

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

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall on Thursday, 21st
March 2013

PRESENT: Clare Sommerville (Chair); Canon J. Boardman; Anne Chilcott, Judith Braeman, Mary Taylor; Don Clarey, Martin Price, Jenny Dunstan, Christiane Cantlay, Marianne Cowpe; Joyce Harding

1. Opening prayer: Prayer for Year of Faith said by all.

2. Apologies for absence:

Gareth Rein, Sr. Joseph Mary, Kevin Lawrence, Deacon Elfed Jones

3. Elections: New members were welcomed to the Parish Council and thanks extended to those who had stepped down for their support over the years.

4. Election of Officers: The following were elected:

Chair: Clare Sommerville

Vice Chair: Jenny Dunstan

Secretary: Joyce Harding

5. Minutes of the last meeting 17th January 2013

Agreed as correct record.

6. Matters arising:

Shortage of altar servers at St. Mary's: Canon felt it better to approach people and would highlight this ministry on Ministry Sunday (16th June).

Most items covered on agenda

7. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

8. Reports from Committees:

Finance Committee:

MP reported that Tim White had prepared the accounts to end of February. Heating and light expenses a little higher than usual. There is still a healthy surplus on accounts.

St. Joseph's:

The Lady Chapel wall has been painted again and has failed again. Mike Bamber will now ask the Building Research Establishment to come and give an opinion on how this can be overcome.

Presbytery Roof:

Leak has been stopped and damaged slate/lead repaired. Needs more work on the interior ceiling when the weather improves to repair damage caused by leaks. The asbestos in the immediate loft space has been removed, but there is still a need to take care when entering other parts of

the roof space.

St. Mary's:

The leak in the new part of the church was thought to be caused by loose tiles. However it appears that the roof felt under the tiles has perished and when this was repaired the leak was still present. Needs to be looked at again when weather improves. May be necessary to lift the roof tiles on a whole section of the roof and replace the felt. The inside of the church will not be painted until this problem is solved.

Gardening:

The gardener who looks after both church grounds has raised his prices but it was decided to remain with him as he does a good job. His prices are fixed for three years.

Cytun:

JH had attended a meeting on 20th February 2013

CC/JH will continue to be representatives at Cytun.

Sue Fender is to be Chairman Elect during the year that Deacon Elfed will be Chair.

United Christian Aid service will be held on 12th May 2013 at Bethel in Plassey Street at 6.00pm.

The Good Friday March will end once again at West House.

The Easter to Pentecost groups are being arranged again this year.

There will be a Songs of Praise held in the Italian Gardens at 3.00pm on 14th July 2013.

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Canon had received the minutes of the AGM (15/10/12) and there had been no representative from St. Mary's. At the next meeting (28/1/13) both reps were present. However, it appears that it is not always possible for BOTH to attend. Neither wants to go to the meeting alone and driving at night can be a problem. Marianne Cowpe offered look into an arrangement where someone else can be contacted to stand in to drive if necessary.

Other meetings:

MP mentioned that he had attended a Year of Faith meeting six weeks ago. Looking at what other parishes had been doing, Barry had been doing quite a lot. We are thinking of linking the Passion Play with a follow up evening as St Helen's did. There will therefore be two meetings after Easter one in St. Joseph's hall and one in St. Mary's hall on successive weeks to give people who may be thinking of returning to church after a time away the opportunity to come and just chat about their situation. There is of course no way of knowing if anyone will turn up.

9. Health and Safety:

Asbestos removal from presbytery roof already discussed

10. Safeguarding: Mary Taylor, Ann Chilcott

New form regarding volunteers has now been circulated to those concerned in both churches.

11. Social and fundraising activities:

Senior citizens party had been a great success.

Val Casal is organising a 'Call your Bluff' evening but arrangements are to be confirmed.

Canon mentioned how successful the Passion Play "Road to Calvary" had been. It was a very powerful and moving portrayal. It raised £1130 for HCPT.

12. Youth: No report in the absence of Joshua Flynn

Mention was made of the Youth 2000 retreat which had been featured in Catholic People aimed at the age group 16-15.

13. Website:

Following the previous meeting Don Clarey had spoken to Jo Roberts who hosts our parish web site for us. In future events can be emailed to Don who will send them to Jo to upload. He has been in touch with Maurice Flynn about the history of St. Josephs. It was agreed it would be important to have a link from Parish to school. It is hoped that the website can now be kept more up to date and more information and photographs re school and parish events can appear. Canon will put something in the newsletter to let people know what is happening and giving information about contacts etc.

14. Canon Joe:

Canon explained to those present about the liturgical reason for moving the Triduum to St. Joseph's. There was some discussion about placing the explanation in the newsletter but it was agreed this was not necessary this year as arrangements were in place already. It might be appropriate at a later date. Canon said he was very pleased with the joint involvement of both communities throughout the Triduum.

15. St. Joseph's School: No report

16. Parish Matters:

JB said that the hospital visiting by eucharistic ministers was working well at the moment.

17. AOB:

Mass for the Sick confirmed 15th June 2013.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday, 6th June 2013 at St. Mary's hall.

19. Closing Prayer: Canon – remembering especially Thelma Reece RIP and Emma Llewellyn RIP.