



The Bereko Community Partnership

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 2 April 2019

at 15 Mascalls Park, Paddock Wood

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 March 2018
4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting
5. Chairperson's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of Management Committee
8. Any other business



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BEREKO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bereko Community Partnership, held on Wednesday 28th March 2018, St. Andrew's church halls at 5.00 pm.

Present: Sue Chalkley (St. Andrew's Church, Chair), Peter Crouch (Treasurer), Barbara Farnham (Secretary), Robin Hammerton, (St. Andrew's church), Cllr Ray Moon (Paddock Wood Town Council), Mary Smith, (St. Andrew's Church), Rachel Smith, (St. Andrew's Church), Revd. Canon Bryan Knapp (St. Andrew's Church),

1. Apologies: Katie Pointing, Lorraine Sinyard, Alan Smith, Claudia West.
2. Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the AGM held on 21st March 2017 were read and accepted.
3. Matters Arising: None
4. Chairperson's Report: This was read and is attached.
5. Treasurer's Report: This was read and is attached. Balance at 31/12/17 was £724.75
6. Election of Management Committee: Diana Allen had resigned due to moving away from the area. Robin Hammerton (St. Andrew's church) and Claudia West (Mascalls Academy) had both agreed to become committee members. It was unanimously agreed that they be elected to the committee together with all existing members as attached list.
7. Any Other Business: None

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Chair's Report 2018/19

The Bereko Community Partnership continues to work well as the body that connects the community links between the Churches, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Town Councils in Bereko and Paddock wood.

We usually visit Bereko every two years and, in October 2018, seven church members visited Bereko and the Kondoia Diocese on behalf of the BCP. The visit was led by Rev Rosheen Browning, Curate, and was successful in reinforcing existing relationships and establishing new friendships. Feedback was provided to all at the St Andrew's Day service on 2 December 2018. In between our visits, we maintain good communications with a variety of people in Bereko, mainly using WhatsApp.

During 2018 the BCP continued work to raise awareness and raise funds. Activities included a soup lunch in February, sharing a 'sponge station' at the Paddock Wood Half Marathon in April and providing a Bereko section, with the theme of sanitation, within the church's stand at the Paddock Wood carnival in July. School books, school uniforms and other goods were also sent to Bereko in a shipping container (Operation Tanzania) for the final time. Operation Tanzania has now ceased after 50 successful years.

7,000 palm crosses made in Kikilo were purchased during our visit and these will be sold on to other churches to assist with the cost of building a clergy house there.

During 2018, we supported the purchase of medicines and medical supplies; eleven beehives and a contribution to the cost of toilets in the new primary school and beds for the new dormitory in the secondary school.

Our link with Bereko is about forming and nurturing a long-term relationship. This remains strong and we are very grateful to all who support this community link and work together mainly to raise awareness but also to raise funds for this project.