

BLACKALL RANGE UNITING CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

TIME: 9 am
VENUE: Maleny Manse

DATE: Monday 20 June 2022

The Church Council shall give priority in its life to building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world. This priority shall be reflected in the agenda of its ordinary meetings.

ITEM	AGENDA – (CIRCULATED PRIOR TO MEETING)	Who	MINUTES– (DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS ONLY)
1.	Attendees: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rev. Liena Hoffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Uhlmann (Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duncan Drew <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stuart Craig (left 11.25am) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Baker (left 11am) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sinclair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Daniels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Callaghan (Secretary) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Nixon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rev. George Woodward <u>Minute Secretary:</u> Sue Callaghan		Apologies: <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Welcome & prayer	PU	John 17:20-23. Unity is witness.
3.	Future meeting arrangements	PU	Dates of 2022 meetings and for Christmas Breakup. Agreed After renovations, the Bi-centennial Room at Community Centre will be a good venue for the future. The primary reason is the wi-fi facility for the use of Zoom.
4.	Church Council Charter	PU	Attention was drawn to the Responsibilities of Church Council. (<i>Refer to Regulations</i>)
5.	Appointment of an Executive	PU	The Executive would not introduce new policy, and can not operate on matters delegated to the congregation or Minister. It has authority to act under the regulations, would be a sounding board for the Minister between meetings, and will report back to Church Council. The Executive would be comprised of the Chair, Secretary and Minister, and would include Kay and/or the Treasurer on an as required basis. Any church member would be able to attend an Exec meeting. Agreed

6.	<p>‘Fast Forward to Mission’ Sharing our personal reflections on pages 9-15</p>	All	<p>Some thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to meet a person’s need, no matter who they are. How am I loving this person? What is their need? • We are a worldwide message tribe.....think about meeting with other churches. • We are good at helping, but not at sharing our faith. <p>Recommended that each member read the book.</p>
7.	<p>Assignment of Council Member Responsibility (In future meetings this will be replaced with a “Toolbox Catchup” – a short verbal report by each person on matters relating to their area of responsibility)</p>	All	<p>As an example of how these responsibilities work....PC is not responsible for maintenance, but is the conduit to Church Council.</p> <p>Maintenance is in a transition phase. We have relied on Malcolm for many years. There is an obvious need for transition to a person or group with trade experience.</p> <p>For clarification: Discipleship is internal – Mission and Engagement is external.</p> <p>Under Pastoral Care, we need to be aware that Assisted Dying is coming into law in July next year. 88% of UC supported it.</p>
8.	<p>Blackall Range Uniting Church – One Congregation – What does this mean? What needs to change?</p>	All	<p>We’ve been running as the BRUC for over 3 years.</p> <p>Council members are to consider that our only brand going forward will be the BRUC, with Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods being Ministry facilities. This communicates to the public that we are one.</p> <p>We will work on a single vision for the BRUC. Any change to the structure needs to be approved by Presbytery.</p> <p>It was felt that the name is too long, and feedback has been that it doesn’t really mean anything. Members were asked to think of another name, and speak with their congregations. Hinterland UC was one suggestion though there are also Hinterlands in other areas.</p>

			<p>There is a need to push ahead with unity and be of one spirit, not just governance. We have 3 centres now, but we should look ahead to perhaps the possibility of 4 and 5 ministry centres.</p> <p>Council members to have a think about how we move forward as a united church, and what do we need to do to achieve this?</p>
9.	AGM Task Group matters Congregational Meeting 31/7	All	<p>The Task Group has had their first meeting. Report has been circulated. Not confident though that they will have a proposal by 31 July, so perhaps just a report. Issues are huge. The Church Council though still has the responsibility of developing mission and vision.</p>
10.	National Church Life Survey Articulating our VISION Increasing our CAPACITY Other results	All	<p>Spreadsheet comparison with 2016.</p> <p>Minority of people were committed to the Vision of our church. We have had 4 or 5 different visions over last 5 years. Vision is a compass, not a roadmap....where we will be in the future. Mission is the big strategy of how we will get there. Goals deal with the detail. Suggested that Council members work on a Vision using the information emailed out with these Minutes, and email response back by 15th July before the next Exec meeting.</p> <p>Capacity was an issue.....0% wanted to increase their involvement in the church. Some may have capacity, but don't want to give it to the church. What do we do? Any gathering that offers support gives hope.</p> <p>A glaring gap is in the area of outreach. People don't feel equipped to share their faith in a natural way. How do we build this capacity in our congregation? There are so many different ways to witness. Phil Smith is Mission officer in Presbytery and it was suggested that we get him up. Agreed</p> <p>To hold a 2 hr Saturday afternoon session at Maleny in the next 8 weeks on the general topic of sharing our faith, and get feedback from Phil as to what he senses is the appetite for building this capacity. Agreed</p> <p>Liena will speak with Phil this afternoon re his availability.</p>

			Council members are to think about ways in which we can get members of our congregation actively engaged in mission (eg. serve cuppa/do data at a non-church member funeral) before next meeting.
11.	Approve Previous Minutes	All	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
12.	Action Register – Attached (Proposal to remove all items prior to June 2021)	All	Agreed
13.	Correspondence <u>Inward</u> <u>Outward</u> Thank you letters to Roger Smith and Colin Harding	PC	These were sent out earlier this month
14.	Ministers Report	LH	Liena gave a brief verbal report. Reminder that she will be on leave 25 th July – 10 th Aug in NZ.
15.	Mission & Engagement	KW	Kay to give herself 2 things to do in this area of responsibility and report back under Toolbox Catchup next attended meeting. (on leave 7 th -22 nd Aug)
16.	Discipleship	SC	Stuart to give himself 2 things to do in this area of responsibility and report back under Toolbox Catchup next meeting.
17.	Pastoral Care	NB	Nancy to give herself 2 things to do in this area of responsibility and report back under Toolbox Catchup next meeting.
18.	Policy & Compliance Matters - Whistleblower - Child Protection - Leave Applications - Blue Card - Covid - WH&S - Registers - Hire agreements	DD	Duncan to write a report over the next 2 months on what we should be doing around reporting and recording, and the present status of that.
19.	Other matters raised by Church Council members in advance:	All	Liena suggested that AGM reports, with the exception of Financial, be put up on the website. Agreed Social Media - with defamation in mind, any comments need to be ok'd by Administrator for Maleny and BRUC. Agreed

20.	<p>Matters not already dealt with: Elders role Property matters</p> <p>Expenditure approval Administration matters Hire charge review</p> <p>Admin officer annual review</p> <p>Palmwoods land</p> <p>Grant applications Technology Social media Pastoral Care Discipleship Mission & Engagement</p>	All	<p>Painting at Palmwoods – exterior is desperate. Kay to get 2 quotes and bring to CC.</p> <p>Reviewed each year except during Covid. Need to increase by 10% in all locations. (Maleny: Hall half day \$25, with kitchen \$60, full day \$60, full day with kitchen \$80, Church half day \$40, full day \$80, full day with kitchen \$160) Consideration of NFP against Business. Give NFP discount. From 1st July or earliest available date.</p> <p>Two Church Council members to conduct appraisal – Peter C and Stuart.</p> <p>Buyers need to give us a contract. Or we are to find it if we have been given it.</p>
21.	General Business:	All	Copies of Minutes to be sent to Craig Hosmer till end of October in George W's absence.
22.	Communication to the congregation	PC	To reintroduce the publishing of a summary of CC Minutes to congregation members. Agreed
23.	<p>Next Meeting: 15/8/2022 Venue: Devotions: Meeting Closed:</p>	All	<p>15th August, 2022 Maleny Manse Nancy 11.25am</p>

Signed:

Date:

Actions Register

* Status is underway, ongoing or completed. When 'Completed' add date.

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Date	Details of Action	By Whom/By When/Result	Status Date
June 22	Summary of CC Minutes to congregation members	PC	After each meeting
June 22	Admin Officer annual review	PC and SC	asap
June 22	Update Hall Hire rates	PC	Earliest available date
June 22	Get 2 quotes for painting of exterior of Palmwoods church	KN	Next meeting
June 22	AGM reports, except Financial, to be put up on the website	SC	asap
June 22	What we should be doing around Policy reporting and recording, and the present status of that	DD	15 th Aug
June 22	2 things to do in Pastoral Care and report back next meeting	NB	15 th Aug
June 22	2 things to do in Discipleship and report back next meeting	SC	15 th Aug
June 22	2 things to do in Mission and Engagement, and report back	KN	17 Oct meeting
June 22	Thoughts on how we get church members engaged in mission	All	Next meeting
June	Come up with a Vision statement	All	Next meeting
June 22	Thoughts on how to move forward as one united church	All	Next meeting
June 22	To consider new name for our church	All	Next meeting
Aug 21	To discuss Property Coordinator PD with Liena before taking to next meeting	PC	Next meeting
June 2021	To display summary of Whistleblower Policy at church locations	PC	Ongoing
June 2021	To ascertain interest in 2 day course for pastoral care.	5-6 have indicated interest from our church. Now we open up to other churches. No price yet. Looking at 3 x Sat mornings. Someone has offered to underwrite for cost of people from our church, so they only pay \$20.	Ongoing