

St Columba's Church in the Parish of Christ the King

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Sunday April 7th 2019

The Vicar, Rev Dr Pauline Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A list of those who attended the Annual Meeting is attached here.

Apologies for absence had been received from Joyce Elrod, Donald Forster and Hilary Temperley,

1.0 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Sunday March 25th 2018 accepted, proposed by Hilary Cartwright, seconded by Mary Lobb. They were signed.

2.0 Matters arising from the minutes – there were none.

3.0 Annual report was received in writing and written copies were available. It was “talked through” by Bill Lomas and queries answered as they arose. Many thanks were expressed to the church wardens by Mary Lobb on behalf of all the congregation for all their hard work and commitment during a very difficult previous year. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Wendy Shaw, seconded by Val Pringle and unanimously agreed.

4.0 Nominations for:

- Election of churchwardens

Marjorie Fairbairn was proposed as Churchwarden by Edgar Ridley, seconded by Val Pringle and elected unanimously.

William Lomas was proposed as Churchwarden by Marjorie Fairbairn seconded by Eric Thomas and elected unanimously.

These nominations will go forward, for election, at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

- Election to the PCC

Mary Lobb and Avril Lomas agreed to continue in this role and were unanimously elected.

- Election to the DCC

Joyce Elrod was proposed as a member of the DCC by Val Pringle, seconded by Avril Lomas and unanimously elected

Mary Lobb was proposed as a member of the DCC by Marion Thomas seconded by Wendy Shaw and unanimously elected

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- Election of sides persons

The list of members prepared to act as sides persons was accepted “en bloc”. The list is attached.

This was proposed by Edgar Ridley, seconded by Hilary Cartwright and unanimously accepted.

- Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod

It was unanimously agreed that Bill Lomas and Edgar Ridley would continue.

5.0 Electoral Roll Officer's Report (written copies available)

Copies had been available prior to the meeting and the report is attached here.

Its acceptance was proposed by Eric Thomas, seconded by Marjorie Fairbairn and was unanimously agreed.

Thanks were expressed to Hilary Cartwright for maintaining the Electoral Roll.

6.0 DCC Secretary's report available (written copies available)

Copies had been available prior to the meeting and are attached here. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mary Lobb, seconded by Hilary Cartwright and unanimously agreed. Thanks were expressed to Avril Lomas for her work as DCC Secretary,

7.0 Finance Report

7.1 Audited accounts for the year ending December 2018

The church warden, Bill Lomas, outlined the arrangements for finance management in the absence of a Treasurer.

There is an awareness of a slight deficit but much of this can be explained by the way the screen payments have been accounted.

A query that regular insight could be presented to the congregation is to be taken to the DCC.

A request was made to counters to put what is on the outside of the giving envelope on to the counting sheet so that the money goes to the right place.

Thanks were expressed to Marjorie Fairbairn and Bill Lomas, and to Sue Oswald for putting the accounts together.

7.2 Appointment of Auditor

John Oswald was proposed by Bill Lomas and seconded by Eric Thomas. This was unanimously agreed.

7.3 Covenant Secretary's report

Copies had been available prior to the meeting and are attached here

Acceptance of the report and the continuance of Donald Forster as Covenant Secretary were proposed by Edgar Ridley, seconded by Mary Lobb and unanimously agreed.

8.0 Fabric report (written copies available)

The report is attached here.

There was a plea for more people to volunteer for the cleaning rota.

The quinquennial has been completed.

The painting will be done next week.

Thanks were expressed to Maurice Fairbairn for his work and support in maintaining the fabric of St Columba's.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Hilary Cartwright, seconded by Val Pringle and unanimously agreed.

9.0 Pastoral Committee report

An initial meeting had been held to organise visiting rotas with a further meeting for feedback on this arranged for next month. A good list of people is being covered but all were asked to make their concerns about people known to the committee members.

Training is being accessed through the Diocese.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Avril Lomas, seconded by Pam Charlton and unanimously agreed.

10.0 Safeguarding

A report was presented by Marjorie Fairbairn and is attached here.

Marjorie Fairbairn was proposed as Safeguarding Officer by Mary Lobb, seconded by Hilary Cartwright and unanimously accepted.

A new Safeguarding Policy required approval. This was proposed by Val Pringle, seconded by Johanna Davison and unanimously agreed.

This new policy will replace the old version on the website.

11.0 Church organisation reports (written copies available)

Reports were received from groups below and are attached.

- 11.1 Parents and Toddlers
- 11.2 Mothers' Union
- 11.3 Youth Cafe
- 11.4 Book Club

In addition oral reports were made on behalf of

11.5 Ladies' Group

Despite falling numbers Margaret Humphrey and Moira Allan will continue to organise this. The way forward is to be decided at the next meeting.

11.6 Open Door

A committee of Moira Allan, Donald Forster, Sylvia Kay and Mary Lobb has taken over the organisation of Open Door. The group telephones as previously and Donald organises transport. The mums from the Toddler Group which precedes Open Door have been most helpful in setting out tables and chairs. Members of the congregation have supplied soup, cakes and biscuits and planned quizzes etc. This is much appreciated and enjoyed and fulfils a vital part of mission to the community.

11.7 Singing group

The group of 10 singers meets fortnightly. As well as practising hymns and music for special services the group meet socially.

There is a lot of varying activity in the church and all groups are bringing people together. Acceptance of these reports was proposed by Wendy Shaw, seconded by Marion Thomas and agreed unanimously.

12.0 Appointment of DCC officers

Lay Vice Chair – Edgar Ridley – proposed Mary Lobb, seconded Hilary Cartwright

Secretary to the DCC – Avril Lomas - proposed Edgar Ridley, seconded Dorothy Todd. Thanks were expressed to Avril who is to give up this role during the year when a replacement can be found.

Treasurer to the DCC - vacancy – the churchwardens will continue to cover this. Thanks were expressed to the churchwardens and Sue and John Oswald for their work.

Electoral Roll Officer – Hilary Cartwright – proposed Avril Lomas, seconded Ethel Wilson

All were unanimously accepted.

13.0 Any other business None

The meeting ended with the Grace.