

Anglican Diocese of Waiapu

STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the video-conference meeting held on
Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 10.30am at the Diocesan Office

CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge

	<p>Membership</p> <p>Bishop Andrew Hedge Miss Alison Thomson Mr. Brian Watkins Rev'd Paul Williamson Mr. John Binns Ms Elspeth Atkinson Rev'd Arthur Bruce Dr Peter Minchin Rev'd Joan Edmundson Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim Rev'd Helen Wilderspin Ms. Colleen Kaye (Registrar)</p> <p>In Attendance</p> <p>Rev'd Jo Crosse (General Synod SC) Mrs. Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)</p>
	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Rev'd Helen Wilderspin for lateness</p>
	<p>Introduction and Prayers</p> <p>Rev'd Joan Edmundson, and Ms Elspeth Atkinson were welcomed as newly elected members to Standing Committee.</p> <p>Prayers were led by Bishop Andrew.</p>
SC 16.11.1	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes – 11th August 2016</p> <p><i>Amendment:</i> Minutes be amended to include the Rev'd Jo Crosse as having attended the August meeting and noting that a written report of the General Synod Standing Committee was presented at the meeting.</p> <p><i>"It was moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
SC 16.11.2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>St Mary's - Earthquake Strengthening</u></p> <p>The Diocesan Registrar reported she had received the seismic assessment report from EQStruct in regards to St Mary's, Waipukurau. The following estimates for upgrading the church were given: \$250,000 to upgrade to a building standard of 34%, and \$960,000 for a 67% upgrade.</p> <p>Clarity in regards to St Mary's ongoing importance to parishioners and the Waipukurau community is required by SC and WBDT.</p>

Questions concerning future insurance costs will be investigated by the Diocesan Registrar. The Diocesan Registrar will meet with members of the sub-committee including vestry members next week.

Miss Alison Thomson and the Rev'd Howard Pilgrim agreed to attend the meeting as SC representatives.

It was agreed the Registrar will provide a summarised meeting report to SC members. This report will determine whether a special meeting is required early in 2017 to discuss the strengthening project. A copy will also be emailed to members of the Waiapu Diocesan Trustees Board.

Mr John Palairet, Chairman of WASSTB was welcomed to the meeting.

Sale of Aged Care Facilities – Update

Mr John Palairet reported on progress regarding the imminent sale of Anglican Care's Aged Care facilities to Heritage Lifecare Ltd.

Recent consultation meetings with managers, staff, residents and their families in all Waiapu age care facilities have taken place. Submissions were subsequently invited and received by Mr John Palairet to which he reported; each has been considered and responded to.

The settlement date will take place on the 25th January 2017.

Before leaving the meeting, Mr John Palairet was thanked for his excellent work throughout the process.

Previous Motions from Synod's and Standing Resolutions

It appears that the process in Canon 4 of the Force of Resolution of the Diocesan Synod, has not been carried out for many years. This was raised at Synod as an issue of concern. Synod asked that SC ensure that each year the process outlined in the Canon is followed and the Diocese compiles its own set of Standing Resolutions.

Motion Without Notice – Housing

1) *Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim*

2) *Rev'd Arthur Bruce*

The availability and standard of housing in Aotearoa New Zealand has been a matter of public concern in recent times. The common good and concern for the well-being of fellow citizens is a legacy of our Christian heritage. Therefore it is moved by this Synod that:

- 1. We express our concern about this matter and make rectifying it a priority for all New Zealanders, both through local body and national elections, as well as calling on all people to work towards raising the availability and standards of housing for every New Zealander.*
- 2. We ask the Standing Committee to make provision for research into the economic and public policy dimensions of this issue.*
- 3. We respectfully ask our Bishop to express our concerns publicly on our behalf.*
- 4. We commit ourselves to examine the availability and standard of housing in our own particular communities.*

“It was moved that the motion without notice re Housing, and the matters arising be received.

Reverends Howard Pilgrim, Jo Crosse and Arthur Bruce agree to develop an effective research proposal with anticipated help from the Anglican research unit.”

AGREED

Carbon Emissions - Motion:

1) Rev'd Ron Elder

2) Rev'd Frances White

That this Synod notes the call of Archbishop Winston Halapua in his Easter message (Anglican Taonga, 23 March 2016) for help from the New Zealand Church to keep climate change below 1.5 degrees C for the sake of vulnerable Pacific Island communities and calls upon the diocese to implement in the coming year an on-going programme of carbon emissions reduction.

Addressing carbon emissions and the monitoring of is a challenging task going forward. It was suggested Rod Oram be invited to visit the diocese as a means to educating parishes.

The Rev'd Joan Edmundson is to write a letter of invitation to the Diocesan Environmental Justice and Peace Network groups seeking their views and suggestions regarding Carbon Emissions reduction. She will also seek advice from Rev'd Ron Elder as to internet links and resource material to assist with the work ahead.

Parish Environmental Audit - Motion:

1) Miss Alison Thomson

2) Rev'd Jo Crosse

That as an aid to increasing their commitment to the Church's mission to Care for God's creation, all ministry units in the diocese be issued with Parish Environmental Audit forms, and be urged to implement them, reporting regularly to their units, and annually to their Regional Conference, on steps they are taking.

The Diocesan Registrar will ask her Executive Assistant to dispatch the Parish Environmental Audit forms to parishes and ministry units.

Social Justice Commission - Motion:

1) Rev'd Ron Elder

2) Mrs Francis White

That this Conference/Synod notes moves by General Synod to redefine the Social Justice Commission into an advisory and research body reporting to the Archbishops rather than a body with delegated executive powers and notes further that the Diocese of Waiapu has no established and resourced programme to pursue the 4th or 5th Marks of Mission other than elements of the LT4Y programme and calls for Synod 2017 to be presented with a budget that includes an allocation of resources to promote the Care of Creation and Social Justice and Peace ministries of the Church.

To be addressed in the 2018 budget. Important to keep this motion in sight for the future.

It was agreed a small working group consisting of The Diocesan Registrar, Rev'd Joan Edmundson, Mr John Binns, and Miss Alison Thomson be assigned to review past motions.

SC 16.11.3	<p>Confirmation of the Diocesan Synod Minutes</p> <p><i>“It was moved that the minutes of the 62nd Synod held on the 17th and 18th September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
SC 16.11.4	<p>Strategic and Policy Reports</p> <p><i>The Finance Manager, Ms Tracey O’Shaughnessy was welcomed to the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Finance Manager reported that the diocese is now three quarters of the way through this financial year and the financial position is robust. The year end projection has a surplus of \$17,181 compared to the budget deficit of (\$23,879).</p> <p><i>“The Financial Report for the period ended 30th September 2016 was received without amendment.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGREED</p>
SC 16.11.5	<p>Diocesan Committees</p> <p>Bishop Andrew reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan Ministry Committee Meeting regularly. The committee have assisted with the lay ministry licences review currently underway in the diocese. <p><i>It was agreed</i> the DMC Committee supply a report to each Standing Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan Canon Review Committee Robin Nairn and Alison Thomson have agreed to be members on this committee. Bishop Andrew is awaiting word from others he has invited. • Diocesan Property Committee No committee has been formed but the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees have taken an interest and are currently addressing the property issue. • Diocesan Communications Committee The establishment of such a committee has been postponed until next year given the current changes in regards to social services. • Finance Advisory Sub Committee The role and membership of this committee is to be reviewed. A restructuring of the committee to incorporate an administrative focus is needed. The main function is to operate as a diocesan advisory group to the Diocesan Registrar. <p>Bishop Andrew is to write to current members to inform them of the proposed change of focus.</p> <p><i>The Rev’d Jo Crosse as the GSSC representative left the meeting.</i></p>

<p>SC 16.11.6</p>	<p>Other Reports</p> <p><u>Bishop's Report</u></p> <p>The Bishop moved that his report be presented In-Committee at 2.40pm. Moved out of Committee at 2.45pm.</p> <p><i>The Rev'd Jo Crosse returned to the meeting.</i></p>						
<p>SC 16.11.7</p>	<p>General Business</p> <p><u>Ethical Investment Policy – Update from WBDT</u></p> <p>Following on from the report of the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees to Synod, the policy for Ethical Investments has been finalized, and a copy was supplied to members.</p> <p><u>Health and Safety</u></p> <p>An email was received from the Rev'd Dale Williamson that raises concern in regards to responsibility and liability around Health and Safety in the context of the new legislation namely:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"I am writing regarding the new PCBU (person conducting a business or undertaking) health and safety regulations. I am concerned that, as a Vicar, I have not received any clear information from the Diocese regarding this..."</i></p> <p>There is some confusion around the definition of a PCBU which will need to be clarified.</p> <p>The Diocesan Registrar commented that as the person who 'holds the senior leadership position in the business', any serious health and safety incident occurring in the diocese would rest heavily upon her shoulders.</p> <p>It would be helpful to have regular updates from parishes regarding their current health and safety practices/issues. It was suggested a small working group be established to help develop a diocesan plan to effectively record health and safety related issues within the diocese.</p> <p><i>It was agreed</i> the Rev'd Paul Williamson and Jeanne Ayson from the Cathedral be asked to join the group supporting the Diocesan Registrar in regards to Health and Safety.</p> <p><u>General Synod Standing Committee</u></p> <p>The Rev'd Jo Crosse tabled her summarised report from the September GSSC meeting.</p> <p><u>Standing Committee Meeting Dates for 2017</u></p> <table data-bbox="316 1749 1302 1816"> <tr> <td>23 February 2017</td> <td>27 April 2017</td> <td>22 June 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 August 2017</td> <td>26 October 2017</td> <td>7 December 2017</td> </tr> </table> <p>The meeting closed at 2.56pm with prayer.</p>	23 February 2017	27 April 2017	22 June 2017	17 August 2017	26 October 2017	7 December 2017
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