



**The Children's Ministry Network of Britain and Ireland**  
**Business Meeting Minutes from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

*The Park Hotel, Dungarvan*

**Present:** Joy Raynor, Sian Hancock, Richard Knott, Mary Hawes, Mel Cook, Gail Adcock, Penny Fuller (Moderator), Andrea Harrison, James Mulhall, Rosie Nixon, Simon Peters, Shirley Porter, Kathryn Young, Aled Davies (Treasurer) and Martyn Payne (Secretary).

Also at the conference but not at this meeting: Sara Barron

**Apologies:** Isobel Booth-Clibborn, Suzi Farrant, Jacky Storey, Grant Barclay and Hannah Field.

**1. Matters arising from the CMN business meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Actions**

All matters arising were covered on the agenda for this meeting.

**2. Finance**

Aled reported that 2016 had been a quiet year as there had been only two 24 hour conferences because of the ECCE conference in May. The accounts have been audited and are included as an attachment with these minutes. The current balance is £12,006. The meeting expressed thanks to Aled for his diligent treasureship.

**3. Website and social media issues**

The group thanked Joy for her work on the new website. Joy reported that there are still some things to do including archiving minutes and checking that the new logo is everywhere. Simon Peters agreed to edit some of the Pdf documents such as expenses and invoices. The Secretary will send original documents to Simon for this purpose.

**MP**

Penny asked all members to check that links for their denominations and organisations are working properly.

There was a question about who was the administrator for our Facebook page. Mary agreed to set up a new Facebook page.

**MH**

**4. Report from the CMN Executive meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

Mary reported briefly on this and will send minutes around as soon as possible

**MH**

**5. CMN membership and notice of elections to the Executive**

Subsequent to this meeting the Executive discussed by e-mail the application by Tony Hasler (Petra UK) to become a member of CMN. Penny will write to Tony inviting her to join

**PF**

Sian Hancock agreed to look into who would replace Jackie Storey to represent the Baptists. **SH**

Executive members serve on a three year cycle and so elections should take place for Executive posts at our next meeting in November 2017 with the exception of James who has only served two years so far. Nominations for the other 5 Executive posts are welcomed from members so that ballot papers can be circulated prior to that meeting.

## 6. Future conferences

**Autumn conference November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2017:** Mary Hawes and Andrea Harrison will be facilitating a conference on Mental Health and Wellbeing among children at IMC in Birmingham. **MH/AH**

**Spring conference 2018, 20<sup>th</sup>- 22nd March** will take place at St Mary's Monastery near Perth. Grant Barclay, Richard Knott and Lorraine Darlow will be facilitating this conference. **GB/LD/RK**

There was discussion around whether we should have a big **conference in November 2018** that drew a wider audience, possibly from training colleges. Richard suggested that CMN could ask to join in with, or have input into, the annual meeting of ecumenical training colleges to advocate on behalf of children's ministry. Sian also suggested that it might be appropriate to look into the impact of children's ministry modules in the Common Awards scheme which began in 2011. Richard and Sian agreed to come back to the meeting with proposals for a way forward. **RK/SH**

**7. Follow-up to our November 2016 conference** concerning both the development of our website as a bank for online training and research papers and also discussions around ecclesiology and children's ministry.

This conversation also became linked to agenda item 8, which was the proposal from Faithfull Generation and Children Matter concerning a joint intergenerational initiative.

The following suggestions were made:

- A working party be set up to explore the creation of an online module for Core Skills that addresses ongoing professional development.
- That we review More Core which does not sell well and consider selecting and revising some of its modules to become online resources on our website.
- It was felt that a children's mental health and well-being module for Core Skills would be welcome and this could come out of our November conference this year.
- CMN is keen to work with Children Matter on developing an intergenerational Core Skills module

It was agreed that a working party be set up comprising: Lorraine Darlow, Kathryn Young, Rosie Nixon and Yvonne Morris. *Shelley agreed to contact Yvonne about this.* The aim would be to come up with the way forward embracing all the above issues. **LD/KY/RN/YM ShellyP**

It was also agreed that an 'ecclesiological working party' be set up and Simon Peters agreed to co-ordinate this. This group needs to connect with the Core skills working party. **SP**

***Both groups agreed to report their findings by Easter to the Executive***

Concerning the development of the website, it was agreed that CMN would allocate between £800 and £1,000 for video material from our conferences and on key issues. It was suggested that Grant Barclay might be willing to help with this. It was also suggested that the afternoon of the second day **MP**

the November conference could be allocated to this for those who do not have to travel off immediately.

It was also proposed that we should video members talking more about their own denominations and their children's ministry.

#### **8. Other business matters**

Penny and Aled reported briefly about the next ECCE in conference which will take place in Berlin from 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**The next business meeting** will take place on the **8<sup>th</sup> November at IMC in Birmingham**. The CMN Executive will meet on the morning of 7th (9.15- 12.00) and places for them to stay overnight will be booked for the 6<sup>th</sup> November

**MP**