



**CGMC EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 2011, Church House, Westminster**

**Present :** *Peter Hamill (Moderator), Mary Hawes, Alan Charter, Aled Davies (Treasurer), Penny Fuller, Martyn Payne (Secretary)*

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<p>The Moderator welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p><b>1. Matters arising</b></p> <p>[from the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 ]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ECCE – it was agreed that we should again circulate the dates of the next ECCE conference (in Helsinki: 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2013)</li> <li>b. Peter reported that the first full-time children’s adviser for Down &amp; Dromore Diocese in Northern Ireland had been appointed</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Finance</b></p> <p>Aled presented an overview of income and expenditure to date. The present balance was £11,431.54</p> <p>There had been a larger overspend for the Core conference than had been anticipated but the St Christopher Bursaries and about £1000 from CGMC funds had covered this and it was felt by the Executive that this was a good use of our monies.</p> <p>One member’s fee from Belfast was outstanding</p> <p>The inclusion of Peter Hamill and Martyn Payne as additional signatories for CGMC cheques was proposed by Mary and seconded by Penny. The appropriate paperwork was filled completed in the course of the meeting and supporting evidence for the bank would be sent to Aled.</p> <p><b>3. Administrative support for CGMC</b></p> <p>The main support needed was help with conference administration, which in recent years had kindly been given by URC Church House office. It was agreed that in future the organisers of a conference for CGMC would also undertake its administration (which in fact had been the case in years gone by). To help in this, on-line booking would be explored and this would be trial-ed by Penny and Mary for the London conference in November 2011</p> <p><b>4. Reflections on the CGMC 48 hour conference in Belfast 2010</b></p> <p>There had been very positive feedback on this conference. It had been relaxed, diverse, smooth-running and informative. The Executive wished to thank Peter for the organisation of such a successful programme.</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PH MP</b></p>

## 5. **CGMC 48 hour March conference in Yorkshire**

The Executive were grateful to Karen and Mick for persevering with the organisation of this and the resulting programme and the venue in Scarborough looked very exciting. It was agreed to circulate details immediately. It was also agreed to keep the cost down to £120 and to pay for any eventual shortfall from CGMC funds

**MP**

## 6. **CGMC 24 hour Conference in November 2011**

November 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> would be the dates for this conference and the venue London. Mary and Penny will sort the venue, set the theme and invite speakers.

**MH PF**

A theme such as children and the web/ social networking was mooted, possibly accompanied by some focused reading that looked at related issues.

## 7. **Future CGMC conferences**

The suggestion was made that we ask Vicki Shaver at ICC whether we can have a CGMC conference in Glasgow at the end of February or beginning of March 2012. The dates may well depend on term times there but it should avoid a clash with the C of E Advisers Conference, 20-22 March.

**MP**

The November 2011 conference would be 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> possibly at Woodbrooke again or a local hotel venue. Martyn would ask contacts in Birmingham

**MP**

## 8. **Proposed conference for representatives from theological colleges**

Some initial conversations had suggested that January 2012 was not the best date for this.

We decided that we needed to draw up a list of all the possible colleges that might be involved and that we would ask CGMC members to help us with this.

**MP**

In addition Mary and Alan would meet with Rt. Rev Paul Butler and Doug Swanney to look at who should do the inviting and what sort of shape such a day conference should take. A possible venue might be Westcote House Cambridge.

**MH AC**

Peter would also talk with the Principal of The Church of Ireland College in Dublin, whose input at our Belfast conference had been so encouraging.

**PH**

It was also agreed that we would seek some sponsorship for this event and Martyn would look into applying to the Westhill Foundation for this.

**MP**

## 9. **CGMC Website**

There are still wrong contact links on the site that need to be corrected. These include links to office holders and some member contact e-mails.

It was agreed that contact details for members could be removed, leaving links to organisational and denominational websites only. Any requests to contact members should come through the secretary.

It was agreed that the website has more potential still. Penny and Martyn undertook to go through every page and check everything was up to date.

**MP PF**

## 10. **Fink Cards**

This project had temporarily gone on hold following the discovery that Victoria Beech was now producing Bible talk cards in a similar style as those Mary had proposed.

However it was agreed that what CGMC could produce would be substantially different and Aled had some possible costs for printing the cards in Italy. They could be produced under the Core Skills brand. Aled agreed to talk with AD publishing (used by BRF) about this project.

**AD**

The questions for the cards – possibly using the traditional playing card suits to cover the themes of worship, life, general and family – could be collated from CGMC members at our next conference in March.

**MP**

### **11. UK version of ‘What matters now in Children’s ministry?’**

Mary has all the details of how to go about this web exercise as proposed at our last meeting and also has a list of 40 people who could be asked.

It was agreed that CGMC should write to these people and collate their responses. This could become a new resource on our CGMC website

**MH MP**

### **12. The 2011 Forum on the Big Society**

Alan shared with us the latest developments to hold a forum to look at implications for our children in the new political landscape – ‘Too small for the Big Society? – claiming space for children’. CGMC has offered to support and promote this day. It is scheduled now for the autumn and The Children Society is in on the core planning. Alan agreed to keep us up to date with developments.

**AC**

### **13. Proposal for a Children’s Assembly at Greenbelt**

Penny reported on this, saying it was too late to do anything for this year. In essence Greenbelt seemed to be looking for someone to run their children’s work and don’t seem to have taken on board the whole ‘children and families together’ agenda that we would rather support.

### **14. A WYMAD follow-up resource**

The *2Fish5Bread* resource will be available at the Children’s Ministry Conference in February. Alan wants to move things forward and look at how we provide something similar to follow up WYMAD in the UK. It was agreed that CGMC would be interested in being associated with this and in helping to promote it. Alan will keep the Executive up to speed with developments.

**AC**

### **15. Core Skills Accreditation**

Peter submitted a discussion document for the group to consider.

There were questions about fees and who would be tutors to assess the papers submitted. Peter outlined Leslie’s plans and agreed to take our questions back to him.

In essence completing Core Skills or More Core Skills would count as a unit towards a Certificate in Children’s Ministry. There would be 6 units to complete in total.

It was recognised that most people would just want their Core Skills unit accredited but that being part of something that could be taken further gave it added value.

Peter would bring this back to the table at our next meeting.

**PH**

### **16. Membership**

Martyn went through the current membership list of CGMC with the group to take corrections and suggestions for further contacts. He would update this for the website too

**MP**

## **17. Letter from Westhill**

The Executive considered a letter sent to us from the Westhill Foundation that informed us of its new website ([www.ourchildren.org.uk](http://www.ourchildren.org.uk)) which was mainly concerned with how to apply to them for grants for setting up a children's ministry project. We agreed to write to let them know we will pass this link on to our members.

**MP**

### **Date of next meeting:**

26<sup>th</sup> September 2011. 11.00-2.00 at Church House, Westminster.