

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st May 2015 at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall

Present: Claire Sommerville (Chair), Canon J Boardman, Deacon Elfed Jones, Marianne Cowpe, Christiane Cantlay, Theresa Keating, Benny Augustian; Mary Taylor, Trixie Douglas, Kevin Lawrence Jenny Dunstan, Gareth Rein, Joyce Harding

1. Opening Prayer: Canon Joe
2. Apologies: Paul Gallone, Don Clarey, Martin Price
3. Minutes of last meeting: Read through and agreed as correct Record
4. Matters arising: Film Club had commenced and the next one is to be held on 20 th June. There is a need to ensure that the hall is cleared properly after this in future as this was not the case on the last occasion.
5. Correspondence: There was no correspondence
6. Reports from meetings: (a) Finance: Canon reported in the absence of Martin Price. Committee: Canon, Martin Price, Tim White, Peter Thompson, Val Cacal, Mike Bamber TW has prepared End of Year accounts. Income from both churches is slightly down. The collections have been lower over the last year. It would be helpful if people could be encouraged to make standing order payments rather than the conventional means of putting their contributions on the plate. TW and MP will give a presentation at Masses sometime in June pointing out the advantages to the parish if people would undertake standing orders and explaining the advantages of gift aid etc. It was felt that some people may feel embarrassed not putting money in the collection if they undertook a standing order but MC suggested they marked their gift aid envelopes "paid by s/o" and still put the empty envelope on the plate. Repairs and maintenance: Over budget because of extensive work done in both churches. The deposit account is healthy but is held in a diocesan account and monies from this account are lent to other parishes in need and interest paid on our deposit. As TW pointed out, if the roof in St. Joseph's has to be replaced this will be major cost possibly in the region of £350,000. Minor repairs: St. Mary's walkway – not sure yet of best way to deal with this problem, under

discussion though not critical at the present time.
Loose blocks/benches ongoing. The builder knows about it.

St. Joseph's cloister roof is warped and will have to be repaired Waiting for costs estimate.

The polycarbonate cover on the stain class window blew off in the night and has to be replaced.

b. Cytun: Next meeting is in July

c. Council of Churches (Dinas Powys):

MC and EJ had attended the meeting on 27th April 2015. It was well attended. Nothing especially to report back, usual things discussed.

JB asked re the Advent Service in St. Mary's. This was not well attended last year and it was felt it was possibly time to think about cancelling it.

There are lots of Christmas events, carol services etc. in December in Dinas Powys. Following discussion it was agreed that the service would be proposed for Tuesday, 1st December 2015. MC/KL would look at music and MC and Mo McCarthy would arrange service and report to Council of Churches next meeting and look for other churches to take part. JH suggested that it may be worth advertising it through the Penarth Cytun as well. To report back at next PAC.

EJ said the timing of the Walk of Witness on Good Friday was under discussion with regard to the time, possibly move it to the morning. There are few people around at that time of day to witness TO.

d. Other meetings: No other meetings attended

7. Health and Safety:

VC and MB have been checking usual items. There is to be a new on line system of H&S report. The Parish Priest and Parish representatives will be responsible for certain areas of H&S. Reports will feed into Archbishops House. This is insurance led.

8. Environmental Health: Nothing to report.

9. Safeguarding:

MT reported that there was a meeting this week. People can now register on line. Hopefully eventually people will then be able to work in different areas with one DBS and you can update on line. This is ongoing.

10. Social and fundraising activities:

Wine tasting will be held in July in St. Mary's. Monies to be shared between Nazareth House and Teenage Cancer Trust.

11. Youth:

MT reported that the confirmation group had a lovely time at Llantarnum. Canon felt that sacramental preparation in the parish is exceptionally good. The catechists are very dedicated and work hard.

12. Web Site:

Joe Roberts has agreed to carry on looking after the 'domain' for another year. It is getting better as time goes on.

13. St. Joseph's School:

GR informed the committee that the school had had a very good inspection with an 'Excellent' for learning environment. A report on this had appeared in the Penarth Times which he felt was a good advert for the school.

The May Procession was well attended with good feedback from parents.

St. Joseph's had won at rugby.

There will be school fayre on Saturday 27th June

14. Parish Matters:

EJ had attended a Civil Service at Llandough.

He was helping out at the Welsh Masses

CC: Nothing to report

JB: Hospital going ok

Canon informed that the Chaplain had left Holme Tower. Unsure as to whether they will be replaced.

15. Canon Joe:

Home Access: Canon had received a letter outlining their core objectives. He expressed some concern re how our monies were used and will attend the Annual General Meeting with Martin Price on June 22nd.

Mass for the Sick:

GR wished to confirm arrangements. CC said that Mary Lovering would contact the school. JB thought the numbers would be roughly the same as last year 50-60 plus helpers. GR commented that last year including helpers this went up to 100 though not everyone wished to stay to eat.

Crockery, glasses, toilet seats etc. would be brought to the school.

Mass would be at 12.00 noon.

Transport arrangements etc. were all in hand with Paul Gallone. One person in the Waverley has a larger wheelchair – JB will ask Paul Gallone if he could look into whether it is possible to take this chair via taxi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Because Sister has not been well there has been a knock on effect on other Ministers. There is a need to recruit more Ministers.

MC/KL felt there was a need to encourage more people to get involved overall in parish ministries.

Canon was due to send out census forms and it was agreed that he would put a list of ministries on the back requesting people to tick what they would be prepared to do and for a contact number. The forms could be brought back to the PAC to sort out and arrangements made to approach people. MC offered to co-ordinate this.

16. Any Other Business:

There was no other business

17. Date of next meeting:

THURSDAY 16th July, 2015 7.30pm in St.Joseph's Hall

18. Closing Prayer: Deacon Elfed