

Members Minutes of Elders' Session 27th June 2017

1. 11 Elders present. Rev. Robert Bebb was in the Chair. There were 5 apologies.
2. The Session spent time in prayer.
3. **Minutes of 30th May** were approved and signed by Rev Robert Bebb.
4. Robert has received a **request for "First Communion"** from a family whose children were baptised in the church some years ago. The Session felt that this was not appropriate at this time because the family attend infrequently; but he will go back and speak to them about what Confirmation actually signifies; ie: acknowledging and demonstrating having a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. **A request has been received from Megan Barrett** and Ryan Anscombe to be married at Park End on 28th July 2018. Session agreed.
6. **Matters Arising from 30th May:**
 - a. No groups have met this month.
 - b. **CWM 17th September:** Robert will lead the service and Meirion Morris will preach. Josh Parmar was originally to take the service on this Sunday, but is happy to stand down.
 - c. **Service of Release for Robert 30th September:** no further details, although it is possible Glynis Owen will take the whole service. TBC.
 - d. **DBS:** Chris Sirrell reported that, following his consultation with the office, 17 relevant members are currently without a DBS; 28 have active DBSs; and 3 have been completed but not yet forwarded for validation. Chris is the interim Verifier. **At a future date a permanent Verifier will be sought, and the administration of DBS will be handled by the new church administrator.**
7. **Focus for next Session**
 - Pastorate Committee
 - DBS progress
 - Review of Holiday Club
 - Josh and Alanna (see AOB)
8. **Date of next meeting 1st August 2017, preceded by Trustees Meeting.**
9. **AOB:**
 - a. **Go" information** has been seen by most Elders. It was agreed that now is not the time to undertake a partnership with them.
 - b. **Registrars:** a Registrar will be needed when Robert leaves. **Irene Mallett and Richard Barrett** have expressed a willingness to take on this role until a new minister is called. **Robert will meet with them** to explain the process. The Session approved this.
 - c. **Powerpoints:** Jacqui will be relinquishing her role in producing powerpoints at the start of September. **Richard Barrett knows of someone who is interested in taking this on.**
 - d. **Presbytery:** next meeting Ystrad Mynach 28th July. **General Assembly 3-5th July;** Installation of new Moderator 4th July 7.30pm at Eglwys y Crwys. Further details on PCW website.

- e. **Monthly Prayer List;** Diane is away, so Robert will produce the Prayer List for this month.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the saying of *The Grace*.