

# Anglican Diocese of Waiapu

## STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the video-conference meeting held on **Thursday, 22 June 2017 at 10.30am**

**CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge**

	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Bishop Andrew Hedge                      Miss Alison Thomson Mr Brian Watkins                              Ms Elspeth Atkinson Mr John Binns                                  Dr Peter Minchin Rev'd Arthur Bruce                            Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim Rev'd Joan Edmundson                        Rev'd Helen Wilderspin Rev'd Paul Williamson</p> <p><b>In Attendance</b></p> <p>Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar) Rev'd Jo Crosse (General Synod SC) Mrs Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)</p> <p><b>Prayers</b></p> <p>Led by Bishop Andrew</p>
SC 17.6.1	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b></p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> <i>That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.</i></p>
SC 17.6.2	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b><u>St Mary's - Earthquake Strengthening – update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundraising is continuing with heavy reliance on funding from the local community.</li><li>• Over \$100,000 excluding additional funds received through grants, has been raised.</li><li>• Work on the project will begin once they are financially closer to the target.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> <i>Standing Committee receive the report from the Diocesan Registrar on progress made regarding earthquake strengthening work at St Mary's, Waipukurau and request the Diocesan Registrar to write a letter of support to the vestry of CHB acknowledging the progress they have made fundraising for the project.</i></p> <p><b><u>Sale of Aged Care Facilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Management Contract was entered into on the 1 April 2017 and will continue until the settlement of the sale of the facilities takes place in early July.</li><li>• Standing Committee members are to be notified once the sale is finalized.</li><li>• WASSTB with the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees will investigate suitable investment opportunities once the sale funds are received.</li><li>• The announcement of the newly appointed General Manager is expected to take place in the next two weeks.</li><li>• Significant changes/new initiatives are not expected amongst services units for at least 18 months to two years.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant time will be taken to consult with community-based groups/ministries etc. as a means to explore community needs and potential working partnerships i.e. Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education etc.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Hastings Parish Review</u></b></p> <p><i>As Vicar of St Matthews, Hastings, the Reverend Helen Wilderspin was asked to leave the room for this discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since last meeting Bishop Andrew, the Diocesan Registrar and the Hawke’s Bay Regional Dean have attended three meetings with the parish and/or parish representatives.</li> <li>• The most recent meeting, a presentation by the parish submitting financial ideas for Bishop Andrew to consider in order to reduce debt and maintain a stipend.</li> <li>• The financial suggestions were discussed by the committee. These options will be presented to the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees for discussion as well.</li> </ul> <p><i>Following the discussion the Reverend Helen Wilderspin returned to the meeting.</i></p>
SC 17.6.3	<p><b>Strategic and Policy Reports</b></p> <p>The Diocesan Registrar presented the financial report in the absence of the Finance Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The financial report to 31 May 2017 shows a net deficit of (\$26,438), compared to a budgeted deficit of (\$37,015).</li> <li>• Income has increased due to the diocesan finance team taking up the accounts of nine Anglican Social Service units and other income generating initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Resolved:</i></b>  <b><i>That the Financial Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 be received without amendment.</i></b></p>
SC 17.6.4	<p><b>Diocesan Committees</b></p> <p>Bishop Andrew reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Diocesan Canon Review Committee</i></b>  The committee held their first meeting on Tuesday 30 May 2017 to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canon 3 of Diocesan Synod</li> <li>○ Canon 5 of the Election of Lay Representatives to the Diocese Synod and Regional Conferences</li> <li>○ Canon 11 of Standing Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The three above named canons were reviewed with particular emphasis on Canon 3 of Diocesan Synod.</p>
SC 17.6.5	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b><u>Mahora Parish, Hastings</u></b></p> <p>The motions received from the vestry meeting held 18 May 2017 formally signalling that the parish wish to cease worship at St James are:</p>

1. *Parish final Eucharist at St James will be on Sunday 23rd July at the Patronal Festival presided by Bishop Andrew Hedge – both St Peter's and St Matthew's Parishes invited.*  
*Carried unanimously.*
2. *Vestry requests the Diocese to dissolve the St James Mahora Parish at this year's Synod in September, if possible.*  
*Carried unanimously.*
3. *Ask Diocese for urgent guidance on handling Pastoral care for the people on the roll by sending a letter to reassure them all that they will be cared for after the closure of St James.*  
*Carried unanimously.*

The Diocesan Registrar met with Mahora administrator, Sue Humphrey and the Rev'd Jan Tapper on 6<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the process of disestablishing their positions at Mahora Parish and offering help in the way of a redundancy support programme from People Central, Napier.

The maintenance of property and grounds will be determined post parish disestablishment.

**Resolved:**

***That Standing Committee requests the Diocesan Registrar, the Hawke's Bay Regional Dean and the current Priest-in-Charge of St James, Mahora to meet with vestry and discuss with them the technicalities of continuing functions of the vestry post the 23 July 2017, with a view to those functions either being sustained by the current vestry or perhaps more appropriately by Standing Committee. Request that group to report back to the Bishop and Standing Committee.***

**Legacy Gardens**

A name for the ministry at Legacy Gardens, Papamoa has become apparent. After some discussion it was agreed 'The Anglican Community of St Aiden' would be appropriate.

*The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12.40pm.*

*The Committee re-commenced their meeting at 1.20pm.*

**Napier South – St Augustines**

The Diocesan Registrar currently awaits a letter from vestry requesting Standing Committee take over control of the process going forward.

Much discussion followed.

Until further information is received from the parish Standing Committee are unable to make any further decisions regarding the future of the plant.

**Resolved**

***The Diocesan Registrar to acknowledge receipt of the reports received to the parish noting the expectation of a third report to be received by Standing Committee. A representation from Standing Committee would look forward to meeting with the vestry in due course. Prior to that meeting SC representatives will meet with the Hawke's Bay Regional Dean in order for him to update them on the current status.***

**Decade of Mission Working Group**

**Membership:** The Revd's Joan Edmundson, Paul Williamson and Jo Crosse.

The four questions the report is based around are:

- a. In what ways do you see the structures of the Anglican Church impeding mission?
- b. What changes to our structures would you like to see to enable mission?
- c. What barriers to changing our structures do we need to overcome?
- d. Can you recommend people who have particular skills to work through the potential practical and possibly constitutional issues involved?

Comments from members were received.

**Resolved:**

***Standing Committee gives thanks to Rev'ds Jo Crosse, Paul Williamson and Joan Edmundson for their preparation of this work.***

**Eastland EJP Group**

The EJP Network (Environment Justice and Peace), now established in Eastland and Hawke's Bay (The Cathedral) is a useful model for the diocese. The network sees the three areas of environment, justice and peace as increasingly and inextricably interrelated.

A response to Synod is needed in regards to Carbon Emission reduction. Reverend Joan Edmundson suggested pulling the points from Ron Elder's 2016 report pertaining to carbon reduction emissions. These to be discussed at the upcoming Regional Conferences with emphasis on what is perceived to be the priorities? From the feedback received Standing Committee are to frame a motion to be presented at Synod.

The Rev'd Joan Edmundson and Diocesan Registrar will discuss how best to incorporate this into regional conferences.

**The meeting concluded at 2.15pm**

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_