



CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING

held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Trustees Present:	Mrs M Cowie	Chairperson
	Revd B Jarvis	Vice-Chairperson
	Mr B Friend	
	Mr T Millar	
	Mr J Ford	Co opted

Also in attendance:	Ms N Welch	Company Secretary
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Start time: 14.00pm

End Time: 14.21pm

39	Opening Revd Bruce Jarvis opened the meeting with reading from Revelation 22:10-13 and Apocalypse Revealed 948, followed by a prayer.	
40	Apologies – Apologies for absence were received from Sue Chesworth, Phillip Brooks and Joanne Walton.	
41	The Chair confirmed that the meeting was quorate and business could proceed.	
42	51 Woodlands Drive, Newton, Chester, CH2 3QQ - The property known as (the “Property”) is held upon trust under the provisions of the Declaration of Trust dated 28 January 1947 and a Resolution at the Meeting of the Chester Society on 8 November 1946 (the “Trust”). - The General Conference of the New Church was appointed trustee of the Trust by way of a Memorandum of Appointment of Trustee dated 29 April 1971. - The Trust empowers the Chester Society to sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the property and to apply the proceeds, subject to the opinion of The General Conference of the New Church that such application accords with its charitable objects. - Chester Society have ceased to function. The General Conference of the New Church has been able to contact three members but none are in a position to meet or pass any resolution. The General Conference of the New Church has not been made aware of any objection to a sale from the old members of the Chester Society. - On 4 November 2025, the Charity Commission confirmed that in its capacity as the successor trustee, the General Conference of the New Church can pass resolutions to sell	

	the Property and to apply the proceeds of sale in accordance with its continuing charitable objects. • Conference has received and considered a Designated Advisors Report prepared by BA Commercial Chartered Surveyors and dated 27th November 2025 • The Council confirmed that none of the Trustees are a connected person to the transaction. <i>Resolved:</i> 1.The Trustees of the General Conference of the New Church hereby authorise the sale of the Property at the value of £375,000.00 on the best terms that can be reasonably obtained. 2.The Trustees of the General Conference of the New Church consider that the offer from Mr Alexander James Jones and Mrs Megan Ellen Jones represents the best terms that can reasonably be obtained. 3.The Trustees of the General Conference of the New Church are satisfied that the sale of the Property is in the best interests of the charity. 4.The Trustees confirm that the proceeds of sale shall be applied exclusively for the charitable purposes of the General Conference of the New Church in accordance with its governing document and the trust provisions. Signed: Margaret Cowie, Chairperson On behalf of the Trustees of the Conference Council	
43	Manse at Kearsley- John Ford reported that the Manse at Kearsley is now fully prepared and ready to be placed on the market for sale. <i>Resolved:</i> The Trustees unanimously approved the proposal for the property to be sold and immediately listed on the open market.	
44	Line Manager Structure - The Council held a discussion regarding the replacement of Nigel Sutton as the Line Manager for Paul Mehew, Company Accountant. It was agreed that Natalie Welch, who has been assisting the role, would formally take on the position as the new Line Manager for Paul Mehew.	
45	The meeting closed with a short prayer	