

**Minutes of the Whitehaven Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 19 December 2018  
at 7.30pm at the Meeting Place, Egremont**

**Present** (24): Grace Adamson, Philip Adamson, David Andrews, Cyril Atkinson, Alistair Bell, Katie Bell, Alec Bounds, Gillian Bounds, Ian Coates, Alan Coyles, Jackie Davies, Gwynneth Everett, Robert Fearon, Margaret Hargreaves, Viv Kendall, Wendy Kilworth-Mason (chair), Andy Lennox, Doug McDevitte, Linda McDevitte, Katrina MacEwan, Jean Millie, Gill Mitchell, Dorothy Nevinson, Michael Watts

**Apologies** (13): Herbert Clark, Barbara Coyles, David Davies, Alison Hanshaw, Karen James, Lorrie Larkham, Sandra McAdam, Alan Moore, Mavis Moore, John Pryde, Nan Pryde, Maureen Pyke, Maey Snape

**In attendance:** Ian Parker

1. **Opening devotions** were led by the Chair.
2. **Hospice at Home** Marketing manager Hayley McKay spoke of the work of the movement and specifically that in West Cumbria.
3. **Constitution of the meeting:** the list circulated with the attendance sheet was confirmed.
4. **Minutes** of the meeting of 5 September were agreed. There were no matters arising.
5. **Mission**
  - a. **Western Lakes circuit** bulletins 5 and 6 were noted. Doug asked whether the financial work was now complete and the reply was that it is likely to be finished in the new year.
  - b. **Invitation committee** reported that Rev Paul and Deacon Kina Saunders were appointed in the second round of stationing subject to Methodist Conference in July.
  - c. **Proposed Egremont outreach worker** Alec Bounds reported on the proposal for a worker employed by Egremont and there was an initial response from the staff and stewards and the joint committee which felt that a decision on circuit support should be deferred until circuit staffing and finance is confirmed. After considerable discussion the circuit approved the proposal. The job description and other details could be circulated when received.
  - d. **Social responsibility** Alec Bounds has circulated details of the A595 consultation which closed today.
  - e. **Safeguarding** Jackie Davies reported that Stephen Walker would take the lead in Western Fells circuit with support from Jackie and Lorrie Larkham. Church councils are asked to support their safeguarding officer. More people will need to undertake the advanced training later.
6. **Resources**
  - a. **Finance**
    - i. **Accounts 2017-18** which had been independently examined were received with thanks to the circuit bookkeeper Alec Bounds together with final accounts for Moresby Parks.
    - ii. **Reserves policy** deferred.
    - iii. **Standard forms of accounts** Please let Mandy have any outstanding ones by the end of December.
  - b. **Property**
    - i. **Manse** Ian Coates reported that the quinquennial report shows nothing major. Gas and electrical systems have been checked. The side gate has been repaired but will need

replacing soon. Schedule C was agreed. Ian gave notice that he intended to resign as manse secretary in August 2019.

- ii. **Quinquennial contract** This is being pursued generally through the Western Fells circuit. The Cleator Moor report is still to be done.
  - iii. **Moresby Parks** David Davies reported that we have agreed with TMCP a way forward with regard to licensing which will involve the setting up of two licenses to be pursued in the new year. Alec has set up a new gas/electric contract with British Gas which includes a free annual boiler service from new year and Paul Kerry will be the contact for the engineer. David was thanked for his work on Moresby Parks.
- c. **People**
- i. **Property steward** vacancy
  - ii. **Circuit meeting secretary** As David is likely to have left Cumbria by the next meeting Katrina offered to take minutes in March (assuming it is not a joint meeting).
- d. **General Data Protection Regulation** This needs to be addressed urgently by churches.

## 7. **Worship**

- a. **Leaders of worship and preachers' meeting** The minutes of 19 September had been circulated and Alec Bounds reported on the 28 November meeting and thanking David Andrews for his work in the circuit.
  - b. **Circuit memorial service** this year was held at St Bees and Gillian requested that it continue in future.
  - c. **Future services** Jackie Davies asked us to consider a final service as Whitehaven circuit and this was agreed. She highlighted the get together on 27 April in Cockermouth as we come together. It was hoped to provide transport. The visit of the Secretary of Conference on 24 March was also mentioned.
8. **Dates of meetings** at 7.30pm 13 March at Kirkland and proposed final meeting on 19 June at Seascale unless the meeting wants to have joint meetings with Keswick and Cockermouth circuit.

At 9.29pm the meeting closed with prayer which included remembering former member Joan Richardson who died this month.

**Please send items and reports for the March meeting to David Andrews by 13 February**