

ST PETER'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13 JUNE 2016 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

Monsignor Kerr (President)	Agnes Dolan	Anne Donnelly
Peter Nicholson (Chairman)	Alan Chudziak	Ian Stewart
Aga Allan	Roger Eggins	

Welcome

1. The chairman welcomed Joyce Cullen and Elaine , parishioners in attendance.

Apologies

2. Apologies were received from Stephen Dolan and Jacqueline Heron.

Opening prayer

3. Mgr Kerr led those present in the Parish Pastoral Council Prayer.

Minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2016

4. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes

5. 5.1 Welcoming Sunday. Not many newcomers had actually attended, but it was felt that it had been good to get to know those who had. It should be repeated. Thanks were expressed to the Hospitality Team for the catering.

5.2 Doors Open Day. Application had been submitted for Sunday 25 September; news of decision awaited.

5.3 Eco-congregation application. Application had been seen at a late stage and was believed to have been submitted. To check with Liz Brown.

Organisation of parish clusters in the Archdiocese

6. The second meeting of our cluster parishes to follow the discussion agenda set by the Archbishop had taken place on 11 June. Numbers were lower than for the first meeting but St Peter's was represented proportionately. It was noted that few younger people had been there. The meeting had considered the resources of the respective parishes in light of figures made available about each parish's finances and also mass attendance, baptisms, weddings, funerals etc. There had been a very good spirit, with no sign of parishes competing against each other to preserve their status. There had been a shared feeling that the cluster parishes were each sound and viable, but that there could be more sharing of talent and better communication between parishes. Mgr Kerr said that a full report was to be produced.

Any other business

7. The chairman raised the question of whether we should run our Volunteering Sunday again this year. It was agreed that this should happen and organisations would be approached to find out who would be interested in taking part. Sunday 4 September was chosen as the date. The chairman would contact those concerned. **Action: PN**

The question was raised whether an umbrella stand could be placed in the porch, for umbrellas left to dry on wet days. **Action: AC**

It was noted that the parish magazine would be available the following Sunday.
The mandatory practice fire evacuation would be carried out at the end of mass on Sunday 26 June.

The meeting then concluded in order for the AGM to take place (see separate minute).