

Minutes of PACT Committee meeting held on 10/4/2024 at St Laurence Church

Present: Fr Peter Hollins, Christine Tully, Ivan Huntingdon-Thresher, Naomi Gordon-Smith, Lindsay Clegg, Christine Traynier, Amanda Greenlee, Carolyn Barton, Rev David Muskett

Apologies : John Callaghan, Rev Bruce Deans, Belinda Shaw

Jenny Parkes has resigned as member for Sheet

1. Welcome and Prayers

A passage was read from Acts of the Apostles followed by the Lord's Prayer

2. Items For Any Other Business

The reports from AGM, Debt Counselling Charity, Thy Kingdom Come app

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from 1st November and 28th February

1st Nov **Carols in Square** went well
Website problem now found and corrected

28th Feb **May and August Festivals** – service to be run by Life Church & Salvation Army Band
Pact Out 2024 has been cancelled. 3 church leaders could not attend, clash of dates with other events. Will try to reschedule next year. We will think carefully about dates and length of event.
Good Friday Walk of Witness went well. Some problems near Waitrose with people cutting through line to get to shop. Small amount of rain meant walk finished inside St Peter's Church. Singing and band were excellent.
Easter Card Distribution – Naomi reported she had not received a card living in the Causeway. Ivan had a complaint that someone did not receive a card until 5 days after Easter. Owing to the expense of the cards it was felt that the distribution needed to be tightened.

It was felt that minutes are hard to find on website. Christine Traynier to try and improve.

4. Treasurer's Report

Christine Tully reported that since the last meeting £880 has been spent on printing the Easter cards. £50 was given as a prize to a member of Kings Arms for the design which everyone agreed was very good.

£408 was collected on Good Friday which will be donated to Homestart and The Kings Arms

Christine is changing the bank from Nat West to Lloyds. This is because Nat West are closing in Petersfield. It was felt important to have a local bank.

5. PACT Christmas Lunch

The search is still on for a new facilitator. Amanda and Bernard are still on the steering committee. A new cook has been recruited.

Community Centre has been booked.

Brian, the previous facilitator, still has several items in his attic and would like them to be moved. Concern was expressed as to the storage of the Baine Marie fuel. It was felt that any open cans should be disposed of as the present a fire risk.

6. Faith Comment

John Studd wants to stand down from running this. It involves receiving an article, checking it for spelling, grammar, content and length. The article is then passed to the Petersfield Post. This all happens on a weekly basis a couple of weeks before the article goes into print. Christine Traynier, at John's request, has approached a few people to take over without any luck. If anyone knows of anybody, please ask them.

7. Any Other Business

The reports from the AGM have not been made generally available. Christine Traynier had been approached by a member of one of the linked groups wanting to see them. Fr Peter said he would approach John Callaghan.

Christine Traynier asked if the debt counselling charity needed to be added to the website as a linked group. Fr Peter was unsure at present.

Rev David Muskett suggested we should adopt the Thy Kingdom Come scheme for worship between the Ascension and Pentecost. There is a free App which people can download on to their phones with prayers and readings. Fr Peter said he would be happy to publicise this.

Lindsay Clegg announced he would be stepping down as he could not donate enough time to the role, but he hoped to find a replacement. He was thanked for all he had done.

8. The next meeting will be on the 29th May.

9. The Meeting finished with a prayer.