

Minutes of Managing Trustees Meeting 12th January 2024

Dot opened the meeting in prayer

Present: Mr. D. Roughley, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. F. Williams, Mrs. D. Helsby, Mr. L. Laycock, Mr. D. Hill, Mrs. M. Laycock (Secretary)

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Matters arising:

New Church Centre Building – all snagging completed. The builder's account has been paid.

Knotweed has not been completely eliminated but the gardener has been treating it and keeping it under control.

Sale of the Church: The church was sold for £128,975 in July 2022.

The Church Deeds have been registered at the Land Registry are they are now at the Connexion Resource Centre.

Treasurer Report:

Connexional loan for Church upgrade approximately £100,000 has been repaid and they also gave a grant for 20% of the project cost.

Work completed – outside noticeboard, gardening work and tarmac approximately £11,000

Inside – audio, acoustics, alarm and new chairs approximately £20,300

Balance at 12/01/24 cash £102, bank £31,684 long term investment £10,000

A.O.B.

Bank signatories – L Laycock and F Williams. Osborne to be removed and the Business Meeting to decide on another signatory.

T Prescott and N Prescott not to be included because of ill health. No new trustees to be added at the moment.

Future jobs to consider

- New Fire Doors – UPVC double glazed and exit step replaced by a slope with handrails

- Radiator in kitchen lobby

- Blinds in kitchen

- Acoustics panels evaluate if more are needed.

- New fence panels are needed in the grounds.

- New fascia and soffits exterior of building, wood in poor condition last painted in 2021.

- Tidy up the landscaping already agreed, eradication of the ivy.

- Coloured lighting circuit needs checking as it trips the lights.

- Magnetic radiator panels to convert them to cool touch.

- Lower-level roof needs to be reviewed periodically

Job priorities to be decided by the Business Meeting

No Health and safety problems.

Need to ensure that premises are used for their intended purpose.

That we follow the Independent Methodist code of Practice.

Dave closed the meeting in prayer

Date of next meeting to be arranged January 2025

INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, THATTO HEATH, ST. HELENS

Statement of Accounts - Year ending 31st March 2024

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
374	451.18	GAS	1884.00
14597	37126.63	Electricity	2627.57
6427	7216.00	Water Rates	447.94
6584	5290.00	Insurance	1925.61
1350	1100.00	Connexion	1370.00
300	50.00	Broadband	416.40
2836	1653.00	Repair & Renewals	29149.17
887	1000.00	Overseas Missions	1500.00
2193	1931.50		
0	3650.95		
1500	1500.00		
1030	1131.00		
	1286.00		
	14000.00		
	107.97		

374	Cash in Hand	1135.36
14597	Cash at Bank	37038.18
		<u>77494.23</u>

Scottish Widows as at 31st March 2023

Long term investment	10000.00	10000.00
	<u>10000.00</u>	<u>10000.00</u>
Reconciliation		
Cash in Hand	1135.36	
Cash at Bank	37038.18	
	<u>£38,173.54</u>	<u>38173.54</u>
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Long term investment Scottish Widows £10,000.00

President - Mrs D Williams
Secretary - Mrs. F. Williams
Treasurer - Mr. L. Laycock

S Jones B Shaw

Audited 24th April 2024

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 7 May 2024

Meeting opened with a Prayer, Hymn (Here I am, wholly available) and Bible Reading (Psalm 82)

Silence was observed for those members and friends who had passed away.

Apologies received from Sandra Jones, Sally Rice, Andy & Marie Bradley

17 present (as attached list).

The minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2023 were read and approved.

Matters Arising

Nothing Arising.

President's Report (attached)

Report accepted

Treasurer's Report

Statement of accounts and report attached

Concern was shown as to whether we are fully covered with CCLI now that we are using more audio/visual technology – this to be looked into.

We are looking at replacing the fire doors, the wooden fences at the sides of the building, new fascias and soffits and having the lower roof recovered.

Auditors Report

Brenda Hill gave the report – the Books had been audited by Sandra Jones and herself and found everything to be in good order, all paperwork to hand and no discrepancies. Brenda thanked Les for all his hard work and for keeping the books so that it is easy for them to follow.

Reports accepted

Sectional Reports (attached)

All reports accepted

Election of officers (as attached list)

If anyone would like to take on this position of Church President in May 2025, can you please let Fay have your name by November 2024.

A.O.B.

Health and Safety policy – ongoing. Dave Hill to update the Policy.

Policy statement on Children, Young People and the Church – ongoing. Dave Hill to review the Policy.

Children's Act – no new teachers or helpers since the last AGM

Connexional Annual Conference rep – Denise Helsby. Dot Williams attending as a visitor.

Our building is used for its primary purpose

No Trustees have passed away since our last AGM

Trust Deeds are kept at Independent Methodist Resource Centre, Fleet St. Wigan WN5 0DS

The Equalities Policy statement – Dave Hill to review.

Concern was shown for Denise and Dennis re LGBT – is there a Policy, particularly re marriages. Fay to contact Shaun Newton to see if the Connexion have a Policy.

Date of next meeting 6 May 2025

Meeting closed in prayer.