

# Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
at 7.00 pm  
in Threshfield Village Institute

*The Agendas for the AGM and Executive Meetings were combined*

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. Apologies were received from Rev Fiona Jenkins, Sue and Geoff Arnott, Sue Nelson, David Phillips, Rev Andrew Summersgill, Peter and Anne Vetch, Elsie and Lorna Thornborrow.

Present: - Rev Peter Thomas (Chair), Rev David Macha, Rev Peter Yorkstone, Rev Janet Clasper, Bill Haigh, Gill Jowett, Jayne Sayer, Angela Cox, Ian Goldthorpe, Anne Marsden, Heather Mallinson, Ron Fletcher, Paula Jackson, Maureen Keep. *(If anyone is not on the list please let me know – everyone did not write on the register and I think there might be one or two names missing)?*

3. The Minutes of the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were passed as being a true record
4. Election of Officers

— There have not been any nominations for the posts of vice chairman or treasurer. It was suggested that we ask David, before he goes to Australia at the weekend, to write a paragraph outlining the main duties of the treasurer to be read out at next Sunday's services.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

Rev. David Macha was at the AGM but was omitted from the list of those attending.

6. Reports on Events

Re: The Dickensian Saturdays – All went well apart from problems with the sound system which is not suitable for the service after the procession. Steps will be taken to improve this for next year.

The Unity Service: There were 95+ at this service, and was enjoyed by those who attended it.

It has been decided that because of The low attendance at the One World Week service at the Congregational Church, this will not take place this year.

7. Forthcoming events

Lent groups: If details from individual churches can be emailed to the secretary, a list of the different groups will be circulated.

Pulpit swap: David suggested this be put off till a later date – maybe late October? He will email when a date has been decided on.

Festival Service: Peter said that there was a meeting of the Festival Committee later this week and the possibility of holding a service 'on the field' is one of the points being discussed. Details will follow later. The date will be either 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A speaker will be decided on later.

There will be on Good Friday both the walk to Rylstone Cross and the procession and service in Grassington Square.

The Buckden Prayer and Praise evening: Peter (Y) will arrange this.

#### 8. Reports

**Christian Aid:** Copies of the financial statement were available and a copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes. Funds raised have increased each year and are still holding up this year in spite of the general economic downturn. Gill circulated a poster for a Fair Trade day in the Congregational Church on February 25<sup>th</sup> during Fair Trade Fortnight, with the profit going to Christian Aid funds. The Christian Aid Service will be at St Michael's Church, Linton on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 6.30pm.

**Youth Groups:** All the groups continue to be well attended and enjoyed by all. The EXCITE service at the Congregational Church has seen numbers attending dwindle and the age of attendees going up, so it is no longer a service for young people open to everyone but a general service.

#### 9. A.O.B.

Angela (Cox) raised the matter of the derelict buildings at Linton Camp and felt they should be being used for a socially orientated purpose such as a refuge for battered wives. Further enquiries would be needed to establish ownership and planning regulations/restrictions for this site.

#### 10. Date of next meeting

An executive meeting will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 5.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Threshfield.

11. A very interesting and informative talk and DVD followed, presented by Steve Hulbert from Skipton Baptist Church, who have recently formed a branch of C.A.P. At their church. Steve talked about the amazing work done by this organisation on behalf of people who find themselves in debt. Further information can be seen at [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

If anyone would like to be involved in the work of C.A.P., they could volunteer and train as a 'befriender' or raise money for the organisation which is totally funded from voluntary donations.

Peter thanked Steve for coming to talk to us and closed with a prayer.

