

LLANISHEN AND DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER CONSTITUTION

As amended and approved by the Churches Together AGM on May 19th 2015

(This replaces the version approved on May 18th 1995)

1. Name

The organisation shall be known as “Llanishen and District Churches Together” (hereafter referred to as “Churches Together”).

2. Composition

Churches Together shall be a fellowship of Churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

3. Objects

- (a) To promote fuller understanding among the Churches represented on Churches Together.
- (b) To enable local Christians to take united counsel and action where their interests and responsibilities are involved.
- (c) To consider issues which affect the spiritual and moral welfare of the local community, and to give guidance and take action, as may be thought appropriate, in the light of the Christian Gospel.
- (d) To give such expression to Christian faith and devotion as may from time to time be found desirable, having regard for different traditions and usages.
- (e) To raise, hold and disburse funds for any charitable purpose and for the administration and activities of Churches Together, its working groups and affiliated bodies.

4. Membership

Churches Together shall consist of:

- (a) The clergy and ministers of each Church belonging to Churches Together;
- (b) One lay representative of each Church congregation belonging to Churches Together (each of whom may send a deputy if unable to attend);
- (c) The Convenor of each working group set up by Churches Together under the provisions of paragraph 9 of this Constitution and one other member of each working group.
- (d) Co-opted members (to include representatives of affiliated bodies).

5. Officers

The Officers of Churches Together shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall not normally hold office for more than two years and the Treasurer and Secretary shall not hold office for more than six consecutive years.

6. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the Officers of Churches Together and two other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of two years. These two year appointments shall not normally be renewable and as far as practicable shall be staggered such that one appointment is made each year. The Executive Committee shall be an Administrative Committee and have powers to act in an emergency on behalf of Churches Together.

7. Finance

- (a) Each participating Church represented on Churches Together shall be expected to contribute towards the expenses of Churches Together.
- (b) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of the financial accounts of Churches Together, and shall make audited accounts and proposed budget available to the Annual General Meeting for approval.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting of Churches Together shall appoint one Auditor, not being a member of Churches Together, to serve for a period of one year.

8. Meetings

- (a) Churches Together, which shall be the main deliberative and working body, shall meet not less than three times annually. The first meeting of each year being the Annual General Meeting which shall take place in May. Working groups set up by Churches Together shall report to Churches Together, and the latter shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the working groups.
- (b) For the purpose of transacting the business of Churches Together, a quorum shall be TWELVE members of Churches Together.
- (c) The Secretary shall ensure that at least SEVEN days notice of meetings is given to members of Churches Together.

9. Working Groups

Churches Together shall have the power to delegate responsibilities to working groups, as it deems necessary. The Convenors of such groups shall not hold office for more than six consecutive years.

10. Amendment of the constitution

This Constitution may be amended by the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together, upon at least FOURTEEN days prior notice being given to Churches Together members, stating the proposed amendments.

11. Dissolution of Churches Together

In the event of the dissolution of Churches Together, the assets of Churches Together shall be divided equally between the constituent Churches at the time of dissolution.