**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 20th May 2017**

**Chair person: Kezia Robinson**

**MINUTES**

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| **1** | Present: 22 members + 4 others;Apologies recorded. |
| **2** | Minutes of the last meeting accepted as a true record - copies available |
| **3** | Reports:* PowerPoint of photos from the year 2017-18 was shown.
* Safeguarding - Morna Cooke (designated safeguarding lead person)
	+ We have a lot of vulnerable people - children, homeless, asylum seekers/refugees and other vulnerable adults in the WBC community;
	+ Talk to Morna Cooke, Elaine Wilsher or Kim Willis if we have any concerns;
	+ Safeguarding is about looking after each other.
* Farsi Group - Flora Davies
	+ Averaging around 40 people in attendance on Fridays;
	+ Smaller group meeting for Bible Study on Monday afternoons (on request);
	+ Looking to move the Friday meeting to Tuesday evening if possible;
	+ 12 baptised in the last year.
* Night Shelter and Drop In - Dave Taylor
	+ Have done 1 and 2 night openings this winter in addition to the normal 3-night trigger;
	+ Contract with Wakefield Council is up for renewal - we are awaiting an offer from them and are hoping to renegotiate some conditions;
	+ New volunteers came forward in response to Facebook messaging;
	+ Most volunteers now have no previous church connections and this is proving a good opportunity for creating relationships;
	+ General feeling is that we wish to continue with the Night Shelter Project;
	+ Drop In continues to operate well;
	+ Again a number of volunteers have no church commitments;
	+ The clients of both Night Shelter and Drop In increasingly see WBC as their church.
* Youth - Dave Cherry
	+ Thanks to kids, parents and all for their support - especially the teachers!;
	+ Crèche (under 5s) - going well under Laura’s guidance;
	+ 5-10s (run by Elaine, Kathy/Trudy) is using SU material to give understanding and knowledge of the Bible;
	+ 10-15s (led by Dave and Mark) is more about discussion, exploration and prayer
	+ Thanks was expressed to Trudi who is stepping down after 12 years of teaching Sunday school;
	+ Kathy has got involved recently but more helpers would be good;
	+ Bi-monthly Mel runs an all-age service with a focus on getting to know God;
	+ For older teens Kathy runs FAM (Fun and More) twice a month.
	+ The Youth also have occasional special events such as Big Night Out, Pancake Party and Bowling;
	+ A few of the older teens are also helping on the Rotas and this is working well;
	+ Acorns meet mid-week. This has been run by Dave and Val Madeley, but Kim is now taking over the running of this and is aiming to connect with similar groups in other Baptist churches.
* Minister’s Report - Kezia Robinson
	+ London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC)
	+ LICC specialise in looking at what it might mean to be Christians where God has placed us;
	+ Last preaching series was based on their materials;
	+ CLT have asked Neil Hudson of LICC to partner with us over the next 12 months; also to lead the 2019 Weekend Away;
	+ He will work initially with the CLT with a view to them transferring the lessons learnt out to the whole church
* Community Away Day At Home
	+ WBC Day at Home on 1st July 2018 - programme as follows:
* 9.00am Breakfast Together
* 9.30am Northumbria Morning Prayer
* 10.30am Walk or discussion
* 12.00 Simple lunch
* 2.00pm Get Creative / Family Games
* 3.30pm Film - Shawshank Redemption
* 5.00pm Cream Teas
* 6.30pm Evening Service with Simon Hall and Salvation Army Band
* 2019 Weekend Away - still looking for a venue. There will be options to budget or ‘pay it forward’
* Staffing:
	+ Centre Manager post is due for revision in October. CLT recommends that Kathy continues in the post for another 3 years. This is for 20 hours a week. Vote was 19 in favour, with 1 abstention.
	+ Kez’s role is half-time and CLT have been looking for a student or part-time Pastor to work alongside her. Conversations thus far have been fruitless.
	+ CLT have talked of offering the position to someone from the WBC community, rather than looking for an ordained minister. This post would provide the possibility of formation and exploring training for ministry.
	+ The Night Shelter Coordinator role could then be shared among staff rather than advertised as a separate position
	+ Clarity was requested on how this would work - what roles need to be covered and what skills are required
	+ There needs to be a willingness for training with whoever is appointed
	+ It was decided that CLT explore this further (15 votes in favour, 1 against)
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| **4** | 2017/18 Accounts and Budget - Andy Willis* Financial Report for 2017/18 was made available (and can be requested via Andy)
	+ Income shows an increase in Sunday offerings and donations, against a drop in standing orders. Gift aid claims are now up to date. Rent income is as budgeted. Income from feed tariffs and church activities was higher than expected;
	+ Expenditure shows that salary costs were lower than budgeted. Expenditure on premises was above budget due to a lot of work being done. Admin costs were on target. Youthwork, catering and training costs were all slightly above budget;
	+ The 2017/18 Accounts were approved.
* 2018/19 budget will be similar. It has yet to be finalised.
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| **5** | Appointment of Independent Examiner* It was agreed to appoint Wyatt & Co as auditors for another year.

Thanks were expressed to Andy Willis for all his hard work on finances. |
| **6** | Church Leadership Team (CLT) Appointments:* No re- elections are due
* Thanks to Helen Parsons for all her hard work. She is now standing down from CLT.
* We need others willing to serve on CLT. This is an oversight role and involves six- weekly meetings. We were asked to pray and consider serving in this way.
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| **7** | AOUBKeith Smith has surgery for a double hernia on Tuesday. Prayer was offered. |
| **8** | Next CC meeting - Sunday 15th July 2018 as part of our morning worship. |

*Distributed by Kathy Smith, Centre Manager, Wakefield Baptist Church*