

SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORKER PROJECT

Minutes of the 19th A.G.M. held at All Saints Church Trefonen on 14th May 2018

PRESENT: Mrs G Buckeridge (Chairman); Mrs J Bevington (Secretary); A Nurden (co-opted Treasurer); members of the Board together with further 29 members as listed on the attendance register (filed).

Welcome and Prayer:

- The Chairman thanked All Saints Church for their hospitality and welcomed all members to the meeting along with Hannah Moore, the Project's second worker, and Robin Gerrard Development Worker (Church & Community) North West Region for Scripture Union.
- Rev Kathy Trimby opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Apologies:

Received from 11 members, as indicated on the attendance register (filed).

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd May 2017:

The minutes were approved. Proposed: Mrs L. Cranston, Seconded: A. Braddock
All in favour.

3. Chairman's Report and introduction of new Board members:

The Chairman presented her report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed. Throughout the uncertain past 12 months she had been grateful for the continued support, prayers and encouraging words from supporters. After 2 unsuccessful interview processes by the Project Jane Webber had been appointed in March to start as the new Worker in September 2018. A message had been received from Jane for the meeting which is filed.

The Chairman requested prayer that the schools the Project had been linked with previously would remain open to the work.

Mrs. P Kingsley gave an update on the General Data Protection Regulations that come into effect on 25th May 2018.

The co-opted Board member, A Nurden, then briefly introduced himself to the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report:

A Nurden presented the annual statements of account. Due to the absence of a Worker and continued financial support there was a surplus of £13000 in 2017. A Nurden gave thanks to God for His provision, to the supporters, to Miss L Arnott for her work on the accounts and to Mr M Horner for help in putting the accounts together.

Copies of the accounts are filed.

All annual reports have been submitted to the relevant authorities.

The financial report was approved. Proposed : Mrs L Carroll. Seconded: B Hogbin
All in favour.

5. Resignation and elections of Board members:

Miss L Arnott resigned as Treasurer on 1st January 2018. Thanks had been expressed to her for her work on the Board. A Nurden was co-opted to the Board for this position. The Chair asked for a proposer and seconder to elect him to the Board. Proposer : A Braddock.

Seconder : Mrs L Carroll.

Mr M Digby, as Vice Chairman, took the chair for the election of Board members. Mrs G Buckeridge has retired by rotation and has been nominated for re-election. The Vice Chairman expressed thanks to Mrs G Buckeridge for her work for the Board. He asked for a proposer and seconder.

Proposer : Mrs C Myddelton. Seconder : J Carroll. All in favour.

Mrs G Buckeridge then resumed the chair.

The Chairman indicated that new Board members were welcome.

6. AOB

Mrs V Knowles announced that The Moors Methodist Church at St Martins were having a Songs of Praise on June 17th.

Details of the Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend for 25-28th May were given.

There was no other business.

7. Presentation by Hannah Moore

Hannah Moore, who was the Project's second Worker, thanked the Project for starting her work in schools which had taken her from Oswestry to Zambia and now to work with Youth For Christ in Shrewsbury. Her theme for the evening was "Therefore we hope..." She gave various statistics outlining the lifestyle of today's youth culture. Aware that they will seek love and a sense of identity we look to God in expectation.

She realised that it had been a difficult year for the Project, but it can look back on God's faithfulness and have a sense of expectation for what is to come.

8. Scripture Union update and resources

R Gerrard, the Project's Scripture Union link, then updated the meeting on Scripture Union's aim to go to where the children are but the gospel isn't – the 95% of children not in church. He outlined the various initiatives proposed by Scripture Union for the churches to use.

10. G Buckeridge thanked H Moore and R Gerrard for their input to the evening and with no further matters for discussion, Mrs C Myddelton closed the meeting with prayer.

SIGNED **(Chairman)** **Date**

