

St Barnabas Church Linthorpe

Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017 7.15pm in the Reid Room

15 Members were present at the meeting.

1. Worship

We read Psalm 111 together. Erik stated the psalmist emphasised how great are the works of the Lord, how glorious are his deeds and how he provides food for those who fear Him. He has shown us the power of his works and how he is faithful and just. Our challenge is to show our respect for Him by how we live our lives.

The PCC spent time in prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kate Morris and Rebecca Selmer.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 24th April 2017

Amendments were made to item 12 – to omit Allison 's name and replace with 'The PCC'

Erik proposed that the minutes with this amendment was accepted as a true record of the meeting of 24th April 2017, seconded by Allison Ward, 9 in favour and 4 abstentions.

4. Matters arising

a) Linden Grove. The property is now occupied by a tenant.

b) Community Garden. Sam Tyndall circulated an update of the costing of the project.

Sam confirmed that this project will come under the service ministry area, headed by Kim Hunt.

c) Committees. Peter Rushton has agreed to join the finance committee.

Alistair proposed that Val Hill as Gift Aid secretary and Phil Edwards as treasurer are authorised to access HMRC matters related to church business. This was seconded by Erik and agreed unanimously.

Alistair proposed that Hugo Pollak continues to have access to the on-line statements while he hands over the treasurer's work to Phil. This was seconded by Erik and agreed unanimously.

d) Archdeacon of Cleveland.

Sam Rushton will attend the next PCC meeting on 3rd July to explain the process and the timetable of the replacement incumbent to St Barnabas church. Erik will absent himself from this part of the meeting. Erik informed the PCC that the Bishop of Whitby has asked to meet with the PCC on Sunday 1st October between 1-5pm to discuss the process in more detail. Lunch will be provided.

ACTION. All PCC members

5. Correspondence

Alistair read out a letter from Sam Durant on behalf of BiGKIDS missional charity informing the PCC of their current activities and proposed events. Discussion continued to clarify that their organisation is separate from St Barnabas Church, having their own trustees and therefore their own accountability. Allison confirmed that they would follow our safeguarding policy and risk assessment when using our premises.

Sam requested that feedback on their activities could be given after 6 months to see how they will impact on our HUB and Feast of Fun.

Alistair proposed that BiGKIDS submit their request for funds to the Mission sub-committee, seconded by Allison and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: Alistair to inform BiGKIDS

6. Vicar's remarks

Erik expressed his thanks to all those members of the congregation who have given their time to moving parts of the organ, some of which were very heavy, and clearing the church after the restoration of the organ. He also expressed thanks to those who arranged the Prayer week which was well received. Jonathan Shippey reported that the York Minster event on Sunday 4th June was very good.

The 125th anniversary celebrations are well under way and he recognises that it is a busy time for those involved with the planning.

7. Facilities Management Committee report (circulated)

Alistair presented the report. Copies were circulated at the meeting and are kept on file.

Doreen Lynas asked that more money could be made available for unexpected expenses such as the leaking church roof. Barbara Edwards reminded Alistair that the noticeboard on St Barnabas Road is in need of urgent repair.

8. Ministry Leader report

Tessa Stephens reported on behalf of herself and co-leader John Downs the work of the ministry leader for discipleship over the last 12 months. She summarised the work that had been done with the life groups, day courses, bible study lists, confirmation classes and leadership of CYFA and the 18-30s group. Forward planning will involve the life-group re-launch, mentoring and more courses. Allison asked if the Listening course could be used in the future.

9. Parish freewill offering 2018

A document had been circulated to all PCC members. Sam asked if there could be an on-line facility on the website for people to use to donate money and also that there could be a stewardship day considered in the future. Alistair will provide some figures to state how much increase there had been in expenditure over the last 12 months.

ACTION: Alistair

Erik asked that the PCC prayerfully considered the matter and that the item would return to the next PCC agenda in July.

ACTION. All PCC members

10. Archbishop's visit 10-12 November 2017

Erik informed the PCC that there is a working party determining what the weekend will include. The Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, as well as the mission weekend for the deanery.

11. Safeguarding

Allison proposed that the PCC ratifies the safeguarding policy for the next year, this was seconded by Barbara and agreed unanimously.

All PCC members need to complete the confidential declaration form and return to Barbara.

ACTION: Mel Downs

12 AOB

Ruth and Campbell Ritchie have asked the PCC to allow the Riding Lights Company to perform a children's Christmas event in St Barnabas Church hall in November/December 2017.

Mel proposed that the PCC agree to this request, seconded by Alistair and all were in favour.

13. Prayer and the saying of the Grace.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm