

Minutes of the Midi P and Aude Chaplaincy Council Meeting

Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 9.30pm, via Zoom

Attendees: Clive Billenness, Gill Heyworth, Georgina Hodgson (Secretary), Peter Hooper (Chair), Ginny Jenkins, Ross Jenkins (Treasurer), Tricia Lauanders, Kevin Megarry, Celia Scott, Samantha Silverthorn, Margaret Snow, Penelope Wanklyn (12)

Apologies: Kate du Toit, Richard Holmes, David Phillips, Gavin Porter, (4)

1. Opening Prayer

Peter opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Welcome

Peter welcomed all present.

3. Attendance & Apologies

As above.

4. Minutes of the last meeting on June 15, 2023

With no comments or changes the minutes were deemed true and accurate and were approved unanimously. Celia proposed and Ross seconded.

5. Approval of Kevin Megarry's mission to shed light on 2019/2020 accounts transition

Peter first stressed that the new Chaplaincy Council's main mission in the year ahead is to look forward and find a way to recruit a Chaplain or a part time Chaplain. The Council should make every effort to make sure the Chaplaincy's financial situation improves enough in order to do that.

Peter advised the council that, in view of certain misunderstandings that were still associated with the production and approval of the report and accounts in previous years, he had asked Kevin Megarry to conduct a high level enquiry into the matter and report on his findings to the council in due course.

Kevin was asked to produce terms of reference for his study to the next council meeting.

Kevin thanked Peter and the members for their confidence in him in requesting him to do the report. He said he did not share the same confidence. Kevin said that a report would ideally need someone with three qualities: a financial background, a knowledge of French law and its application to associations and faith based common sense. Kevin pointed out that he only has two of these qualities, and would be limited in his evaluation of the legal and procedural problems which might have occurred.

Members could therefore expect a report based on a broad common sense view with the objective of establishing how or if, what occurred in the past affects matters now. He would then make a recommendation as to what should be done about it, if anything. Once the report was submitted to the council Kevin would resign and leave it to the council to bring matters forward.

Kevin also said that he would try to achieve consensus but where this was not possible would attempt to summarise the different views. He also noted that some of the key members have declined to be involved and this may severely curtail the report.

Kevin will produce Terms of Reference with Ross for his mission, send to the secretary for circulation by email.

Samantha thanked Kevin for accepting to undertake this work and Peter wished for Kevin to feel fully authorised and supported by the Chaplaincy Council.

All agreed, Margaret Snow abstained.

6. **Appointment of officers**

a) **Lay Chair**

Peter had received one nomination for this position: Gill Heyworth. Tricia Launders accepts to stand in for Gill when she is unavailable as Deputy Lay Chair.

Proposer: Samantha

Secunder: Ross

Result of vote: unanimously in favour

b) **Treasurer**

Ross who has done an excellent job is willing to continue and since no other candidate came forward the matter was put to vote.

Proposer: Gill

Secunder: Kevin

Result of vote: unanimously accepted

c) **Secretary**

Georgina accepts to continue as secretary and no other candidate having come forward the matter was put to vote.

Proposer: Tricia

Secunder: Samantha

Result of vote: unanimously accepted

7. Approval of candidates for Archdeaconry Synod representatives

Peter reminded everyone that there are still three vacancies on the Chaplaincy Council, with no representatives for Vayrac and only one for Toulouse.

Peter had received three nominations for the two vacant positions of Archdeaconry Synod representatives:

Freda King (proposer John Baylis, seconder Gill Heyworth)

Anita Phillips (proposer Peter Snow, seconder David Phillips)

Margaret Snow (proposer Colin Ellis, seconder Dianne Ellis)

Margaret, already on the Chaplaincy Council as one of the representatives for the Carcassonne congregation, was asked if she would stand down and she agreed.

The election of these candidates being uncontested, Freda King and Anita Phillips are therefore accepted as the Anglican Chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrénées and Aude representatives to the Archdeaconry Synod.

8. Stewardship

No papers having been received, this item is referred to the next meeting.

Note from secretary (not discussed at the meeting): It was suggested at the ACM on May 25, 2023 that a Stewardship Officer be found and appointed. Perhaps a candidate would come forward before the next meeting!?

9. Update on Chaplaincy Zoom Account

Celia will purchase the Zoom account within the next two weeks and inform everyone. Ross confirmed that funds for this had already been allocated. There will be at least two people managing the Zoom account.

10. AOB

No other business.

11. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 19.30 (French time)

12. Peter said a prayer and the meeting closed at 10.37 with Grace led by Peter