

## **Minutes of the MET AGM: Monday 27 May 2024 at the Cliff College Festival and on Zoom**

**Present:** 19 MET members were present in the venue, along with the Principal of Cliff College, Rev Ashley Cooper who attended for part of the meeting. A further 27 members were in attendance online via Zoom.

**Apologies:** No apologies were received.

**Welcome:** The Chair, Rev Dr David Hull welcomed everyone in the room and on Zoom.

**Devotions:** Opening devotions were led by the Chair from Habakkuk, with the emphasis on prayer for revival and the 'righteous shall live by faith'. MET's heritage is seen in the former names: Dunamis (the renewing power of the Holy Spirit); Methodist Revival Fellowship (MRF – prayer for revival); and Conservative Evangelicals in Methodism (CEIM – the authority of the Bible). These all came together to form Headway, which was then re-named as MET. It is now time to put prayer for revival front and centre in our focus.

### **MET becomes MET:REVIVE**

The Chair shared that this AGM was the point at which MET becomes MET:Revive. The name MET:Revive was the culmination of months of consultation to establish a new Fresh Focus for MET with a clear emphasis on Biblical Revelation; Biblical Renewal and Biblical Revival. A rebranding exercise has been undertaken this spring with the recent launch of RE:VIVE magazine, a new brochure, banners, logo and revamp of the website.

The **Minutes of the 2023 AGM** were circulated during the meeting and were available for download for those online. The minutes were approved.

The **Accounts** for the year end 31 August 2023 and presented as printed in the AGM report were approved.

The **Reports** had been compiled and circulated prior to the meeting and were available for download for those online. The Reports were accepted en bloc.

**AOB** – there were no items submitted prior to the meeting.

### **Cliff College update**

The Principal of Cliff College, Rev Ashley Cooper gave his endorsement for the rebrand and updated emphases of MET as MET:Revive. He stated that Cliff is seeking to hold on to its evangelical heritage as a resource and theological training centre. He updated us on the courses that were being offered and stated that they are rooted in mission and evangelism, with missional engagement embedded in each course. The theme for Festival 2025 is 'Holiness Calling'. Ben Pugh will be delivering the Bible Studies and Rev Paul Smith has agreed to preach at one of the Celebrations.

The Chair handed over this section of the meeting to Marian Izzard, Administrator.

### **Administrative Support**

John Hogarth had agreed to provide some part-time administrative support to Marian Izzard in her role as Administrator. This was approved by the meeting.

### **Ambassador Role**

The meeting was reminded of the recent email that had been circulated outlining the proposal for the Ambassador Role.

This role had been proposed as we were unsuccessful in recruiting anyone for the Director of Ministry post on two rounds of application. This role would be a voluntary one, offering a roving 'on the ground' ministry around the country including pastoral support, preaching, teaching, encouragement and inspiration to Methodist evangelicals, both lay and ordained. The funding required would be for the administrative support to enable the role to function. The proposal is that this will be met by funds allocated to the Director of Ministry role (subject to permission from donors) and further funds to be obtained from future donations.

David Hull had sensed a strong and clear calling to this role, as he steps down as Chair of MET in November. The post would commence on 1 January 2025.

David Hull left the room as Marian Izzard led the meeting in discussion of the proposal before putting it to a vote. The meeting unanimously accepted the proposal.

David Hull returned to the meeting. Marian congratulated him on the outcome of the vote and thanked him for his work as Chair of MET for the last 10 years.

Tim Woolley, former Vice-Chair of MET was invited to pray for David.

The Chair concluded the meeting with prayer.