

**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. Mary's Church Hall on Thursday, 1st May
2014**

PRESENT: Claire Sommerville (Chair); Canon J. Boardman; Deacon Elfed Jones; Sister Joseph Mary; Martin Price; Judith Braeman, Christiane Cantlay, Benny Augustian; Don Clarey; Paul Gallone; Kevin Lawrence; Trixie Douglas; Teresa Keating; Jenny Dunstan; Joyce Harding

1. Opening prayer: Canon Joe

2. Apologies for absence:

Mary Taylor; Marianne Cowpe;

3. Election of officers:

Chairperson: Claire Sommerville Proposed CC, Seconded JB
Accepted

Vice Chair: Jenny Dunstan Proposed CC, Seconded JB
Accepted

Secretary: Joyce Harding agreed to remain as secretary

4. Minutes of the last meeting 13th February 2014

Agreed as correct record.

5. Matters arising:

The old Hammond organ from St. Mary's has been given to St. Mary's in Abertillery who are delighted with it.

JB informed the committee that she did not get the Volunteer award she was nominated for. However, she was congratulated for receiving the nomination.

6. Correspondence:

CS has received an invitation from St. Richard Gwyn to attend the Leavers Mass on 7th May 2014.

CS has received an email from Mary Taylor giving her apologies and saying that with regard to Safeguarding she had attended the Internet Safety seminar and it was very good. She would recommend this to parents.

7. Reports from Committees:

Finance Committee:

MP: The finance committee had met on 28th April 2014. Tim White has prepared accounts for the financial year these will be available for parishioners to see in the near future.

Returns for Gift Aid have been given into the Archdiocese for tax to be claimed back at the end of April.

MP indicated that it is now possible to claim back 25% gift aid on the loose cash collection (up to twenty pounds and up to an amount of £5,000 max. This is worth £1,250 per annum for each of our two churches.

St. Joseph's:

The Building Research Council have visited to look at the Lady Chapel to see what now needs doing. The work will start firstly with the re-pointing of the outside of the building with lime mortar. The outer walls will then be similarly re-rendered and then the inside walls plastered with lime plaster.

There are a few other areas of the church which are affected in the same way and will be addressed at a later date.

St. Joseph's presbytery still has some external painting left to do and the facias need replacing. Will be done as soon as the weather improves again.

St. Mary's:

The new roof is now complete at a cost of £13,800 The facias need repainting.

The walkway roof is slanting the wrong way and the water is collecting instead of running away. This needs to be repaired and is likely to cost £3,500. We already have the approval of the Archdiocese for this.

Once the external work is complete arrangements can be made to redecorate the inside of the church; it was agreed this should be done in lighter colours as the present red makes it quite dark in parts.

It has been decided to remove the old baptismal font to create more space in the area behind the organ. Canon Boardman said that the old font has not been used for many years and is not fit for purpose.

MP mentioned that the health and safety issues re doors etc in the hall have now been dealt with but the broken trim on the edge of the working tops in the kitchen and around the serving hatch still need to be repaired. Refer to Health and Safety person. Also the leak in one of the interior windows which is caused by a roof tile will be looked at by the builder when doing the walkway.

I It was agreed it would be useful to have somebody in St. Mary's that could be called on to undertake the smaller jobs that need doing. Canon will approach someone with regard to this.

It is intended to dispose of the bookcase in the church and Canon will place a notice in the newsletter so that anyone who donated books can, if they wish, claim them back. Whatever books are left will be disposed of.

Discussion re the statue of Christ behind the altar. Canon observed that there is no crucifix in the church at all. The Risen Christ would be better placed elsewhere in the church. Canon would like to have a crucifix placed on the sanctuary behind the altar. He felt that the community in St. Mary's should be asked to fundraise for it. This would not be until the interior decoration is completed.

(b) Cytun:

EJ and CC had attended the meeting. There was a speaker from Christian Aid and reports from the various committees. Financial balance is £566.99. Good Friday March and Sunrise Service were discussed. Fun Run to be held on 10th May and plant sale on 17th May. Cytun worship will be held on 7th May and led by All Saints in St. Joseph's church.

(c) Council of churches (Dinas Powys):

AGM was held at 7.00pm on 28th April. No representative from St. Mary's was able to attend.

(d) Other meetings: there were no other meetings

8. Health and Safety:

Already discussed

9. Safeguarding ;

MT will feed back more at the next meeting.

10. Social and fundraising activities:

St. Patricks Day Party held on 29th March was a great success. It was felt the earlier time made it easier for more people to attend.

There is a Brain of the Parish quiz night on the 10th May at St. Mary's Hall.

11. Youth:

Confirmation group had visited Llantarnum on Sunday 27th April and had a very rewarding day and gained a lot from the visit.

12. Website:

Going ok at the moment. Items from 2013 have been archived now. Only newsletter and PAC minutes going in regularly at the moment. It was felt perhaps a note could go into the newsletter encouraging people to submit items and possibly some photographs providing appropriate permissions are obtained.

13. St. Joseph's School :

JD said that the parking was improving a little since the caretaker had been monitoring the cars dropping off the children.

14: Parish Matters:

CSAN – Caritas Social Action Network

EJ, KT and Liz Reed had completed the CSAN questionnaire about what is happening in the parish. There is a roadshow on 17th May at St. David's College. There has been no feedback from questionnaire yet.

Citizens UK:

EJ outlined the purpose of this. There are other parishes involved and the remit is to look into local issues eg: one group of youngsters in Cardiff had campaigned re the minimum wage and were successful in highlighting the situation for many council workers etc.

Citizens UK /Vale is due to be launched in October 2014.

Sr. JM: Outlined the difficulties she was having in organising transport to the Mass for the Sick. There may be possibly 6 or 7 wheelchair bound parishioners who wanted to come to the Mass for the Sick on 7th June. It was agreed that CC would enquire of the St. John's Ambulance and Paul Gallone would contact Dragon taxis to find out the cost of transporting the people on the day. The parish would cover the cost.

There may be a need for escorts for some of these. Sr. JM to confirm this. Item to appear in newsletter asking for volunteers to help with driving etc. Sr. JM thought there may be 90-100 attending.

Hospital (JB): Everything fine at the moment. Canon had undertaken a periodic visit to the dementia wards with JB.

Holme Tower(CC): Everything fine. Finds this pastoral ministry very rewarding. EJ told of how a family had indicated their appreciation for the support CC had given them. The Filipino nurses are very helpful .

15: Canon Joe:

Welcomed the new members of the PAC and thanked them for putting their names forward.

16: Any Other Business:

EJ mentioned the Civic Service to be held at Dochdwy Church Llandough on 11th May 2014 for Llandough Community Council.

KL said that people had commented very favourably on the Maunday Thursday service and the washing of the feet.

17. Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 19th June 2014 in St. Joseph's Church Hall

18. Closing Prayer: Deacon Elfed.