

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND
Diocesan Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 1:00 PM
ON THURSDAY, 27th AUGUST 2015 AT NELIGAN HOUSE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Ross Bay

7872.	<p><u>PRESENT</u></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. Sarah Stevens-Cross The Rev. Sarah Moss</p> <p>Mrs Jackie Addis Mrs Karen Spoelstra Mrs Megan Bowden Mr Graham Jones Mr Graham Miller</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Mr Kevin Third (Diocesan Manager) Miss Lynne Usher (Clergy & Ministry Administrator)</p>
7873.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze Mrs Deborah Rolland for lateness. Canon Dr Briar Peat - present for presentation Miss Lynne Usher – for the presentation</p>
7874.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>At 1pm, Mr Shane Coward, supported by Ms Bridgette Morrison made a presentation to the Board on the Consolidated Accounting process.</p>
7875.	<p>The meeting proper began at 2:30 pm</p> <p><u>OPENING DEVOTIONS</u></p> <p>Mr Graham Jones</p>
7876.	<p>Bishop Ross welcomed the Members of the Diocesan Council. This was the final meeting for this Diocesan Council and Bishop Ross thanked them for providing two good years of continuity and coherence and for their service to the Diocese.</p>
7877.	<p><u>DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Bishop Jim White for Item 12 on the Agenda – Appointment to the Title D Tribunal. Ms Megan Bowden for Item 14 on the Agenda – GALSS funding. The Rev. Lucy Nguyen for Item 14 on the Agenda – GALSS Funding. The Rev. Clare Barrie for Item 16 on the Agenda – Appendix H, St Luke’s, Mt Albert.</p>

7878.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>It was MOVED by Mrs Jackie Addis and SECONDED by the Rev. Richard Bonifant <i>“THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
7879.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>There were no matters arising from the last minutes.</p>
7880.	<p><u>OTHER MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish of Pukekohe property purchase – moved to Property Matters • Parish of Massey update – moved to Property Matters • Common Life Missions Conference • Financial Reports – this item requested as a standard item on the agenda.
7881.	<p><u>BISHOPS' MATTERS</u></p> <p>Bishop Ross reported on his recent sabbatical leave. He has been back for a couple of weeks and caught up on various outstanding matters. He is grateful for the work of the Episcopal Team managing the extra demands in his absence. Synod preparation has taken a good deal of his attention during this week. There have also been a number of school board meetings and school functions. The work on a renewed process for ministry unit and clergy reviews is reaching a conclusion with implementation decisions now required. The meeting with representatives from Te Manawa o te Wheke during the last week was positive and fruitful.</p> <p>Bishop Jim reported that he had been dealing with some difficult pastoral matters. He had attended a three day Te Kotahitanga meeting. The paper on Motion 30 will be ready for General Synod. Two sexuality motions at Diocesan synod will be moved to a conference session. Motions will be discussed and addressed, but will not be put. He has been working on appointments at Howick, Milford, Northcote and Whangarei. It was noted that progress had been made at Waimate North. A meeting was held at Kerikeri with LSM units to address significant issues for them.</p>
7882.	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORTS</u></p> <p>The July financial statements were tabled.</p> <p>After synod, the newly formed Diocesan Council will begin a process to establish a Finance and Audit Committee to oversee financial matters on behalf of the council</p>
7883.	<p><u>PROPERTY MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>The Parish of Avondale</u></p> <p>The parish has some vacant land within its property footprint and plans to lease the land so as to provide a long term income. This is a strategic site for the future plans of the Diocese as it is close to the town centre and placed well in relationship to other parishes. The vicarage is currently rented out and the vicar lives in his own</p>

	<p>home. Avondale is only able to support a 0.5 stipend. Development of the site may help to create a new income stream for the parish. Leasing is better for the Diocese's long term plans. This does not compromise the existing ministry and the lease is guaranteed by the developer.</p> <p>MOTION : to advise the General Trust Board that the Diocesan Council approves the plan to remove the current Avondale parish vicarage and to lease the land for the development of a childcare centre with a lease period of 30 years.</p> <p>MOVED : Mr Graham Miller and SECONDED by Mrs Jackie Addis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p> <p><u>The Parish of Pukekohe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Vestry Trust of the parish has requested permission to proceed with the purchase of a property adjacent to their aged care facility. <p>MOTION : that the Diocesan Council agrees to approve the purchase.</p> <p>MOVED : by Mr Graham Miller and SECONDED by Ms Megan Bowden.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p> <p>4:00pm – Mrs Deborah Rolland joined the meeting.</p>
7884.	<p><u>APPOINTMENT TO THE TITLE D TRIBUNAL</u></p> <p>MOTION : that Judge Dale Clarkson be appointed to the Title D Tribunal.</p> <p>MOVED : the Rev. Lucy Nguyen and SECONDED by Mr Graham Jones.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p> <p>The Diocesan Manager will write to Judge Clarkson informing her of the Council's decision.</p> <p>Once five members are appointed to the Tribunal, there will be an invitation for them to meet with the Bishops and the Chancellor.</p>
7885.	<p><u>CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GROUP</u></p> <p>MOTION : that the Diocesan Council agrees to the request of the Diocesan Climate Change Action Group for the appointment of a casual employee until the end of the year.</p> <p>MOVED : the Rev. Sarah Stevens-Cross and SECONDED by the Rev. Clare Barrie.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p> <p>It was noted that this is an active group that has achieved a lot. This appointment will be funded from their existing budget.</p>

7886.	<p><u>GALSS FUNDING</u></p> <p>Grief and Loss Support Services is looking for additional funding for the position of Season's Companion Trainer. This will enable them to become independent of Waiapu and an Auckland-based trainer will be better able to serve the needs of the group as well as being of great benefit. Two new sites are in the process of being negotiated in East and South Auckland. At the moment, Seasons fundraises its own funds with Hostel of the Holy Name support through to April of 2016. This funding will enable the group to hold their own training as and when needed without having to pay Waiapu.</p> <p>The Diocesan Council receives the request for funding of \$3,000.00 in 2016 and \$6,000.00 in 2017. This will be referred to the new Finance and Audit Committee for possible inclusion in the budget. The Diocesan Manager will reply to GALSS.</p>
7887.	<p><u>DIOCESAN COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>There is a need for greater exposure and transparency in relation to Diocesan Council business to build up trust within the Diocese. It was suggested that once the minutes were up on the website, an email link should be sent out to all Ministry Units and an intranet notification to all clergy. On the website there should be a section for the Governing Body. A request was made for a camera at the September meeting to photograph new Diocesan Council members.</p>
7888.	<p><u>MINISTRY UNIT MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>The Parish of St Luke's Mt Albert</u></p> <p>The parish has been approached by a local practice to accommodate them in the short term with a view to a long term commercial lease. A preliminary Mission/Ministry plan was tabled in order to begin planning for this venture. Mission and Ministry plans such as this, where information is shared, are very useful to the Diocesan Council and, advice and feedback is sought from the Diocesan Council.</p>
7889.	<p><u>COMMON LIFE MISSIONS CONFERENCE</u></p> <p>The Commons Life Mission Conference is being held in October and each Ministry Unit should be represented. The Diocesan Council should also commit to attend. Our Tikanga partners will also be present and there is the possibility to get some mission involvement within our diocese.</p> <p>The Diocesan Manager is to source some advertising material and circulate it to the Diocesan Council.</p>
7890.	<p><u>CLOSING</u></p> <p>The Bishops thanked the Diocesan Council for their hard and thoughtful work and for developing a considered approach to responsibilities.</p> <p>Mr Graham Miller was thanked for his skills and expertise to the Diocesan Council over four, six-year terms since 1988.</p> <p>Mrs Jackie Addis, Mrs Karen Spoelstra and the Rev. Sarah Moss reach the end of their three year terms and are available for re-election.</p>

Graham Miller and Megan Bowden will speak on the consolidated accounting process at synod.

Clare Barrie and Deborah Rolland will present the DC report at synod
Jayson Rhodes will make a presentation on Communications at synod.

The September meeting will be on the 17th September and the Rev. Lucy Nguyen will conduct the devotions.

The meeting closed at 4:45pm with the Grace.

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