

**Minutes of Swansea & Gower Circuit Meeting - Wesley Brynhyfryd**  
**Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 – 7.30 p.m.**

**Devotions:** Led by Rev. Siperire Mugadzaweta

**Present:** Rev. Howard Long in the Chair and **33** members present.

**Apologies:** Gwen Dumelow, Sandra Pengelly, Michael Roberts, Alan Cram, Beverley Poiner, Sandra Pengelly, Violet Soo, Les Want, Geoff Noon, Jeff Coleman, David Boakes, Gill Watson, Gill Worrall, Selina Taylor, Ian Campbell, Jane Closs, Irene Dendle, Doug Dendle, Rev. Gill Evans.

**Minutes & Matters Arising:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Mumbles Methodist Church in December were signed by Rev. Howard Long as a true and accurate record.

Rev. Leslie Noon gave a brief update regarding a visit to the Swansea Mosque where they were made very welcome. Please see Connect Magazine page 18 for details.

**Pastoral Concerns:** Prayers were said for the following members of our circuit churches who have sadly passed away: Phyllis Ley and Brian Harries (Clydach) Terry Lewis and David Williams (Mumbles) Doreen Yorke (Reynoldston). We also remember in our prayers, Blodwen O'Connor (Penlan) whose daughter, Angela died recently.

The meeting also remembered all those in our churches who were struggling with ill health.

**Ministerial Synod & Policy Committee:** 1) The ministerial Synod is due to meet at Abergavenny on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Rev. Pam Cram who becomes a Supernumerary minister later this year will address the meeting.

2) Rev. Andrew Walker gave a brief summary of the report from the Synod Policy Committee. (See full report attached)

**Sabbatical – Rev. Leslie Noon:** Rev. Leslie Noon will be taking her 3 month sabbatical following the Easter Sunday services. The meeting wished her well.

**Finance/Schedules:** A finance report was presented by Martin Gregson (Treasurer)

Any outstanding finance schedules should be sent to Rev. Long.

A Budget Meeting for church treasures to be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.p.m. at Sketty**

A further meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May if required.

**Ministerial Deployment:** A service to mark the retirement of Rev. Pam Cram, will be held at Clydach (Capel y Nant) on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Time TBC. This will take the form of a Cymanfa Ganu.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> Rev. Noon will take on pastoral responsibility for Clydach and Rev. Long for Penlan.

**Circuit Forward Planning – Penlan:** A briefing paper was distributed, proposing the setting up of a committee, chaired by Ken Allison regarding the future of Penlan church and premises. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

**Safeguarding: 1. New Coordinator & Assistant Post:** The Circuit was pleased to welcome the new Circuit Safeguarding Coordinators: Mrs. Lynne Taylor( Pitton) and Mrs Pat Davies (Uniting Church Sketty). Lynne will be responsible for administrative tasks and Pat for safeguarding referrals. See Connect Magazine page 12 for details.

**2. Circuit Policy:** Although nothing has changed since the last review, Rev. Long emphasized the importance of taking the Safeguarding directives very seriously. The Policy was unanimously agreed.

**Ogof Adullum Project/ Project Coordinator & Assistant Post:** A report was received and circulated regarding the funding of a Project Coordinator & Assistant Coordinator Post. Applications have been prepared to present to the Wales Synod and the Mission Alongside the Poor Programme. Heather Coleman – Circuit Steward proposed that the Circuit support the funding of the two posts by donating £2000 per year for five years. The proposal was carried unanimously.

**MWiB: Easter Offering:** A report was received and circulated. It was noted that Rev. Denise Yeadon will lead the Circuit Service on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Mumbles Methodist Church at 6. pm.

**Methodist Homes:** A report was received and circulated.

**Local Preachers:** A report was received and circulated. Congratulations were accorded to Cynthia Mumford for completing her Local Preacher course.

### **Property**

1) Schedules : Rev. Long asked that any outstanding schedules be completed as soon as possible.

2) Schemes: i) Wesley: Building work due to start after the last service on Easter Sunday.

ii) Brunswick : The ‘disabled toilet’ is now installed and is now operational. Plans are being discussed regarding the front of the building (Hall/ kitchen / toilet/ downstairs) and access to upstairs via lift etc.

3) Uniting Church Sketty : Now back in the newly refurbished Sketty Church. Plans are afoot to refurbish the balcony area.

4) Morriston: Following the Quinquennial report, most problems have been addressed with some still to do.

5) Manses: All major works have been completed but general maintenance is ongoing.

6) Quinquennials : Linkside Drive manse and Murton Church and Hall will be inspected during the summer months.

### **Mission**

1) Circuit Project 2015/16 : A report was received and circulated about The ZRJ Trust. A sponsored walk around the Swansea Marina will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Further information can be found in the Connect Magazine.

2) City Centre Ministry – Brunswick : A report was received and circulated.

3) Alpha Course: The Alpha Course to be held at the Southgate Club (Southgate) has so far attracted a few participants.

4) Ogof Adulllum: A report was received and circulated.

5) Connect : Connect Magazine is available. Thanks were again accorded to Myra Maddock.

6) Ty Croeso & Foodbank : Rev. Cram gave a verbal report to the meeting.

**AOB** : It was noted that Dr. Robert Alderdice has stepped down from his role as a Circuit Steward and it was agreed that a letter of thanks for his services would be sent to him.

**The Blessing:** Rev. Howard Long closed the meeting at 9.10 pm. with the Blessing.

**Date of Next Meeting 09.06.16 at Reynoldson**

*Future Circuit Meetings: 15.09.16 at Morriston 08.12.16 at Brunswick*