

Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale

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Minutes of A.G.M.
held on
Tuesday 11th January 2011
at 7.30 pm – St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield

1. **Apologies** were received from Rev. Fiona Jenkins and Paula Jackson

Present: - Sue Nelson, Rev Peter Yorkstone, Jayne Sayer, Sue Arnett, Geoff Arnett, Ron Fletcher, Jane Way, Elsie Thornborrow, Lynn Thornborrow, Rev Peter Thomas, Paula Jackson, Alyson Coney, David Phillips, Anne Vetch, Gill Jowett & Heather Mallinson

2. **Election of Officers:**

- **Chairman** - Anne will be succeeded as chairman by Peter T, as current vice-chair, in July. A vacancy will then be created for a lay person to be elected for two years as vice-chair, taking over from Peter at the end of his period as chairman. Anne urged members to bear this in mind. Both are will to continue in office until July. The meeting unanimously agreed.
 - **Treasurer** – David agreed to carry on until July when he wishes to resign. Again Anne urged members to consider his successor.
 - **Secretary** – H.M. agreed to continue – proposed by Peter Y, seconded by Sue N.
 - **REVERB representative** – Sue N agreed to continue as CTUW rep. on the REVERB committee. Anne V proposed and Ron seconded the proposal.
3. **The minutes of last years AGM** at Scargill on 12th January 2010 were approved as a true record. Proposed by David P and seconded by Peter T.

- **Matters arising:** The committee does not appear to have the full complement of representatives i.e. a representative + a deputy from each church in Upper Wharfedale. This will be looked at later.

4. **Reports:**

- **Chairman's report** – Anne reported on the year's activities. A copy is attached to these minutes.
- **Christian Aid.** Gill Jowett gave a brief report of a most successful year for Christian Aid in this area. She has only recently taken over from Liz Trevor as C.C. organiser/co-ordinator but has been involved with Christian Aid previously. Anne thanked Gill for her report and wished her well. The next C.A. meeting will be on 27th January 2011.

- **Youth matters.** Peter Y talked about the discussions of the REVERB committee regarding the direction the youth group should take. The decision was taken to be a group based firmly in Christianity with its beliefs and values but open to everyone of all faiths and none, truly open and ecumenical. The youth workers are enthusiastic and the group so successful that it has outgrown the chapel site on Threshfield corner and is moving to new premises in Upper Wharfedale School.

Alyson wondered if the leaders might be willing to come to a CTUW meeting and give a presentation of their work with the young people. Peter Y said he would look into this suggestion but does not want to give them too much extra work,

Peter T talked about his activities with young people and mentioned the EXCITE service which takes place every third Sunday evening at the Congregational Church in Grassington, and to which everyone is very welcome.

- **Treasurer's report.** David reported that the finances are in a healthy state (copy attached to the file copy of the minutes) and that in the absence of a collection from the Unity Service, he suggested we donate £250 to a worthy cause. Sue N proposed and Anne V seconded that this should be given to REVERB to help them with their new accommodation. Anne thanked David for his report and all the work he has done looking after the financial affairs of CTUW.
5. **Where do we go from here?** The discussion about the decision not to hold a Unity Service this year continued from the executive meeting and the extent of the disappointment expressed. It was felt that the 'pulpit swap' could take place as well as the ecumenical service and that it was not necessary to cease one activity in order to try something new. It is good to introduce new things and good to realise how much people value something when it is taken away!
 6. **Calendar of Events.** These were dealt with in the previous meeting (see minutes)
 7. **A.O.B.**
 - Fr Peter Dawber is retiring. His presence at meetings and support will be sadly missed and our good wishes and prayers go with him to his new home in Bentham .
 - Also leaving for pastures new is Rev. Kathryn Hammond. She will be moving to Lichfield in March. There will be a service followed by a meal to say 'goodbye' to Kathryn. She too will be missed and we send her our prayers and good wishes for the future.
 - Both the Methodist Church and Congregational Church in Grassington are celebrating their 200th Anniversaries this year. The Congregationalists will be having various events throughout the year and details will be on the web-site, whilst the Methodists plan to hold one big event later in the year. Congratulations to both Churches.
 8. Next years AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed with prayer