

**ST JOSEPH'S AND ST. MARY'S PARISH
PENARTH AND DINAS POWYS
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm in St.Mary's Church Hall on Thursday, 22nd January 2015

PRESENT: Claire Sommerville (Chair); Canon J. Boardman; Judith Braeman, Christiane Cantlay, Kevin Lawrence; Benny Augustian; Paul Gallone; Don Clarey; Marianne Cowpe; Martin Price; Teresa Keating; Jenny Dunstan; Trixie Douglas, Mary Taylor; Nick Williams (Student Priest); Joyce Harding

1. Opening prayer: Canon Joe

2. Apologies for absence:

Deacon Elfed; Sr. Joseph Mary

3. Minutes of the last meeting 22nd November 2014

Read through and agreed as correct record.

4. Matters arising:

Item 4: It is intended to go forward with the 'Film Club'. There is a need for a license to show the films which costs £100 per year. The Social Committee will sub this for the first year. It will go ahead once everything sorted out. MT has cleared it with the Safeguarding Office. It is intended to hold discussions following the films shown.

MC queried whether this was just for children and whether films could be shown to adult parishioners under the same licence. The films are issued in DVD form and could be used for other purposes if people were interested. Agreed to see how things go before looking into this.

5. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

6.. Reports from Committees:

Finance Committee:

Meeting had been held on 20th January 2015.

Parish has come in slightly over budget, mainly because of the extensive works that have been necessary. Income via collections is slightly down, gift aid for previous year was slightly more than expected. Gift Aid will be more in future because of being able to claim on the loose plate collection up to £20 per donation. This amounts to £1250 per church per annum. Application is being made to Welsh Churches Act fund to see if we can get some money towards works which have been carried out in both churches.

St. Mary's gutters around the church hall need looking at and perhaps replacing. Depending on weather and wind direction, water may be leaking off the roof and coming through the window. The situation is being monitored.

KL mentioned the loose pews in St. Mary's, this has been noted.

(b) Cytun:

Next meeting will be held on 11th February 2015.

(c) Council of churches (Dinas Powys):

Meeting held on 21st January 2015

MC reported from meeting. There was a discussion re events through the year, Good Friday, Advent etc.

JB commented that the Advent Service which is held at St. Mary's was very poorly attended and felt that it might be prudent to not hold this in future as there are so many events around that time being held in the Village or maybe to consider holding it on a different night. MC to take back to the next meeting due to be held in April.

Discussion held re meetings to be held through Lent.

(d) Other meetings:

Canon is to attend a meeting re generic chaplaincy in the hospitals with EJ CC and JB. A generic chaplaincy provision is not a good idea as other non-Catholic Ministers could not look after Catholic patients in a sacramental way. Bishop Tom Williams is the speaker (auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool). Canon to report back at next meeting.

7. Health and Safety:

Val Kacal and Mike Bamber will do the annual inspections. The stone statue of Mary inside St. Mary's is being repaired, restored and cleaned by Mossfords.

A new computer has been purchased for the Parish Office and will be installed while Canon is away next week.

Re Food: Environmental Health signs are up in both halls for people to read.

MT mentioned the lino by the statur of Our Lady in St. Joseph's - needs sticking down or replacing.

Canon is ordering a skip to dispose of general rubbish.

Wrought iron gate at rear of St. Joseph's to be looked at, very difficult to close now when people enter the hall from Fairfield Road. Needs to be reset. The builder has been informed.

8. Environmental Health Inspection – St Mary's hall already discussed.

9. Safeguarding

MT mentioned the Papyrus course. This has appeared in the Newsletter. Professionals Protect: spotting signs of abuse in children and precipitators to abuse - to be held on 26th February.

January – Parish Audit checking of parish lists to be sent to safeguarding office. Have until 23rd February to be sent back.

10. Social and fundraising activities:

Canon to issue cheques from Quiz night to SVP.

Burns Night on 25th January to be held in aid of Shelter Cymru. MC to inform Mo Misra.

11. Youth:

DC informed that the new confirmation group which was originally 4 or

5 is now 10 in number. There are five catechists. Confirmation will take place on 12th June 2015.

12 Web Site:

DC to put information re Confirmandi's visit to Amelia Farm on to website.

13. St. Joseph's School:

JD reported that the Christmas Fayre had been very successful. All children in Year 6 this year have applied to attend St. Richard Gwyn. Reception class is full for September.

14. Parish matters:

JB: nothing to report from hospital.

CC continues to visit HT.

Pauline Llewellyn has fractured her ankle and consequently there is some pressure on Eucharistic Ministers with regard to taking out communion to the sick. Sr Joseph Mary is keeping an eye on things.

Canon emphasised that only commissioned Eucharist Ministers can take Holy Communion out to people and that it is not appropriate for members of the SVP to undertake this task if they are Ministers.

15. Canon Joe: PAC elections

Canon informed the committee that the three persons able to step down this year had agreed to serve a second term of three years. Therefore there would be no need for elections.

Discussion ensued re the constitution and the election process and it was agreed that an explanation be put in the newsletter stating that the three persons were happy to serve again but if anyone in the parish felt they would particularly like to be involved they should let Canon know and an election could be held in this case. It was agreed that the three year term would remain for the present.

16. Any Other Business:

MT mentioned the sad death of Helen Ford who had been killed on the railway line close to the church.

17. Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 19th March 2015 at 7.30pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall

18. Closing prayer: Mary Taylor lead prayer for Helen Ford.

