



BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH

Blackwood Uniting Church is called by God to be an inclusive Christian Community committed to justice, learning, service and care.



Special Congregational Meeting Minutes Sunday, 23 July 2023

Attendance:

Apologies:

Meeting opened at 10:35am by Ewan Hazeldine. Chair of congregation Wes Bray is on holiday, so Ewan will chair the meeting.

1. Welcome, Housekeeping and Opening Prayer

Ewan welcomed everyone and gave an Opening Prayer. He reminded all that this is a Safe Place.

He explained that this is a special congregational meeting with the sole item on the agenda to appoint the members of the Joint Nominating Committee

2. Joint Nominating Committee Nominees and Voting

Rev Dr Adrian Brown as chair of Church Council explained that the JNC needs to be a balanced group that represent the whole life of the congregation (9:15, 11am, Messy Church etc).

Adrian explained that Church Council had approached a number of people to ensure we achieved the balance, but this didn't preclude additional nominees.

Adrian advised that Katie Schubert needed to be added to the list of nominees, which gives a list of 7 nominees, and he advised that we can elect 7 members from BUC to the JNC.

Ewan asked the congregation if there are any other nominations. None presented.

Ewan asked for all the nominees to stand to allow the congregation to familiarise themselves with those who are present.

Question from congregation was asked: *how many people can we elect?* Ewan confirmed we can elect 7 from BUC.

Question from congregation: *how many nominees are from 11am congregation?*

Ewan answered Helen Blake is the only member from 11am

Question regarding voting process – Ewan confirmed that to vote people are asked to tick the names you approve and leave it blank if you don't approve. However, if there are no additional nominees we can approve the list of 7 with a show of hands.

Ewan advised that Phil and Jane Marlow will act as scrutineers if needed.

With no further nominations, Ewan declared the nominations closed.

Ewan asked if congregation were ok to confirm the members with a show of hands given there are only 7 nominees. No objections.

A comment from the congregation was made again that there is concern that there is only 1 11am congregation member on the list of nominees.

Bev Eccleston commented that as an 11am congregation member she is very happy with the list of 7 nominees.

No further questions, comments or objections.

Ewan asked for a show of hands to confirm all 7 nominees to the Joint Nominating Committee – no dissenting votes. All 7 nominees for the JNC confirmed unanimously.

The BUC members elected to the JNC are:

Judy Adami

Helen Blake

Rev Dr Adrian Brown

Peter Cranwell

Danny Mills

Alison Sutcliffe

Katie Schubert

3. Benediction

Ewan invited Michael Dowling to close the meeting with a Prayer in which he thanked everyone who has nominated for the JNC

Meeting closed at 10:47am