

## Minutes of the SPAN meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 held in St Peter's Church Hall

The meeting started with the SPAN Prayer.

**Attendance** Jenny Armstrong (Chair), Jonathan Holden, Patrick Reddin, Paul Hayden (Secretary), Michael Barker (Treasurer), Anne and Roger Elson,

**Apologies**, David Burton, Fr Stephen Day, Fr David Hartley, Caroline (Vice Chair) and Paul Manning, Mary Holden, Jeanette Davison, Clare Burdett, Jenny Toutoungi.

**Minutes of the last meeting** were circulated, approved and signed. **Matters arising:** N/A.

**Summary of Correspondence:** NB\* means - attachment supplied for the meeting.

- **Joseph Kaipumoh, Gbanja town, Bo, Sierra Leone**, Dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024. See SPAN for Aug EXTRA.
- **Robert Caracache, House of Light and Hope \***, sent 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. "Here is the latest article of our brother Fady Noun that you will read with interest." Also, dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 an email with prayer requests.
- **Global Care \***, dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Summer 2024 Newsbrief – pdf attached with download link to a fuller news brief. *[Global Care are beneficiaries of the Frank Garvey legacy.]*
- **Barry Harper, Secretary and Trustee, EACP East Africa Children's Project**, dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. "Thanks for £400. The award will support our aim of empowering the most deprived children through education to escape the damaging health and economic effects of extreme and persistent poverty."
- **Sally Searle, Chair of Trustees, Empowering Kids in Kenya**, dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024. "Thank you so much for your donation of £200 for us to purchase some reading books for the children at Bombolulu."
- **Deborah Warden, Tackling Social Inequalities for Warwickshire Family Information Service**, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024. "I am currently supporting a single Mum and her 4-year-old daughter, the family have recently moved to Leamington. xx has long term health condition. The family are on low income and struggling to afford to purchase a cooker. *[SPAN agreed to help – Clare B arranged a cooker £ 90]* Also, dated 21<sup>st</sup> August: yyy became homeless following giving up her home to move in with her fiancé, he then asked her and her daughter to leave. They have been in temporary accommodation in a refuge. She is desperate for is a fridge freezer. *[Clare explored and has responded.]* And dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August: zzz a single parent of two children is out of work due to her circumstances the family fridge freezer has broken and needs replacing. *[Clare to explore.]*
- **Sarah Nassanga, Lugeye Primary School Women's Association\***, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- **Tim Tucker, Message UK \***, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024. "Message UK is a large Christian charity, our organisations in Uganda and South Africa raise their funds independently."
- **Kieran McGerty, Young People First**, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. "We are in the process of moving offices; I can confirm we have received the cheque and will bank it shortly. Jayne and I are very keen to visit. As always, please pass my deepest thanks to all of the SPAN team and I hope to see you shortly."
- **Liz Mottram, Secretary to Kindaid**, dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. "... a big thank-you for recent donations towards *[Kiirua]* Kenya from SPAN amounting to £700.
- **Diana Day, Senior Family Support Worker within the Early Help and Targeted Support Team with Warwickshire County Council**, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. "I am currently supporting xx and his son xxx (16). Due to xxx's needs, xxx has had to cut back his hours significantly to care for yyy. yyy has a possible diagnosis of ADHD/ASC and low mental health. xxx is currently washing everything by hand. *[Clare to look at a washing machine.]*
- **Mark Aldridge, Starfish Malawi \***, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. Starfish Malawi Mid-year report received. *[£ 300 sent in Jan 2024].*
- **Shona Hickey, TEMWA \***, dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Mid-term report received. *[Part of Frank Garvey legacy, £ 2,000 sent in May].*
- **CAFOD \***, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July. "Thanks for £ 100 towards Darfur re the displacement of millions of families through the civil war started in 2003."

- **Jonathan Allen, Friends of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf \***, dated June 2024. Summer newsletter received.

### **Finance – Treasurer Report by Michael on the combined July and August 2024 Accounts**

We have **£ 1,067 available** for appeals; although we have received two months of standing orders and some investment income, we have already paid £400 to both of the African priests, Frs Kazozi (in Uganda) and Mwanza (in Zambia).

We have also supported the well project of Joseph Kampinoh in Sierra Leone.

We still have an ongoing issue with payment to Vincent Ularigiw (in Uganda) for the vulnerable student scheme; the amount has still not been received by the beneficiary and investigations continue.

The paperwork for the Trustees 2023 Annual Return to the Charity Commission still remains with the auditors and this will be chased this week.

The reissued cheque for £ 5,775 to CoCo's Foundation has been received and used.

£ 1,200 was raised during the celebration evening. This will be sent to Zoe's Place Baby Hostel. £ 200 has been given for Hall usage for the evening.

*[£ 412.42 will be added to amounts earmarked for hospitals at Nyenga, Uganda and Ortum, Kenya.]*

**Appeals** – \* indicates that attachments with further details were sent out ahead of the meeting,

- **Hands Around the World, Rwanda \*** "Hoping you would kindly consider supporting our project in Rwanda which helps disadvantaged street children attend Saint Paul Muko Catholic School in Bugarama, which is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Cyangugu. Our project enables vulnerable street children to receive two nutritious meals a day, seven days a week, which reduces hunger, increases school attendance and removes the impetus to return to the streets." **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **The Cuddapah Rural Development for Youth Welfare \*** "This project aims to provide daily nutritious lunches to 55 children with disabilities in Vempalli, Kadapa District." **Agreed not to support.**
- **Unicef Every Child Fund \*** "... is an investment in world children's futures – it helped to improve primary schooling for 167,000 children in the Democratic Republic of Congo." **Agreed not to support.**
- **Serendip Children's Home, Sri Lanka\*** "We render assistance to vulnerable children and women in the north and east of Sri Lanka." Regular feedback, £ 400 sent Oct 2023. **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **Children of the Dump, Philippines** - £ 500 sent Nov 2023, **£ 500 Agreed from Gift Aid rebate funds.**
- **CAFOD, Darfur, Sudan** - **£ 300 Agreed from Frank Garvey legacy.**

### **Any Other Business:**

**New Chapters** are up and running. 7/8 people resident. Launch BBQ last week. Jenny A had a tour – very impressed with work done converting the premises – decent rooms over 3 floors, hoping to convert large garage to a meeting room. 25 people attending support sessions weekly at Dale St. 1 or 2 staff overnight, probably 4- or 5-part timers involved.

**Kindaid events coming soon:** Quiz night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Just Desserts evening Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Pastimes events coming soon:** Jumble Sale Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 2pm.

**St Joseph's events coming soon:** Afternoon Tea Dance Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. 2pm

**SPAN Sunday** promoting SPAN and introducing the Advent / Christmas appeal. Perhaps 14<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**SPAN Quiz Night 2025** booked in St Peter's Hall for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Lent starts Wed March 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**CAFOD talk** requested for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept with **CAFOD Soup Lunch** on Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Justice & Peace** have held a review of the year.

**Live Simply** recently participated in ECOfest 2024. Celebrating 10 years with Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

**Hire charge** of St Peter's Hall for SPAN meetings will be £ 45. No charge in Zoom months Dec-Feb or August.

**Clare B** was thanked for her work obtaining white goods following Social Services requests.

The meeting finished with a prayer from the House of Light and Hope prayer requests.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 starting at 7.30 p.m. in St Peter's Hall.**