

## **Minutes of PACT Committee Meeting Held 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at St Laurence Church Hall**

**Present:** John Callaghan, Peter Hollins, Josh Thomas, Mike Harris, Sally Hughes, Madelene King, Carolyn Barton, Alice Ennell, Steve Field, Christine Traynier, Christine Tully, Jeremy Parkes, Brian Edwards

**Apologies:** Will Hughes, Amanda Greenlee, Vanessa Dowse, Jenny Ballinger

The meeting started with a prayer, Jesus empowering us.

The Churches had a service in the square for Pentecost that went really well, good attendance.

### **Christmas Lunch**

- Brian Edwards has taken over responsibility for the Christmas Lunch, having being talked into it by Amanda. He will do it for one year.
- Committee has met with reps from several churches.
- Format will return to the pre-covid midday meal for people on their own.
- Marika has agreed to do the cooking.
- The hall has been booked, and most of the property recovered. The mobile phone dedicated to the job cannot be found. A new one has been bought, a simple model. The phone number and a new email address will be revealed in due course.
- Christine agreed to update the website. It was also suggested it should be published on Facebook and Petersfield Pulse. Shine Radio should also be on board as they were last year.
- The event is covered by insurance.
- In previous year the Monarch's speech has been shown. A few people showed an interest. Most took it as a trigger to get up, get their coats and start to leave. It was decided to have a sing song instead. Nice if we could find a piano player.
- One of the church ministers will open with a prayer.
- The mayor will be invited to attend.
- DBS checks will be needed for drivers. Hattie Hughes and other parish administrators can deal with these.
- It was agreed that any left-over food will be donated to those in need which would include the homeless.

### **PACT Out**

- The event to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- The brass band have been booked, there will also be a singer and other musicians.
- There will be a craft tent and face painting (URC) for the children.
- A bouncy castle has been booked.
- A stage will be borrowed from St Laurence.
- Field games will be arranged.
- Stalls will be encouraged from our partner organisations. The new food bank manager, Kay Thomas will arrange a stall.
- Christine agreed to do a poster. Carolyn asked for it to be sent to her by Saturday to go in the Messenger.
- Madeleine agreed to take responsibility for light refreshments, including refreshments.
- Guests should be asked to bring a chair and a picnic.
- More Gazebos required
- The event will be coordinated by email [SJField7@Gmail.com](mailto:SJField7@Gmail.com)

### **Focus on Youth**

- The numbers attending the Unite group at the Kings Arms is now up to 19. More funds are needed to pay helpers.
- Both Hope Church and St Mary's Sheet are helping to support the group.
- PACT was asked to provide some funding.
- John will speak at some Church services to raise more funding.

### **Holiday At Home**

- This is aimed at older people over the summer.
- It cannot happen at URC this year because of building work.
- Various other centres have agreed to step in.

The meeting closed at 8:30.