

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LLANISHEN & LISVANE

THE LLANISHEN AND LISVANE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

CONSTITUTION

As amended and approved by the Council of Churches AGM on May 18th 1995
(Replaces the version approved on November 10th 1988)

1. Name

The Council shall be known as "The Llanishen and Lisvane Council of Churches" hereafter referred to as "the Council").

2. Composition

The Council shall be a fellowship of Churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

3. Objects

- (a) To promote fuller understanding among the Churches represented on the Council.
- (b) To enable local Christians to take united counsel and action where their interests and responsibilities are involved.
- (c) To consider issues which affect the spiritual and moral welfare of the local community, and to give guidance and take action, as may be thought appropriate, in the light of the Christian Gospel.
- (d) To give such expression to Christian faith and devotion as may from time to time be found desirable, having regard for different traditions and usages.
- (e) To raise, hold and disburse funds for any charitable purpose and for the administration and activities of the Council, its working groups and affiliated bodies.

4. Membership

The Council shall consist of:

- (a) The clergy and ministers of each Church belonging to the Council;
- (b) One lay representative of each Church congregation belonging to the Council (each of whom may send a deputy if unable to attend);
- (c) The Convenor of each working group set up by the Council under the provisions of paragraph 9 of this Constitution and one other member of each working group who shall be appointed for one year and shall not be eligible for appointment for the following year.
- (d) Co-opted members (to include representatives of affiliated bodies).

5. Officers

The Officers of the Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall normally hold office for one year and the Treasurer and Secretary shall not hold office for more than six consecutive years.

6. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the Officers of the Council and two other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of two years. These two year appointments shall not

normally be renewable and shall be staggered such that one appointment is made each year. The Executive Committee shall be an Administrative Committee and have powers to act in an emergency on behalf of the Council.

7. Finance

- (a) Each participating Church represented on the Council shall be expected to contribute towards the expenses of the Council.
- (b) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of the financial accounts of the Council, and shall make audited accounts and proposed budget available to the Annual General Meeting for approval.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall appoint one Auditor, not being a member of the Council, to serve for a period of one year.

8. Meetings

- (a) The Council, which shall be the main deliberative and working body, shall meet not less than three times annually. The first meeting of each year being the Annual General Meeting which shall take place in May. Working groups set up by the Council shall report to the Council, and the latter shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the working groups.
- (b) For the purpose of transacting the business of the Council, a quorum shall be FIFTEEN members of the Council.
- (c) The Secretary shall ensure that at least SEVEN days notice of meetings is given to members of the Council.

9. Working Groups

The Council shall have the power to delegate responsibilities to working groups, as it deems necessary. The Convenors of such groups shall not hold office for more than six consecutive years.

10. Amendment of the constitution

This Constitution may be amended by the Annual General Meeting of the Council, upon at least FOURTEEN days prior notice being given to Council members, stating the proposed amendments.

11. Dissolution of the Council

In the event of the dissolution of the Council, the assets of the Council shall be divided equally between the constituent Churches at the time of dissolution.