

**DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**  
**Diocesan Council**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 4:00PM**  
**ON THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 IN THE BOARDROOM, NELIGAN HOUSE**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Ross Bay**

3792	<p><b><u>PRESENT</u></b></p> <p>The Right Rev. Ross Bay The Right Rev. Jim White The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze The Rev. Lucy Nguyen The Rev. Clare Barrie Lay Canon Dr Briar Peat The Rev. Sarah Stevens The Rev. Sarah Moss The Rev. Richard Bonifant</p> <p>Mrs Deborah Rolland Mrs Jackie Addis Mr Edward Swift Mrs Karen Spoelstra Mr Graham Jones</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Mr Kevin Third (Diocesan Manager) Miss Lynne Usher (Clergy &amp; Ministry Administrator)</p>
3793	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Mr Graham Miller, Mrs Megan Bowden</p>
3794	<p><b><u>OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN THE SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>That the Property Sub-Committee and the Financial Sub-Committee will report back at the next meeting (30<sup>th</sup> April 2015).</p>
3795	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>It was <b>MOVED</b> by Mrs Karen Spoelstra and <b>SECONDED</b> by Mrs. Deborah Rowland, <i>"THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p>
3796	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE</u></b></p>
3797	<p><b><u>BISHOPS' MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>Bishop Jim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated the meeting on the ongoing situation at St George's Epsom.</li><li>• Attended the Bishops' meeting which was hosted by Auckland</li></ul>

Bishop Ross

- Attended the Bishops' meeting which was hosted by Auckland
- Expressed his appreciation for the time spent by the Council in Tairua.
- Preached at a community service in Bombay to celebrate the sesqui-centenary of the arrival of the first European settlers there
- Took part in a recording of an Easter service to be broadcast on RNZ National on Easter Day
- Attended a meeting with the Bishops of Waipapu and Waikato/Taranaki to investigate a co-ordinated processes for Discernment for ordination across the three dioceses.

The Rev. Sarah Moss arrived at 4:30pm

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## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHARITIES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### Annual Financial Statements

- Mr Shane Coward presented the 2014 Financial Statements.
- The Finance Sub-Committee will discuss these with Mr Coward at a later date.
- It was noted that Purewa Trust Board funding should be recorded as a distribution to the Diocesan Council for its general purposes.

### Charities Reporting Requirements

- Mr Coward spoke on the charities reporting options paper that was tabled at the previous Diocesan Council meeting.
- A decision will need to be made at the next meeting so that any changes impacting on Ministry Units can be effectively communicated, probably by way of a road show.

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## MINISTRY UNIT MATTERS

### The Parish of St Peter's, Onehunga

The Parish has requested permission to use funds from the Parochial Trust to purchase a property suitable for use as a vicarage.

**MOTION** : that Diocesan Council approves the use of Parochial Trust Fund towards the purchase of a vicarage and that the particular purchase must receive the approval of the Diocesan Manager and the Diocesan Property Manager.

**MOVED** by The Rev. Lucy Nguyen and **SECONDED** by Mrs. Deborah Rolland;

**AGREED.**

### The Parish of St Paul's, Symonds Street

The Parish of St Paul's Symonds Street have sought permission to purchase a further residential property for clergy housing. The parish recently sold a property that was no longer suitable.

The Parish of St Paul's Symonds Street has also written to the trustees of the St Paul's Education and Housing Trust requesting a capital withdrawal from the trust to purchase the additional house. In accordance with the terms of the trust, The Diocesan Council, as a beneficiary of the trust, is required to agree to how the trust is applied.

	<p>The Chair of the General Trust Board has written to the Council proposing three options that will provide for an additional house for the parish. One of those options recommends that the trust purchase the property.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> : that the Diocesan Council approves in principal the purchase of an additional clergy house.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Lay Canon Dr Briar Peat and <b>SECONDED</b> by Mrs Jackie Addis <span style="float: right;"><b>AGREED</b></span></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> : that the Diocesan Council, as a beneficiary of the St Paul's Education and Housing Trust, and after discussion, advises the trustees that it agrees to the option of the Trust purchasing the property for use by the parish and that a suitable memorandum of understanding will be signed by all parties to the trust. Such MOU will ensure that there is no impact on the Diocesan Council's share of the annual distribution from the Trust.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by The Rev. Sarah Moss and <b>SECONDED</b> by Mr Edward Swift <span style="float: right;"><b>AGREED</b></span></p> <p><u>The Parish of Milford</u></p> <p>The Parish of Milford has requested that capital funds held from the sale of All Hallows, Castor Bay be released to the parish to fund the construction of a pitched roof over an open deck. A faculty has been issued for this work.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> : that the Diocesan Council agrees to grant permission for the use of the total amount of the capital funds.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Mrs Jackie Addis and <b>SECONDED</b> by Mrs Karen Spoelstra. <span style="float: right;"><b>AGREED</b></span></p>
3800	<p><u>PROPERTY MATTERS</u></p> <p>As part of their ongoing building project, The Church of the Good Shepherd Massey has requested permission to sell a residential property at 43 Jadewynn Drive, Massey. The property is currently used as the vicarage. The parish wish to use the funds for debt reduction and project expenses.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> : that the Diocesan Council agrees to the proposed Massey sale, but cautions that the funds realised by the sale should be used entirely for debt reduction. The Property Manager and the Archdeacon are to meet with the parish regarding the project to submit a report back to the Council.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Bishop Jim White and <b>SECONDED</b> by The Rev. Sarah Moss. <span style="float: right;"><b>AGREED</b></span></p>
3801	<p><u>PUREWA TRUSTEES</u></p> <p>The chairman of the Purewa Cemetery Trust Board has requested that Diocesan Council considers Ms. Erica Jenkins and Mr. John Bukowski for appointment as members of the board.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> : that the Diocesan Council approves the nomination of Ms. Erica Jenkins and Mr. John Bukowski as Trustees of The Purewa Trust Board.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Bishop Jim White and <b>SECONDED</b> by Mr Edward Swift <span style="float: right;"><b>AGREED</b></span></p>

	Council expressed its thanks for the excellent supporting documentation provided with the nominations and professional and collaborative approach applied to the nomination process.
3802	<p><u>CLERGY PENSION FUND</u></p> <p>In accordance with normal practice the Provincial Stipend Monitoring Group has recommended an annual stipend increase. The recommended increase for 2015 has been set at 1.8%</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> : that the Diocesan Council approves the Stipend Monitoring Group's 1.8% annual increase for clergy and, as is normal practice, approves the same increase for staff employed by the Diocesan Secretariat Board.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Lay Canon Dr Briar Peat and <b>SECONDED</b> by Mrs Deborah Rowland.</p> <p>The Bishops, Clerical Members, and Ms Karen Spoelstra declared their interest in this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p>
3803	<p><u>CLOSING</u></p> <p>The meeting closed at 6:00pm.</p>

DEVOTIONS AT UP-COMING MEETINGS

- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015                      The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015                        Ms Megan Bowden
- 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015                        The Rev. Sarah Stevens
- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015                         The Rev. Richard Bonifant
- 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015                      Mr Graham Jones

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