



## PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER

### Minutes of the Co-ordinating Committee held at The Salvation Army, Petersfield, on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

**Purpose of Meeting:** A forum for 'communion' and communication between PACT churches, PACT organisations and local Christians, to facilitate events aimed at increasing opportunities for joint worship, witness and work between PACT churches.

**Present:** John Callaghan (Chair), Paula Hudson (acting Secretary), Judith Bee, Hilary Bonney, Rosemary Davies, Brian Edwards, Peter Hollins, Will Hughes, Simon Mason, Patsy Robinson, Richard Saunders, John Studd, Christine Tully, Lindy Young.

- 1. Introduction:** John welcomed members to the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer. After a brief introduction between committee members, he introduced Paula Hudson who was acting as Secretary, and Patsy Robinson
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Received from Carolyn Barton, David Barton, Emma Dean, Vanessa Dowse, Joanna Farrell, Andy Hall, Tom James.
- 3. Items for Discussion under Item 11:** soup run; holiday club dates; reports on Lent Courses for next agenda. (*Originally shown as **Items for Discussion under Item 12** due to incorrect numbering.*)
- 4. Minutes for 19 Feb 2014:** Agreed.
- 5. Matters Arising:** None
- 6. Arrangements for Good Friday:** John Callaghan to check on licence following discussion with Christine Tully, Treasurer. St. Peter's will host provision of refreshments following the Good Friday service in the Square. It was agreed that each church would provide 2 packets of Hot Cross Buns to be delivered to St Peter's the evening before. The Salvation Army band will provide the music, Richard Saunders will give the talk, Blaze (Life Church young people group) prayers, & St Peter's provide electricity. John Callaghan is preparing the service; he confirmed readings & megaphone have been organised.

Buriton & Steep are organising their own Good Friday walks.

#### **7. Report on events since last meeting:**

**Soup Lunch:** Held at URC the first Saturday in February. Hilary Donner reported an excellent response which raised over £600.

**Soup Run:** Salvation Army did first soup run on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Brian will be doing a report for the S.A. Food cooked at their premises. They had a quiet first run but did not want more publicity, preferring information to be spread by word of mouth. They have their own tabards to identify them. They had received a £300 donation from a public house. The Soup Run is operating on a 2 month trial.

**The Mark Drama:** At Hope Church, Greatham, and at St Peter's. Will Hughes commended & said 200 attended the performance he saw of this Gospel of St Mark. For those who missed it locally, there will be performances at Chichester Baptist Church (Sherbourne Rd) on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> (7.30pm) & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> (6.30pm) Apr.

**Womens' World Day of Prayer:** Various leaders & members had attended & Brian commented on signing.

**8. Treasurer's Report:** Chris Tully reported that:

8.1 Insurance renewed wef 1.4.14

8.2 Easter Cards paid for & delivered.

8.3 Soup Run insurance. Risk assessment documents supplied by the Soup Run committee had proved satisfactory to the Insurance Company & they had now agreed to cover this activity after initial reluctance. They had been won over by good documentation. Cover now also includes the Food Bank for £50 extra to cover Brian's safety. Brian gave £50 to Chris Tully.

**9. Request to Add Events & Campaigns to PACT website**

John Callaghan thanked John Studd for his work on the PACT website.

He said he had been reading through past PACT documents and found it very inspirational.

The Petersfield Society had asked for contributions from the churches for their anniversary book illustrating life in Petersfield today. He had tried to explain what PACT was and that the churches are more than just buildings.

Hilary Bonney reported there was a wide knowledge of the Food Bank, and that *Curves* was collecting for the Food Bank. There had also been a recent collection at Waitrose.

Christian Aid week. The Salvation Army are doing a door to door collection and value the contact with the public. St Peter's are doing their own streets, but other churches are struggling to get collectors.

**10. Chairman's Items**

The Chairman invited Patsy Robinson from the Methodist Church to share her proposal for a **Church Healing Day**, led by Flame International, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Patsy has spoken to the PACT lay representatives and ministers individually and undertook to give copies of the proposals to all the PACT churches. Her aim was to deal with any hurts, particularly between congregations. She referred to Russ Parker's book *Healing Wounded History* (Russ was Director of the Acorn Healing Trust in Bordon), and explained Flame Intl's role. Will Hughes & Peter Hollins asked for clarification of the aims. Patsy asked if the churches could let her know after they had studied her outline whether they were interested so she could contact Flame Intl by next meeting.

**King's Arms.** John Callaghan said the proposed development in the Avenue is within the Conservation area. He and Hugo from St Peter's had contacted people living nearby and proposed to give them more information about what The King's Arms does – they were putting out a letter & the King's Arms Annual Report to the people affected. Other plans were to hire the Pavilion and do a demonstration of the

proposals. The Council had previously rejected a POD for the site but this was an unsupervised shelter for teenagers to congregate in. They wanted to reassure residents that the new development was entirely different, and that their concerns would be accommodated where feasible. There had already been responses which the Chairman was dealing with. Letters went out 31.3.14. The Mayor, Peter Marshall, supported The King's Arms project. Lottery grants and other funding was available.

**Sing Gospel** The Chairman would like to have Gospel Singing like Gareth Malone did on his workplace choirs TV programme. A friend of his daughter Jenny could train a choir on Saturday pms. He was prepared to make the running on this and host it at Life Church one Sunday. This would be a fun event which could attract different types of people from the town.

**Holiday Club** Dates: 28<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

**Unity Bookshop** Thanks and blessings were given to Rosemary Davies, following the closure of the Unity Bookshop, for all her hard work as manager, and to the volunteers and others involved in running the shop. Rosemary said that there were some cds & gifts left over from the shop stock, currently stored at St Peter's. If any of the PACT churches was fund raising, they could take these items to sell, returning any unsold items.

**Secretary** Thanks were expressed for the work of the outgoing Secretary, Linda Cawsey. John Callaghan will consult Chris Tully about sending a gift.

#### **11. Proposed Future Dates and Events –**

Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 a.m. Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service in the Square
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	12 noon onwards Bank Holiday Service in Square
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 p.m. PACT Co-ordinating Committee (Confirm Holiday Club)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Holiday Club
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> August	12 noon onwards Bank Holiday Service in Square
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30 p.m. PACT Co-ordinating Committee (Christmas Cards, Carols, Lunch & Lent)
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 p.m. PACT Co-ordinating Committee (Annual Accounts, Christmas & new Vice Chair for 2015, Easter Card for 2015)
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	7.30 p.m. PACT AGM
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity & Induction of new Chair

#### **12. Any other business and**

#### **13. Closing Prayer:**

The members spent time together in getting to know one another and relating on a more personal level before the meeting closed in prayer.