

YPF Meeting – 24th March, 7:00pm

1. Attendance

Present: Kenny McKie, Margaret Roger, Sadie Carson, Scott Troup, Mark Malcolm
Apologies: Martin Carr

2. Bible Reading & Prayer

Kenny McKie read from the *Lion Chasers Manifesto* and opened the meeting in prayer.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2026 were reviewed and agreed.

4. Appraisal

Kenny McKie and Mark Malcolm conducted the appraisal. This allowed a wide range of issues to be discussed and was considered a positive and encouraging experience.

5. Scott's Report (previously circulated)

- a) The P7+ group is small but growing. Those attending have enjoyed it, and feedback suggested continuing the group after Easter.
- b) *Rugby @ The Hub* was successful, with good attendance.
- c) *King of Kings* film night with food is scheduled for Tuesday 14th April, 6:00–8:00pm. Advertising is required.
- d) A new poster has been completed, with Scott working to improve clarity.

6. Welcome Pack

Two types of welcome bags will be prepared: one for primary school children and one for secondary school pupils.

- Five bags of each type will be made.
- Scott will check the budget with Les.
- Estimated cost is £13 per bag.
- If possible, bags will also be provided to older X-Group members.

7. Encouraging Young Families to Participate in Worship

A detailed discussion took place regarding how to encourage young families to attend worship and the challenges involved.

It was noted that there is a distinction between discipleship (for those already in the faith) and conversion (for those not yet engaged). For Christian families, consistency is often affected by competing pressures, with children's activities sometimes preventing church attendance.

The group recognised this as a sensitive issue. Where faith already exists, the focus should be on encouraging discipleship. However, Sunday mornings as an initial point of contact for new families present ongoing challenges.

It was agreed that the whole church family should consider how to approach outreach and discipleship more effectively, rather than relying solely on Sunday attendance. Encouragement was taken from existing connections through events such as Tiny Tunes, Hub Kids, and 68 Fitness. However, measurable outcomes in terms of conversion and church attendance remain limited.

This topic was identified as one requiring further consideration by the whole church family, not only the YPF Management Group.

6. Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are now a significant part of safeguarding requirements. Currently, no formal training has been undertaken to ensure assessments meet required standards. Kenny McKie and Mark Malcolm will explore training opportunities to ensure risk assessments are appropriately prepared and approved.

7. Team Evaluation Form

The team evaluation form for events was reviewed and agreed.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 12th May 2026 at 7:00pm.

9. Prayer

The meeting concluded with a time of prayer.