

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER
Co-ordinating Committee Meeting
Minutes



TIME & DATE: 7.30pm Wednesday 27th April 2022

VENUE: Via Zoom

Chair Ivan H-T

Attended: , Ivan H-T, Christine Tully, Vanessa Dowse, Madeline King, John Callaghan, Judith Bee, Jan Stuart, Jenny Balinger, Christine Traynier, Lindsay Clegg, David & Fiona Darling.

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.

1 Introduction, Bible reading and prayer

Ivan opened the committee meeting with a reading (Matthew 2:v13-15, The Escape to Egypt) and a prayer.

2 Apologies for absence

Josh Thomas, Peter Hollins, Carolyn Barton, Amanda Greenlee, Jennifer Parkes, Steve Field,

3 Items for discussion under Item 10 (late and short items only please)

4 Actions & matters arising

Previous minutes are available at <https://pact.org.uk/pact-committee-minutes/>,

PACT AGM:

- 1. OPEN/ONGOING** Early Planning For Christmas Meal (see section below).
- 3. OPEN/ONGOING** Need volunteer for role of Secretary.

November 2020 Meeting:

- 4. OPEN/ONGOING** Develop/complete History Section of the website.
 - Simon Mason and Steve Field held an initial meeting to start collating the history of PACT that was very productive. At least one more meeting will be required. Simon to write up the results.
 - Helen Mason has a box of history and some files from about 6 years ago. It is currently sat under the desk in the Life Church office, with the paper-work and files being in a cabinet. Available for whoever wishes to have it!

February 2021 Meeting:

- 2. OPEN/ONGOING** Ivan H-T to draft the amendments to the constitution, have them approved by Tim Concannon and present at a future meeting for acceptance.

5. Treasurer's Report– Christine Tully

- Subs received covered the cost of Easter cards
- Have a few hundred pounds in the account
- £500 of Lions money + £30 from Unity Service received.
- Do we add Ukrainian Refugees to the distribution or not? Food Bank & Voluntary Drivers all geared up to support/give to the Ukrainians.
- Decision to hold off decision until the next PACT meeting, by which time we will have a clearer idea of what (if any) need there is from the Ukrainian Refugees

6. Ukrainian Refugees

- See Annex for update from Steve Field.
- Engagement meeting planned for 22nd May. Objective is to present a 'Strawman' for an initial weekly 'coffee-morning' style facility/event for Ukrainian Refugees that can then be shaped during discussion with the refugees themselves to determine what is actually needed (on line with C of E Guide & Citizen's UK Guidance). Need ideas for potential services to support the discussion.
- New ideas suggested included:
 - Access-to/Applying-for benefits.
 - A 'welcome to the area' booklet (some examples of old one PACT used to do are available).
 - CofE Guide.
 - Letters of Introduction to bank/driving licences - Help to set up bank accounts – HSBC, Nationwide & Monzo (sp?)
 - COVID Lateral Flow Tests
 - Vaccinations centre (not just COVID)
 - Kings Arms – Youth Club/Activities.
 - Organise visits from Ukrainian Orthodox clergy for spiritual support
 - Possibility of Ukrainian Christmas Lunch (Orthodox Christmas is 5th January) for refugees and their host families

7. Discussion on Christmas Lunch

- Ivan to meet with Marika for wash-up session. Lacking contact details for her requested after last meeting, these were supplied during this meeting
 - Post-meeting note: Meeting with Marika held. Marika will not be involved in this year's Christmas lunch as she is exploring other directions God may be calling her in, particularly a new Street Pastor role.
- **ACTION:** All Churches to start advertising need for volunteers, particularly leaders.
- Job description for 3 leadership roles
 - Overall Lead
 - Organising servers, drivers, buildings, etc – delivery or in situ or both.
 - (Winton House: happy to do administration of forms for the lunch as in previous year)
 - People
 - DBS Checks & Safeguarding Planning for drivers/etc
 - Food Hygiene qualifications for Chefs & Food Handlers/Preparers
 - Money
 - Accounting for the finances (particularly how to handle super-market gift-cards)

8. Planning for Next Meeting

- Date will be 13th July, probably via Zoom again
- Topics for discussion will be:
 - The EcoChurch Initiative and how PACT interacts with it
 - Ukrainian refugee coffee morning update
 - Christmas Lunch planning

9. Upcoming events

None

10. Any other business

None

11. Closing By Sharing the Grace

Annex A – Refugee Update

- We now have 27 Ukrainian Guests spread out over an area of Ramsdean to Buriton
- 40 other Ukrainians are being processed to be hosted in the Petersfield area
- 9 Welcome Hampers have been given out
- Ukrainians are receiving English lessons at Winton House
- GiveToALovingHome has provided a number of items to Ukrainian Guests
- House checks and payment to Ukrainians of a £200 Cash Card are being handled by HCC Children's Services
- £350 payment to hosts is still being sorted out, and it is believed will eventually be paid out by EHDC

Thanks to David Darling, we now have a bank account where local funds can be deposited for local work with Ukrainians. Details are as follows:

YOU CAN DONATE BY MAKING A PAYMENT TO THE BANK ACCOUNT:

Sort Code 40-52-40

Account No. 00021750

Account Name: Ukraine Christian Partnership

Bank Name: CAF Bank (CAF stands for Charities Aid Foundation)

Reference: Petersfield

OR BY POSTING A CHEQUE TO:

The Treasurer

Ukraine Christian Partnership

63 Lower Mead Petersfield Hants GU31 4NR Please write 'Petersfield' on the back of your cheque or envelope

If you are a UK taxpayer please download a Gift aid form and send this to the treasurer (address above) or scan and email a scanned copy to treasurer@ukrainecp.org or complete the online form at the bottom of the webpage <https://www.ukrainecp.org/how-can-you-help/> and click send

Steve Field understands that the United Reformed Church is being offered for an event being put together to sample different foods. He found this out from Alex who is providing the Welcome Hampers and he seems to be involved in the event.

Alex is also looking to organise a fun day for Ukrainian families, possibly at the Rugby Club.

If churches are being approached to run events or doing their own thing to assist in the efforts, please let Steve Field know.