

SHEFFIELD (WEST) CIRCUIT MEETING
HELD 25th NOVEMBER 2009 AT BROOMHILL CHURCH

Devotions were led by Donald Smith.

Attendance: There were 35 members present and 10 apologies received. Chairman: Rev. T. Bradshaw.

It was agreed to send the meetings greetings to Deacon Adrienne Nixon who is in the High Dependency Unit at the Northern General hospital and to Jonathan and Ian Fenton following the death of their mother Betty.

The minutes of the meeting held 10th September 2009 were approved with the following additions:-

1. Charity Registration: The meeting noted that there was no further information for Circuits.
2. Carver Field Bench from Knowle Top: It was agreed that the original bench should go to Litton Chapel and the original plaque be left on and a new one attached to a new more suitable bench.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Hallam Lay worker. A meeting had been held on the 26th September 2009 between Hallam, Stephen Hill and Broomhill. They reviewed the present work and it was deemed to be essential to the life and mission of the Church. Discussions on whether a children and families or a youth worker be sought resulted in the conclusion that it should be both with the youth worker being 0.5 time. A "pledge" day showed that the Church would support this and discussions with Stephen Hill are in hand to make the youth worker appointment fulltime. A.D.R. Reviews: There is need for an extra reviewer.

Network Treasurer: Jean Whilmslow to act as both treasurer and secretary.

Mapping a Way Forward: Three meetings have been held between representatives of the Sheffield circuits to look at the ways of running a larger circuit. The half day January Synod will consider the matter further.

Circuit Review Implementation Group: All Churches passed the proposed resolution at their Autumn Church Councils and meetings are now needed to see how to run the new Churches. Work is ongoing to interpret standing orders for the constitution of the new churches councils and of representation to the circuit meeting. A resolution to be brought to the March circuit meeting.

Circuit Staffing: It was anticipated that the Stationing Committee meeting on the 26th November would recommend that we be allocated a Probationary Minister and a Deacon.

Sabbatical Support Group: Adrienne Nixon's group to be held in abeyance. Tim Bradshaws group to be Alan Glossop, Pam Flavell, Maureen Owen, John Hayes (chairman) and John Simms.

Finance and Property: The Circuit accounts are with the auditors and should be completed by the calendar year end.

Wesley Hall: Modifications to the heating system to cost £950 + V.A.T. and the meeting agreed to support with £500 from the Circuit Advance Fund.

Travel Bursary. The meeting agreed a grant of £500 to James Simms for his trip to Kenya and Uganda. It was agreed that a group consisting of the superintendent minister, the circuit treasurer and one member from each of the new churches and a member from St. Luke's be established for "energy grants."

Travel Bursary Group to consist of the university chaplain, circuit treasurer and one member from each of the three new churches and St. Luke's

World Mission: Malcolm Clements presented the financial report for the past year. The circuit treasurer agreed to act as world mission treasurer for the rest of the current year. The meeting thanked Malcolm for his work over the years.

Property Matters: Rivelin Glen is now for sale and the circuit has been approached by Sheffield Council agents over the possible sale to us of land giving access to the road. This is being followed up through our estate agents. A service to celebrate the work done at Rivelin Glen over the years is to be held on the 6th

December starting outside Rivelin Glen at 4.00pm and processing to Knowle Top for a service at 5.00pm.

Manses: Canterbury Avenue is awaiting the stationing decision as it was agreed to offer a choice of Canterbury Avenue or 23 Burnt Stones Close to the appointed Deacon.

A proposal to spend £132703 on the Reservoir Road manse to update it and then sell Glebe Road manse was put to the meeting. Much debate centred on the relative merits of the manses at Reservoir Road and Glebe Road and on the difficulties of obtaining houses that meet Connexional requirements. It was felt by some that the requirements moved houses into the "luxury" bracket whilst others argued that the requirements were needed to enable a minister to fulfil their role. It was said that much work needed doing at Glebe Road and it would mean John Simms and his family moving out while it was done. The proposal to do the work on the Reservoir Road manse and then sell the Glebe Road one was passed with 20 votes for, 7 against and 8 abstentions.

A proposal that the Circuit Meeting of the Sheffield (West) Circuit in their capacity as Managing Trustees of Circuit Property give delegated power to the following Circuit Stewards Julie Edwards, Alan Glossop, Anne Mason, Mary Parker and John Whiteman to approve, sign and execute in the names and on behalf of the Managing Trustees for the purposes of the extension and refurbishment of 8 Reservoir Road was agreed with 30 in favour and 8 abstaining.

Greenhow Street. This is currently let to students but the income generated makes it uneconomic. A proposal to sell the property at the end of the academic year was carried with 30 in favour and 3 abstaining.

It was pointed out that some property and finance schedules were now overdue.

Circuit Mission Enabler Report: In Nel Shallow's absence the report was given by Sue Griffith. Nel's management group is Sue Griffiths, Julie Edwards and Chris Sissons. It was reported that Nel is preaching round the circuit, attending local church events, planning a review with John Simms and the Rivelin Glen people, going round the estate and developing a vision of possible work. On the 13th December there is to be a carol sing outside the Community Centre. She wants to meet with church stewards and is suggesting a series of workshops in March on equipping for mission.

Iris Jones said that she was disappointed that Nel had not met with Stanwood people except for a short time at their fun day although the intention was for her to concentrate initially on the "north of the Rivelin" part of the circuit.

A proposal that Nel continues in post following her 3 month probationary period was agreed.

Carver Field: A small group of local residents has approached the circuit with a proposal for a "Crosspool Community Farm" based on a sustainable lifestyle for the paddock area. It was agreed that this be investigated further.

Steven Sowerby - Diaconal Candidacy: The Circuit Leadership Team will report on Steven and there will be two trial services.

Action for Children: Liz. Jenkinson has written wanting better a relationship with the circuit.

2011 is the year of the Bible and the meeting was asked to consider how we might respond to this.

Charity Registration: Circuits with a turnover in excess of £100000 need to be registered but the circuit is seeking a dispensation for this year because of the reorganisation necessary next year. The signature of every trustee will be required.

Dates of future meetings:

20 th March 2010	Hallam all day
6 th July 2010	St. Luke's evening
8 th September 2010	Loxley evening
23 rd November 2010	Crookes Valley evening