

anglican Diocese of Waiapu

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE held at the Waiapu Administration Centre, 2 Bower Street, Napier on Thursday the 30th July, 2015 at 10.30am

Present

Bishop Andrew Hedge	Miss Alison Thomson
Rev'd Brian Hamilton	Mr Brian Watkins
Rev'd Alex Czerwonka	Mr John Binns
Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim	Dr Peter Minchin
Rev'd Ron Elder	Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)
Rev'd Jo Crosse (General Synod SC)	Mrs Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Rev'ds Arthur Bruce, Paul Williamson, Mrs Frances White

Opening Prayer: Bishop Andrew

SC 15.7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH MAY 2015

Resolved:

“These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendments.”

Amendment incorrect – Page 8, ‘Other Reports’ in the Bishop’s Report

Currently reads...

School Boards – Bishop Andrew has been appointed as a Trustee to the Hereworth Board of Proprietors and, the Woodford House Trust Board.

Amended to read...

School Boards – Bishop Andrew has been appointed as a Trustee to the Hereworth Trust Board and the Woodford House Board of Proprietors.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Financial Markets Authority (FMA) Exemption Application

The Registrar reported the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees (WBDT) had applied for an exemption from FMA regarding securities and financial markets legislation compliance, this exemption was then withdrawn on the advice of the FMA as they deemed the Board already fitted their exemption criteria. The Board is however deemed to be a Financial Services Provider and also will need to comply with the Anti Money Laundering and Countering Finance of Terrorism Act 2009. This will have little impact on investors.

SC 15.7.2 **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

Email from Waipukurau Parish Warden regarding St Mary’s Church Closure

Due to the Parish not being able to use the church, members of the rural community are threatening to withdraw from stock drives and the giving of donations.

Much discussion followed. It was agreed members of the Waipukurau parish should have opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings.

Resolved:

'That a reply to the Warden's email be sent indicating the Committee had discussed the letter and it will be responded to in due course. A meeting is to be arranged between representatives of Standing Committee, the Waiapu Board of Trustees, the Bishop, the Diocesan Registrar and members of the Waipukurau Vestry.'

SC 15.7.3 STRATEGIC AND POLICY REPORTS

The Finance Manager, Tracey O'Shaunnessy was welcomed to the meeting.

Finance Advisory Committee

- Tracey reported the focus is on a 2016 balanced budget with a small surplus predicted.
- Income is projected to be up 3% on the 2015 budget.
- Assessments have not been raised since April 2012, but are budgeted to increase by 1% in the 2016 year.
- Diocesan office income is expected to increase charging for some accountancy services provided and receiving computer leases payments. Ministry support from parishes has also been budgeted to increase by 1%.

Other points of discussion/issues raised included...

- How does the diocese increase their income? A suggestion was made by Ron Elder that they place solar-energy cells on a number of our high-pitched church roofs to generate power, and sell back into the national grid.
- Concern was raised over the lack of funding from the Diocese for Social Justice or Care of Creation marks of Mission.
- It was suggested a budget debate take place at the upcoming Synod, to give opportunity for a frank discussion about income and expenditure.
- The hosting of General Synod/te Hinota te Whanui in 2016 could incur costs to the Diocese of between \$3000 to \$4000 and these will need to be budgeted for.

Resolved:

'It was agreed the minutes of the Finance Advisory Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 8th July 2015 be accepted.'

The Finance Manager was thanked for her report, and members adjourned for lunch.

SC 15.7.4 DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

Bishop Andrew updated members on the current state of play concerning the following four committees.

- Diocesan Ministry Committee – currently under review
- Diocesan Property Committee – Bishop Andrew will discuss the formation of this group with the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees
- Diocesan Canon Review Committee – leaving its development until after Synod
- Diocesan Communications Committee – leaving its development until after Synod.

SC 15.7.5 OTHER REPORTS

Gisborne Parish

A declaration of interest was made by my Reverend Ron Elder during the course of these discussions.

Bishop +Andrew updated members on various developments at Gisborne Parish since the last meeting. The letter he had written to Standing Committee on the 6th July was also tabled.

The Registrar has received a final bill for the renovation of the church hall for \$43,652.71 taking the total cost of the renovation up to \$124,049.52. The increase in cost from the original estimate had arisen due to unforeseen issues being discovered under the cladding of the building and needing to be fixed whilst the cladding was off.

Resolved:

'It was agreed the loan of \$124,049.52 for repairs on the Holy Trinity Church hall, Gisborne be approved.'

As per the letter from Bishop Andrew, tabled above, the current debt faced by the Gisborne Parish puts it in a serious financial position. As a result of this Bishop Andrew has given notice of his intention to give notice to terminate Petra Barber's position as Vicar of the Gisborne Parish effective on 3rd October 2015, in accordance with Canon 7 of Ordained ministry 8.2.1. Bishop Andrew will travel to Gisborne this weekend to consult and hear any possible alternatives to termination, so he can consider them and any other matters raised by the minister in relation to the pending termination.

The Regional Dean for Eastland, The Reverend Stephen Donald, has agreed to act as Priest-in-charge of the Gisborne Parish as at the date of termination if it goes ahead.

The following Canons were read by the Registrar:

Canon 7:8.2.3

'The Bishop shall have provided the ordained minister with written confirmation that the termination of the appointment is due to the inability to fund the stipend for that appointment, and has not been by reason on any misconduct.'

Canon 7:8.2.4

'The Bishop shall have notified the ordained minister that, should the minister have been unable at the end of three months after the termination of the appointment to have secured another stipendiary office or secular employment, the minister may apply to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for further financial assistance up to but not more than three month's stipend.'

Resolved:

'Approval is given that Reverend Petra Barber be paid the equivalent of three months stipend following termination of her position on the 3 October 2015. And in accordance with Canon 7.8.23, if required and upon application by Petra, a further payment equivalent to three month's stipend from the 3rd January 2016 be also paid.'

Bishop's Report

Standing Committee moved into committee at 2.50pm.

Standing Committee moved out of committee at 3pm.

The Reverend Dr Howard Pilgrim at this point gave his apologies and left the meeting.

Bishop presented his report verbally. His topics included a summary on the recent Regional Conferences; the Cathedral Chapter meeting;; preparation for the commissioning of the Ministry Educator; Lynda Moses (wife of the Reverend Canon Don Moses), will be ordained by Bishop Richard Ellena, as a Vocational Deacon. Bishop Andrew is to attend Lynda's ordination service in Blenheim.

SC 15.7.6

SYNOD 2015

- There is to be an evening session on Saturday night following dinner.
- Forms for nominations for the election of General Synod representatives at Synod will be supplied with the Synod agenda paper mail-out. It was suggested the provision of guidelines be made available identifying what information a potential GS candidate should provide to enable those voting at Synod to learn more about their personal background, church and professional experience of the nominees.

It was agreed, a summary of motions approved after the 2014 Diocesan Synod should be reviewed at the next meeting to ensure they have since been acted upon.

- **Report from General Synod Standing Committee**

The Reverend Jo Crosse presented a written summary of the meeting held in March 2015.

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm

Confirmed: _____

Chair

Date: _____