

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND
Diocesan Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 4:00PM
On Thursday, 27 October 2016 at Neligan House

CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Ross Bay

8128.	<p>Present</p> <p>The Right Rev Ross Bay The Right Rev Jim White The Rev Lucy Nguyen The Rev Clare Barrie The Rev Richard Bonifant The Rev Jordan Greatbatch The Rev Alan Burnett The Rev Sarah Stevens-Cross</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ms Patricia Hall Ms Jackie Addis Ms Deborah Rolland Mr Garry Smith Mr Graham Jones Ms Karen Spoelstra Ms Megan Bowden Mr David Howe</p> <p>In Attendance</p> <p>Ms Sonia Maugham (Diocesan Manager) Ms Valonia Dsouza (Minute Secretary)</p>
8129.	Apologies and Leave of Absence
8130.	<p>Prayers and Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Karen Spoelstra led the devotions.
8131.	<p>Matters Arising – Confirmation of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devotions to be included as a part of the agenda • The Rev Sarah Stevens- Cross to be listed as present at the September 2016 meeting • September 2016 In Committee meeting minutes to be tabled at the November Diocesan Council meeting.
8132.	<p>Disclosure of Interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Rosegarden – Garry Smith declared an interest as Selwyn Foundation is a partner of the project. • Selwyn Centre Waiuku – Garry Smith and Rev Lucy Nyugen declared an interest as it is connected with the Selwyn Centre. • Grey Lynn – Patricia Hall declared an interest as she is a parishioner at Grey Lynn.
8133.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>It was MOVED by Ms Deborah Rolland and SECONDED by Rev'd Jordan Greatbatch, that the meeting of the minutes held on the 29 September 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
8134.	Bishop Matters

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Jim has been managing the Diocese during Bishop Ross's absence. Bishop Ross was grateful for Bishop Jim's work during his time away. • Bishop Ross attended three key events. The first was the installation of the new Bishop of Lichfield. Bishop Selwyn is well remembered as a significant contributor to Lichfield. The new Bishop of Lichfield will be attending the consecration of the Cathedral in 2017. This was followed by his visit to Canterbury and Rome where the Anglicans and the Catholics met together to continue fostering the relationship between the two churches. Bishop John Dew, Catholic Archbishop of Wellington accompanied Bishop Ross. He concluded his trip by preaching at Evensong in York Minister. Bishop Ross was grateful to have had the opportunity to attend these events, and since his return has been catching up on work.
8135.	<p>Matters Outstanding – Schedule of Business</p> <p>Matters outstanding on the schedule of business were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Ross will provide an update on the appointment of members to the Standing Panel of Title D Tribunal. • Received verbal advice from Rev Alan Burnett that the Parish of Whangarei has effectively changed its status from Parish to Whangarei Mission District with no objections. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>It was MOVED by Rev Richard Bonifant and SECONDED by Rev Lucy Nguyen that the Diocesan Council approves to change the Parish status to Whangarei Mission District.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A follow up to be done with Purewa Cemetery Trust Board regarding nomination of Trustees to the Board.
8136.	<p>Property Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Clark, Property Manager is on leave and hence no property report has been submitted.
8137.	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Audit Committee Report <p>Mr Garry Smith presented the report to the Council. He acknowledged the work done around the Quota letter and supported the notion that it is a good approach. The Committee has been receiving the management accounts regularly.</p> <p>At the last Diocesan Council meeting, specific components of the budget were addressed and amendments were made. This has helped in taking the immediate pressure off the budget but moving forward the Diocesan Council needs to address the long-term financial issues to ensure sustainability. The sub group of the Finance and Audit committee met informally to discuss key focus areas going forward. The group discussed the need for a strategic approach for the future of the Diocese and the next step will be to request time with the Bishops to discuss if and how they could move forward.</p> <p>The Finance and Audit Committee strongly believe that a commitment be made by the Diocesan Council to repay the Dio-Development fund at the first opportunity.</p> <p>The risk register working group has not met recently. The group is formed from the Finance and Audit committee and consists of Mr Graham Miller, Mr Graham Jones, Mr Garry Smith, Mr Shane Coward and the Diocesan Manager. The purpose of the group is to populate the risk register and present solutions to the Diocesan Council on how they might mitigate those</p>

	<p>risks.</p> <p>Mr Graham Jones updated Diocesan Council that he has had a positive meeting with the vestry of Parish of Papakura regarding their unpaid insurance premiums.</p> <p>The Diocesan Council acknowledged and thanked the Finance and Audit Committee for its work.</p>
8138.	<p>Project Rose Garden</p> <p>Dean Jo Kelly-Moore joined the meeting at 5pm and briefed members on a proposed project to build the future endowment and financial sustainability of the Cathedral Trusts.</p> <p><i>Rev Sarah Stevens Cross and Ms Jackie Addis left the meeting at 6.00pm.</i></p>
8139.	<p>Decision Papers and Appointments</p> <p>Motion 4: Equal Gender Representation</p> <p>At the Auckland Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Council was asked to research ways of implementing and legislating for working towards equal representation of women and men in decision making levels – when electing or appointing representatives to governing and consultative bodies and to report back to the Diocesan Synod 2017.</p> <p>Bishop Ross made a suggestion that two to three Diocesan Council members liaise with Archdeacon Carole Hughes and discuss an action plan. Diocesan Council suggested that previous Diocesan Council members be asked to be a part of the group.</p> <p>Rev Clare Barrie will convene the group, Mr David Howe and Rev Jordan Greatbatch will be members. The group will approach Rev Nyasha Gumbeze and Archdeacon Carole Hughes to also be a part of the group.</p>
8140.	<p>Motion 10: Synod Membership and Participation</p> <p>Rev Richard Bonifant presented the ballot results regarding the terms for members of Synod.</p> <p>The brief of the original motion was broad and unfocused. The original motion was intended to be for terms for members from the House of Laity but has since been changed and included House of Clergy. Both houses operate differently. The lay people had brought membership issue to Synod, as they believed that it is essential that the House of Laity needs to be refreshed periodically.</p> <p>Diocesan Council agreed that the House of Laity should consist of members with strong voice and desire to look into the future. It must allow future generations to cater for the future generations. Increased youth presence was highly desirable and added a better dimension. Synod also needs to address proportional models. Quality representation at Synod is vital.</p> <p>A fresh approach to Synod arrangements and lay elections is needed and the task group currently does not have the mandate to look at different models.</p> <p>Bishop Jim proposed a multi-step approach with the first step being that the task group look at the different options and the consequences and present these to Synod 2017 for endorsement. This will be presented with a view that the legislation will be brought to</p>

Synod 2018, if needed.

Proposal: *The working group as it were to set out options and foreseen consequences for basic affirmation at the next Synod. The paper to be presented to the Diocesan Council by its May 2017 meeting.*

8141.

Holy Trinity Otahuhu

Holy Trinity Otahuhu has a conditional land sale and purchase agreement negotiated for the surplus land at Masons Ave with an unconditional due date of 27 March 2017. The Parish is now facing large pre-settlement expenses of approximately \$150,000 as it has to pay for number of lodgements and consents, architect fees, legal fees, demolition etc.

Otahuhu currently have \$232,662.16 in their investment funds in addition to several other investments.

*It was **MOVED** by Rev Alan Burnett and **SECONDED** by Mr Garry Smith that Holy Trinity Otahuhu have access up to \$150,000 from their investment account, on the understanding that this would be repaid once the land has been sold.*

AGREED

8142.

St Bride's Church

The Mauku LSMU has requested for a \$110,000 + GST be released from the O'Hara Bequest to allow for re-piling of St Bride's Church, Mauku. This is to assist with replacing the original Pururi stumps as they are rotting.

Bishop Jim advised the committee that the bequest money is shared between Waiuku and Mauku and if the money is drawn from the capital, it will reduce the amount of distribution. The Mauku church is the only active church in the area.

*It was **MOVED** by Mr Graham Jones and **SECONDED** by Rev Lucy Nguyen that \$110,000 + GST, with 10% contingency be released from the O'Hara Bequest to allow for the re-piling of St Bride's Church, Mauku.*

AGREED

8143.

Selwyn Centre, Waiuku

Selwyn Centre, Waiuku have requested \$25,000 from the Waiuku's share of the O'Hara Bequest to assist with refurbishing the hall building adjacent to, and owned by, St Andrews Waiuku and Districts Combined Church. When Holy Trinity Church Waiuku was closed 2 years ago, the Selwyn Centre was relocated to the St Andrews Centre.

The Diocesan Council raised concerns if the bequest money can be used on buildings that are not our own. Bishop Jim noted it may be acceptable for the income from the bequest to be used; as the arrangement is such that a half share of the income is split between Waiuku and Mauku.

Diocesan Council has recommended that to ensure that the area is not reallocated to some other use in the near future, there should be a formal deed that ensures that the area is available to the Selwyn Group for a reasonable period of time and there are contingencies in place should either parties wish to terminate the agreement.

It is important that the Diocesan Council honour the terms of the O'Hara Bequest.

8144.	<p><i>Action: The Diocesan Manager to determine the terms of the O'Hara Bequest and what share of the income would be available for Waiuku and present it at the next Diocesan Council meeting.</i></p> <p>Anglican Trusts Board</p> <p>At its last meeting, the Diocesan Council asked the Anglican Trusts Board to approach Rev Vicki Sykes to be a member on the Trusts Board. Rev Vicki Sykes has expressed an interest and the Diocesan Council considers her a suitable candidate as a trustee to the Board.</p> <p><i>It was MOVED by Mr David Howe and SECONDED by Rev Clare Barrie that Rev Vicki Sykes be appointed as a trustee to the Anglican Trusts Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
8145.	<p>Climate Change Action Group</p> <p>The Climate Change Action Group is seeking agreement to add the Church's voice to important calls for action on climate change. The first letter is to NZ Super Fund to divest from Fossil Fuels, led by 350 Aotearoa. The second letter is an open letter to the government, calling for increased climate action, and is coordinated by WWF.</p> <p>The Bishops believe that the letter will carry more weight if they sign it on behalf of the Diocese and sits in continuity with what has been discussed at General Synod and Diocesan Synod.</p> <p><i>It was MOVED by Rev Jordan Greatbatch and SECONDED by Ms Deborah Rolland that the Bishops sign the open letters on behalf of the Diocese in relation to climate change to be sent out to NZ Super Fund and NZ government.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
8146.	<p>Working Group Update</p> <p>Quota</p> <p>Memo re quota and ministry unit contribution form has been sent out to all ministry units within the Diocese. The Diocesan Manager thanked the Diocesan Council for their input with the Quota memo.</p> <p>An update regarding the response from Ministry Units will be provided at the next Diocesan Council meeting.</p>
8147.	<p>Grey Lynn</p> <p>Bishop Jim updated Diocesan Council about the progress at Grey Lynn. However, their recent lottery grant was declined; this was a significant income stream for them. The working group had identified it as a high risk and therefore the group will be meeting again soon.</p>
8148.	<p>Cathedral Consecration</p> <p>Deborah Rolland updated that the consecration of the Cathedral is up to full speed and the communications plan will take effect in November. The Liturgical invitations are up to date, concerts have been finalised and the museum has been working closely with the Cathedral as well.</p>

8149.	<p>Bishop Ross believes that the Selwyn College in Cambridge are in possession of Bishop Selwyn's crosier and enquiries need to be made if it can be loaned during the consecration for display.</p> <p>Office relocation</p> <p>The group has not met but discussions have resumed. Shane Coward (Trust Management) has been identified as a possible resource for market information.</p>
8150.	<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Rev Clare Barrie and the Diocesan Manager met with Robyn Levinge, consultant for Optime Ltd. Robyn has over 20 years of health and safety experience across many industries. She has volunteered her time to assist the Diocese. Initially she will work with the Diocesan Manager getting plans developed and outlining our responsibilities.</p>
	<p>Information Papers</p>
8151.	<p>Mission and Ministry Oversight Group will be sending out a feedback form on "Rationalisation and Future Closure of Ministry Unit" to the ministry units as a follow up from the questionnaire from Synod.</p>
8152.	<p>The Diocesan Mission and Ministry Resource Team report was presented by Karen Spoelstra and was received by the Diocesan Council.</p>
8153.	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is scheduled on the 24 November 2016 at 4pm in Neligan House Boardroom. • The meeting closed at 6.30pm with Grace.



Chairperson

24 November 2016

Date