

BLACKALL RANGE UNITING CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

TIME: 9 am **DATE:** Monday 20th February 2023
VENUE: Maleny Community Centre Admin building, cnr Corel Street and Bicentennial Lane, Maleny

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 <i>(left 11.10am)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stuart Craig <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Nixon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Baker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Daniels <i>(joined at 10.05am)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Callaghan (Secretary) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rev. George Woodward <u>Minute Secretary:</u> Sue Callaghan		Apologies:
2.	Welcome	PU	
3.	Devotions	GW	Read from "Handa's Surprise"
4.	Toolbox Catchup – a short verbal report by each person on matters relating to their area of responsibility	All	Each member gave an update on their area of responsibility.
5.	Governance Structure Recommendation to congregation	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Council has the power to delegate. • Ministry Agents are responsible to Presbytery. • Council has responsibility for overall governance and assets with ministry matters delegated to Ministry Teams. <p>Assets can not be disposed of without the tick from the Council.</p> <p>At the end of each year, each MT is responsible to determine what it believes it's expense for property and maintenance will be for the coming year, and have the amount included in the budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Agreed</p>

			<p>There is flexibility for up to \$500 at each site to be spent on general repairs and maintenance, without requiring permission. Agreed</p> <p>Flying Minutes are to be used in the case of item costs outside of budget. Agreed</p> <p>Proposed by LH that we approach Jeff Spencer to take up role of Property Coordinator for Montville & Palmwoods. There is also someone in Maleny considering the Maleny role. Montville to speak with Jeff re being Montville/Palmwoods person, and we await the decision of the Maleny person. Agreed</p> <p>There is a need to think about a succession plan for Roger's role as Treasurer. Presbytery will be requesting all congregations to go over to the Zero system.</p> <p>Roger to continue in the role, with Stuart to step in in case of emergency. Agreed</p> <p>To proceed with the proposed governance structure and present at Aug AGM. Agreed</p> <p>Ministry Task Groups to be now called Ministry Teams. Agreed</p>
5.	<p>Future Directions Group Recommendations Report Church Council response Congregational meeting – date & process</p>	All	<p>Resolution 1 - that we do not present the congregation with proposals C1, C2 and C3 at this time. Agreed</p> <p>Resolution 2 - that we do not present proposals B1, B2 and B3 to the congregation at this time. Rather we resolve to refer these proposals to the respective MTs for consideration and implementation. Any additional funding that is required to implement these proposals will require Church Council approval. Agreed</p> <p>Resolution 3 – to present to the congregation proposals A1 - A6, including relevant financial and resource information. Agreed</p>

			<p>Resolution 4 - to consider proposal A7 (possible redevelopment of Maleny property) at a future congregational vision workshop. Agreed</p> <p>FDG recommendations are to go straight to the congregation, not Council first. Agreed</p> <p>In the first instance, recommendations are to go to the congregation at the next combined congregational meeting 30th April, and then final decision at AGM in August. Agreed</p> <p>Question now, is how to make the final choice from the 6 suggestions? Council members are to think of methods to accomplish this and bring to next meeting.</p>
6	<p>Role of Elders Recommendation to congregation</p>	All	To be presented at AGM in August. Agreed
7.	<p>Sharing Our Faith workshop Next Steps</p>	All	We have had 2 sessions. Suggestion that another one is held as a refresher after the decision on FDG proposals. A local MT can reach out to Phil Smith at any time.
8.	<p>National Church Life Survey Articulating our VISION Increasing our CAPACITY Other results</p>	All	
9.	<p>Executive Meeting Other matters arising</p>	All	Nothing to report
10.	<p>Admin Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent loan of Maleny stackable chairs to Maleny Historical Society or Bob Grice's Campsite. Discussion about disposal of assets. A half day per week for administration is proving adequate to maintain the duties of the admin role. 	PC	<p>Maleny has been donated 50 stackable chairs from the Range Church after the Montville congregation decision not to accept the gift.</p> <p>A similar number of older chairs have become surplus to our needs. Propose that we pass the chairs onto another organisation if they are not required in Montville or Palmwoods.</p> <p>That surplus 30-40 chairs are to be permanently loaned to Bob Grice's campsite. Agreed</p> <p>Half day Tuesdays, another couple of hours Thurs or Frid to get OCL printed and out, and other tasks as they arise.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently updating the Church Directory/email lists, processing correspondence, producing OCL, hall hire etc 		
11.	Ministry Teams Minutes of meetings	All	Ministry Teams are to send in a report to the Council Secretary for circulation prior to each Council Meeting. Agreed
12.	Approve Previous Minutes	All	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
13.	Action Register – Attached	All	
14.	<p>Correspondence <u>Inward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas related correspondence (and now Easter) eg. Christmas Bowl appeal etc. Notice of Blue Card Audit NCLS hard copy report for BRUC <p><u>Outward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter on behalf of Council giving permission to replace the shed at the Community Garden. 	PC	<p>The Church Council resolves to not conduct specific ministry with children activity until further notice. Accordingly, no church council member will be under statutory obligation to hold a blue card for the purpose of their office. <i>[The Synod provided minute template to be signed by the Chair and attached.]</i> Agreed</p> <p>We will still manage blue cards for those who require them.</p> <p>Inward correspondence accepted and Outward correspondence endorsed.</p>
15.	Ministers Report	LH	<p>Rev Liena gave her report. She hopes to be less involved in Presbytery from March.</p> <p>Holiday leave requested for 10-29 April for trip to South Africa. Approved</p>
16.	Mission & Engagement	KN	

17.	Discipleship	SC	
18.	Pastoral Care	NB	
19.	Policy & Compliance Matters - Whistleblower - Child Protection - Leave Applications - Blue Card (new arrangements) - Covid - WH&S - Registers - Hire agreements	DD	
20.	Other matters raised by Church Council members in advance:	All	
21.	Matters not already dealt with: Property matters Expenditure approval Administration matters Hire charge review Palmwoods – exterior painting Palmwoods – PCBA matters Palmwoods - sale of land Grant applications Technology Social media	All	Montville are having a trial run of using a data projector.
22.	General Business:	All	George had a good discussion with the people from the Range Church. They may use our facilities more and are happy to pay more rent if required.
23.	Communication to the congregation	PC	
24.	Next Executive Meeting: Next Church Council Meeting Meeting Closed:	Exec All	9am, Monday, 20 th March 2023 9am, Monday, 17th April 2023 11.20am

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
Feb 23	Ministry Teams to send in report to the Secretary for circulation before each Council Meeting		Prior to April meeting in first instance
Feb 23	Consider methods for selecting future directions proposal/s	All	By April meeting
Feb 23	To speak with Jeff Spencer in relation to Property Coordinator role	DD	
Oct 22	To set up Suggestion Box at each location for answers to "0% wanting to be more involved in the local church"	Maleny – PC Montville – DD Palmwoods - KN	By April meeting
Oct 22	"0% wanting to be more involved in the local church" – to follow up within the FDG	KN	
Oct 22	To speak with Phil Smith re the next step from Sharing our Faith workshops	LH will be following up on this after FDG proposal finalised.	On hold
Aug 22	To advertise in Our Common Life that if anyone wants to join a new Connect Group, to contact Rev L	Rev L Has been run in OCL. Now to set a date and time for a new connect group and advertise in OCL.	Ongoing
Aug 22	To speak with Roger re possibility of Band of Brothers coordinating maintenance at Manse and Palmwoods	SC John Park is coordinating this. A meeting is coming up.	Ongoing
Aug 22	To approach Yvonne or Kate to facilitate a Vision Workshop	Rev L	On hold
June 22	Summary of CC Minutes to congregation members	PC	After each meeting
June 22	Get 2 quotes for painting of exterior of Palmwoods church	KN 1 quote \$32,000	On hold
June 22	What we should be doing around Policy reporting and recording, and the present status of that	DD	
June 22	Thoughts on how we get church members engaged in mission	All	Ongoing
June	Come up with a Vision statement	All	On hold
June 22	Thoughts on how to move forward as one united church	All	On hold
June 22	To consider new name for our church	All	On hold

Aug 21	To discuss Property Coordinator PD with Liena before taking to next meeting	PC To present PD at next meeting	For April meeting
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