

# Ivybridge Methodist Church Council

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 7.30 pm at Ivybridge Minutes (version 'c')

### Prayers

The Rev Mark Lawrence opened the meeting with prayer

There was a vote on the appointment of new Stewards: Paul Courtney, Reg Marriott, Lois Stephenson. Agreed unanimously.

There was a welcome to the two new Stewards present this evening, Lois Stephenson and Dave Rowe

### Present

Rev Mark Lawrence, Paul Courtney, Sara Bromage, Kate Duckering, Andrew Lawrie, David Bithell, David Moulder, Chris Phillips, Val Marriott, Carole Mitchell, Dawn Martin, Alison White, Miles Allen, Victor Abbott, Carmen de Pablo, Lois Stephenson, Tony Merriman, Dave Rowe

Sophie Philips presented a specific item

### Apologies for absence

Sara Hladkij, Reg Marriott, Barry Jury, Phil Blunt

### Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes (version b) of the Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were corrected and signed

### Matters arising from minutes

Reviewing the Actions (Listed on the final page of the January Minutes)

### Connexional and Circuit matters

Circuit ... Nobody going forward for stationing; Alison has taken Roborough; Kate Conrad has taken Woodford.

Mark is permanent at Ivybridge and will take over Bittaford and Yealmpton from September

### Finance

Church finance

The accounts and budget were presented and the budget is expected to be in positive balance for the forthcoming year.

Our assessment has decreased but the Circuit is in deficit. We have the option to support the Circuit with the small surplus predicted.

There was a discussion about the continued support for Albania which is now supporting the Wakelys in their retirement. A discussion will be continued at the next Church Council in September (following his visit in July).

In 15/16 IMC direct giving/donations in 15/16 were £8,815 plus £3,238 of donations passed on for 3rd parties. This meets our tithing expectations.

There was a further discussion on the disbursement of £100 from the 1<sup>st</sup>

September to each of Ministerial Training, Methodist Property, World Mission, Methodist Church Fund, and Local Preachers (LWPT). Agreed unanimously.

A discussion is required on the collections at Harvest and Gift Day and the choice of causes for its disbursement

### **Vote of thanks to Andrew for the work done**

Youth Vision Trust finance

There was a discussion on the current status

### **Church Life**

Sophie Phillips addressed the Devon Local Churches Green Network. She proposed that the Church swap to a Renewable Energy supplier (which would be in December).

With a named switch to the supplier, Bulb, there would be £50 for each party in a recommendation ... which could go towards the heating. It was proposed to put this in the Church Newsletter

**Action: Sophie to write for the Newsletter**

We were asked whether we could have 4kW panels on the Cafe (£4000), out of 16kW (25%) (Gloucester Cathedral roof is covered). We could ask Church Members if they would enter into a share Scheme. It could be used to heat the Church continuously.

**Action: Val to investigate Connexional Grants**

**Action: Sophie to undertake an electricity usage review**

We are obliged to report to Circuit that our bills are reduced.

We are also talking with the town Council about offering services to the community. It could go onto the website.

### **Membership**

Tough Talk is coming to the Watermark on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, £7:50 and to the Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pastoral**

Carole reported the membership numbers as 142

Still looking for a Cradle Role Secretary

**Action: Val to write to Church Newsletter**

Safeguarding Course in September and the individuals will be informed

**Action: Carole to write**

### **Youth**

Phil Blunt introduced the Party in the Park to be called, 'Church outside the Box'. Discussion are continuing

There will be a Beach Party (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June): Phil considering the issue of poor weather and it could be in the church but without a Bouncy Castle (with too many people for it to be safe).

### **Programme**

Review of forthcoming programme:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, Annual Church Meeting ... will include a vision for the Church and relaunching of the children's ministry. Members and adherents will be encouraged to attend through the house groups. The Vision Statement and Core Aims will remain the same. Stewards will present their responsibilities and interests. Reports as normal

**Action: David on development of Agenda**

**Action: Dawn on development of Poster**

Two new Congregational Representatives are required. Some music will be developed. It will be publicised soon and towards the meeting.

27<sup>th</sup> August for a Songs of Praise evening (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

10<sup>th</sup> September Picnic and baptisms at Bantham

1<sup>st</sup> October, Harvest and Gift Day

13<sup>th</sup> October, start of Alpha

12<sup>th</sup> November, Mark will be present for Remembrance Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> November, Advent Market

3<sup>rd</sup> December, Advent Carols and Communion

10<sup>th</sup>, Christingle

17<sup>th</sup>, Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve

6:30pm in Bittaford or Yealmpton; 23:30 service in Ivybridge

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Freedom in Christ (January)

A marriage course

A weekend away

**A Vote of Thanks to Tony for the Men's Breakfasts**

**Thanks to the Communion Stewards for the mid-week communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month**

Bittaford

Len Abbott asks for help in readying the church with chairs.

Property: Chris' report is attached

No entries of accidents

**Vote of Thanks to Chris Phillips for managing the Property and keeping the heating going over the winter.**

David Bithell

The Sound Desk has been raised to give a view over the congregation.

**Vote of Thanks to John Montgomery and Nigel Phillips**

Sara Hladkij (by email)

No to future purchases of microwave ovens or other devices

Mural - not yet

Street Pastor Report

Planning meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm which will include addressing continued

staffing and management shortages; there are no new volunteers.  
The evening activity occurs once every five weeks on a Friday evening

#### Bridge Project

Tony Merriman talked to this scheme which is run by Elis Norton  
Lots of kids are local; some kids come to the Wired Project; some to the  
Monday night Bible Study

#### When it's 40

Run on Fridays by the Salvation Army. It has received £835 from the Town  
Council. The van is not a commercial vehicle; the cooker and fridge and gas bottles  
could be removed

#### Congregational Reps

Once again, the Sound System was discussed.

There will be a Big Football camp here in the Spring half term. There will be no Thursday  
morning prayers.

There will be an Extraordinary Church Council after a service to agree the heating plans.

#### Date and place of next meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30, in the Concourse

## **Actions**

*The Minister*

To review Church giving ... ongoing until the Annual Church Meeting

*Carole Mitchell*

To provide a wider pastoral list of children ...ongoing

*Helen Maddaford/ Victor Abbott*

To produce a list of House Fellowships ... ongoing to be made aware of request by the Secretary

*Property Committee*

To investigate the purchase and deployment of a defibrillator ... ongoing

*Sophie Phillips*

To write for the Newsletter on the proposed change to the electricity supplier

To undertake an electricity usage review

*Val Marriott*

To investigate Connexional Grants to support the purchase and deployment of solar panels

To write for the Church Newsletter on the need for a Cradle Roll secretary

*Carole Mitchell*

To write for the Church Newsletter on the requirement to attend a Child Safeguarding course

*David Moulder*

Development of the Agenda for the Annual Church Meeting ... completed

*Dawn Martin*

Development of a Poster for something

*Victor Abbott*

To book the Concourse for the next meeting