

**Minutes of the Whitehaven Circuit Meeting
on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 7.30pm at Cleator Moor**

Present (18): Grace Adamson, Philip Adamson, David Andrews, Cyril Atkinson, Alec Bounds, Gillian Bounds, David Davies, Jackie Davies, Robert Fearon, Wendy Kilworth-Mason (chair), Doug McDevitte, Linda McDevitte, Katrina MacEwan, Gill Mitchell, Alan Moore, Mavis Moore, Dorothy Nevinson, Michael Watts

Apologies (13): Alistair Bell, Katie Bell, Alan Coyles, Barbara Coyles, Gwynneth Everett, Lindsay Gray, Allison Hanshaw, Sandra McAdam, Jean Millie, John Pryde, Nan Pryde, Maureen Pyke, Mandy Taylor

1. **Opening devotions** were led by the Chair.
2. **Constitution of the meeting:** the list circulated with the attendance sheet was confirmed except that Alistair Bell is now an Egremont representative.
3. **Minutes** of the meeting of 20 June were agreed with the addition of Sandra McAdam to those present.
4. **Mission**
 - a. **Future of circuits** The report of the meeting of 14 August was affirmed (*bulletin 4 had been enclosed*). It was noted that financial discussions are continuing. Churches were thanked for their contribution to the consultation.
 - b. **Invitation committee** The presbyteral and diaconal profiles were agreed. If Keswick and Cockermouth circuit wished to make any adjustments they would be emailed to members and the Invitation Committee would agree the final versions.
 - c. **Social responsibility** Alec Bounds' report on the hostile environment was received. The case of the two Iranians who were baptised in Egremont was noted, both have been supported and have leave to remain.
 - d. **Safeguarding** Jackie Davies reported that more people now need to undertake the advanced module. There will be a further initial course later. Checking your church is still outstanding for two churches.
5. **Resources**
 - a. **Finance** Mandy Taylor will be reporting in December but would be asked to provide figures to the meeting in advance. Maureen Pyke circulated details of collections for home and overseas missions and Easter offerings - £500 had been transferred to London for home and £600 for overseas missions. Philip Adamson reported that the circuit network account has £24.22 which it was agreed should be transferred to Methodist Women in Britain.
 - b. **Property**
 - i. **Manse** The quinquennial report has been received with no major problems with the gas service and the electrical installation tests also carried out. Ian Coates hopes to start painting the shed and fences.
 - ii. **Quinquennial contract** Alistair Bell was investigating alternative companies.
 - iii. **Moresby Parks** David Davies reported a meeting with the parish in July but so far they do not have the funds needed. It was agreed that they could get an independent surveyor's report and look at applying for grants and have a group to report on the building. It was agreed that we now need to licence the building to the parish. Ruth Gee, the

Commented [DA1]:

Connexional Ecumenical Officer advised on the TMCP form that is needed. TMCP are being very helpful.

c. **People**

i. **Property steward** vacancy

ii. **Circuit stewards** Alistair Bell has completed his term and was thanked. Gillian Bounds felt she had to resign and was thanked for all her work. Presentations would be made in December. Jackie Davies was appointed a steward. Philip Adamson was appointed as an additional steward for this connexional year only. The invitation committee would therefore have Jackie and Philip in place of Alistair and Gillian.

d. **General Data Protection Regulation** deferred until December.

6. **Networking**

a. **Conference** The conference digest had been circulated. More information is on the Methodist church website.

7. **Worship**

a. **Leaders of worship and preachers' meeting** postponed to 19 September.

Circuit services It was agreed to continue circuit services including one on the next plan at the host church's usual time. As usual regular ecumenical arrangements at Seascale and Kirkland would continue.

8. **Dates of meetings** all at 7.30pm 19 December at the Meeting Place including a speaker from Hospice at Home, 13 March at Kirkland and final meeting on 19 June at Seascale unless the meeting decides to have any joint meetings with Keswick and Cockermouth circuit in 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

**Please send items and reports for the December meeting to David Andrews by
19 November
Copy date for *Link* is 5 December**