

**SHEFFIELD (WEST) CIRCUIT MEETING
HELD 21st MARCH 2009 AT WALKLEY EBENEZER CHURCH**

Devotions were led by Chris Cooke, Alan Glossop and Sue Griffiths

Attendance: There were 40 members present and 7 apologies received. Also present in the morning session were 9 non-members. Chairman: Rev. T. Bradshaw

Morning Session:

There was a presentation from the Circuit Review Implementation Group followed by group discussions. Questions and answers from the Circuit wide consultation were circulated.

The District paper Mapping a Way Forward was presented to the meeting.

Afternoon Session:

The meeting expressed its appreciation to the people at Walkley Ebenezer and Wesley Hall for the lunch provided.

The minutes of the meeting on the 22nd January were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising from 11th September 2008 meeting: (These were approved at the January meeting but matters arising deferred to this meeting)

Charity Registration needs: In view of possible changes to the Churches of the Circuit as a result of the Circuit Review Manchester has agreed to delay the registration of Hallam and Stephen Hill for a year. Circuit Registration: Connexion are in discussions with the Charity Commission about the large numbers that would need to sign as trustees. This also is on hold until these discussions are completed.

Carver Field: the meeting agreed a management committee of Roger Kite, Tim Bradshaw and one other to oversee this work.

Matters arising from 22nd January meeting:

Rivelin Glen-- the schedules needed to cease worship and sell the premises have gone through the District and are now with Manchester. It was thought that the congregation at Rivelin Glen who are meeting in a Community Centre should be encouraged to join Stannington or Stanwood It was agreed to change the bank signature from Andrew Coomer to John Whiteman and that the cost of insurance and other cost be met by the Circuit.

Steve Sowerby is reviewing his call to the ministry following the District Candidates Committee meeting.

Appointments: There is still a need for a World Church Treasurer and a Network Treasurer.

Julie Edwards was proposed as a Circuit Steward starting in September 2009 and the meeting agreed to her appointment. There will be the need for another Circuit Steward next year.

Representatives to Synod for 2009/10 to be: Alan Glossop, Emma Crouch, Maureen Owen, Brian Jones and Chris Iddon.

Circuit Review Implementation: Circuit Mission Enabler--a job description was circulated and agreed. The Management Team to advertise and arrange interviews for May and the success candidate to take up the post in September 2009. The view was expressed that as initially the Mission Enabler would concentrate on the Stannington, Stanwood, Dungworth, Rivelin Glen and Hollow Meadows section that someone from that section should be involved in the selection process.

Circuit Review Implementation Process. It was said that members of the group would meet with those Churches that seem less happy with the proposals, that a formal resolution be brought to the July Circuit Meeting and then to each individual Church. Representatives from each would then need to meet to decide on the details and bring into operation. No time scale has been put on the process. The Chairman agreed to produce a flow chart to circulate to the Churches.

District Review: The paper Mapping a Way Forward (presented in the morning session) needed a formal response from Circuits by the 11th December 2009 and it was agreed to send a copy of the paper to each Church. There will be three sectional meetings between the Spring Synod and the Summer with the intention of taking a vote at the September meeting.

Finance: John Whiteman presented the accounts for 2008/9 which had been prepared by Andrew Coomer. These were very near to the budget. The accounts showed this years trustees and this needs altering to last years.

Budget for 2009/10. £20790 would be needed from the Circuit Advance Fund to cover the cost of the Circuit Administrator for the current year. The meeting agreed to this. The budget for the coming year was accepted by the meeting.

The meeting expressed their appreciation to Andrew Coomer for the work he has done during his time as Circuit Treasurer and for seeing last years accounts to completion and through the audit.

The accounts for World Mission were submitted and accepted by the meeting. The meeting expressed its appreciation to Malcolm Clements for his time as World Mission Treasurer.

Property:

Reservoir Road Manse: The buyer for this property withdrew from the sale on the day of signing and it is now back on the market.

Wesley Hall: The kitchen has been refitted and is open six days a week and providing training for young people in conjunction with Dr. Barnados.

Walkley Ebenezer have completed their refit except for heating in the new rooms. The cost has been £220,000.

Don Smith reported that he is awaiting Hallam's accounts before he can complete the schedules. These accounts are at the auditors. The meeting agreed to Rev. Tim Bradshaw signing the schedules when they are complete. The appreciation of the meeting was expressed to Don Smith for the work he has done as Circuit Property Secretary.

Staffing: The meeting was reminded that Deacon Adrienne Nixon and Rev. Sue Griffiths are due to begin the re-invitation process this Autumn.

Local Preacher's Business: The accreditation service for Steve Sowerby to be at 6.30pm on the 5th April at Wesley Hall.

News from Churches:

St. Luke's expressed their thanks for the financial help they have received from Methodism during their recent refurbishment.

Hollow Meadow were concerned about an electricity bill they had received which was about 10 times the usual amount. Suggestions for self checking the meter were made.

Dates of Future Meetings:

Note date change - 14th July 2009 Stephen Hill evening

10th September 2009 Wesley Hall evening

25th November 2009 Broomhill evening

20th March 2010 all day venue to be arranged

6th July 2010 evening venue to be arranged.