

Minutes SF Council Meeting - 25/06/2021

Attendees:

Terry Baxter - Chair (TB), Andrew Briant (AB), Jim Crossley (JC),
Richard Dunstan-Meadows (RDM), David Foster (DF), Sue Foster (SF), Gill Gray (GG),
Roger Harrison (RH), Marguerite Jackson (MJ), Peter Jackson (PJ), Annette Lowe (AL),
Ginny Smith (GS), Peter Smith (PS)

Apologies for Absence:

Bruce Petter (BP)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	TB opened the meeting with prayer		
2	TB set out the purpose of the meeting, namely: 1. To decide whether to return to our traditional Worship venue of the chapel or continue in the main church, and, 2. If we decide to return to the chapel, when it should happen and what provisions we make for those uncomfortable with that choice. Comments and opinions were requested.		
3	MJ thought that the airconditioning should be working again before we moved back. AB reported that Don Ramon had told him that he had access to a replacement aircon system at zero cost which could be installed 'next week' and also the amplification system, which is not currently working, only had a simple fault which was easily repaired. As there was no cost to the RC church, there would be no cost to us. MJ queried the installation cost AB didn't know about this. SF asked if we knew the maximum capacity of the chapel. AB stated that the normal legal capacity of the chapel was 'very generous' and the current restriction of 75% of that was well above our current maximum attendance. PJ said that there were 14 pews which could each seat 5 people and maintain the required social distancing giving a capacity of 42. TB reminded us that the move to the church had only ever been a temporary measure and that it did give rise to time pressure both before and after the service because of the RC services on either side of ours. He was concerned that we did not cause friction or inconvenience to our hosts. AB's opinion was that the chapel was our original and natural 'home' and we should return there as soon as the time is right. TB asked if there were any opinions against returning to the chapel. AL stated that she was unhappy about it for personal reasons and would not attend services in the chapel. It was very hot in the chapel even when the aircon was working and she was concerned about social distancing being maintained. It was not safe. TB said that it had been thought that pews outside the chapel door could be used. AL would be happy to use those but we should be aware of those		

	<p>vulnerable as a result of health issues. TB agreed. MJ raised the potential problem of maintaining social distancing when people are leaving. SF suggested that AB could usher people to leave pew by pew. This was received with approval. JC asked if we could use the chapel this Sunday for MW as attendance was expected to be relatively low. This was agreed PJ suggested this could be a test run for a complete return. <u>TB proposed the motion that we return to the chapel from a date to be decided</u> GG seconded. Motion carried : 11 in favour 1 abstention (TB added the proviso that we also make seating available outside the chapel) <u>RH proposed that we begin using the chapel from this Sunday (27th June)</u> JC seconded Motion carried : 10 in favour 2 against</p> <p>RDM asked about service start times which had been adjusted when we moved to the main church. TBs opinion was that we maintain the current times and that 1 change avoids confusion.</p>		
4	<p>MJ asked for the Council's view on making a financial contribution to Campoverde church for their children's holiday club which is in August. This would help towards the cost of food and equipment. After discussion about the details of the holiday club, which is over a 4 week period, it was agreed this is a worthwhile cause. RDM stated that, if we decided to make a donation, it has to be into a bank account in order to provide an audit trail. We do not make cash donations. AB advised that Campoverde do not yet have a bank account. <u>PJ proposed that we offer Campoverde church 150€ as and when they have their bank account opened and we can transfer money into it.</u> RH seconded Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
5	The meeting closed with the Grace		