

These are the minutes of a meeting of the trustees of the Church of God Newtownards held on the 25th June 2025 in the church premises at 10a Zion Place, Newtownards BT23 7ER.

Those present were; Pastor Kenneth McAlees, Mr Jay Marotta, Mr Philip McMullan,
Mr Raymond Miskelly,

Apologies; Pastor Thomas Bell

1. **Quorum:** The chairman confirmed that there were sufficient attendees to form a quorum, and the meeting proceeded with the current business.
2. **Declaration of interest:** The trustees present confirmed that they had no direct or indirect interest in any way in the proposed business to be considered at the meeting which they were obliged to disclose.
1. **Objective of the meeting:**
 - a. To present and review the financial accounts of the church for year ending September 2024.
 - b. To consider the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.
 - c. The ongoing repairs to the church building.

Minutes


Each of the trustees received a copy of the annual accounts of the church for year ending 30th September 2024. After consideration of the report of the church financial accounts the trustees unanimously accepted the document which was then signed by each trustee. We reviewed the planned refurbishment of the church interior which was complete to a high standard as recorded in the 2023 report.

The church roof was badly damaged in storm “EOWYN” on the 24th January 2025. Pastor McAlees reported the damage to the church insurance company, Arthur J Gallagher and our claim is still ongoing, but we hope to commence work to replace the roof within the next few months. We have secured a contractor to do this work and quotations have been submitted by them.

Our public benefit 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. We continue in our efforts to relieve poverty in the community through contributions of food through the local food bank and outreach programs to train and educate people. We have run gospel centred training programs such as “Discipleship explored” and “The Alpha course”. These are widely advertised, and everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

The trustees agreed that we have met our commitment according to our public benefit and as there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed in prayer and thanksgiving.

Signed by Chairman 25th June 2025


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