

# Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale

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## Minutes of the Executive Meeting

held on

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 7.30pm

at

St Margaret's, Threshfield

1. Revd David Macha opened the meeting with prayer.
2. **Present:** Anne Vetch (chairman) Heather Mallinson, David Phillips, Anne Marsden, Rev Peter Thomas, Ron Fletcher, Sue Nelson, Rev. David Macha, Ian Goldthorpe, Elsie Thornborrow, [Lynn Thornborrow](#), Rev Fiona Jenkins

**Apologies:** Rev. Peter Yorkstone, Alyson Coney, Fr Peter Dawber, Bill and Frances Haigh, Elspeth Miller, Patsy Campbell, Rev Kathryn Hammond, [Paula Jackson](#).

3. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010 were passed as a true record – proposed by Ron Fletcher, , seconded by David Phillips .

### 4. Matters Arising

- The Website is ready to go 'live' and has been circulated to everyone by email, but Anne wanted to check if anyone had any further suggestions for the website, she also had some queries:-
  - i. when was CTUW formed? – “ more than 20 yrs ago”
  - ii. is it affiliated to any organisation? – to Churches Together in Great Britain and Ireland
  - iii. if anyone has any prayer requests to post on the website, please email to Peter Vetch – also events which need advertising
- The Festival Service and Buckden Praise Evening were both very successful and enjoyed by those who attended.
- David said that help at the Kilnsey Show tent had been very 'scratchy' and a greater commitment would be needed if we want to continue with this excellent (& only) 'outreach' for CTUW. He also said that it was very well used and appreciated. It was decided to advertise for helpers sooner in the year and offer free admission and parking, to hopefully recruit more volunteers.
- Peter Thomas said that he, together with Peter Yorkstone, Kathryn Hammond and Glenys Hobbs, had read stories in the children's tent at half hourly intervals. The numbers varied between six and twenty in a group.
- Anne will arrange a visit to Skipton Mosque for early in 2011.

5. **Calendar events** – Sept 2010 – Jan 2011

- The One World Week Service will be at 6pm at the Congregational Church, Grassington on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010. It will replace the usual Exite service and there will be refreshments afterwards.
- The Dickensian weekends will be 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December this year. The procession arrangements are as in previous years and Peter (T) said the local clergy would arrange between themselves *`who does what when'*. The carols in the square on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, start at 6pm and Peter (T) will liaise with Angela Jackson and also, as in previous years, with UW School who very generously print the carol sheets for us.
- It was decided not to have the posters printed again this year nor the Christmas Cards showing all the church services. They are expensive and not felt to make much differences to attendances.
- Following a discussion about the role/purpose of CTUW, the feeling was expressed that it might be timely to look at the goals and objectives of the organisation and whether they are being achieved or not. To summarise "Where are we going with Churches Together?" It was decided not to have the unity service in the Grassington Town Hall but to look at alternative ways of demonstrating our shared Christianity, and to look at ways of experiencing each others worship. The suggestion was made to explore the possibility of *`pulpit swaps'* during the week of prayer for Christian unity. Ministers would go to another's service, taking maybe a couple of parishioners with them, deliver a homily, and then be offered hospitality by the host church members? - The clergy members will look in greater detail at this.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

David reported that the financial situation was healthy and he distributed copies of the income and expenditure account, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

7. **News from the churches**

- There will be carol singing at the Tesco store in Skipton for Christian Aid funds, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 from 1.45pm – 3.45pm
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Kettlewell Village Hall – Adrian and Bridget Plass + pie and peas at 7.30pm PROMPT – tickets £10. See posters for details.

8. **Any other business**

- The Unity Post newspaper is available but needs to be collected from St Andrew's Skipton. Peter (T) offered to collect them.
- The Bible in a Day – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Scargill, Kettlewell. Bring your own lunch. Suggested donation of £5 for the day. This is a CTUW event being held at Scargill.

9. **Date of next meeting**

Executive meeting + AGM at St Margaret's, Threshfield – 7.00pm meeting – AGM 7.30pm.  
January 11<sup>th</sup> 2011.

*Forward Planning/advanced notice: –*

- *In July Anne's tenure as chairperson will come to an end. Rev Peter Thomas will take over the post. A new lay vice- chair will therefore be needed (they will then become chairperson two years later)*
- *David (P) has been Treasurer for 10 years and is ready to relinquish the post. Volunteer needed.*

The meeting closed with The Grace.