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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FELIXSTOWE

Minutes of AGM

Wednesday 24th May 2023 7.30pm
Convent of Jesus & Mary Felixstowe

Church	Present	Apologies
Christ Church	Dee Balshaw, Rev Marcus Mak, Dawn Bone	Kim Balshaw
Convent of Jesus and Mary	Sister Julia	
Kirton Methodist	Mike Bowtell	
Kirton-St Mary and St Martin C of E	Margaret Condick	
Maidstone Road Baptist	Andrew Marfleet, Deborah Marfleet	
Old Felixstowe Parish	Rev Emma Haggar, Jean Macpherson	Rev Chris Hood Carl & Margaret Berlemont
Quakers - Religious Society of Friends		Garry and Annette Kilworth, Diana Morden
Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship		Christine Lee, Andy Piper
River of Life Church		Anita Chenery
St Felix, Roman Catholic		Anne Poole, Barbara Lamberton
St John's with St Edmund's	Rev Penny Brinkley, Rob Watson	Rev A Dotchin, Diana Barnard
St Mary's Walton	Margaret White	Lynda Tempest
The Salvation Army	Jackie Fincham, Angela Barbrook, Gemma Saxton	Captain Paul Williams Paul & Gill Rivett
Methodist	Sue Hockenhull Robin Pattinson, Mary Pattinson, Jill Tempest	Rev Abe Konadu-Yiadom
United Reformed Church	Brian Cutler. Rev. Adam Earle	Alison Smith
Mission to Seafarers	Rob Watson	
Boost		Josh Hunt
Hope Trust	Tracy Haskins	
Felixstowe Town Pastors	Neil Winton	
Walton Parish Nursing		Lorna Bellamy
Hospital Chaplaincy		Linda Peall

The Welcome and Opening Worship/Prayers was led by Dee Balshaw and Rev Emma Haggar

Attendance and Apologies were recorded (see above)

AGM

1. The minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 22nd May 2022 were approved and signed by acting Moderator Sue Hockenhull
2. **Acting Moderators Report.**
Sue Hockenhull's report had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting and is attached but the following information was added.
 - Praise on the Prom, Sunday 10th September 3.30pm.
 - The United Service will be held at St Peter and St Paul in January 2024 and Bishop Peter Collins will be the speaker.

- Rev Paul Clark from Walton is moving to Haughley and at present is not being replaced.
- Rev Chris Hood is now the Rural Dean for the Colneis Peninsula
- As a follow up to “Not a Tame Lion” the Lent course this year, it has been suggested to hold a series of “Grave Talks” and Rev Penny Brinkley explained these would be small group meeting with a chance to ask questions over a cup of tea and piece of cake. Questions like, Have you made a will? Where do you go when you die? What happens at a funeral? Who do I contact?

3. Financial Report

Angela Barbrook provided the statement of accounts which she could only verify from when she had taken over as treasurer earlier in the year. The Statement is attached. Sue H said public thanks to Tony Jacobs for previously being the examiner of accounts for CTF but as he was not known to Angela, she had used the Postmistress from the Walton Post Office to examine these accounts for 2023. It was also noted that there has now been a change of bank account from the HSBC to the Nat West as it is easier to have an online bank account which the Treasurer can access and pay bills etc. from. The Moderator and Treasurer are now the main bank card holders.

4. Elections of Officers

The meeting approved the elections of the following officers:-

Moderator - Sue Hockenhull - Methodist

Deputy Moderator - Rev. Penny Brinkley - St Johns & St Edmunds Parish

Treasurer - Angela Barbrook - The Salvation Army

Secretary - Jackie Fincham - The Salvation Army

5. The steering Group can co-opt members as required but currently will consist of

Moderator - Sue Hockenhull (Methodist)

Deputy Moderator - Rev. Penny Brinkley (St Johns & St Edmunds)

Treasurer - Angela Barbrook (The Salvation Army)

Secretary - Jackie Fincham (The Salvation Army)

Prayer Co-ordinator - Jean Macpherson (Old Felixstowe Parish)

Dee Balshaw (Christ Church)

Brian Cutler (URC)

Anne Poole (St Felix)

Jackie Fincham will also continue as Communication Officer as elected last year and be the webmaster for www.churchestogetherfelixstowe.org

Thank you was said to Christine Bilton for serving as the Treasurer for many years and also, we said farewell to Rev Emma Hagggar as she leaves the Old Felixstowe Parish in October to move to Ipswich to her own Parish

6. Organisations supported by CTF

The reports by Boost, Walton Parish Nursing, Hope Trust, CAP, Compass were attached to the Agenda and are available on the website if you wish to read them.

Rob Watson from the Seafarers Centre, Dock Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 3TG spoke to us briefly about the centre which is now under new management and there is a Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia and the Haven ports employed by Stella Maris, Mr Julian Wong who visits the ships when in port.

The centre is still open for the seafarers to visit from:

10:00 am to: 22:00pm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and there is a minibus that provides transport from the ships to the centre, which can be booked by calling 07968306381 and they have a website www.fhps.org

The reports were all accepted as we reaffirmed all the groups to be supported by CTF as part of our constitution.
Boost, The Parish Nursing Team, Town Pastors, Hope Trust, CAP, Compass and The Seafarers Mission.

The AGM then finished, and we carried on to the CTF Forum (minuted separately)

Attached - Deputy Moderators report