

Minutes of the Church of God at Newtownards Trustee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Church of God 10A Zion Place, Newtownards BT23 7ER.

**Present:** Pastor Kenneth McAlees, Mr Philip McMullan, Mr Jay Marotta,  
Mr Raymond Miskelly.

**Apologies** – Pastor Thomas Bell.

1. **Quorum** – The chairman confirmed that a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded with the current 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.
3. **Purpose of the meeting and consideration of the document.**
  - A. To review the financial year ending September 2023
  - B. To consider the charity Commission guidance on public benefit.
  - C. Refurbishment of the Church building.

#### MINUTES

As part of the review of the church finances the trustee's received copies of the Annual Accounts. The income of £55,153 was offset by the expenditure of £89,036 resulting in a deficit of £33,883. The deficit is a direct result of the refurbishing costs and has been planned for through gifts and sacrificial giving from the congregation over the past few years leaving the church with accounts in profit by £40,347.

The church continues to provide a public benefit through childcare provision which consists of a preschool facility operating daily within the church buildings.

Public benefit also includes the advancement of religion through the provision of church services, youth group activities and Sunday school, Ladies and Men's fellowship meetings and support for local and foreign missions.

The church is committed to continue its aim in the relief of poverty in the local community by training and equipping youth and the elderly. The youth club currently is providing support for over 40 children and young people and their families. Currently 8 teenagers are regularly attending Sunday services.

The church congregation are benefiting from the church refurbishment which is almost completed although there is still the issue of the repairs needed to the church roof. This will need a large amount of money which is beyond our capability. We will look at the possibility of applying for grants to maintain buildings of worship to help with this project. We anticipate this will take several years to complete.

The Trustee's agreed we have met our commitment to public benefit and as there was no other business to discuss the meeting was closed with prayer and thanksgiving.

Signed by Chairman 11/06/24



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