

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

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016

at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall

Present: Paul Gallone (Chair), Canon Boardman, Deacon Elfed, Christianne Cantlay, Susan Patrick, Martin Price, Trixie Douglas, Jenny Dunstan, Mary Taylor, Don Clarey, Liz Reid, Gareth Rein, Judith Braeman, Teresa Keating, Bill Nolan

1. Opening prayer: Canon Joe
2. Apologies: Benny Augustian; Joyce Harding
3. Minutes of last meeting 16.6.2016 – approved
4. Matters arising: It was felt that the Mass for the Sick was very successful. The flower festival in the Cathedral was very successful. The Cornerstone is to be opened soon and will provide a valuable asset both for Cathedral and Diocesan events.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Reports from meetings attended:

(a) Finance Committee: Martin Price (MP)

The Finance Committee met yesterday, 14.9.2016 and the accounts, prepared by Tim White and MP to the end of August were on budget.

The paperwork from the Archdiocese for Gift Aid donors will be available next week. Last year St. Mary's received £5000 and St. Joseph's approximately £7,000 in gift aid from the Government.

Works: Due to pressure of work at other Diocese premises, Len Wood, the builder, was unable to schedule us in and subsequently another contractor will be employed to paint some of the external woodwork at the presbytery.

A contractor will be approached to provide an estimate for the cost of having the turning circle in front of the presbytery altered to provide additional driveway clearance via the use of Grass-Crete.

An estimate will be sought to replace the external cladding of St. Joseph's church hall as the woodwork is cracking.

Works are on-going on replacing the windows in St. Mary's church hall.

(b) Cytun: Christianne Cantlay

Cytun met yesterday, 14.9.2016 and welcomed the new Chair, Rev. Phil Fanning, from Trinity Methodist.

The Alpha course will start at the end of October, led by All Saints and Tabernacle. The meetings are to be held at the Bear's Head public house.

A new initiative, Soup for Lesotho, has been launched in Cardiff. Cytun members watched a BBC film outlining the difficulties of the protracted drought in Lesotho and this will be a fundraising initiative. The churches in Penarth have been asked to participate; the events will be held weekly from 7th October to 11th November in Stanwell Baptist hall.

The induction of the new Chair will be held at 6pm on Sunday 18th September at Trinity.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity will take place at All Saints between 18th and 25th January 2017.

(c) Council of Churches Dinas Powys: An Advent service is to be held in St. Mary's on 29th November at 7pm and will be attended by Alan Cairns M.P. Secretary of State for Wales.

(d) Other meetings: There were no reports.

7. Health and Safety: (MP)

The Archdiocese Health and Safety computer tool kit system which Mike Bamber and Don Clarey are continuing to working on for our Parish is progressing well.

Fire regulations had been reviewed and it has been decided that torches would be placed in appropriate locations at both Churches. A process for who is to check the batteries on these torches and how often is to be determined.

8. Environmental issues: (MP)

There are no pressing issues at present apart from making people aware that any food brought in for social functions must be shop bought, transported and stored appropriately in order to comply with food hygiene regulations. A disclaimer document needs to be prepared for people to read and sign that they are aware of this responsibility. MP and Judith Braeman offered to draw up said document and to have it in place at both Parish halls prior to our next meeting. Christianne and Judith will be provided with a stock of these disclaimer documents for completion by hall users and for subsequent retention for Parish records.

9. Safeguarding: Mary Taylor (MT)

MT had received a newsletter from the Safeguarding Commission in Cardiff outlining the enquiry in to historical sexual abuse, which would take about ten years to complete. It would highlight past failings and suggest strategies for moving forward.

The safeguarding committee are to discuss the risks (from virus invasion) of putting sensitive information on Parish PCs and will ask for volunteers to enter information on secure PCs.

Canon Joe asked MT about the transferability of DBS status from e.g. SVP to Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to vulnerable adults. MT informed the Council that it was a simple process to transfer DBS status between one organisation and another and from working with adults to working with children.

10. Social and Fundraising: (MP)

Tickets for the wine tasting to be held on 17th September are sold out.

There is a fundraising initiative to enable all of Mary Isherwood's family to be with her as she receives treatment in the USA.

Roswitha Davies and Mary Ward are to undertake their annual sleep out to raise funds for the homeless.

11. St. Joseph's School: Gareth Rein

Mr. Rein was pleased to announce that the school had received its best results in both Foundation Phase and KS2 at the end of the academic year.

In line with other local schools, intake of children in to Reception class is only 23, perhaps due to a fall in the birth rate. It is hoped that more children will be admitted over the school year.

The Roald Dahl centenary celebrations were enjoyed by staff and pupils and had proved very successful.

The next context for learning is 'Can We Build It?' to coincide with the housing estate construction works being conducted adjacent the school. A few issues regarding fencing had arisen with the contractors but these have been resolved. It is hoped that some pupils will have the opportunity to visit the construction site. Mr Rein very much hoped that the school will receive Section 106 funding which would enable a new stand-alone nursery to be built.

12. Parish Matters: Deacon Elfed

A civil service is to be held on 17th September to welcome the new chair of the Council of churches (I have no details written down as to time/place of this meeting)

JB had nothing to report.

CC reported that she had not visited Holme Tower for some time.

13. Year of Mercy: Canon Joe

The Cornerstone building opposite the cathedral had had a great deal of money spent on its refurbishment and it should prove to be a valuable asset, being used for many different functions. The official opening date is set for 8th December.

The Centenary of the Archdiocese has been celebrated in many different ways.

14. Canon Joe:

Nothing to report

15. AOB:

None

16. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Hall

17. Closing Prayer:

Pope Francis's Year of Mercy prayer was recited together.