

Cathedrals Plus Council

AGM MINUTES January 16th 2025 at the 2025 Peterborough Cathedral conference.

10-10.30am St John's Church

Council:

Anthony Cane (Chair); Jackie Holderness (Secretary); Sarah Page (Co-Secretary and Web manager); Laura Arends-Westminster; Lisa Power -York; Kevin Walton-St Albans; Gillian Bunn-Wakefield; Yvonne Pearson-Liverpool ; Jen Stratford-Chester; Daniel Parnell-Worcester; Jane Southward-Walsingham; Owen Towndrow-Hereford; Zoe Willis- Canterbury; Jane Brooke (Former Chair).

Apologies for Absence (Council)– *Charlie Rowbotham; Phil Stevens; Tony Austin; Patrick Brydon.*

Present: *The delegates from the conference, representing 73% of our membership.*

1. Opening prayer- Anthony Cane
2. Minutes of the last meeting – no matters arising
3. Chair's report - Anthony Cane -attached
4. Council Membership – Jackie Holderness – Our numbers are steadily increasing, from 16 after the pandemic to 44 members now. We are hoping that we will attract more greater churches and more cathedrals across the 4 nations and Ireland.
5. Membership and Finance update – Tony Austin, presented by Jackie H. Council accepted the Audited accounts. The latest figures show that we hope to more or less break even with this year's conference. NB We have used £2000 from our reserves to keep delegate costs down. Thanks to the growing membership and small increase in subs, we are in a healthier position than last year.
6. Website. Resources hub and social media updates- Sarah Page relaunched the Resources hub and gave everyone a card with reminders about accessing and using the resources. NB Sarah would like ALL members to contribute something to the hub this year.
7. Regional hubs update – Laura Arends reported positive feedback from the group meetings and from day events held in many of the regions.
8. Future conferences- venues/ dates...? Offers to host next year's conference have come in from Dublin and from Sheffield, with Buckfast offering 2027. Council to investigate costs and make a decision as soon as possible.
9. AOB - none

Dates of next Conference: tbc - Jan 27-29th 2026? Venue tbc

Date of next AGM: tbc Jan 29th 2026?

Dates for future Council meetings in 2025 (on Zoom) tbc:

- Wed April 1st (2-4 pm via Zoom)
- Thursday June 26th (10-12 via Zoom)
- Thurs Sept 18th (10-12 via Zoom)