the year should be budgeted at £3,000 although some events will raise monies from ticket sales. Alistair said he is now at the point of booking events which will require payment.

Alistair proposed that the PCC agrees a budget of £3000 for the 2017 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and this is to be put to the finance committee for inclusion into next year's budget. It is to be accepted that some payments will be required during this year to book events.

Anya Heywood seconded this and all were unanimous.

#### **15. Ministry leader for Worship report**

Erik presented a summary of his report as ministry leader for Worship.

**MUSIC:** the Youth Band has flourished with the encouragement and support from Naomi and the music group leaders. The lack of leader for the choir is an on-going issue. Erik has been in discussion

with Sheila Barker about succession planning, as it is clear that a number of people are required to sustain the services and this needs committed Christians. It is recognised that organising the music of the church is a half-time job and Naomi does this admirably but it has to be sustained.

**AUDIO VISUAL:** David Wells has taken over the lead on this. A new PC has been purchased.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** There is more demand for this some weeks than others. Pauline Barwick stated that there needed to be more people in the teams. It is thought that the prayer room may encourage more people to come up for prayer.

**PREACHING:** Pete Heywood is still in negotiations with the head of the Reader Course about using some of his previous qualifications to credit towards the training. As stated previously in the meeting the Bishop has approved Peter Rushton, who was a Reader in the Bristol Diocese, becoming a Reader here at St Barnabas.

**THE FLOWER AND CLEANING TEAMS:** these teams can always do with new members and it is hoped that the Ministry Fair this weekend may encourage people to join.

**WELCOME TEAM:** Sharon Yarker-Wells has taken on the leadership. A Welcome Meal is to be arranged for early September. There seems to be more transient newcomers at the 11.15am service than the 9.30am service and the total number of church attendees appears to be up and down at the moment.

It would be good to have a church weekend away together. The mid-term summer holiday was very much enjoyed by a good number of church members mainly from the 9.30am service.

Discussion followed about a number of topics including the summer pattern of services, ending the services on time, the children's work and the place of children in the services.

A monthly, 'Going Deeper' session in the Narthex on Wednesday evenings will begin from September 2016.

**Action : Erik will look at the place of children in the church.**

The PCC was reminded about the Ministry Fair in the church hall on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **16. AOB**

There was none.

#### **17. Prayer and the saying of the Grace.**

The meeting ended at 9.35pm