

## **Minutes of meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**

**held on Thursday 22 February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.**

**PRESENT:** Fr Peter Head, Doug Neilson, Colleen Fouhy.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Walker (Minute Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** For lateness – Nui O'Malley, Sarah O'Malley.

### **WELCOME and FAITH SHARING:**

Doug opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew Chapter 16 v13-19

Doug welcomed John to his first meeting of the Parish Council.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 16 November 2017 were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Colleen, Seconded Doug, CARRIED.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: (Tasks)**

1. Health & Safety issues re Hannigan Centre - Awaiting advice from Nui;
2. Use of Hannigan Centre by non-parish organisations – on this agenda;
3. Seeking interest in representing the Parish at Napier Family Group – in progress;
4. Formal Agreement for use of Car-park at St Mary's by Greenmeadows school – progressing, a simple Memorandum of Understanding setting out each party's obligations and responsibilities is all that is needed;
5. Signposting for Hubs – progressing, St Mary's and St Thomas More are OK, just need something simple at St Pat's because the hub is in the foyer of the Church, not separate.
6. Eco Audit on the Agenda – Done;
7. Draft Power-point presentation for New Parishioner Expo – In progress but the preference is to await the arrival of Fr Barry (mid-April).

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter has been received seeking permission to speak at all masses on the matter of abortions being undertaken at Hawke's Bay Hospital. This request was not received favourably. Speaking generally, Father Peter noted that there is a danger of offending some people on some issues and Doug noted that the speeches (usually at end of Mass) were a distraction to the real purpose of attending.

All agreed that Doug should reply, stating that the request had been carefully considered but there was no change to the original decision.

*Nui and Sarah joined the meeting at this point.*

An email from Ruth Smithies advising her resignation from Parish Council was accepted

An email from the Chair of the Council of Priests Palmerston North Diocese asking for a Focus meeting of the Parish to agree on a Strategic Plan was received. A draft reply was tabled by Doug, discussed, and all agreed that the draft reply, effectively saying we already had a Strategic Plan in place, was a good response.

#### **ANNUAL PLAN 2017 PROGRESS REPORTS:**

It was agreed that with changes underway relating to the priests of the Parish, this item should be deferred until after the arrival of Fr Barry.

#### **REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP GROUPS:**

Finance, & Liturgy-none received, Staff meeting – none held, Health & Safety – meeting next week.

#### **PARISH PRIEST – UPDATE:**

Fr Peter advised that he departs 6 April; he has spoken with Fr Barry and he arrives 17 April. Fr Peter emphasised that there will be a reduction in capacity, discussions are continuing.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Use of the Hannigan Centre by non-parish organisations. An approach has been made by Alcoholics Anonymous for use of the Centre 7pm to 9pm Mondays. This needs to be cleared by the Health & Safety committee, but it is a worthy cause. 15-25 people. Able to pay rent. Presently at Dalton House. After a discussion it was agreed that, subject to Health & Safety committee approval, the request be granted for a trial period, along similar lines to existing users (eg Parkinsons).

It was agreed that The New Parishioner Expo and the Eco Audit be deferred until after the arrival of Fr Barry.

A discussion took place on the status of the Parish Pastoral Council over the forthcoming few weeks due to the significant changes underway. It was agreed that we should adopt a “Holding Pattern” with just the four members, noting that the Annual General Meeting will take place late May (Pentecost Sunday) and that Fr Barry may have his own views on future directions.

There was a matter raised by Fr Peter, but because it involved a staff member, no decisions were made, and therefore the discussion is not recorded here.

Fr Peter thanked all those involved in arranging the farewells for Fr Paul; each farewell was different and all three of them were well received by parishioners and Priests. His farewell will follow a similar style with St Pat's being at the vigil Mass Saturday 17 March and 10am Sunday 18 March, St Mary's being Sunday 25 March 9am and 5pm, and St Thomas More on Sunday 1 April.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15 March 7.30pm

Sarah led us in the Closing Prayer.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**TASKS**

<b><u>Who</u></b>	<b><u>Task</u></b>	<b><u>Completed by?</u></b>
Nui	Use of Hannigan Centre by non-parish groups (including Kitchen) Health & Safety issues to be addressed.	Next Meeting
Doug	Seek nominees for representatives on Napier Family Centre	March
Doug/Nui	Check need for written document reuse of Car-park Greenmeadows school.	March
Doug	Eco Audit work	May
Doug	Powerpoint for New Parishioner Expo	May
Doug	Proceed with advising inquirer that speaking at masses on any matter other than parish related is not authorised	March.
Doug	Proceed with replying to Dioceses re Strategic Plan as per draft.	March