

AGM Minutes
Churches Together in Leyland
Minutes of the meeting at Midge Hall
on 22nd September 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

Rev Calum Crombie – Wymott prison
Rita Braithwaite – St Ambrose
Robert Haydock – St Ambrose
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Audrey Fyles – Holy Apostles
Fr Christodoulos Fyles – Holy Apostles
Christine Holmes – URC
Diane Barnard – Leyland Methodist
David Marston – Leyland Methodist
Eileen Cuerden – Midge Hall Methodist
Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley – Midge Hall Methodist
Muriel Butler – Midge Hall Methodist
Rev Duncan Clarke – St Ambrose
Edna Finch – St Andrews
Margaret Dixon – St Andrews
Fr Jonathan Cotton – St Mary's
Martin Smith – St Mary's
Teresa Smith – St Mary's
Fr Paul Browne – St Mary's
Maddy Parkinson – St James'
Nervys Brown – St James'
Rev Tracy Swindells – St James'
Peter Fitton – St John's
Barbara Bibby – St John's
Linda Barnes – URC
Michael Cowburn

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Mrs Margaret Dixon, as the Chair person, thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs Teresa Smith opened the meeting in prayer.

Margaret Dixon report that Anton Muller who was planning to attend the meeting sent his apologies as at the last minute he could not attend due to a family illness. Margaret welcomed two new members Barbara Bibby from St John's and Christine Holmes from URC. The group took a moment to introduce each other.

2. Apologies

Rev Dave Coaker - URC
Malcolm Thomson – Leyland Methodist
Kathy Lamb – Leyland Methodist
Eddie Reynolds - URC
Fr Dionysos Higgs – Holy Apostles
Ethel Barker – St Andrew's
Rev Phil Gough – Leyland Methodist
Rev David Gibb – St Andrews
Rev Marc Wolverson – St James'

3. Minutes of 2014 AGM

The minutes were read. The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting and will be signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

None – all matters are to be covered in the agenda

5. Election of officers:

Chair - Margaret Dixon - willing to stand for further three years according to the Constitution and has agreed to do so

Treasurer – Robert Haydock - willing to stand for further three years according to the Constitution and has agreed to do so

Secretary – no nomination

Minute secretary – Rebecca Higgs – served two years, one year left and has agreed to continue

Vice-chair – Teresa Smith – served two years, one year left and has agreed to continue

As there had been no secretary over the last year Margaret and Teresa had done the work between them. As there had been no secretary nominated events were to be covered by the different churches as follows:-

St John's – women's day of prayer
St Andrew's – Christmas festival
St James – week of prayer
St Mary's – lent group

Margaret agreed to email CTL those events which have yet to be covered

6. Chair's review

Margaret read out her review.

7. Treasurer's review

Robert read out his review.

8. Future Events

Christmas festival – Saturday 28th November
10.00am to 5.00pm finishing with Christingle service at the URC

Ellen Monk-Stanley confirmed that Messy Churches from Midge Hall and Leyland Methodist will once again be doing the sheep trail on that day

Fairshare collection – no date as yet given but will probably be the end of November or beginning of December

9. Reports of group activities

Food bank – report to be given at next meeting

One voice choir – report given by Robert Haydock
Since the last AGM the choir have sung at a funeral, harvest at Leyland URC, sang carols at Tesco's raising money for the food bank, sang at St Mary Magdalen for service of Christian unity, concert at Kingsfold Methodist for Rosemere and St Catherine's and a concert at Eccleston parish church in aid of their organ fund. The choir will be singing in September at St Oswald's in Longton for their golden jubilee celebration.

Tools for self reliance – report sent by John Mercer

There were two new members bringing the membership up to six. Volunteers concentrate on refurbishing sewing machines, checking power tools, sorting out new tools and splits them fit for refurbishment, selling to the public or for scrap. The group plan to continue with what they are doing and any tools that TFSR cannot be used will now be given to other charities. A plea was given for good quality commercial/professional tools.

Website – report given by Martin Smith

The new website is working well, easy to add new events but few actual updates. It is planned for a new page with links to individual church events. Martin asked churches to email him their events. Martin reported that the web changes are unpaid having reminded the provider but no bill has been received. Martin will thank the provider for work undertaken.

Furniture scheme – report given by Peter Fitton

Continues to be a good outreach. There was a break in August due to holidays but now back running. The van is running ok just needs a rail inside fixing. Peter has prepared a powerpoint presentation about the furniture scheme so if anyone is interested in having him speak at their church please get in touch with Peter.

Credit union – report given by Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley

Ellen reported that the Credit Union meets regularly at the URC and that there are several volunteers. It was commented that a lot of people to go to the Chorley CU. Ellen report that they were going “on the road” around Leyland to publicise CU.

Mrs Margaret Dixon thanked all for their reports.

10. Vote on Constitution

Whilst Teresa was applying for a grant recently a question was asked what does our constitution say about safeguarding. The wording had to be tightened up. Teresa bought the new version to the AGM for agreement. All were in agreement. She explained that whenever there is a CTL safeguarding will be adhered to at that particular church.

11. 50 year celebration 2018

Each rep had been given a folder to start writing down names to be invited to the celebration and for people to think of ideas for the celebration. Margaret had put together the 2005 festival of faith display to shows ideas of what had happened. A discussion took place as to some ideas:-

Joint service at St Mary's on a Sunday morning, exhibition, celebration over Pentecost, One Voice Choir with hot pot supper, an afternoon service, a ball, a meal with dancing ie Leyland golf

12. Any other business

Refugees – Margaret had highlighted the plight of refugees with a recent email. Fr Jonathan reported that the council had been in touch with him to see if CTL wanted to get involved. This meeting has been agreed for Thursday 8th October, 7.30pm at St Mary's. All available on that evening were encouraged to attend to see who CTL could help.

Talk on the Holy Land – Linda Barnes is recently back from the Holy Land and would be willing to talk to groups. Those interested get in touch with Linda. There is no charge but a donation would be accepted.

United Utilities – David Marston asked CTL if they would consider giving some or part of their cheque received from United Utilities for the water issue to Aid in Africa. To donate do visit justgiving page, if that is not clear get in touch with David Marston.

Leyland Muslims – Martin reported that he recently went round to the mosque near Chapel Brow as they had had their windows smashed and offered our concern. They were greatly touched and since then Martin has had dialogue with them.

13. Future dates

Thursday 29th October – St Mary's
Tuesday 9th February – Leyland Methodist
Wednesday 11th May – St Andrews
Monday 4th July – URC
Tuesday 20th September – AGM St John's

14. Closing prayer

Margaret closed the meeting in prayer.