

**Minutes of Whitehaven Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 20 June 2018  
at 7.30pm at Frizington**

**Present** (24): Alistair Bell, Katie Bell, Alec Bounds, Gillian Bounds, David Davies, Jackie Davies, Robert Fearon, Lindsay Gray, Allison Hanshaw, Margaret Hargreaves, Viv Kendall, Wendy Kilworth-Mason (chair), Lorrie Larkham, Doug McDevitte, Linda McDevitte, Katrina MacEwan (minutes), Jean Millie, Gill Mitchell, Dorothy Nevinson, John Pryde, Nan Pryde, Mary Snape, Mandy Taylor, Michael Watts

**Apologies** (12): Grace Adamson, Philip Adamson, David Andrews, Cyril Atkinson, Ian Coates, Alan Coyles, Barbara Coyles, Gwynneth Everett, Andy Lennox, Alan Moore, Mavis Moore, Maureen Pyke

**In attendance:** Ian Parker

1. **Opening devotions** were led by the Chair.
2. **Constitution of the meeting:** the list circulated with the attendance sheet was confirmed. Viv Kendall is a new representative from the Leaders of Worship and Preachers' Meeting.
3. **Minutes** of the meeting of 14 March were agreed.
4. **Matters arising** Minute 6 f iv Sinton's: David Andrews was not able to attend the meeting but there will be other opportunities to meet with Sinton's.  
Minute 7c Moving Mountains: a meeting has been arranged at St Bees on 27 June. Doug McDevitte asked that the circuit stewards be thanked for their work while Wendy Kilworth Mason was away and with particular thanks to Nan Pryde.
5. **Mission**
  - a. **Future of circuits** The three bulletins issued by the joint circuit leadership teams were received. The Chair asked if anyone would prefer a secret ballot. I for, 22 against. Alistair Bell explained the options. The Chair invited speakers and the following took the opportunity: Alec Bounds, Katie Bell, Doug McDevitte, Nan Pryde, Gillian Bounds, Linda McDevitte, Jackie Davies, David Davies, Ian Parker, Alistair Bell and Mary Snape. Ian Parker was elected scrutineer.  
*At the point of voting, Mary Snape and Lorrie Larkham had left the meeting.*  
**Resolution 1** The Trustees of the Whitehaven Methodist Circuit agreed to merge with the Keswick and Cockermouth Methodist Circuit with Whitehaven being the host circuit as from 1 September 2019.  
(20 in favour, 1 opposed, 1 abstention)  
**Resolution 2** The Trustees of the Whitehaven Methodist Circuit agreed that the name of the new circuit will be changed to Western Fells Methodist Circuit from 1 September 2019.  
(20 in favour, 2 abstentions)
  - b. **Invitation committee** Gillian Bounds proposed and it was agreed that there be four circuit stewards on the Invitation Committee, along with Wendy Kilworth-Mason as Superintendent. All agreed that decision making will be delegated to the invitation committee.
  - c. **Public issues** Alec Bounds' report on betting terminals was received.

- d. **Safeguarding** Jackie Davies reported on revised circuit and church policies. It was agreed to accept the circuit policy as it stands for a period of up to one year.

## 6. Resources

- a. **Finance** report and 2018-19 budget Mandy Taylor reported.
- b. **Mission monies** Please pass to Maureen Pyke by 31 July.
- c. **Property**
  - i. **Manse** Wendy Kilworth-Mason reported in Ian Coates' absence.
  - ii. **Quinquennial contract** We await quotes from two firms.
  - iii. **Moresby Parks** It was noted that the account has been closed and transferred to the circuit account.
- d. **People**
  - i. **Property steward** vacancy: no offer to fill the vacancy was made.
  - ii. **Circuit steward** We need a new steward for September to replace Alistair Bell. The Chair asked if a name can be brought to the next meeting.
- e. **Administration** Members and churches were asked to send Bob Mitchell any amendments to the circuit directory and David Andrews any to the resources directory by 31 July. Gillian Bounds suggested that we put publication of the circuit directory on hold for the moment, given the restrictions that we are now under with the General Data Protection Regulation and this was agreed.

## 7. Worship

- a. **Leaders of worship and preachers' meeting** 6 June: Gillian Bounds reported.

## 8. Networking

- a. **Synod** 28 April Gillian Bounds reported. Wendy Kilworth-Mason asked that her thanks be recorded for all of those who helped at Synod during her absence.

- 9. **Circuit charity 2018-19** It was agreed to support Hospice at Home as a local charity.

- 10. **Other business** There was no other business.

- 11. **Dates of meetings** 19 September at Cleator Moor, 19 December at the Meeting Place and 13 March at Kirkland (altered as 20 March is Ministerial Synod), all at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm and Wendy Kilworth-Mason thanked everyone for taking part in such an important discussion.