



Churches Together in Oxfordshire Enabling Group
Minutes of the Meeting held via ZOOM
on Tuesday, 13th October 2020

Those present: Jason St. John Nicolle (Chair, Church of England), David Hare (County Ecumenical Officer), Chris Robins (Treasurer), John Anderson (Secretary, Methodist), Dave Llewellyn (Vice-Chair, Baptist), Glyn Millington (URC)

Apologies: None

1. The Chair opened the meeting in prayer.
 2. *Oxford Brookes Chaplaincy Review*. Report has had initial review, comments added, it will be published after the Board has had an opportunity to read, probably beginning of November. CEO was thanked for progressing this, despite difficulties.

ACTION: CEO
 3. *Update on Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys LEP/LECOS*: CEO had written to the church suggesting that a review was required, preceded by a meeting of all the participating denominations. It was understood that the new Archdeacon of Oxford was convening this meeting; CEO was asked to ensure that all appropriate representatives are invited. There was a discussion about the future viability of the LEP, given the reality of the lack of engagement by some denominations, for good reasons.
 4. *Timetable for LEP reviews*: The Secretary was asked to write to all LEPs for a copy of their constitutions and to follow up with CTiE on the notion of written questionnaire type reviews.

ACTION: SEC
 5. *Conversations at Christchurch, Thame (Methodist/URC LEP)*. The Secretary and Glyn reported on conversations that they had been involved with the Methodist Superintendent and Rev. Dr. Romilly Micklem, and the review of his ministry by the URC. It was hoped that the issues had been resolved and that the review group could meet, although the current restrictions on gathering may make this difficult.

ACTION: SEC
- It was noted that Christchurch, Thame were developing a new constitution from the latest CtiE model.
6. *New logo* – it was agreed that we would be “Churches Together” rather than “Christians Together”
 7. *Financial matters*. A new signatory was required for cheques with the departure of Rev. Martin Wellings. John Anderson agreed to being the new signatory. Chris was thanked for his work.
 8. *Topics for prayer and reflection for future meetings*. After conversation it was agreed that some of the issues raised would be better discussed at a ‘real life’ meeting rather than via ZOOM. The Secretary agreed to produce a discussion/review paper to guide our thinking. It was suggested that the involvement of Rev. Dr. Paul Goodliff or Jenny Bond from CtiE might be helpful.

ACTION: SEC

9. *Any other business* – none.

10. *Date of next meeting*: Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 12.30pm, via ZOOM.

11. Dave Llewellyn closed the meeting with prayers.