

Minutes of the Midi P and Aude Chaplaincy Council Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7.30pm, via Zoom

Attendees: Clive Billenness, Linda Billenness, Pete Burd, Georgina Hodgson (Secretary), Peter Hooper (Chair), Bob Humphrey, Ginny Jenkins, Ross Jenkins (Treasurer), Tricia Lauanders, David Phillips, Celia Scott, Jerry Silverthorn, Margaret Snow (13)

Apologies: Sheri Arjangi, Gill Heyworth, Kevin Megarry, Gavin Porter, Sam Silverthorn, Heidi Worswick

1. Opening Prayer

Celia opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Welcome

Peter welcomed all present.

3. Attendance & Apologies

As above.

Peter moved Item 7 forward:

7. Approval of the new Chaplaincy address

He thanked Ginny and Ross Jenkins for proposing the use of their home address as the official address of the Chaplaincy and invited the council to vote. Tricia proposes, David seconds.

Result: In favour 11, Against 0, Abstained 2 (Ross & Ginny)

Pete Burd leaves the meeting at 19:46

4. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2022

Ross expressed his thanks to the independent examiner and the finance sub-committee for their assistance with the preparation of the report.

Ross briefed the council on the annual report and accounts for 2022 that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The chaplaincy had achieved an excess of income over expenditure of € 17,911, a situation that was likely to continue in future years if present worship patterns were to continue.

The income and expenditure statements were dealt with in some detail, the common fund contribution in particular.

Following a late contribution concerning the use of part of a restricted fund in 2022 to improve ministry for the Carcassonne congregation, it was proposed and agreed that it was more appropriate that these costs were met from the general fund. Ross would amend the report and send it to Peter for his signature on behalf of the council. The report with this amendment was put to vote.

Tricia proposes, Clive seconds, result:

In favour: Clive Billenness, Linda Billenness, Georgina Hodgson, Bob Humphrey, Tricia Launders, Celia Scott, Jerry Silverthorn (7)

Abstained: Ginny Jenkins, Ross Jenkins, Margaret Snow (3)

Against: David Phillips (1)

The report was approved by a majority vote.

Ross proposes the vote to approve the 2022 accounts, Celia seconds, result:

In favour: Georgina Hodgson, Bob Humphrey, Tricia Launders, Celia Scott, Jerry Silverthorn, Margaret Snow (6)

Abstained: Clive Billenness, Linda Billenness, Ginny Jenkins, Ross Jenkins (4)

Against: David Phillips (1)

The 2022 Accounts were approved by a majority vote.

5. Approval of the revised budget for 2023

The budget had been approved by the council in 2022 and had now been revised for this meeting to take account of changed circumstances, notably the common fund contribution for 2023. Ross proposes the approval of the budget, Tricia seconds, result:

In favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

The chaplaincy council approves the revised budget for 2023.

Peter asked for a huge vote of thanks to Ross and the Financial Committee for their excellent work in bringing this difficult task to a successful conclusion.

He equally pointed out that the next goal for the new Chaplaincy Council would be to start the process of looking into the question of Vacancy and how best to address that.

6. Approval of the new Chaplaincy Statuts

The new statuts will do two things:

- allow the Chaplaincy to be a legal organisation in France
- set out the Chaplaincy constitution as part of the Diocese in Europe.

Since no questions were raised, Tricia proposes the statuts to be approved, Ginny seconds, result:

The new Chaplaincy Statuts were approved unanimously.

7. See above

8. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will be that of the new council as elected during the ACM Part I on May 25, 2023. This new council will have the responsibility of appointing:

- Lay Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The date of the next Council meeting will be on July 15, 2023

9. The meeting closed at 20:48 with Grace led by Peter