

CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER ON PORTLAND

MINUTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

List of Attendees

Richard Farmer (RF), David Farmer(DF), Carol Cruickshank(CC), Neil Cruickshank(NC), Becky Morley(BM), Darren Morley(DM), Jenny Greenwood(JG), Rosemarie Hussain(RH), Gisela Smith(GS), Sandy Cave(SC), Ian Urmston(IU), Martin Pain(MP), Sara Farmer(SF - minutes)

Title	Content	Action
Prayer	Welcome, Prayer and bible reading: Matthew 16 – The Great Commission	
Apologies	Ruth Lownsborough, Tracy Stagg (TS), Chris Preece(CP)	
Treasurer's Report	The Finances have just returned from the accountant and now need to be sorted. There will be a full report at the next meeting.	TS / RH
Summer Events Review	<p style="text-align: center;">Great, the way we all worked together and all had fun as well (SC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worked as a team, mix of churches, real blessing (CC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lots of fellowship, laughter (DF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nice to have a patio in Victoria Park whereas it was hard to get passed various things in Easton Park. However, event not so good in Victoria Park. (CC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Too many words in drama, preferred Easton to Victoria Park. (SC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Does it matter if there were large numbers or not. (GS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People heard it from their homes as well. (SC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Culturally relevant (NC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nativity and Easter, bigger draws – nostalgic Connexion, families like their children to realise what the true meaning of Christmas is. (CC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mission Statement was different for this event.(DF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not supported by churches/ Sundays proved to be our undoing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Access difficult in Victoria Gardens. (CC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Couldn't make it being on a Sunday.(IU)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next year do it Saturdays and at Quiddles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There was then a discussion over next year and it was agreed that it should be for the Islanders not visitors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IU suggested that if it is for Islanders then doing before the summer holidays may be better.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th June is the 80th D Day celebration and we may be included in this.(IU)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29th June?, 6,13 and 20th July are possible dates for outreach next year and permission is to be asked and churches told.</p>	DF

<p>Christmas Events</p>	<p>One big event on Christmas Eve in the park Starting with Salvation Army Band at 3-4pm Followed by refreshments – Salvation Army to supply their marquee (IU) Big procession with lights at dusk, hopefully with donkey and then nativity (CC)</p> <p>Christmas Sparkle on 8th December with Churches having a Christingles making stall Followed by Christingle talk service at All Saints Church (RF) Post meeting note: Table has been booked</p> <p>Coffee morning at Easton Methodist Hall to raise funds for Christmas outreach (CC)</p> <p>Speak to Caron at Tesco for funds</p> <p>Singing round the pubs, etc with a reading of the nativity story/ Post meeting note: Rev Tim will be organising Christmas Carol singing as a Christians Working Together Event.</p>	<p>RF to enquire at stewards meeting.</p>
<p>Any Other news for the Church on Portland</p>	<p>Can we do something Christian in the b-side activities. Family Autumn Fayre at St Johns Church on Saturday 28th October Salvation Army is asking the question about what the Salvation Army should look like in Dorset in the future. If you hear rumours that we are closing unless those are directly from IU, then it is not.</p> <p>Open Arms is open (SC, GS) Bubble and Rise every Thursday (RH) We want more prayer on Portland (SC) Week of Prayer end of January Prayer Walks (BM) Sponsored walk in the Spring (DM) New Course for non-believers (Mike and Pat Field)</p> <p>IU suggested more prayer in Holy Week There is a lot of events in Holy week on The Island. (SF)</p> <p>Things will happen when we prayer more</p> <p>Advertise Events in the Free Portland News</p>	<p>CP/CC to action this</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>16th November, 2023, 7pm in St Andrews Church, Southwell</p>	

