

## St Mark's Church, Broomhill

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 15 December 2011 (7.30 pm).

### Present

Sue Hammersley (Chair)	Mike Hunt	Pat Hunt	Judith Crawshaw
Tanya Ralph (Minutes)	Joe Forde	David Trickett	Shan Rush
Alistair Sutcliffe	David Price	Catherine Trickett	Robin Saunders
Don Smith	James Dickson	Simon Ennals from 19.50	Deni Ennals from 19.50

### Apologies

Gary Grief	Stuart Parker	Ian Wallis	David Ryder
Ian Maher	Prema Salt	Anne Padget	

Joe Forde led the opening devotions.

		Action
<b>65</b>	<b>Approval of the minutes of the PCC meeting 16 November 2011</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting on 16 November 2011 were approved with the following amendments: Page 2 – Item 58 – 53 - removal of word 'of' so that 'Mike H will be chairing a sub-group reviewing <b>of</b> our cleaning service and costs' reads 'Mike H will be chairing a sub-group reviewing our cleaning service and costs'.	TR
<b>66</b>	<b>Matters arising from minutes of the PCC meeting 16 November 2011</b>	
	58 - 49 - 40 - Under floor heating - The floor slabs in the main aisle have not yet been re-secured as a price for the replacement elements has not yet been agreed. Robin S informed the meeting that they will be replaced in the New Year. In addition one area of church has been found to be heated continuously. This was due to a wiring error that has now been rectified; F&F are negotiating the cost of this rectification.  58 - 51 - Photovoltaic Panels: The PV Panels have been installed on the roof. The required paperwork was submitted on 7 December. All pledged funds have been received.  58 - 53 - Budget 2012 - Pledge Sunday: see later agenda item.	RS  RS
<b>67</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Tanya R read the PCC an email from Chris Nyabizi in which he passed on grateful thanks from the Ark community to St Marks' for their generosity regarding the donation of \$770, made to meet the purchase of vestments.  Sue H informed the PCC of an email that Ian W has received from Inclusive church regarding civil partnerships. In it they ask if St Mark's would be prepared in principle to hold Civil Partnership ceremonies if the Church of England Ecclesiastical Law was changed to allow this. The PCC resolved that if the UK Law and Ecclesiastical Law was changed to allow churches to undertake civil partnerships then, in principle, we would be willing to hold Civil Partnerships in St Mark's - 9 in favour, none against, 3 abstentions. The PCC agreed to inform Inclusive Church of this decision. This information will remain confidential as Inclusive Church is looking for numbers of support not names and will not be publishing details of individuals or churches, nor making them available. To be discussed further at January's PCC meeting, in particular to allow us to reflect on this in the light of the Bishop's response.  Sue H informed the PCC that Russell Sharrock died on 14 December. His funeral will take place in St Mark's on Wednesday 28 December at 1.00 pm	SH IW  IW

<b>68</b>	<b>Charitable Giving 2011</b>	
	<p>Sue H thanked both committees for their work and deliberations/considerations regarding the donations for 2012.</p> <p><b>Home Donations</b> (presented by Alistair S) – The Home Donations committee met in the summer and agreed to continue to support all their longstanding charities with the exception of Norman House which is closing down in March 2012. Ian W and Sue H to administer the ‘Broomhall groups support grant’ whilst asking for standing committee approval before allocating funds. ‘Safe at last’ was suggested for future consideration by the committee and it was suggested that ‘Broomhall Breakfast’ should be considered again in the future but that for 2012 it has already received 2 substantial donations.</p> <p>The PCC agreed the Home Donations allocation of donations to the named charities as presented to the meeting. Proposed: Alistair S, seconded: Catherine T - passed unanimously by the PCC.</p> <p><b>International Donations</b> (presented by Shan R) – Shan R took over as Chair of the International donations committee during 2011. The committee proposes no changes in donations to the ‘Major Aid charities’ category and ‘Education and Campaigning’ category. However in the ‘Links’ category it was decided that these ‘links’ need to be active with reports of activity. Therefore this category will be kept under review. The committee will look at supporting ‘Kites global’ in 2012. Catherine T suggested that a number of our donations are focused on India and that Africa could be better represented.</p> <p>The PCC agreed the International Donations allocation of donations to the named charities as presented to the meeting. Proposed: Shan R, seconded: Robin S, - passed unanimously by the PCC.</p>	
<b>69</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges 2012</b>	
	<p>Sue H presented the PCC with the proposed Fees and Charges for 2012. She clarified that the Vicar’s fees go to the Diocese whilst the PCC fees come to the church. Those fees set by the Church Commissioners have been frozen and are mandatory. Apart from small increments, the major increases relate to music provision where St Mark’s have followed RSCM guidelines and also, for the first time, include a fee for the Director of Music. It was suggested that we should charge more for larger numbers of personalised orders of services e.g. per Order of Service. Sue H to discuss with Ian W.</p> <p>The PCC agreed to accept these fees. Proposed: Mike H, Seconded: Tanya R - passed unanimously by the PCC.</p>	<b>SH</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>Pledge update</b>	
	<p>In the absence of the Treasurer, Sue H reported back on the Pledge responses so far. 46 received to date (43 existing &amp; 3 new). Of the existing: 20 standstill; 18 increase; 5 decrease. Overall this represents with tax recouped an increase of £2,807.50. This leaves a significant shortfall. The PCC agreed to return to this item in January.</p> <p>It was suggested that we could have signs encouraging visitors to contribute and could review the allocations of the Christmas donations. To be taken to the Standing Committee.</p>	<b>DR IW</b> <b>SH</b>
<b>71</b>	<b>What kind of a church? – feedback &amp; planning</b>	
	This item was moved to January’s PCC agenda.	<b>IW</b>
<b>72</b>	<b>Broomhill Festival – St Mark’s Contribution</b>	
	<p>Alistair S and Peter Ryder are reviewing how St Mark’s will contribute to the 2012 Broomhill Festival and how to quantify our contribution. The Festival committee are also looking at how the Festival can manage with a reduced input from St Mark’s. Alistair asked the PCC to consider our contribution and in particular the staffing of the church during the Festival for the Art exhibition. He asked that any views or ideas should be fed back to either him or Peter R.</p>	<b>AS</b>

<b>73</b>	<b>Reports from committees and groups</b>	
	<p>St Mark's CRC - Ian W has been elected as the new CRC chair, taking over from Jane Padget who stood down in November. Unfortunately due to another engagement Tariq Ramadan has asked that we reschedule his conference to May 2012. The Borg conference made £1500.</p> <p>CTBB – The next moderator of CTBB is due to be a 'lay' member and from St Andrews, Prof Derek Collins has agreed to stand for this position.</p>	
<b>74</b>	<b>Any other urgent business (taken with the approval of the PCC)</b>	
	<p>Proposed trip to the Panto – Alistair S (and 3 others) are taking the Lions, friends, post Lions (M's) and Yr 6's (joining Lions in the next year) to the Pantomime at 17.30 on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012. The PCC agreed unanimously to support this trip. Proposed: Alistair S, Seconded: Mike H.</p> <p>The PCC thanked Sue H for all she has done and is doing during the time of Ian's illness and recovery.</p>	
	<b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b>	
	Wednesday 18 January 2012 at 7.30 pm	
	The meeting finished at 20.46 and was followed by festive refreshments laid on by the churchwardens.	