

Minutes of PCC Meeting Thursday 16 December 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom



PCC Members present:

Chair: Nick Whitehead. Minutes: Andrew Wilkinson

Amanda Ankers, John Branson, Jen Frampton, Derrinda Laing, Dave Lee, Liz Newbold, Jenny Sharpe, John Sharpe, Caroline Vost, Andrew Wilkinson.

Opening prayers: Nick.

1	Apologies for absence: Janet Chant, Allison Gurry, Dot Holubinka, Bill Jones, Claire Lloyd	Action
2	Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 4 Nov 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John B had sent apologies that were not recorded. Minutes were approved. 	DL to have them put on website
3	Matters arising from minutes of last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing Committee Report SC had noted that publication of PCC minutes had not always been timely; the gap between meetings and publication could mean that church members were unaware of important issues. PCC decided that agendas would again be published before PCC meetings so church members were at least aware of topics of discussion. It was expected that there would be 3 PCC vacancies at the APCM. PCC members asked to consider who might be approached to stand. 	DL All
5	Vacancy Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC unanimously approved the appointment of Janet Chant and Dave Lee (proposed by Derrinda, seconded by Jen F) as Parish Representatives. Amanda reported that the Parish Profile was nearing completion. She would convene a meeting of the panel early in January to finalise the content, after which production would follow quickly. 	NW AA
6	Finance - Budget for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew presented a proposed budget for 2022 showing a deficit of £18k. Parish share was likely to increase by 3% and there would be larger energy bills, reflecting increased use of the facilities (over 2021) and much higher prices. He thought a stewardship campaign was needed, the last one having been a Gift Day in 2016. Cash flow was not a problem but most of our reserves were held in the restricted churchyard fund and the designated Barnaby's fund. Andrew proposed approval of the budget, seconded by Liz and all in favour. 	

7	<p>Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline as PSO proposed some amendments to the safeguarding section of the Paterson Centre Conditions of Hire document to emphasise safeguarding responsibilities of the various categories of hirers. Andrew would amend the documents and advise Gail who took bookings. • Caroline explained the latest national scheme of safeguarding training as set out in recent Diocesan instructions. Some people would need to take further training, introduced partly as a result of recent case reviews and reports. She would contact those concerned in the new year. • JohnB asked about the implications for Barnaby's volunteers. Caroline and Liz would look at this together. 	<p>AW</p> <p>CV</p> <p>LN CV</p>
8	<p>Lent Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick proposed and PCC agreed that 4 sessions be run in 2022, split between Paterson Centre and 'home groups'. 	<p>NW</p>
9	<p>Church Wardens Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission for the canopy was still awaited from WCC. • In view of the greater public anxiety caused by the Covid omicron variant and the need for StB to keep people safe and feeling safe, Dave thought the Carol Service and Crib Service should not be held in church, even with limited numbers. PCC felt the best option for the Carol Service was to hold a slimmer celebration outdoors (eg in the school playground if available). Dave would investigate the logistics (keyboard PA etc) and promulgate a plan the following day. Nick would inform the readers and organists. • There were a few more days to consider the Crib Service. Options were an outdoor event or a re-presentation online using last year's recording. • PCC agreed that a note should be placed on on the website about short-notice changes to services. 	<p>DL</p> <p>NW</p> <p>DL</p> <p>NW to speak to Gail</p>
10	<p>Dates for the Diary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Standing committee – 25th January ◦ PCC – Thursday 3rd February @7.30pm in Barnaby's ◦ Awayday 5th Feb 2022 at Waltham Chase Methodist Church 9.30 for 10am – 1pm ◦ Change of March PCC date to Thursday 24th March. 	<p>All</p>
11	<p>Items of General Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC noted the success of the School Voucher appeal in raising over £2500 for needy families and thanked Hazel for organising it. • PCC noted the list of Pastoral Visitors. 	
	<p>The meeting ended at 8.20pm with a moment of prayer and God's blessing,</p>	