

Minutes

Ministry Area Council

21 February 2024 18.30-20.00 St Luke's Rhydyfelin

These proceedings were recorded in full, a copy of which can be made available for all M.A.C. members upon request.

Item	Minutes	Action
1.Introduction and Prayer		
2.Attendees and apologies for absence		
Attendees	Esther Sowerby (Chair), Andy Sowerby (Warden/Acting Secretary), Ray Minton (Treasurer), Rev Charlotte Rushton (M.A.L.), Rev Rachel Campbell, Rev Jeremy Heuslein, Elaine Rees, Keith Johns, Babs Minton, Trish Tazzini-Lloyd, David Morgan, Ian Sandford, Neal Wood	
Apologies	Karen Murphy, Warwick Butler, Helen Gulliford, Rev Amber Baker	
Absent/No Apologies	Christine Godfrey	
Minutes of the last M.A.C.		
Amendments	None	
Proposer	Charlotte Rushton	
Second	Ian Sandford	
4. Matters arising from last MAC		
M.A. Staff	<p>Charlotte updated <i>in confidence</i> an incident at St Mary's Church. The Bishop has been briefed. Reminder to the MAC, anything gifted or in possession of the church is in trust of the church and is not to be removed by individuals.</p> <p>Charlotte clarified the position of retired priests in the Ministry Area.</p> <p>Fr Rajiv Sidhu will begin in the Ministry Area at a soon to be specified date, hopefully 21st April. It has finally been announced in the Church Times.</p>	
Sale of St David's Church & Hall	RB formally taking over on 21st March 2024. No gas, electric or water needs to be paid by M.A. from that date. Another table top sale due. Over £1000 has been raised so far.	

	The church hall does need to be professionally emptied.	
5.Finance report		
Year End Accounts 2023	<p>All documentation provided prior to the meeting by Ray. The documents are already with the auditor with action pending MAC approval, audit expected within four weeks.</p> <p>Central fund is -£15k due to the 3-month payment holiday.</p> <p>Overall balance from 2022 is down due to the foodbank account in September 2024 when it became a CIO.</p> <p>There was a discussion around assets held by Llandaff that perhaps should be held by the MAC.</p> <p>The MAC thanked Ray for all his hard work.</p>	Charlotte to follow up with Llandaff.
Micro Budgets	<p>Meetings with the Diocese are ongoing. Archdeacon Rhod has been briefed, and he has requested micro budget for each element of the Ministry Area. The budgets will inform the ongoing negotiation.</p> <p>Ray complimented Charlotte's email to the diocese explaining financial difficulties.</p> <p>Shervin Croner, is working on the St Catherine's micro budget.</p> <p>The process of reviewing our overall finances will happen over the next 6 months.</p> <p>Ray shared a 2023 summary A4 sheet of all the ministry area projects/churches and their income and expenditure.</p> <p>Charlotte clarified that income from the sale of St David's Church would need to be spent specifically on other church buildings in the MAC, with a portion held for the maintenance of the graveyard.</p>	
Matters for discussion/decision		
Change to recycling rules	Ray briefed that from April the Church in Wales is introducing new recycling regulations to be in line with Cytun. There is a £1000 fine for trade waste recycling bag infringements. All non-domestic premises must recycle more thoroughly.	

7. Health & Safety		
Update from Rachel	Two incidents reported at St Catherine's in the accident book.	No further Action Required
8. Safeguarding		
My Church People update	DBS checks are still taking time. There are lists of teams with people identified for training. This will happen in due course.	Charlotte to investigate escalation process for outstanding DBS
9. Any Other Business		
Donation to Foodbank	Ray asked the MAC to donate money to the food bank. He does all his Treasurer work at the Food Bank while Babs volunteers. He uses their internet, printer, paper and electric. Ray suggests a donation of £100 for past use and a quarterly donation going forward. Charlotte asked Ray to use his discretion.	
10. Next meeting	20th March 2024	