



Executive Reports for AGM 2021

Objectives

The objectives of Church Works North Down as set out in the constitution are as follows:

- Such charitable objects as shall provide social outreach to members of the community of North Down or such wider area within Northern Ireland as the committee shall from time to time seem appropriate;
- To engage with Christian Churches operating within the North Down area or such other organisations which shall be charitable in their objective which operate within the North Down area and shall be compatible with having a Christian ethos.

Constitution matters

Church Works Constitution requires an AGM not more than 15 months from the date of the last AGM. However in 2020, the Charities Commission acknowledged that Charities may have difficulty holding Annual General Meetings due to Covid restrictions. Consequently we did not hold an AGM in 2020. The current Executive Members agreed to remain in office.

Church Works Executive currently comprises Rev David Stanfield (Chairperson), Trevor Magee (Treasurer), Mary Braithwaite, David McClarin (these 4 are Trustees), Rev Mark Johnston, Neilson Wylie and Irene Armstrong (Secretary) and Joy Ward until February 2021 when she resigned.

The constitution permits up to 12 Executive members.

Executive meetings

The executive met on 28 March, 12 September 2019, 18 December 2020 when the main items were arrangements for "Bangor Cares" and the updating of the web and on 19 February and 9 April 2021 to plan the AGM. The executive also facilitated 2 meetings of the Youth Group of "Bangor Cares".

Information about various meetings and events were shared with members as per appended list.

During 2020, Covid restrictions halted activities and restricted meetings.

Christmas Day Dinner

No church offered to host the Christmas Day lunch for 2019 and Covid restrictions prevented arrangements for a lunch at Christmas 2020.

Storehouse North Down

Storehouse North Down had to move premises twice in 2019 and had to start a fund raising campaign. Storehouse has continued to operate during lock-down due to dedicated volunteers who have been keeping all the social distancing and hygiene rules.

It continues to support an average of 40 families per week at a monthly cost of around £10,000 and supplied 400 families with food for 2020 Christmas. Many local businesses and farmers have been generous in their support and churches continue to collect groceries. Ards and North Down Council gave a grant which helped with running costs as well as enabling the purchase of items that are often in short supply.

Irene Armstrong (Secretary)

Information circulated to churches 2019-20

March 2019

Plan to address issues of Mental health and the challenges of unsupervised screen time which became known as "Bangor Cares"

Mental health Training Directory

Invitation to "Journey inside the world of Vincent Van Gogh"

Invitation to "STAND" against pornography

Invitation to meetings about "Bangor Cares"

May 2019

Invitation to St Comgall's Lecture

Invitation to a meeting about Storehouse North Down

June 2019

Invitation to a meeting about Street Pastors coming to Bangor

Shared summary information about Holiday Bible clubs

July 2019

Call to prayer for Storehouse North Down

August 2019

Information about a meeting in Belfast on Mental Health

Information about an interdenominational service to honour Emergency Service personnel

September 2019

Programme of events for Bangor Cares Week

Invitation to a talk by Maud Kells

Invitation to a praise and fundraising service for Storehouse North Down

April 2020

Letter requesting Churches response to coronavirus



Financial Report

Since the last AGM a donation of £200 was received for the cost of the Christmas lunch. The bill from Carol Duff was only £100 leaving a closing balance on 31st March 2019 of £352.71.

There have been no receipts since then to date.

All of the subsequent outgoings relate to expenditure on the website, £250 on 26/11/2019 and the licencing of domain names and email addresses £70 for the current period on 23/04/2021 after the 20/21 accounting period, both payable to Chad Bennett.

The balance of our account on 31/03/2021 was £102.71

The current balance in the account is £32.71.

Both sets of accounts to 31/03/20 and 31/03/21 are attached.

Trevor Magee

Treasurer

BICCI/ChurchWorks ACCOUNTS

01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

This is a summary of receipts and payments for the above period

Opening balance at bank £352.71

No income was received

Expenditure total was £250 as follows

26/11/2019	Chad Bennett	£250

Closing balance at Bank was £102.71

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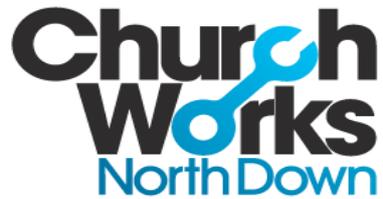
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Website report

In 2019 after an appraisal of our website, we decided to commission Chad Bennett to redesign the site to make it more accessible and easily managed.

The cost of the redesign was £180 which was heavily discounted on a goodwill basis. The typical commercial cost of such an exercise is in the region of £1,800.

Hosting was moved to Chad's IT company Alt-Source. Annual cost of licences for web hosting, email addresses and domain licencing is £70. This has been paid for two years and we are up to date.

The Churches Directory was updated pre-lockdown. Now that churches are re-opening to in person services it should be updated again to reflect current activities.

There remains a need for promotion, a social media feed and contributors so that Churches have a sense of ownership, belonging and benefit.

Trevor Magee.