

THE CHURCH OF GOD at BALLYMENA

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charity
held at 35 Frys Road Ballymena on 22/01/2025 at 10:00am

Present: Mr Thomas Bell, Mr David Mc Cooke

By Telephone: Mr Jonathan Payne, Mr Kenneth Mc Alees,
Mr Peter Comfort

In Attendance:
Mrs. Jenifer Shaw, Mrs. Hannah Hull representing
the Congregation.

Apologies: none

1 Quorum

The Chairman confirmed that a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded to business.

2 Declaration of Interest

Each trustee present confirmed that they had no direct or indirect interest in any way in the proposed transaction to be considered at the meeting which they were required to disclose.

The following Trustees declared the nature and extent of the interests they wish to declare as follows: None.

3 Purpose of the Meeting and Consideration of the Document

3.1 To review the financial year ending September 2024

3.2 The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit provision and are

confident that the Church has adequately met this requirement through its activities in 2023-2024.

4 Approval of Transaction

4.1 The Trustees considered their duties as charity trustees and after due consideration IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

4.1.1 The Church of God at Ballymena approached the year October 2023 – September 2024 with anticipation for the future. Sunday morning services continued as usual from 11:30 am. We appreciate all helpers who volunteer their time and talents to support the Church throughout the year. Additionally, the midweek Bible study and prayer meeting takes place every Wednesday morning from 10:30am - 11:30am. Over the last year, we have been studying different books of the Bible.

4.1.2 Church accounts were reviewed, showing an increase in income of £22,120.00 against an expenditure of £21,618.00, resulting in a surplus of £502.00. A discussion was held about ways to increase the church income for the year. It was also noted that the church supported missionary work in Kenya, Uganda, and Cambodia, and helped local people during difficult times.

4.1.3 After a discussion of moving forward and what was the best approach in today's world, it was decided that the church members would hold a meeting to see how the church could do more in the community. Some things were suggested for review of the congregation.

4.1.4 It was also noted that the church had conducted the Alpha Program on Friday nights, and attendees reported positive feedback. It was decided that the church should run the Alpha Course again this coming year.

4.1.5 Following a discussion about future steps and the best approach in today's world, it was decided that church members would hold a meeting to explore how the church could contribute more to the community. Some suggestions were proposed for congregation review.

- 4.1.6 Meeting closed in prayer thanksgiving was given to God for His blessing upon the church.

5 Closure

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed.



Chairperson

22/01/2025

Date