

## GENERAL SYNOD

## HOUSE OF LAITY

## Standing Committee

**Minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee  
held at 12.45 p.m. on Saturday 7 July 2018  
at The University of York, (Room SLB/007)**

- Present: Jamie Harrison (*Chair*); Elizabeth Paver (*Vice Chair*); Adrian Greenwood (*Archbishops' Council*); Sarah Finch (*Appointments Committee*); Robert Hammond (*Business Committee*); Clive Scowen (*Business Committee*)
- Apologies: Mark Russell (*Archbishops' Council*); Lucy Docherty (*Appointments Committee*); Rachel Jepson (*Appointments Committee*); Anne Foreman (*Business Committee*)
- Staff: Adrian Iles (*Legal Adviser to the House*); Polly Dunn (*Secretary*)

**1. Prayers**

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Minutes**

- 2.1. The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting on 9 February 2018.

**3. Matters arising**

- 3.1. The Chair asked the Standing Committee for comments on the **Setting God's People Free (SGPF)** programme. Adrian Greenwood fed back his experience of the encouraging work undertaken by the diocese of Southwark within one of the three learning communities that have been set up. Robert Hammond and Clive Scowen, however, shared concerns regarding the capacity and engagement of the dioceses of Chelmsford and London. The Standing Committee agreed to revisit this matter at their next meeting.
- 3.2. The result of the **Crown Nominations Commission (CNC)** appeal was delivered on 6 April 2018 and published shortly thereafter. The Standing Committee noted their thoughts on the appeal process. They felt the appeal ran as it should and reached a decision without unnecessary complication. In light of concerns raised through this appeal process, the Standing Committee agreed to revisit proposals to petition the Standing Orders Committee with regard to Standing Order 135.
- 3.3. The Standing Committee wished to note its thanks to Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester), Mrs Julie Dziegiel (Oxford) and Mr Martin Kingston (Gloucester) for their time and work on the CNC appeal.

**4. Article 7 Business – advice to the Chair and Vice Chair**

- 4.1. The Chair and Vice Chair took advice from the Standing Committee and noted the lack of appetite for requiring a reference under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution for any of the following:

- Draft Ecumenical Relations Measure
- Draft Amending Canon No. 38
- Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure

4.2. The Chair and Vice Chair thanked the Standing Committee members for their advice. They would reach a decision on the matter after the meeting.

**Action: Chair / Vice Chair / Secretary**

## **5. Any other business**

5.1. Some members of the Standing Committee expressed concerns for the lack of Safeguarding training available to Lay Readers and those working under any other licence. The Chair agreed to raise this concern at the upcoming National Safeguarding Steering Group meeting.

**Action: The Chair**

5.2. Adrian Greenwood suggested that an item on the topic of Lay Ministries would be welcome in the February 2019 General Synod group of sessions.

## **6. February 2019**

6.1. The Standing Committee agreed that they would meet at a lunchtime during the February 2019 group of sessions (date to be agreed once the timetable is published).