

## **CHELMSFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD HOUSE OF LAITY**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2015 at  
Chelmsford Cathedral**

### **1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

Anthony Nicolle began the meeting as Chair. He stated that only one nomination for Chair of the House had been received. This was from Robert Hammond. Members elected Robert Hammond as Chair of the House. Robert Hammond took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2013**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS**

Four proposals for co-option had been proposed:

Tim Leeson, Youth Worker based at Chelmsford Cathedral, had been proposed to be a representative voice of youth and youth work on Synod. Members approved this co-option.

Judith Meaden had been proposed for co-option as Chair elect of the Diocesan Mothers Union. Members approved this co-option.

Martin Mitchell had been proposed on the grounds of being co-ordinator of the Diocesan response to the welfare and re-settlement of refugees. Members approved this co-option.

Robin Stevens had been proposed given his experience as a reader and National Stewardship Officer. One member questioned why Robin had not stood for election to the Diocesan Synod. It was noted that he had stood for election to the General Synod but had been unsuccessful. Members spoke in favour of his co-option. The Chair put the co-option to a vote. Members voted in favour of Robin's co-option by a clear majority.

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**

Nathan Whitehead was proposed as Secretary to the House. The proposal was approved.

### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None