

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2017 at Foodbank Warehouse

AGENDA

There was a Prayer time from 12 - 12.20pm

1. Welcome, Introduction and apologies:

Present: Herbert Apparanga; Joseph Boadu; David Chick; Simeon Esson; Mike Leader; Chris Moody; Gabriel Ogunbiyi; Christine Ridgwell; Chad Rigney; John Twidale; Richard Wheeler; Andrew Williett; Tim Yeager

Apologies: Segun Adenuga; Sandie Christie; Kim Hitch; Andrew Latimer; Andy Masters; Israel Olofinjana; Eddie Scrace-Field; Brett Ward; Dave Williams; Ariadne Van den Hof;

2. Updates & reviews:

Education: Prayer for schools (next meeting Thursday 21 September, 11am at St Nicholas, Kidbrooke)

GYFC: Looking to begin some work on Thamesmead. New students coming September.

Foodbank: Noted effect of Universal Credit being rolled out in Greenwich. Church reminded that they could apply to voucher holders.

Street Pastors: Still looking for new recruits.

Night Shelter: Volunteers will need to access training in the Autumn

3. **Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

Tim Yeager reported that a group had been established (Refugees Welcome - Greenwich) and a letter written to Royal Greenwich Council seeking an update on it's decision last year to house 20 refugee families in the next 4 years. Constructive meetings had been held and it appeared that the council would go ahead with housing the first five families. There was concern that the families might be housed on the Morris Walk estate which has been cleared for re-development. There would be a need for support from the church and wider community. For a full report see attached document. Anyone wishing to be involved contact Rev Tim Yeager (email: rtyeager@gmail.com. 07804 614245)

4. **Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy**

Several representative of the Christian community had attended a strategy meeting with the council. Further details as they emerge.

5. **Report back following fire in North Kensington**

Mike reported that following the fire in North Kensington all high rise dwellings in Greenwich had

been checked. There were none with the same cladding. There were some concerns about the top of one building which were being sorted out. Royal Greenwich Council had been providing trained staff to support the council in North Kensington and Camden.

6. Information:

Project Mosaic

Project Mosaic is a Police led multi-faith initiative. In the past it has organised seminars on gangs and FGM. It is planning to facilitate a seminars on Adult Safeguarding and Trafficing; a faith walk round Woolwich ending at Charlton Athletic and something on Operation Griffin (Terrorism). A small steering group meets every month and anyone interested in joining it speak to Mike Leader.

Vulnerable Faith Institutions Scheme

Details of the scheme of grants has been circulated. Bids have to be in by 17 August.

7. Any Other business

Andrew Willetts reminded the meeting about Hope 2018 and invited anyone interested in participating to let him know. (revwillett@googlemail.com)

Future dates for 2017:

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19 September** at the SDA Church, Devonshire Drive, Greenwich SE10 8JZ

Tues **30 November** (*date changed from 23 November*)

Thanks to Stuart and Alan at Foodbank for hosting us.