

Minutes of Springfield PCC meeting

25th March 2024 at 7.45 pm @ St Paul's Church Roundshaw

Present: David Atkinson (Chair), Cathy Brearley, Roger Brodie, Mike Cushion, Jenny de Rougemont, Janet Downham, David Foulkes, Kitty Olulari, Tim Samuel, Kathryn Schofield, David Silcock (Secretary, in the absence of Sarah Miller), Mel Wynn.

Staff not in attendance: Sarah Miller

1. Welcome

David Atkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened in prayer.

2. Apologies

Rob Downer.

3. Worship

Mike Cushion lead the group in a time of worship with the hymns 'I heard the voice of Jesus say' and 'Jerusalem'.

4. Good News

Jenny shared with us her meeting in the fish & chip shop when she chatted to a family about Jesus and church, giving them a leaflet about our Easter services; also her thank you gifts to the nurses in which she included the Knowing God booklet.

Mike Cushion talked about an old friend he had recently made contact with again who unfortunately has stage 4 cancer. Mike is hoping to be able to visit him, prayer for guidance on what to say would be appreciated.

5. Matters Arising not dealt with elsewhere

The Minutes of the PCC meeting on 29th January 2024 were approved by a Council vote by email in February 2024. The Minutes would be uploaded on to the website at the same time as those of this meeting.

There were no Matters Arising not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

6. Ministry Updates

Unanimous support for the sharing of the PCC documents via Google drive via the link on email & WhatsApp.

Three of the graduates from Popcorn & Ponder are being baptised on Easter Sunday. We already have 5 people asking to join the next session.

The Food Bank on Roundshaw will be starting soon and is a partnership with Sutton Community Works (SCW).

CAP – the support / management of our CAP activities by CBC is an answer to prayer and will enable this ministry to continue.

Cake & Crafting (a light touch gathering to feed into meal & meditation) has gone well and is seen as an entry pathway to other groups.

Children & Youth. Further reports from group leaders will include the question 'what is your biggest challenge'.

Bubble Church – the time slot this was planned for is no longer available @ST Pauls due to their own growth plans. (Mother Berni wasn't aware of the current memorandum of understanding but now is). Options are being worked on.

Sunday 28th April, likely to be meeting at the Phoenix Centre as St Pauls won't be available.

- Question re number attending services. Adult numbers more stable and steady increasing. Stats are kept on ChurchSuite.

We will have an opportunity to link with a new Thursday Youth Club on Roundshaw. Luke, Charlie and Christian involved and actively investigating the options for partnership with the SDA Charity.

The Seven on the 7th of April will be a prayer evening focusing on the new term.

Policy Reviews. All policies had been circulated to PCC members for the annual review, the HSE policy has been updated to reflect post covid requirements. The DP policy will need to be updated at some point soon.

- Question re meeting in members homes (IE cell groups etc). Need to check what cover is provided by our insurance policy for this and other sites / spaces we use.
- Question – when was the risk assessment last done. Currently only done for special events. Cathy Brearley believes we should be doing this every year and linked to the 4 annual HSE policy review.

ACTIONS – (1) DA to check insurance policy cover, what are requirements / limits regarding meeting space?

(2) DA to speak to Mother Berni regarding the loose handrail outside SPC.

Vote of review of policies; Proposed - Mel Wynn, seconded - Janet Downham, approved - nemine contradicente.

DIP Funding. Positive feedback from the diocese who are happy with the questions raised by SFC so far. Two tranches applied for, (1) adults and (2) youth, which is more speculative / needs further work. Both will run as projects and will be expressed as 5 year goals re staff / growth etc. Further news expected towards the end of April.

7. AGM / Vision Sunday.

AGM will be on the 19th of May but is likely to be termed 'Vision Sunday'. We will have 4 vacancies on the PCC. PCC are asked to think & pray about who to ask to join, check names with DA before approaching them (in case they have already been approached).

- Question – how can we make serving on PCC more inclusive, especially to those who might find the business side / paperwork from PCC an issue?

ACTION - Cathy Brearley to investigate if there is an equivalent Access to Work support scheme for volunteers.

Reminder to PCC members about the range of sub-committees we have, the Eco sub and the Diversity sub both need members.

A meeting will be held on the 27th of April for PCC and other key leaders to discuss the vision for Springfield Church. To be held at the Church of the Good Shepard from 9.30 till 1.30 (ish), aim for the session to be interactive and have some group work.

ACTION – PCC members should read the parish profile before the meeting. Further material to be circulated before the meeting.

9. Finances.

2023 Accounts being reviewed by the auditor, nothing major to report or issues found. Currently on track for the AGM.

2024 Accounts – BAU with no issues to report. Only 2 months data, early in the year to draw any conclusions. Tasks this year are to review policies (IE spending authorities / process / limits, Helping Hand usage).

Current Finance Sub Committee is Tim Samuel, Jim Dimmock, Russell Warren and Angela Baker. In discussion with Helen Campbell re paid support for ½ day per week as financial controller.

Tim was thanked on behalf of the whole team for the ongoing work and support provided.

10. Closing prayer.

Roger Brodie closed the meeting in Prayer.

11 Actions Summary.

Owner	Action	Update
David Atkinson	Check insurance policy cover, what are requirement / limits regarding meeting space?	
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Cathy Brearley	Investigate if there is an equivalent Access to Work support scheme for volunteers.	
PCC members	Read the parish profile before the meeting. Further material to be circulated before the meeting.	