

# The Mission Area of Mold “Conference Notes” August 2017

## **Introduction**

The Mission Area will be registering as a Charity before the end of the year, there was therefore another discussion about the name of the Mission Area. The majority of MAC members voted for it to remain as “Mold Mission Area”, it was also noted that it could just as easily be referred to as “Bro Yr Wyddgrug Ardal Genhadaeth”.

## **Modern Slavery**

Following our discussion at the last MAC meeting it was noted that there will be a Modern Slavery Awareness event: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 12-5pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Open to all. To book a place contact [sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk) / 01745 532582.

**Church Committee Minutes**, all of these now need to come to the MAC, after a discussion with regard to this, all those re-ceived to date were accepted without comment.

**Building Surveys** – Each Church has been asked to complete one, 6 of the building surveys were accepted.

## **Youth CREW** (A report from the Leaders)

Youth Crew continue to meet monthly at Christ Church Pontblyddyn and it continues to be a joy to be involved with these kind, caring and fun youngsters. We are aware that there are other Youths across our Mission Area who are not able to attend due to the distance involved in getting to Christ Church from their homes.

We are in the process of applying for a grant to purchase a mini bus which will enable us to move our group of 8 Youths around to meet up with others. Youth Crew have arranged an Afternoon Tea at Christ Church as another fundraising event for Share which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

We ask if it is possible for the Mission Area to donate another sum of money for Youth CREW to cover expenses. Our Youths are so outward thinking of others' needs, we would like to be able to encourage and support them more. We would be very grateful for any adult help at the fundraising event too.

Mel Morgan And Sue Sawyer

### **Flintshire Debt Advice Service**

Take up on this continues to be low, and I have therefore decided that doing the Debt Counselling Training would not be the best use of my time. I feel that this is not a negative out-come in that, as a Mission Area, we were asked for assistance and we give it. I will continue to support the paid advisor with a fortnightly visit, and attendance at sessions when required, thus ensuring a MA presence in the initiative.

Sue Sawyer

### **Housing the Homeless.**

A house has been found and the work that would need to be done on it has been costed. The Charity who own the house will now decide whether they can afford to do the work or whether we will need to apply for help with the cost. It is hoped that the house will be ready for habitation by next year.

Rev Dr Richard Hainsworth

### **Dementia Friendly Churches**

At our last meeting we recognised that quite often we do not know enough about Dementia and the effect it can have, not only on the sufferer, but also on the people around them. We would want our churches to be places of welcome and safety for sufferers.

Therefore, in order to explore what we can offer to people living with dementia and their families, we have invited Sue Brockley from the local Alzheimer's Society to run a Dementia Friends session for us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm to 9.30pm at Christchurch Pontblyddyn.

Please let Sue Talbot know if you are interested in attending - Susan.talbot@me.com or 01352 770137.

Susan Talbot

## **The Financial Report**

This included a report on the present state of our MA Finances. At the moment our one major expense is for the salary & expenses of our Development Officer, these are covered by a grant which will be renewed for next year, but then we will have to talk about how we fund this vital role in our MA.

At our last meeting, we agreed that each church would donate £150 towards our homeless Project, we have now received this donation from several churches, others were reminded of the need to send a cheque to our Treasurer. When we have all donated we will have received approximately £2,500 to help start the project. It was agreed that an application for a grant to buy a minibus and fund it for the first year should be made to the Transformation fund. The MAC also agreed that if the minibus is found to be useful they will fund the running costs after that first year.

A "Church Levy" was discussed. At the moment, the leaders of Youth CREW are paying for any items that group needs and the Mission Area Leader's expenses are being paid by her churches. It was agreed that neither of these situations was fair. The MAC decided to allocate £500 per annum to Youth CREW, and to pay the MAL's current expenses. It was also agreed that the Treasurers will discuss the matter of some kind of subscription fee payable by each church at their next meeting and report back to the MAC.

**We are still getting used to the new structures**, which meant that, as we worked our way through the Agenda, we had several discussions about the structure itself, however, there seems to be a willingness to work together and it is very obvious that some of the initiatives which we are able to instigate as a group could not be attempted by individual churches.

Carole Poolman

Mission Area Leader

**The next meetings are:**

Mission Area Executive is at 7.00 p.m. on October 5th

Mission Area Conference is at 7.00 p.m. on November 9th