

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 3:30PM**  
**ON THURSDAY, 26 August 2016 AT NELIGAN HOUSE**

**CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Ross Bay**

8080.	<p><b><u>PRESENT</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">The Right Rev. Ross Bay The Right Rev. Jim White The Rev. Lucy Nguyen The Rev. Sarah Moss The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze The Rev. Clare Barrie The Rev. Richard Bonifant</td><td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">Mrs Deborah Rolland Mr Garry Smith Mr Graham Jones Mrs Jackie Addis Mrs Karen Spoelstra Ms Megan Bowden Lay Canon Dr Briar Peat</td></tr></table> <p><b><u>In Attendance:</u></b></p> <p>Ms Sonia Maugham (Diocesan Manager) Miss Lynne Usher (Administrator)</p>	The Right Rev. Ross Bay The Right Rev. Jim White The Rev. Lucy Nguyen The Rev. Sarah Moss The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze The Rev. Clare Barrie The Rev. Richard Bonifant	Mrs Deborah Rolland Mr Garry Smith Mr Graham Jones Mrs Jackie Addis Mrs Karen Spoelstra Ms Megan Bowden Lay Canon Dr Briar Peat
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8081.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>The Rev. Sarah Stevens-Cross (parental leave) Lay Canon Dr Briar Peat for lateness Ms Patricia Hall (parental leave)</p>		
8082.	<p><b><u>PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS</u></b></p> <p>Mr Graham Jones</p> <p>The Rev. Richard Bonifant was welcomed back and congratulated on the birth of his daughter.</p> <p>Mr Garry Smith was congratulated on the Selwyn Foundation being nominated to address the housing care for the elderly by the Auckland City Council.</p> <p>Miss Lynne Usher was thanked and farewelled.</p>		
8083.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING – CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>The draft budget for 2017 was tabled as part of the Financial Report.</p>		
8084.	<p><b><u>DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grey Lynn – Bishop Jim declared an interest as he is the Chairman of the Board of the Auckland City Mission.</li><li>• Northern Wairoa – Mrs Deborah Rolland declared an interest as she has family members belonging to the Mission District.</li></ul>		

8085.	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u></p> <p><i>It was <b>moved</b> by Mr Garry Smith, and <b>seconded</b> by Mrs Jackie Addis, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016, be confirmed as a correct record.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p>
8086.	<p><u>BISHOPS' MATTERS</u></p> <p>Bishop Jim reported on the Bishops' School for the Church of Melanesia. Bishop Kito of Te Tai Tokerau and Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick of Hawaii, along with Bishop Ross and Bishop Jim, were in attendance in Vanuatu. It was an outstanding week and a great contribution. The bishops also met with the President and a past President of Vanuatu, both of whom are Anglican priests. Outstanding progress has been achieved in Melanesia despite overwhelming difficulties.</p> <p>Bishop Jim also attended the opening of Selwyn Heights Retirement Village, the Te Kotahitanga meeting and has been very busy with the Parish of Whangarei.</p> <p>On his return from Vanuatu, Bishop Ross undertook his annual inspection at Dilworth School and has been preparing for the lergy appointments process and inductions which take place at the beginning of November.</p> <p>On the 20<sup>th</sup> September, Bishop Ross is leaving for Canterbury and Rome to attend the Commission on Unity and Mission. He will also attend the installation of the new Bishop of Lichfield and preach at York Minster. He returns Labour weekend.</p> <p>Both bishops are preparing for Synod. They complimented the great work done by the Synod Arrangements Committee and extended heartfelt thanks to Ms Bridget Morrison on the outstanding work she has done in organizing Synod 2016.</p>
8087.	<p><u>MATTERS OUTSTANDING – SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Matters outstanding on the Schedule of Business were noted.</p> <p>Mrs Karen Spoelstra and The Rev. Clare Barrie will present the Diocesan Council Synod Report and Mr Garry Smith will present the budget.</p> <p>Parish of Whangarei – Currently the Parish of Whangarei is still meeting its obligations to remain a parish, however funds will become tighter towards the end of the year. The financial situation has been presented to Parishioners and the pressing issue of how ministry will be sustained in Whangarei. Onerahi and Maunu were split off from Whangarei and are both financially comfortable.</p> <p>Diocesan Council wishes to communicate to the Parish of Whangarei that – on the information presented – Council believes the change of status to Mission District is the best way forward. A Diocesan Council will form a working group to review the Whangarei situation. Mrs Megan Bowden, The Rev. Richard Bonifant and Bishop Jim will be core members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposal:</b> <i>Diocesan Council agrees that the Parish of Whangarei go ahead and reconstitute as a Mission District by the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p>

8088.	<p><u>DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS</u></p> <p>Members of the Diocesan Council due to retire are:  Lay Canon Briar Peat  The Rev. Clare Barrie  Mrs Deborah Rolland  The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze</p> <p>The Rev. Sarah Moss has tendered her resignation in the light of her appointment to the Episcopal team. Sarah was thanked for her contribution to the Council.</p> <p>Synod will be asked to appoint 3 clergy and 2 lay members.</p>
8089.	<p><u>PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>5:05pm Mr Geoff Clark joined the meeting.</p> <p><u>Massey Parish Building Funding Request</u>  The Parish has recently received their resource consent for the proposed church extension. The Parish was anticipating a grant from the Diocesan Council of \$500,000, however due to current constraints on Council finances meeting this in the short time is unlikely.</p> <p><i>"It is recommended that the Parish be updated on the status of the grant, noting the financial constraints being experienced by the Diocese at this time."</i></p> <p>8090. <u>Point Chevalier Sale of Plant</u>  The Point Chevalier Parish was deconsecrated in July and now arrangements are being made to dispose of the plant.</p> <p>5:15pm Lay Canon Briar Peat joined the meeting.</p> <p><i>"It was <b>moved</b> by Mrs Jackie Addis, and <b>seconded</b> by Ms Megan Bowden that Diocesan Council approve the sale of the Point Chevalier property, the Diocesan Property Manager and Trust Management staff be tasked with managing of the sale process and The General Trust Board to be kept informed."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>It was agreed, in principle, that the Diocesan Council could contribute some funds from this sale to the Auckland City Mission in line with the congregation's wishes, but not to set a precedent.</p> <p>8091. <u>Ruawai Co-operating Parish</u>  The church has a "B" Heritage classification, but has not been used for years. The current QV is \$50,000.</p> <p><i>"It was <b>moved</b> by The Rev. Clare Barrie, and <b>seconded</b> by The Rev. Sarah Moss that the Ruawai Co-Operating Parish be granted the approval to sell St Michaels-on-the-Hill church at Hukutere. The Parish to be reminded that they must work closely with the local community regarding the sale process."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p>



8092.	<p><u>Waiuku Hall Demolition</u> Property condition reports show that the hall at Waiuku is in an extremely deteriorated state and the recommendation would be to demolish it.</p> <p><i>"It was moved by Lay Canon Briar Peat, and seconded by Mrs Deborah Rolland that the Diocesan Council approve the demolition of the hall and that the cost of the demolition be covered by existing parish funds"</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>5:45pm Mr Geoff Clark left the meeting.</p>
8093.	<p><u>FINANCE REPORT</u></p> <p>The Financial Statements to the end of July 2016 were presented.</p> <p><u>Finance and Audit Committee Report</u> The report was discussed, specifically highlighting the ongoing cash flow concerns and the draft budget for 2017, which currently reports a deficit.</p> <p>8094. <u>Centralised Ministry Accounting Report August 2016</u> The Ministry Accounting report was considered and accepted. The Council discussed the Parish of Pukekohe's non-compliance with the Parish Accounting requirements and their continued concerns regarding the extra audit costs. The Finance and Audit Committee advised the Council that it is too late for Pukekohe to be included this year and the parish should have deferred entry to the scheme.</p> <p><i>It was <b>moved</b> by The Rev. Sarah Moss, and <b>seconded</b> by The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze Diocesan Council instructs that the Parish of Pukekohe follow the centralised accounting local collection procedures for 2016, use their own auditor, and meet all audit costs including any costs the Diocesan auditor charges for reviewing their auditor's work."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED.</b></p>
8095.	<p><u>DECISION PAPERS AND APPOINTMENTS</u></p> <p><u>ATWC Trustee Appointments</u> The Anglican Trust for Women and Children Act requires the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland (Diocesan Council) to appoint trustees to the ATWC Board. Five trustee nominations were considered.</p> <p><i>"It was <b>moved</b> by The Rev. Sarah Moss and <b>seconded</b> by Mrs Deborah Rolland, that Diocesan Council appoint Dianne Kenderine, Nichola Christine, Evan Davies, Norman Johnston, and Sue Zimmerman as trustees to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children Board"</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>8096. <u>St Paul's Symonds Street - Request for Access to Funds</u> St Paul's Symonds Street Vestry has resolved to undertake urgent work required to repair their crypt and request that Diocesan Council allow access to Trust funds for this purpose.</p> <p><i>"It was <b>moved</b> by Bishop Jim White, and <b>seconded</b> by The Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze, that Diocesan Council approves St Paul's, Symonds Street request to access funds of up to \$106,580.80 from their Trust Account to cover the cost of</i></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>repairs and maintenance to their crypt as per their application”.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>8097. <u>The Parish of Otahuhu – Request for Access to Funds</u>  Holy Trinity Otahuhu requests access to their cash account, managed by Trust Management, as finances have been stretched due to costs related to the preparation of the sale of the land. The funds would be repaid once the land has been sold.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“It was <b>moved</b> by Mrs Jackie Addis, and <b>seconded</b> by The Rev. Lucy Nguyen, that Diocesan Council approves Otahuhu’s request to gain access to their cash account to assist with parish related expenses until the proposed land sale goes ahead and that these funds will be repaid once the land has been sold.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>8098. <u>Holy Trinity Cathedral – Request for Funding for Urgent Maintenance</u>  The Cathedral requires urgent repairs to the failing brick veneer which links the Chancel and the Nave and requested the Council contribute to the costs of repairs. The costs of the repairs are uncertain, however an estimate of \$35K to \$65K was reported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“It was <b>moved</b> by the Chair that due to constraints on the Diocesan funds, Cathedral’s request for funding to assist with costs related to repairing the brick veneer is declined.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>As an interested party, Diocesan Council asks that it be kept updated on the progress regarding the matter.</p> <p>8099. <u>Northern Wairoa Mission District Reinstate Parish Status</u>  Northern Wairoa Mission District requested that they have their “parish” status returned. Over the past 30 months the church has worked hard to improve and strengthen the ministry. There is a new enthusiasm and energy from past members, as well as a new group of younger worshipers who are also becoming involved in practical ways. They now are able to fund a full time Priest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“It was <b>moved</b> by the Rev. Nyasha Gumbeze, and <b>seconded</b> by Mr Graham Jones, that the Diocesan Council approves Northern Wairoa’s request to have the status of Parish be formally reinstated to their Ministry Unit.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>This was seen as a possible story for The Anglican magazine. The Council expressed its gratitude and appreciation for the work of The Rev. Brendon Wilkinson.</p>
	<p><u>WORKING GROUPS UPDATE</u></p> <p>8100. <u>Quota Working Group</u>  Preparations are underway on the presentation for Synod. Linda King will be asked to present the information to Synod on behalf of Diocesan Council.</p> <p>8101. <u>The Parish of Grey Lynn</u>  Documentation was distributed in the meeting. Progress has been made and the parish is almost managing on its own. Diocesan Council needs to keep a watching brief on developments and progress. There are also significant maintenance costs to come in the future.</p> <p>8102. <u>Cathedral Consecration</u>  A motion without notice will be drafted for Synod. The Committee is very productive and</p>

8103.	<p>will make a presentation at Synod.</p> <p><u>Health and Safety</u>  This issue is ongoing. Without a budget, this has been very difficult because we cannot afford an expert consultant. An appeal will be made to parishes that might have such a specialist in their congregations. This is a matter of growing urgency and concern for Diocesan Council.</p>
8104.	<p><u>INFORMATION PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p><u>Diocesan Mission and Ministry Team</u></p> <p>This is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> month the Manager of this team has reported to Diocesan Council. It was clarified that this team does not report to the Mission and Ministry Oversight Group, but reports directly to Diocesan Council. A new name has been proposed for this team and for Council approval.</p> <p><i>"It was <b>moved</b> by Bishop Jim White, and <b>seconded</b> by The Rev. Lucy Nguyen, that the Diocesan Council approve the new name for the Mission and Ministry Team being; The Diocesan Mission &amp; Ministry Resource Team."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AGREED</b></p>
8105.	<p><u>CLOSING</u></p> <p>This was the last meeting for this Council group. Bishop Ross thanked the Council for their hard work. This has been a group that has functioned really well. He thanked the group for their thoughtfulness and care in the work of the Diocese.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 4pm in the Neligan House Boardroom.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 6:40pm with prayer.</p>

  
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Chairperson

29 Sept 2016  
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Date