

Holy Island (Bro Cybi) Ministry Area

MINUTES OF THE BRO CYBI MINISTRY AREA EASTER VESTRY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017 AT St CYBI'S AT 7PM

There were 31 individuals on the Electoral Roll present at the Easter Vestry.

OPENING DEVOTIONS

1. The Easter Vestry was opened with an Act of Worship.

ITEM 1 - NOMINATION OF MINUTE SECRETARY

2. Stewart Hayter was proposed as Vestry Secretary and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

ITEM 2 –APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. The following apologies were noted: Keith Bryant, Edith Bryant, Rima Martin, Stephen Knight, Lorna Owen, Ken Griffiths, Monica Griffiths, Val Cybi Thomas, Marje Lee, Chris Evans, Julie Wilde and Shirley Parry.

ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE 2016 EASTER VESTRY

4. The Minutes of the Easter Vestry held on Tuesday 26 April 2016 were Proposed as a true record by Elaine Griffiths. Seconded by Elwyn Owen and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2015 EASTER VESTRY

5. There were no matters arising from the 2016 Easter Vestry Minutes.

ITEM 5 – NOMINATION OF VICAR'S MINISTRY AREA WARDEN AND ELECTION OF PEOPLE'S MINISTRY AREA WARDEN

6. Kevin thanked both Carys Griffith and Edna Aldred for undertaking these important roles over the last year.
7. Carys Griffith had agreed to continue as the Vicar's Ministry Area Warden.
8. Edna Aldred having been Proposed by Jennifer Ellis and Seconded by Sheila Knowles as People's Ministry Area Warden, this appointment was agreed unanimously by the meeting.



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ITEM 6 – APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

9. The Accounts that had previously been approved by the MAC were Proposed for acceptance by Stewart Hayter, Seconded by Barbara Williams and agreed unanimously by the Vestry Meeting.

10. Kevin thanked Chris Medley for his hard work as Treasurer during the last year particularly as this also involved adopting the new Diocesan Accounting Practice.

ITEM 7 – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

11. Further to the query raised at the 2016 Easter Vestry whether the Auditors represented value for money, the Treasurer had looked into this matter and had concluded that we were very unlikely to find any more cost effective alternative Auditors that would offer such value for money.

12. It was proposed that Mr Colin Bell of Williams Denton continues as the Independent Examiner of the Accounts; Proposed by Elwyn Owen, Seconded by Beryl Jackson was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

ITEM 8 – ELECTION OF TREASURER OF THE MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL (MAC)

13. The Treasurer appointment would be approved by MAC on 7 June 2017. Christopher Medley had agreed to continue as Treasurer until then and was agreeable to reappointment by the MAC.

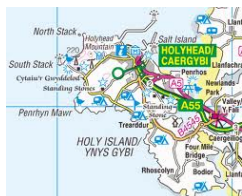
ITEM 9 – ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL (MAC)

14. The MAC Secretary appointment would be approved by MAC on 7 June 2017. Stewart Hayter had agreed to continue as Secretary until then and was agreeable to reappointment by the MAC.

ITEM 10 – NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS OF THE FOUR CHURCHES

17. The following Church Wardens were elected:

St Cybi's:	Betty Abbit and Elwyn Owen
St David's:	Gill Jepson
St Ffraid's:	Marge Lee and Lesley Corrie
St Gwenfaen's:	Edna Aldred and Susan Hanbury



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ITEM 11 – COMPOSITION OF MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL (MAC) FROM 1 MAY 2017 TO 30 APRIL 2018

18. The Ministry Area Council for 2016/17 would comprise:

Clergy - Kevin Ellis; Jane Bailey

Readers - Richard Parry; Janet Waddington and Glenys Samson once she has completed her training (Les Shepherd had retired during 2016 but was thanked for his outstanding service to Bro Cybi)

MA Wardens – Edna Aldred and Carys Griffith

Treasurer – Christopher Medley

Secretary – Stewart Hayter

St Cybi's Church Reps – Ann Hambley-Jones and Stewart Hayter

St David's Church Reps – Andrew Nason and Linda Ryder

St Ffraid's Church Reps – Frances Illiff and Carole Garrod

St Gwenfaen's Church Reps – Pam Naylor and Susan Hanbury

Diocesan & Synod Mon Co-opted Rep – Nigel Griffith

CYFME Rep – Kirsty Williams

ITEM 12 – REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL

19. The MAC Report was taken as read and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

ITEM 13 – QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VESTRY REPORT

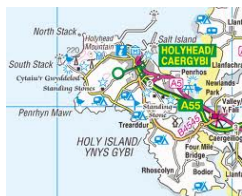
20. No questions were raised directly concerning the content of the Vestry Report. However, a question was raised about the impending closure of the HSBC Bank in Holyhead and the implications for the Church. The Treasurer reported that he did not expect this to be a major issue. Arrangements were being made to credit our HSBC Accounts with cash paid into the Post Office for transfer to HSBC. Only on very few occasions would it be necessary to go in person the nearest HSBC Branch in Llangefni. Consequently, the accounts would remain with HSBC.

ITEM 14 – MINISTRY AREA LEADER'S OBSERVATIONS

21. The MA Leader briefed the Vestry on a number of aspects the following being particularly noteworthy.

22. **Church Numbers.** The numbers attending church and which had shown some decline over the last year. However, he was concerned that the figures did not represent the true picture and for example, excluded people who only attended the Wednesday Service, those who received Communion in Care Homes or those who attended Messy Church. Efforts would continue to improve the figures to better reflect the true position.

23. **Property Issues.** The ongoing problem of the lack of contact with the RB (despite various attempts) on property issues affecting St Cybi's (Rescindment of Deed of Grant; St David's (Ownership of Land) and St Gwenfaen's (Potential Land Gift for Disabled



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Access). Archdeacon Paul had during his visitation offered to help as he is on the RB with specific responsibilities for the property portfolio. It was agreed that the MAC Secretary would write to Archdeacon Paul setting out our concerns; the MAC Secretary asked Kevin for back copies of correspondence to enable him frame his letter.

Action. MAC Secretary to write to Archdeacon Paul with details of the property issues that needed to be resolved within Bro Cybi.

24. **BMF.** The MA Leader congratulated Bro Cybi on managing to pay the BMF for the last four years and given the past history, this was a significant achievement. However, he recognised that the efforts to put the MA on a sound financial footing had begun on Jane's watch whilst she continues to be involved with leading the Fundraising and Stewardship Group. Looking forward, the 2017 BMF negotiations will undoubtedly be difficult as our MA is seen having the largest population on Ynys Mon (and therefore should have a significantly higher church population than is the current position). There are mitigating factors such as the very wide diversity between our churches ranging from the Walsingham Cell to Youth Alpha.

25. **Thanks.** The MA Leader set out his thanks to the many people who made Bro Cybi function: The Clergy Team; The MA Wardens and Church Wardens, MA and Church Treasurers and the many other people involved in running our Ministry Area.

ITEM 15 – ITEM 17 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

26. No other business was raised.

27. The Vestry was closed with the Grace.

Stewart Hayter
Vestry Secretary