**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 16th June 2020 at 7pm for 7.30pm

via Zoom hosted by New Life Pentecostal Church (NLPC)

**Present:** Pam Annison; Confidence Bansah; Lynn Bassett; Paul Boggis;

Sharon Boyall; Josh Carlos; Colin Cartwright; David Chapman;

Kerry-Anne Cooper; Owen Cooper; Nikki Daly; Sheila Daly; Bob Day;

Helen Fellows; Francis Graham-Brown; Frederica Graham-Brown;

Lizzie Hood; Richard Howlett; Austin Janes; Chris Jones; Carole Lewis;

Heather Lewis; Andrew Masters; Kevin Minier; David Murray; Sarah Murray;

Joel Nanganuri; Norman Spink; Simon Wright; David Young.

1. **Welcome, Prayer and Worship**

There was an opportunity for people to introduce themselves before the formal business began. Nikki welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. Josh from NLPC led a time of worship.

1. **Apologies –** there were no apologies received.
2. **Minutes of the CTHH AGM held in June 2019** had been circulated in advance with the agenda. These were agreed by the meeting and signed by Heather Lewis, to be countersigned by the chair at a later date.
3. **Matters arising** – there were none.
4. **Organisation and activity updates:**
* **Dacorum Street Pastors:** Mike Wallis, chair of the trustees, had provided a written report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Nikki highlighted the fact that they were in need of two additional trustees.
* **Liberty Tea Rooms:** Owen Cooper had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. LTR was currently closed because of the Covid 19 crisis.
* **Christians against Poverty:** Owen Cooper had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. He confirmed that there were 5 families who had recently become debt free.
* **Pray Hemel:** Penny Crosswell had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting**.** Despite lockdown people were being encouraged each month to pray at home.
* **Rambles:** Chris Jones had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting**.**
* **Discovery:** Andrew Masters had provided a written report of his work over the past year which was circulated prior to the meeting**.** This included a list of schools he had visited as well as items for prayer and praise despite the fact that he was not currently able to go into schools.
* **Youth Across Hemel:** As there was no written report Nikki gave a brief update about two successful meetings of The Mix and the work which Damon Harding was doing connecting with churches and with headteachers.
1. **Officers’ Reports:**
* **Chair:** Nikki Daly had provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting**.** As well as events of the past year she included reflections of her role as chair for the past 6 years from which she was stepping down. She thanked those who had supported her and, in particular, David Chapman who had preceded her as secretary. She had contacted many churches in the town where she had been invited to speak and was made very welcome. She highlighted the Good Friday Walk of Witness as the most high-profile event which demonstrated Christians coming together in the town. Chris Jones and Austin Janes both thanked Nikki for the work she had done as chair.
* **Secretary:** Heather Lewis had provided a short written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. She emphasised her role in disseminating information as widely as possible to give churches and individual Christians the opportunity to work together. Austin highlighted the role of the CTHH website and Facebook in keeping people informed. He hoped that in future there would be a separate publicity secretary and a communications report. During the past year the website had been redesigned by and was now managed by Philip Russel, which would represent a considerable future saving.
* **Treasurer**: The accounts for 2019/20 were displayed on screen for the meeting. Chris Jones talked through the details and confirmed that, as there was a balance in hand, there would be no subscription required from churches for 2020/21 although a few had made a voluntary donation.
1. **Appointment of Examiner**

Sharon Boyall confirmed that she was willing to audit the accounts.

1. **Election of Trustees:**

Nikki Daly, Austin Janes, Chris Jones and Heather Lewis had confirmed that they were willing to serve as trustees for a further year. Their re-election was agreed unanimously.

David Chapman and Caroline Wainman would be standing down as they were moving from the area.

Andrew Brazier and Joel Nanganuri had been co-opted during the year and were willing to stand for election as trustees. Paul Boggis had confirmed his willingness to stand for election as a trustee. Their election was agreed unanimously.

Chris Jones confirmed his willingness to serve as treasurer for a further year.

Heather Lewis confirmed her willingness to serve as secretary for a further year.

Austin Janes confirmed his willingness to serve as chair as Nikki Daly was standing down.

Andrew Brazier had expressed his willingness to serve as vice-chair.

1. There being no other business, Austin closed in prayer followed by all joining in the Lord’s prayer, and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.