

anglican Diocese of Waiapu

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE to be held at the
Waiapu Administration Centre, 2 Bower Street, Napier on Thursday, 9th April, 2015 at 10.30am.

Present : Bishop Andrew Hedge Miss Alison Thomson
Rev'd Brian Hamilton Mr Brian Watkins
Rev'd Paul Williamson Mr John Binns
Dr Peter Minchin Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)
Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim Mrs Frances White
Rev'd Ron Elder Mrs Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Rev'd Alex Czerwonka Rev'd Arthur Bruce

Opening Prayer: Bishop Andrew.

SC 15.4.1 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH FEBRUARY 2015**

Resolved:

"These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record."

SC 15.4.2 **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

Inwards

Annual Stipend Review – Recommended Stipend Adjustment for 2015/2016 = 1.8%.

Following presentation of the report concern was expressed over the present stipend rate and the difficulty we currently have attracting young clergy to ministry.

The provision of detailed information regarding the understanding and value of stipends is sadly lacking in the parishes. It was therefore agreed a working group be established to help develop an informative document to be made available to parishes.

It was requested that in future the actual dollar value of the stipend and the anticipated increase also be provided to Standing Committee in order to make a more informed decision about the increase.

Action: *The Working Group consisting of: Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim (Convener), Rev'd s Ron Elder, and Paul Williamson, to report back on the documentation progress, at a future meeting.*

Resolved:

'That the recommended adjustment of 1.8% for 2015/2016 be ratified.'

Application for Advance from Diocesan Loan Fund – Gisborne Parish

A letter was received from the Vicar and Wardens of Gisborne Parish requesting a loan of \$35,000 from the Diocesan Loan Fund, to cover mounting repair costs to the church hall.

Resolved:

'That an advance of \$35,000 from the Diocesan Loan Fund be granted to the Parish of Holy Trinity. As a condition of the granting of the loan, the Registrar will need to work closely with the Vestry and Finance Committee to formulate a 5 year plan to ensure financial viability of the parish going forward''.

*Note, Ron Elder declared a conflict of interest and abstained from moving the motion.

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STRATEGIC AND POLICY REPORTS

Finance Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March 2015.

Financial reports prepared, were presented by the Registrar including:

- **Financial Statements** for the period to the 28 February, 2015 for the Diocese attached.
- **Parish Financial Health sheet.**

The Registrar advised savings would be made in the following areas:

- Children and Family Enabler – currently on study leave/sabbatical.
- Clergy/Lay Training support due to no Ministry Educator in place.
- BOP Youth Facilitator – position currently vacant.

More than the current forecast expenditure was predicted in the Administration Centre, due to the employment of an accounting temp to assist the Finance Manager over the next couple of months.

Resolved:

'It was agreed the reports provided by the Finance Manager be accepted.'

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MATTERS ARISING

Synod Living Wage Discussion

Reverend Ron Elder presented his report. He sought clarification from Bishop Andrew as to whether he should continue to pursue Living Wage Employer Accreditation for the Diocese.

Ron emphasized the need for the diocesan office to adopt the practice before effectively promoting the Living Wage to parishes and other ministries in our diocese.

Bishop encouraged Ron to promote further diocesan discussions around the Living Wage. Bishop invited discussion, including:

- The living wage is becoming a slogan without understanding the meaning behind it.
- The concept of the living wage sounds great but is indefinable – depends on the size of the family.
- The original motion, referred to in Ron's report, which lay on the table of Synod 2013 should be withdrawn and replaced with a new motion in the Synod 2015.

It was agreed the new motion should be discussed at all three regional conferences before being presented at Synod.

Action: ***The Reverend Ron Elder to draft the new motion for it to be presented through the upcoming Eastland Regional Conference.***

The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12.40pm and returned at 1.20pm.

MATTERS ARISING (continued)

Anglican Care Waiapu

In the previous meeting Bishop Andrew had asked members to share their thoughts around Anglican Care Waiapu. The responses were presented in written format for members to read.

Diocesan Office Site

Bishop Andrew advised that the meeting he held with Michael Morgan, Colleen Kaye, John Palairret, Peter O'Brien to discuss housing Anglican Care Waiapu Office and the Diocesan Office had gone well. The meeting had agreed to consider alternatives to the current Raffles Street building. Bishop Andrew, Colleen Kay and Peter O'Brien have begun exploring new office sites. The new site will house both the Diocese and Anglican Care Waiapu.

It is expected more details will be available to the Committee in two to three months.

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OTHER REPORTS

Bishop's Report

Bishop presented his report verbally.

Diocesan Ministry Educator – exploring a possible collaboration with the Waikato-Taranaki, and Auckland dioceses re sharing processes for discernment for ordination.

'Gospel Roots' Festival – will attend an upcoming meeting with Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, and representatives from Tairāwhiti to discuss a proposed plan for a new music festival in 2016 at the Rhythm and Vines festival site .

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

Ruahine Restructure

The second consultation meeting with the Ruahine parishes, convened by Bishop Andrew, and the Diocesan Registrar is to take place on the 13th April. Bishop Andrew reported he has a clear sense of the restructure.

Members at this point went 'Into Committee' at 1.55pm.

Out of Committee at 2.10pm.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

An email to Reverend Ron Elder from Jolyon White, the Social Justice Enabler, in Christchurch was tabled, asking for the commencement of a conversation amongst Tikanga Pakeha dioceses, to develop their capacity to nationally respond in a collaborative way to issues of shared interest.

Some discussion followed

Action: The Reverend Ron Elder convey to the Social Justice Enabler he is keen to be involved in this collaboration on behalf of Waiapu.

The meeting concluded at 2.20pm

Next meeting: Either a video-conference call or a meeting (to be advised) at Waiapu Anglican Centre, on Thursday 28th May, 2015 at 10.00am morning tea and 10.30 am meeting.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

Date: _____