

QUINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Registered Charity No: 1128423

CHURCH COUNCIL

22 OCTOBER 2020 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Introduction.

The Rev. Ajay Singh welcomed all to the meeting, held in Church in line with social distancing requirements.

Ajay opened with a Prayer, devotions and reflections.

He welcomed 2 visitors to the meeting.

18 people attended. 6 apologies were received.

Thanks were given to 6 retiring members.

Minutes of Meeting held on 10 September 2020.

These were approved and signed with the amendments that there had been an additional apology, and a further person had given notice of resignation.

Matters Arising.

There were none.

The Work of God at Quinton Methodist Church.

Ajay spoke about difficult and changing times as we entered a new era and we were limited without effective Wifi. We needed to explore the possibilities of expanding the Church including with technology. The challenge to us is to ask how we see God in it, and ask how we can serve God. Also mentioned were return of GB and BB, with BB initiating letters and pictures to be sent to residents in care homes. The work in coordinating and expanding Communications as part of expanding our Mission was significant.

Safeguarding and GDPR.

This report had been circulated in advance. The meeting was advised that there were 10 further DBS checks to be done by the end of 2020. If the Wifi was expanded they could be completed in Church. Thanks were given to all for their help in completing forms for GDPR. The Policy was agreed and adopted by CC.

Circuit Matters.

A Circuit representative to QMC had been appointed.

Rev Nutan Suray invited to serve in Circuit for further 4 years.

Rev. Mucha Chisvo's transfer to British Methodist Conference had been confirmed in June. Rev. Sue Featherstone, who had died, was remembered.

An Evangelism Co-ordinator had been appointed.

Circuit gave thanks to QMC for the additional contribution to help the Circuit.

Finance and Property.

1. Annual Accounts.

This report had been circulated in advance and was summarised.

CC agreed that the two who had been co-opted onto CC as Trustees, be confirmed as appointed. The impact of Covid on finances was highlighted; contactless payments were assisting, together with associated gift aid.

CC agreed the Accounts subject to audit, and these were signed.

2. Annual Church Report.

This had been circulated in advance, and the process for the report was highlighted. Ajay summarised the role of Finance and Property Committee, with an annual delegated budget. Expenditure above the delegated level comes to CC for approval.

Ajay advised that the Treasurer wishes to retire, but had agreed to serve for a further year. It was stressed that we should seek quotes before deciding on an external accountant, responsible to a named person at QMC. It was proposed that replacement arrangements for the Treasurer be resolved by 31 August 2021. CC agreed this date and that quotes be sought if accountant sought.

Leadership Team and Outreach.

This report had been circulated in advance. CC agreed the report.

Pastoral.

This report had been circulated in advance. CC agreed the report. He thanked the Pastoral Secretaries for their work.

Brigades.

BB had held their Awards evening and had a full programme meeting this week, with good attendance.

GB planned to restart in early November. Ajay congratulated both BB and GB and thanked them for their hard work.

Youth, Stay and Play.

We had not had any replies about restarting from those who previously attended Kidz Fun Club..

The meeting was advised about processing of interest from a potential new leader, with DBS check to complete. Concerns about safety due to High Risk designation of surrounding areas, practicalities of social distancing and logistics of cleaning toys and area used before GB meet in same area later same day. The Risk Assessment was to be completed, and the request that Youth Team be involved in this agreed.

Ajay advised that it is for CC to recruit, and that a line manager should be assigned.

CC agreed the recruitment subject to DBS check.

Communications and Technology.

This report had been circulated. The key points were about expansion of communications and opportunities to accommodate increased congregation and reach those unable to come to Church and in wider community. There was a power point presentation on Wifi and streaming potentials.

Arrangements could be made for a contractor to install phase 1 Wifi, and subsequently phase 2. The need for robust regard for Safeguarding and confidentiality was highlighted..

Proposals: Wifi: phase 1 and 2. CC agreed. Arrange installation.

Streaming: CC agreed. Tablet and zoom a/c.

- Finance and Property to identify funding.

Diary Dates.

Church Council: Tuesday 9 March 2021. 7.30 in Church

Annual Church Meeting: Sunday 25 April 2021. extension of Worship Service
(ACM includes 2019/20 and 2020/21 Meetings)

28 October 2020.