

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MINUTES

*OF THE MEETING HELD AT QUORN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN
ON FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 12.30 PM*

PRESENT

Ex Officio Members

The Bishop
The Vicar General
The Dean of Hobart
The Diocesan Treasurer
The Director of Business Services (non-voting)

Appointed by the Trustees

Mr Richard Pringle-Jones

Appointed by the Bishop

The Right Reverend Ross Nicholson
The Reverend Chris Thiele
Mr Paul Cavanough

Appointed by Diocesan Council

Mr Ken Moore
Mr Ken Pedley
Mr Roger More

Elected Members – Northern Mission Region

The Reverend Will Briggs

Elected Members – Southern Mission Region

The Reverend Stephen Carnaby

The Venerable Helen Phillips

Elected Member - Youth Gathering

Representative

Miss Imogen Wegman

09/49 WELCOME AND PRAYERS

Bishop John opened the meeting, led a reflection on Matthew 1:18 and following, and then prayed.

09/50 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Church Advocate, Mr Michael Walsh, The Reverend Roger Hesketh, The Reverend Sharon Green and Mr David Plumridge.

09/51 PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was *RESOLVED* that so much of the By-Laws be suspended as would prevent Diocesan Council considering Agenda Item 3.1 no less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled 4.30 pm conclusion of the meeting.

09/52 PASTORAL MOTIONS

None.

09/53 MINUTES

It was *RESOLVED* that the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 August 2009 as circulated be confirmed.

09/54 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. *Retirement age of clergy.* It was *RESOLVED* that this matter lie on the table.
2. *Parish of Longford/Perth.* It was *MOVED* (Morton/Jones) that this Council:
 - a. approves the sale of St Andrew's Perth and adjacent land under the following conditions:
 - i. that the Trustees agree to sign the documentation:

- ii. that the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor;
 - iii. that the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met; and
 - iv. that the Rector and Missioner Bishop – Projects and Training satisfy the Bishop in writing that the needs of mission at Perth are being adequately addressed in a timely fashion;
- b. directs that the proceeds of any sale of the St Andrew’s property be set aside until such time as the financial needs of Perth ministry are known and agreed;
 - c. approves the drawing down of 100% of interest earned by the proceeds of any sale of St Andrew’s property for general parish purposes for the first 12 months following such sale;
 - d. requests the Trustees to assist the Rector, Parish Officers and Director of Business Services to determine the highest and best kingdom use of the land adjacent to the Perth cemetery and to bring further recommendations to Diocesan Council; and
 - e. encourages the parish to prepare concept plans for developments at Christ Church Longford together with indicative costs and possibilities for funding.

CARRIED

It was *NOTED* that Bishop Ross will consult with the parish on this matter as Missioner Bishop – Projects and Training, not MSO.

09/55 PARISH MATTERS

1. It was *RESOLVED* that the *Parish of Southern Midlands* be removed from being under review with immediate effect and that the thanks of Diocesan Council be conveyed to the Consultant for the work done with the parish during the review period.
2. *Parish of Franklin Esperance - closure of St Paul’s Church, Dover.* It was *NOTED* that the Trustees changed the wording of the motion passed at the August meeting of Diocesan Council to read *“That after the requirements of the Ordinance have been met, the ~~property~~ building may be sold, unless the submission for federal government funding under the National Building Economic Stimulus Plan is successful.”*
3. *Decisions of the Property Board*
 - a. *Meeting date 4 September 2009*
 - i. *Parish of All Saints South Hobart – purchase of rectory*
 - A. That the parish be given permission to expend up to \$600,000 plus costs on a rectory.
 - B. That the parish be given permission to purchase the property at 1 Atunga Street, Tarooma as a rectory, and the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor, the requirements of the Registrar are met and the property receives a satisfactory building report from Archicentre.
 - C. It was noted that the cost of alterations/repairs is in the vicinity of \$40,000; the parish has committed to do the work.

- ii. *Parish of the City of Devonport.* To approve the purchase of 15 Turton Street, Devonport as a rectory, subject to a price being negotiated to the satisfaction of the Director of Business Services, to the requirements of the Ordinance and the Director of Business Services being met, and to a satisfactory building report, and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor.
 - iii. *Parish of Franklin/Esperance.* That the parish be given permission to demolish or have removed the Ranelagh rectory, subject to the requirements of the Director of Business Services being met.
 - iv. *Parish of Launceston North.* That the parish be given permission to renovate the hall at St Barnabas in line with the submitted plans and quotations, and in so doing to expend up to \$230,000 from the land sales account, and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met, subject to clarification that there is no threat that the property or part thereof may be acquired for other uses. Mr Morton subsequently reported that, as the parish is not spending the total available from proceeds of sales levied by the New Ministries Development Fund, they are not entitled to a return of the levy.
- b. *Meeting date 2 October 2009*
- i. *Parish of Burnie.* That the parish be given permission to sell St David's Church Cooe and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
 - ii. *Parish of Cressy.* That the parish be given permission to sell the land covered by Certificates of Title Volume 125323 Folio 1 (Liffey) and Volume 309 Folio 115 (Blackwood Creek) and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
 - iii. *Parish of Cressy.* That the parish be given permission to sell St James' Church Bracknell and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
 - iv. *Parish of Northern Midlands.* That an offer be made to purchase 1A West Street, Campbell Town as a rectory and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
 - v. *St David's Cathedral Foundation, amendment to Deed of Trust.* Permission was granted to the Cathedral Foundation to lodge an amendment to the Deed of Trust of the Cathedral Foundation to include Church House and the Cathedral Carpark, subject to confirmation that the inclusion of the carpark will not jeopardise the use of the site
 - vi. *Parish of St John's New Town.* Permission was given to set up a tax-deductible account with National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) for the

c. *Meeting date 3 November 2009*

- i. *Parish of Brighton.* That permission be given to lease the Pontville rectory for a term of up to twelve months and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
- ii. *Parish of Channel/Cygnets.* That permission be given to have a 2m high belfry built on St Simon & St Jude's Church, Woodbridge, as per the supplied design, provided the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
- iii. *Parish of Longford/Perth, Longford Glebe Farm easement.* Mr Morton reported that he has approved an easement under delegation.
- iv. *Parish of Sorell, Richmond & Tasman.* Mr Davis declared an interest. It was *RESOLVED* that the parish be requested to resubmit the request to install a stained glass window in St George's Church, Sorell once the incoming rector is in place and with a clearer link to the ministry plan of the parish.. It was *NOTED* that the Property Board may not have delegated authority to make decisions on assessment exemptions. This will be clarified at the next Diocesan Council meeting.
- v. *Parish of St John's New Town.* That permission be given to undertake re-roofing and roofing repairs of St John's Church as per the quotation provided and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.
- vi. *Parish of West Tamar.* That permission be given to accept the gift of a demountable classroom from the Department of Education, to be located adjacent to the Beaconsfield Church, and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.

09/56 *APPOINTMENTS*

1. *Parish of Southern Midlands Committee of Management*

It was *RESOLVED* that on the recommendation of The Reverend James Collins, Mrs Val Hill be appointed to the Council of Management of the Parish of Southern Midlands. The members of this Committee of Management would now be:

Gwen Hardstaff
Christine Knight
Michael Evans
Helen Clark
Shirley Robson
Brian Coates
Jennifer Mitchell
Ann Gossage
Dot Evans

Shirley Jones
Val Hill

2. *Parish of Franklin/Esperance Committee of Management*

It was *RESOLVED* that on the recommendation of The Venerable Noel Bowditch, Mr John Sangster be appointed to the Council of Management of the Parish of Franklin/Esperance. The members of this Committee of Management would now be:

David Griggs
Jill Hayes
Neville Stewart
Sallie Wallis
Vicki Roney
Brian Clark
Pam Norris
John Sangster

3. *Professional Standards Committee*

It was *RESOLVED* that on the recommendation of the Professional Standards Committee, Dr Rosemary Dobber be appointed to that Committee.

09/57 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Mr Morton advised that the wording of the Audit & Risk Committee's Terms of Reference was being amended by that Committee and would return to Diocesan Council for ratification in due course.

09/58 AMENDMENT TO PARISH ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE REGULATIONS

It was *MOVED* (Cavanough/Jones) to make the following amendments (as amended) to clauses (a) to (g) of Regulation 27 of the Parish Administration Ordinance Regulations:

- (a) The Diocesan Council shall appoint a suitably qualified person to act as a Consultant to the parish under the direction of the Registrar or person appointed by the Registrar. The Consultant, Registrar and Incumbent shall oversee the life and ministry of the parish until the Diocesan Council appoints a Council of Management.
- (b) At the first ordinary meeting following the appointment of the Consultant, the Diocesan Council shall appoint a Council of Management. The Council of Management shall comprise the Incumbent and no fewer than five electors of the parish recommended by the Registrar as suitable to best manage the affairs of the parish.
- (c) The Consultant shall after due consultation with the Council of Management and the Registrar or person appointed by the Registrar appoint a suitably qualified person, who need not be an elector of the parish, as the Parish Treasurer.
- (d) The Consultant shall after due consultation with the Council of Management and the Registrar or person appointed by the Registrar appoint a suitably qualified person, who need not be an elector of the parish, as the Parish Secretary.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 5 the Consultant shall determine the priority of parish expenditure.

- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 3 the Consultant shall be entitled to exercise all the functions of the Incumbent in accordance with that regulation except provisions a, g, h, j and k.
- (g) The Consultant shall report to the Registrar or person appointed by the Registrar on a regular basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. BISHOP JOHN GAVE HIS ASSENT.

09/59 PARISH OF THE CITY OF DEVONPORT

The Bishop reported that the Parish of The City of Devonport is failing to satisfy him that it is meeting its obligations to support the liturgical and pastoral ministry leadership.

It was *MOVED* (Briggs/Thiele) that the report by the Bishop be received. *CARRIED.*

It was *MOVED* (Phillips/Jones) as follows:

- a. That the Parish of The City of Devonport be placed under review for failing to satisfy the Bishop that it is meeting its obligations to support the liturgical and pastoral ministry leadership, from the date on which the Consultant takes up his or her duties;
- b. that the affairs of the parish be managed from that day by the Incumbent, the Registrar and a Consultant appointed by the Registrar;
- c. that the Parish Council be dissolved from the date on which the Consultant takes up his or her duties, such date to be not later than 1 February 2010; and
- d. that this Council requests the Registrar to bring to the next ordinary meeting of Council recommendations for membership of a Council of Management of the parish.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. BISHOP JOHN GAVE HIS ASSENT.

09/60 FINANCE REPORTS

The Diocesan Treasurer highlighted the following:

1. The 2009 audits for the Diocese, the Trustees, the Anglican Development Fund and the Anglican Health & Welfare accounts have been completed.
2. Clarendon has approved funding for three part-time positions as (Safe Church Communities) Risk Management Officers. It was *RESOLVED* that Bishop John would write to Clarendon to express the thanks of Diocesan Council for their generosity.
3. The Diocesan accounting overview provided by Mr Ray Phillips for the Risk & Audit Committee, and the budget parameters for 2010-2011 were *NOTED*.
4. It was *RESOLVED* to receive the draft finance reports, as corrected, for the Diocese, The Imagine Project, Ministry Council and the New Ministries Development Fund to 30 September 2009.

09/61 PARISH ASSESSMENT

Mr Morton facilitated an interactive session to unpack issues around the parish assessment. The matter was referred back to the Committee of The Reverend Stephen Carnaby, Mr Roger More and the Director of Business Services.

09/62 *RATIONALISATION OF PROPERTY*

Carried over to next meeting.

09/63 *REPORTS*

1. *Trustees' Report.* Mr Pringle-Jones presented the Trustees' report. Mr Pringle-Jones agreed to provide Diocesan Council members with a further written report in relation to the investment portfolio.

The retirement of Mr Robert Whitehouse as Chairman of Trustees was *NOTED*. The appointment of Miss Anne Brown as Chair of Trustees was *NOTED*.

It was *RESOLVED* that the Trustees' report be received.

It was *MOVED* (Wegman/Phillips) that this Council express its great appreciation to Mr Robert Whitehouse, noting with gratitude his extraordinarily generous commitment to the work of the Church as a Trustee for the past twenty-eight years his diligence and strategic vision in overseeing the accounts of the Trustees, his wealth of corporate knowledge and, over the past nine years as Chairman of Trustees, his skills in chairing the meetings of the Trustee Corporation. *CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION*.

2. It was *RESOLVED* that the report by the Bishop as circulated be accepted.
3. It was *RESOLVED* that the report by the Director of Ministry Services as circulated be accepted.
4. *Director of Business Services' Report.* The following matters were added to the previously tabled written report:
 - a. The Parish of Franklin/Esperance cannot build the proposed units on parish land and is proposing the purchase of land in Huonville on which to build the units.
 - b. The Sandy Bay & Tarooma proposed ministry centre has encountered difficulties in relation to Trusts.
 - c. Mr Morton thanked Diocesan Council for again enabling him to attend the annual Registrars' Conference. Mr Morton flagged the matter of an Anglican Covenant and some federal government initiatives which may have implications for the Diocese. These matters were referred to the Bishop's Executive Committee for action.
 - d. It was *MOVED* (Morton/Jones) to ratify the payment of \$62,880 to Claimant 09-1 under the PSAAS scheme. *CARRIED*
 - e. Decisions taken under delegation since the last meeting of Council:
 - i. Approval was given to the Parish of Southern Midlands to apply for a grant of \$3,000 from Southern Midlands Council Community Small Grants Program for a family support project in Bagdad.
 - ii. An Exclusive Property Management Agreement was signed with Crowther Richards Real Estate in relation to 24 Bedford Street, New Town, Parish of St James' New Town & St Andrew's Lenah Valley.

- iii. Approval was given to the Parish of Quamby to commence restoration work, specifically the drainage, at St Mary's Hagley, even though the Tasmanian Community Fund grant of \$8,000 to cover all planned work has not yet been approved. The decision was taken recognising that the quotation for the drainage works is \$1,485 including GST and that the parish has approved contributing up to \$5,000 to the restoration work if required, and given that this drainage work will be required whether or not the TCF approves the grant.
- iv. Approval was given to the Parish New Norfolk to submit a grant application to The Community Development Grants Program for \$20,000 for a Memorial Garden at St Matthews's Church.

It was *RESOLVED* that the report by the Director of Business Services be accepted.

5. It was *RESOLVED* that The Imagine Project Report by Bishop Ross as circulated be accepted.
6. It was *RESOLVED* that the Mission Action Plan progress indicators be *NOTED*.

09/64 OTHER MATTERS

1. *Revd Bobby Knopwood watercolour.* Carried over to next meeting.
2. *St David's Cathedral/Church House.* The Dean reported on plans for renovations/refurbishments.
3. *Property Board delegation in relation to assessment exempt appeals.* It was *MOVED* (Morton/Moore) that the Property Board not be given authority to approve appeals for exemption from assessment. *CARRIED BY MAJORITY*
4. *Miss Imogen Wegman.* Bishop John reported that Miss Wegman is going overseas to study and so is standing down as a member of Diocesan Council. Miss Wegman was thanked for her contribution with acclamation and presented with a gift.
5. *Anglican Development Fund.* Mr Pringle-Jones reported that the ADF Board has decided to make a distribution from the accumulated surplus of \$30,000. It was *MOVED* (Cavanaugh/Morton) that the Diocesan Ministry Council be asked to distribute the accumulated surplus of the ADF to parish-based mission. *CARRIED*
6. *Diocesan Remuneration Commission* correspondence ratifying the reclassifying and combining stipends for some ministry positions, and undertaking to take into account movements in average weekly earnings was *RECEIVED*.

09/65 MEETING DATES FOR 2010

Friday 5 March, Friday 18 June, Friday 3 September, Friday 3 December, at the Quorn Hall in Campbell Town.

09/66 DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Friday 3 March 2010 at Campbell Town.

09/67 MEETING CLOSED

The Bishop closed the meeting at 4.10 pm.

Confirmed.....

Date.....