



PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER

Minutes of the Co-ordinating Committee held at the Upper Room, Methodist Church on Wednesday 20th September 2017

Present: Tim Concannon, Simon Mason (*Co-Convenors*), Paula Hudson (*Secretary*), Christine Tully (*Treasurer*).
David Barton, Judith Bee, Lynn Carter, Peter Hollins, Jenny Parkes, Patsy Robinson, Stephen Wright.

1. **Introduction:** Simon Mason opened with a reading from John 15 (v. 1- 8) & with prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Received from Carolyn Barton, Lindsay Clegg, Vanessa Dowse, Amanda Greenlee, Helen Mason, Anna Olliffe, Rev John Owen, Rev Richard Saunders, John Studd.
3. **Items for discussion under Item 8 (*Any other business*):** David Barton – Update on the Foodbank, Women’s World Day of Prayer, Women’s Brunch, Christmas Lunch, Holiday at Home, BSF international, Martin Luther 500th Anniversary. **Simon** read from letter from Anna Olliffe about birth of her son Leo and asking thanks to be passed for greetings and gift of £20 in unsigned card.
4. **Minutes for meeting of 28th June 2017:** Minutes agreed & signed by Simon Mason, with correction as previously advised (i.e. delete *Anna Greenlee*, insert *Amanda Greenlee* in list of those present.)
5. **Matters arising:** None
6. **Guest:** It was agreed to approach (1) Cinnamon Trust to speak at next PACT meeting (re.funds available & conditions to meet *for* emergency pet care etc.) & (2) Michael Woolley (Quaker) to speak about *Friends Without Borders* next year.
7. **Report on events since last meeting:**

Prayer Days: Prayer Days have been held at St Mary’s, Buriton & Life Church since last meeting.

August Bank Holiday: Salvation Army band played music and Mike Gibson of Life Church Petersfield spoke before the event in the Square on 27th August. **Home Town Festivals’ Award Ceremony** honoured 3 PACT contributions: Event of the Year: - PACT Christmas Lunch; Volunteer of the Year: - Marike Kyjovska (chef for PACT Christmas Lunch); Contribution to the community: - The King’s Arms.

Holiday Club: Regi Miesli has written a report on the way forward, which she will discuss with Helen Mason. She has identified 19 different areas that need to be covered. She is not able to continue running Holiday Club, and it was felt that a team of 6 or 7 people could co-ordinate the next one.
8. **Reports/Updates/Actions**

Christmas Lunch: Chris Tully said a meeting of the Christmas Lunch committee was held last Friday. She will forward report giving details of who is doing what for circulation to the PACT Committee. Judith read from email from Isabel Chambers.

Counselling Service Rooms they used at the hospital no longer available. Simon to check what alternative facilities they have obtained.

Cinnamon Trust See above para 6

Petersfield Post – Faith Comment Rota The Ministers present said that they thought the rota should continue with contributors as at present. Secretary to draw up 2018/9 rota for next meeting. Contributors to produce reserve articles as requested by John Studd for emergency use.



New Chair The PACT Ministers would like Simon, Helen & Tim to serve for a third year, and they have agreed but do not wish to continue after that. Rev Richard Saunders has expressed willingness to be Chair in 2019. It was suggested he be asked to be Vice Chair in 2018.

New Secretary Paula Hudson to stand down after next PACT meeting (14th Nov 2017.) Simon to draft wording and speak to John Studd about advertising post on PACT website. 2018/2019 Post Rota to be completed by next meeting.

Welcome Leaflet: Simon distributed copies of the leaflet and took amendments. The convenors asked for thanks to be expressed to John Studd for his excellent work on the project. The map locating churches needs to be amended to delete the pin in Privett, where the church no longer holds services and has become an Arts Centre. Discussion on distribution of leaflets continued. St Mary Magdalen, Sheet, already leaflet new properties and new residents with their church leaflet. Originally the Easter & Christmas Card distributors used to give out information leaflets about church services but now not all distributors live in the areas they leaflet. It was proposed each church hold copies and distribute leaflets to new estates, new housing, new residents, doctors' surgeries, estate agents, Library, Tourist Information Centre, etc. Larger print runs will give cheaper per copy prices, but need to update leaflets as changes occur should be considered.

Volunteer Sector Meeting: Steve Field to be contacted for feedback.

Dates for Meetings: See 11. below. (Licence has been obtained for 21st Dec for Carols in the Square & venue booked.)

9. Any Other Business

Christmas Cards - Chris Tully Helen to advise Chris which school designing card. Bundling to take place on 13th November as Steep want to send out cards with their Newsletter. Printers need 3 weeks so information and designs need to be with them by Friday 20th October. Cards ready at printers by Friday 10th November. Helen to email churches for their Christmas Service information.

Foodbank – David Barton: Foodbank leaflets (designed by Sue Jupp) were distributed. David continues to be concerned that there is unmet demand and lack of awareness of provision, so distribution of leaflets important. He has stock of 500. There were 23 referrals to the Foodbank in June, 18 in July & 13 in August. Brian Edwards from the Salvation Army, who originally ran the Foodbank, had told the Foodbank Committee that it was normal for referrals to drop over the summer, particularly in August. 81 vouchers were issued for Bryants Jan-Aug 2017 & 105 vouchers have been cashed in. The Foodbank has £2597 in Bank Account. As Harvest Festivals bring in lots of produce for the Foodbank, stocks are run down in advance and gaps filled by cash purchases. The arrangement with Tesco sharing their Foodbank hopper collection between Liss and Petersfield is working well, but Waitrose collection still going wholly to Bordon despite being labelled for local needs. David continuing to work to change this, and to add further collection points in Marks & Spencer, and Natwest.

New initiatives include a collection in Rams Walk on 6th December, starting at 9am (-speak Marion Voller if wish to help.) David also spoke about the homeless & how to reach them. Referral forms were circulated. David explained who could refer applicants; forms available from Marion Voller, Foodbank Chair, at St Laurence. There is a problem of getting some people in need to accept help.

Needs lists are frequently updated: current needs are: coffee, drinking chocolate, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup, dried & tinned pasta, dried & tinned rice, packet desserts.



Foodbank Storage Stephen Wright said the Methodist Church was reviewing the Church Premises usage including foodbank storage at the Church. It was originally intended to store the Foodbank in the Salvation Army extension once built. It is understood they now have planning permission.

Passion Play: Tim Conannon bringing outline to next PACT meeting. He is proposing a modern Passion Play and hopes to collaborate with local theatre groups. Stressed importance of finding strong actor to play Jesus. (St Peter's Social Group has good amateur actors and Keith & Lindsey Gilbey of Life Church have useful experience.) He wants it to be a Theatre of Witness/Flash mob event – ie interactive with the crowd at the Petersfield Easter Festivities.

Holiday at Home Thanks were expressed for PACT financial support for recent event. 20 people (8 from URC, 7 from other churches, 5 non church) enjoyed diverse activities for 3 days.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) It had been proposed to hold BSF bible studies locally (organization is based in Guildford) but the proposed study of Romans in Froxfield this academic year cancelled.

Women's World Day of Prayer Stephen Wright said the Methodist Church was rostered to host the next WWDofP but with the loss of several key personnel in their church like Rosemary Davies he requested that some-else take over the event. He gave a box relating to the event to Tim Concannon. The country selected is Suriname. Esme Kelly (URC Administrator) to be consulted as she might be interested in helping.

Women's Brunch – Saturday 21st October – HFLC Invitation leaflets were given out. It was requested that numbers were notified for catering purposes.

Tear Fund – Speaker If any of the churches would like to have a speaker from Tear Fund, Simon has contact details.

500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the castle church door in Wittenburg Tim enquired if there were any local celebrations planned for the anniversary of this event of 31st October 1517, which started the Reformation. None known.

10. Tim Concannon ended meeting with the Airman's Grace.

11. **Future dates and events**

PACT Committee meetings 2017

Tuesday 14th November – Methodist Church Upper Room *Note change of date.*

PACT Meetings 2018

Wednesday 17th January: PACT AGM (Venue TBC – St Peter's?)

Sunday 21st January: Unity Service (Venue TBC – URC?)

Other PACT events 201

Wednesday 6th December – Collection for Foodbank – Rams Walk – from 9am.

~~Thursday 21st December: Carols in the Square~~

PACT Prayer Dates 2017

Wednesday 27th Sept - All Saints', Steep: 9am-9pm. Starts with Morning Prayer at 9am.

October – TBA

Friday 17th November – Methodist Church

December – The King's Arms

For further details see PACT website.

Other Events 2017

Saturday 21st October - Ladies' Brunch, HFLC 10am-12noon

Sunday 22nd October – Great South Run – Jim Apted of Fitzroy does 10m fundraising run.