

# ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WAIAPU

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE held at the Anglican Diocesan Centre on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Hugh McBain (President), Reverends Noel Hendery (Deputy-Vicar General - standing in for Reverend Brian Hamilton), Joan Edmundson, Jo Crosse, Alex Czerwonka, Ron Elder, Mr Ray James, Mr Brian Watkins, Miss Alison Thomson, Ms. Susannah Shelton, Ms. Colleen Kaye (Diocesan Registrar), Mrs Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary).

APOLOGIES: The Reverends Brian Hamilton and Erice Fairbrother.

OPENING PRAYER: Led by the Reverend Noel Hendery.

### SC 14.2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

Resolved:

*'These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record.'*

#### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

vi. **Social Justice & Care for Creation Issues**

The old version of the five-fold Mission Statement continues to be used despite its amendment at ACC 15 in 2012. This will continue until the amended version is passed at General Synod in May.

Resolved:

*'Standing Committee endorse the motion that the reworked version of the Five-Fold Mission Statement be approved at General Synod'*

### SC 14.2.2 REPORT OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY SUB-COMMITEE

Tracey O'Shaughnessy has been appointed the new Finance Manager following the resignation of Angela Poynter, prior to Christmas 2013.

The Ruahine region will shortly undergo a review as a means to research its future sustainability. The Ruahine Ministry Team Leader, Reverend Tim Delaney will retire in June, leaving in question how the team/region will be managed until the conclusion of the review.

Discussion took place including:

- To effectively complete the review there needs to be an understanding of the terms of reference.
- Some question over who should carry out the review? Members from the Diocesan Review group, plus for objectivity reasons independent individuals.

*It was agreed* the terms of reference should be drafted and presented by the Vicar General at the next Standing Committee meeting.

Resolved:

*'The Diocesan Review Group, together with the Vicar General propose terms of reference to be approved by Standing Committee, and that the Ruahine Anglicans review be completed by the installation of the new bishop.'*

SC 14.2.3

**ANGLICAN CARE WAIAPU: BRANDING UPDATE**

*Peter O'Brien, General Manager of Anglican Care Waiapu, John Palairat, Chairman of Anglican Care Waiapu and Rhondda Poon, Communications and Sponsorship Manager of Anglican Care Waiapu were welcomed to the meeting.*

Rhondda reported on the progress of Anglican Care's current branding campaign using a comprehensive onscreen presentation.

Standing Committee members expressed surprise at the progress made thus far as they felt that Standing Committee and its Communications Committee should have had more input into the process. The Diocesan Registrar has been regularly updated throughout the process.

Peter O'Brien suggested that work in broader terms needs to be done by the Diocese to determine what the Diocese wish to see achieved in the branding discussions.

*Peter, John and Rhondda were thanked and left the meeting.*

All agreed much work is needed to effectively "catch up" with the branding work already achieved by Anglican Care Waiapu.

SC 14.2.4

**CURACY REPORT OENONE WOODHAMS**

*Oenone Woodhams the Diocesan Ministry Educator was welcomed to the meeting.*

At this point Standing Committee went into committee.

*It was agreed* Standing Committee should, in the future, be more informed concerning Ministry Discernment Weekend candidates, more particularly those who progress on to St John's College.

Oenone will supply the candidate's final report from the discernment panel received after a Ministry Discernment Weekend Also progress reports received from a candidate who goes on to attend St John's College.

Oenone reported on the upcoming March ordination of Julie Guest at Holy Trinity, Tauranga, soon to begin her curacy at Rotorua Parish. Also Gaye Barkla is to be priested in March at Holy Trinity, Tauranga.

Peter Jin from Otumoetai parish has begun his first year at St John's College.

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**PARISH REVIEW**

The Diocesan Review of the Anglican Parish of St Peter's, Riverslea, completed in November 2013 was discussed. Noel Hendery who carried out the review agreed he had found St Peter's, Riverslea in good heart.

Tim Barker, the Priest Missioner for Riverslea/Mahora had not received a job description prior to commencement in his new role.

*It was agreed* job descriptions for future clergy are to be provided by the Regional Deans and the bishop (or Vicar General).

The Diocesan Registrar made comment regarding the present duplication of administration resources currently taking place in the inner city Hastings parishes. Economically this is not good and will need to be reviewed.

The Diocesan Registrar and Finance Manager will review administration finances for St James, Mahora and St Peter's, Riverslea.

*It was agreed* that parish reviews should become a regular part of Standing Committee meetings.

#### SC 14.2.6 PORTFOLIO REPORT BACK

i. **General Synod Standing Committee - Jo Crosse**

Jo reported on the recent February meeting with Waiapu Synod members, to discuss possible topics arising at the upcoming General Synod/te Hinota Whanui. These included:

- The Ma Whea Commission conversations, and in light of not having a bishop, Jo suggested communication with the Auckland Bishops may help to update us on the marriage conversation as it currently stands.
- Waiapu's ordination motion - further work on the wording of the motion is still required. It was agreed the wording "episcopal autonomy" should be amended and replaced with more suitable language.

*The committee broke for lunch.*

ii. **IDCCG - Hugh McBain**

Hugh gave a brief update on the Waiapu motion to IDC 2012 regarding the stipend review and the requirement for a review of the current employment status of clergy.

iii. **Missions - Hugh McBain**

Waiapu's monthly contributions to the Anglican Missions Board have, for the first time, dropped below the pledged monthly giving.

iv. **Social Justice & Care for Creation Issues - Ron Elder**

Ron presented his report.

*Social Justice Missioner*

Work on the development of the proposed role of Social Justice Missioner has commenced. It has been suggested the development of the 'mission and ministry priorities' should be determined first and the formal job description or covenant process should follow naturally after that.

*Ethical Investment Guidelines*

After some research, Ron suggested the Ethical Investment Guidelines should be reviewed to ensure they accurately reflect Diocesan expectations.

**Resolved:**

*'That the Social Justice and Care report, with its recommendations be adopted.'*

SC 14.2.7

**GATE PA LAND TRANSACTION**

*Reverend John Heberton and Evan Turbott - Diocesan Chancellor were welcomed to the meeting.*

John gave a brief history of the land on which Gate Pa Parish currently sits. Land originally owned by Ngai Tamarawaho prior to 1864, which was confiscated by the Crown.

In discussions with the Anglican Diocese acknowledging Ngai Tamarawaho as Kaitiaki of the Land; it has been decided the Diocese will give back the land to Ngai Tamarawaho. Ngai Tamarawaho, and instead appoint the Anglican Diocese as an agent of Ngai Tamarawaho, as Kaitiaki of the land. Therefore ensuring the land and buildings continue to be used by the parish.

A 'Deed of Contemporaneous Gift of Land' has been written and approval is sought from Standing Committee concerning the intention to symbolically hand back the land to Te Runanga O Ngai Tamarawaho, being the council of Ngai Tamarawaho.

Some discussion took place, including:

- The suggestion of seeking a second opinion on the history of Gate Pa.
- Possibly negotiating an alternative option to ownership.
- Obtaining greater clarity around what it means to be agents of 'Kaitiaki'.
- Clarity needed, understanding implications if property changes took place?

**Resolved:**

*'Standing Committee affirms the work on the 'Deed of Contemporaneous Gift of Land', and the ongoing conversation with local iwi.'*

*John Heberton and Evan were thanked and John left the room.*

SC 14.2.8

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

*The Media Officer, Jayson Rhodes was welcomed to the meeting.*

He advised we should be mindful of decisions made based on how well a candidate is interviewed on film.

More thought should be given to whether DVD's are supplied or whether all candidate interviews are viewed via the diocesan website.

Whether a two-bishop model or one-bishop model is adopted, it was suggested the committee distribute information on both models. The people of Waiapu should be more informed going into these discussions.

**Resolved:**

*'Standing Committee approve a single-bishop model.'*

Hugh to notify Bishop Victoria, prior to informing the people of Waiapu about notice of motions due next Friday. All motions are to be approved by Standing Committee.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm, prior to departing to Waiapu Cathedral for Bishop David's farewell service.

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

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