

**ADARE UNITING CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 14 November 2017

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**PRESENT:** Johanna McCallum, Lesley Stevens, Neil Pontifex, Peter Manuel, Bill Reddin, Lesley Mableson, Ruth Williamson, Vanessa Wiese.

Dennis Williams in attendance.

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley M welcomed everyone and opened with prayer.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Lorraine Carbins , Susan Doughty.

3. **DEVOTIONS:** I John 1:3. Ruth used a small collection of nativity scenes from different countries to illustrate her observations that we are all the same, and yet each one of us is different. We are all on the same journey, seeking the same loving God whom we love and serve, but we each have different journeys and different ways of serving and showing our love.

4. **FIXED ORDER OF THE DAY** Dennis Williams arrived at 10 a.m.

4.1 Dennis thanked Lesley Stevens, Peter Manuel and John Mardell for their work on the MOU which describes the relationship between Adare and VHMS without specifying daily/operational activities. Council **agreed** the final draft be sent to Synod for their approval. Dennis

4.2 "Rules of Association" – Council **agreed** Lesley Stevens write a draft "Rules of Association", as required by the Associations Incorporations Act, using other Men's Shed Association rules as a guide. These rules will be sent to Synod for their consideration and assistance in finalising the document. Lesley S

4.3 Council discussed the increased workload for the Treasurer caused by the accounting required during the build of the new sheds, and extended operating days once the sheds are occupied. Council **agreed** Lesley S will investigate the cost of a new MYOB accounting package/licence that enables remote access by VHMS Treasurer, plus the purchase of a new computer capable of handling internet access and more complex software. Lesley S

4.4 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UCA Ageing and Wellness Grant: VHMS submitted an application for funds at the end of October. A response is expected before Christmas.

Joh McCallum left the meeting at 10.25 a.m.

Dennis Williams left the meeting at 10.30 a.m.

5. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Bezuidenhout family has left Adare, and indicated they will be worshipping with another denomination.

Ian and Celia Stace have requested transfer to Craigmores UC – this will be arranged by Lorraine when she returns from Broome. Lorraine

6. **NEW FACES:** Mr & Mrs Schmidt.

7. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** No-one invited

8. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS**

Pinnaroo Church congregation is finding it difficult to continue without a Minister. The future of Adare's outreach to Pinnaroo needs to be considered at our Planning & Mission discussions next year.  
 Lesley M prayed for various people and situations.

9. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** 10 October 2017, 15 October 2017, 3 November 2017: **Accepted unanimously.**

<p><b>10. CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>IN:</b></p> <p>10.1.1 Helen Williams – the future of Adare’s annual garage sale. Council <b>agreed</b> that the letter would be read at the Congregation AGM on 26 November, with a recommendation to the congregation that the issues raised be part of the discussions at the Planning and Mission discussions next year.</p> <p><b>OUT:</b></p> <p>10.2.1 Application for grant funding from “40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ageing and Wellness Grant”.</p> <p><b>11. BUSINESS ARISING</b></p> <p>11.1 Lighting in front of Church – Ken Pratt and Bob Arnold to purchase downlights tomorrow. Ken has received approximately \$1200 from a number of donors to purchase the lights.</p> <p>11.2 Licence for video publishing / streaming of church services – to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>11.3 “Safe Church” representative: As there has been no volunteer for this role, Council <b>agreed</b> it would be the “Safe Church” representative.</p> <p>11.4 Welcoming newcomers – to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>12. REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Resources</b> - Council <b>agreed</b> Bob Arnold will purchase a 2.4 metre ‘Mini Skaff’ for use by Property Committee for high work. Council discussed the insurance implications and <b>agreed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Lesley S would get written guidelines from Wayne Booth (Synod) regarding insurance implications for volunteer users,</li> <li>ii. Council will set up a Register of Users for the ‘Mini Skaff’ based on the user’s age, requirement for use and ability to use the equipment safely.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.2 Christian Growth</b> – No report</p> <p><b>12.3 Worship and Prayer</b> – No report</p> <p><b>12.4 Mission and Outreach</b> – No report</p> <p><b>12.5 Pastoral Care and Fellowship</b> – Meredith Koch and Lesley M to look at the Pastoral Care Families in 2018.</p> <p><b>12.6 Minister</b> - Bill Reddin confirmed his role as an interim Minister until 31 December and discussed how timings for funerals are arranged with other users of the church and hall. Council confirmed they had previously agreed that where possible, the hall would remain available to regular users as part of Adare’s outreach to the community. Bill advised he would be available for pastoral care visits to those who asked for one; Council acknowledged that in most instances members of the pastoral care families supported each other.</p> <p><b>13. WORK HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b></p> <p>See item 11.4.</p> <p><b>14. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS</b></p> <p>14.1 Kidz Church – discuss at the December meeting.</p> <p>14.2 Election of Church Council Members – Council <b>agreed</b> a recommendation for a 65% majority vote would be made to the Congregation AGM.</p> <p>14.3 The future of the annual Garage Sale – see Item 10.1.1 above.</p> <p>14.4 Ben Usher – future mission/vision planning – Ben has been advised to provide a written outline of his suggested “Spiritual Gifts” study for discussion at the Planning and Mission sessions next year.</p>	<p>Peter</p> <p>Lesley S</p> <p>Lesley S</p>
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<p>14.5 Carpet for foyer and Kidz Church – discuss at the December meeting</p> <p>14.6 Café Crozier request – the request was withdrawn prior to this meeting.</p> <p>14.7 Reinstate Synod permission for Milton Hender to conduct baptisms and communion – Council <b>agreed</b> it would support Milton’s application for these permissions.</p> <p>Peter Manuel left the meeting at 12.05 p.m.</p> <p>14.8 Christmas Worship Services:  Sunday morning, 24 December, 9.30 a.m. Bill Reddin  Sunday evening, Christmas Eve Service, 24 December, 7.00 p.m. Bill Reddin  Monday morning, 25 December, Christmas Day, 9 a.m. Bill Reddin  Council <b>agreed</b> to find a preacher for Sunday 31 December, 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>15. <b>Close/Benediction</b> Lesley M thanked all members for their attendance, Bill Reddin closed with prayer at 12.15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 December 2017, 9:15am for 9:30am</b>  <b>Devotions: Neil.</b></p>	<p>Lesley M</p> <p>Lesley M</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes ..... /.../17</p> <p>Chairperson</p>	