

## **ST. PETER'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13 FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE PARISH ROOM**

#### **Present**

Monsignor Kerr (President) until point 7 below, Peter Nicholson (Chairman), Alan Chudziak, Ian Stewart, Jacqueline Heron, Aga Allan, Salvatore Callea, Anne Donnelly, Joyce Cullen, Liz Brown, Roger Eggins

#### **Welcome and apologies**

1. All were present. Stephen Dolan and Gillian Ferguson have each tendered their resignations as members of the Parish Pastoral Council for personal reasons.

#### **Opening prayer**

2. Mgr Kerr led the Parish Pastoral Council Prayer.

#### **Members and Secretary**

3. There has been no response to appeal in newsletter for new members. We are all invited to approach possible candidates: Peter Nicholson will happily then speak to them to explain the role. Liz Brown took the minutes of the meeting.

#### **Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 November 2016**

4. The minutes were approved.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

5.1 Annual report on parish activities – now published and available with thanks to Jacqueline Heron. Production costs were lower than last year and were negated by advertising. Alan Chudziak reported positive feedback.

5.2 Eco-Congregation Application – Assessment visit for Second Award set for Monday 20 February 7.30pm, and relevant parish groups such as SCIAF and Freshstart will be represented as well as the Eco Group itself. As per newsletter, all interested parishioners invited to attend.

5.3 Facebook page – No response yet for appeal for new administrator of page to succeed Stephen Dolan. It was noted that there is more than one page in existence, and this will need auditing.

#### **Parish Priest**

6. Mgr Kerr gave as much information as he could about his replacement, Father Kevin Douglas who will be arriving on 22 February. He has made a short visit already to see the Church and accommodation, and has asked to see recent newsletters from St. Peter's and St. Columba's. He will be assisted by Deacon John Smith and the two Sisters who are arriving to take up residence in the house at St. Columba's on 3 March. **Action: Peter Nicholson** will introduce himself to Father Douglas as soon as practicable after arrival.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) expressed sincere thanks to Mgr Kerr for all he has done for St. Peter's over many years, and for his support of the PPC. Parish celebration to mark his retirement is on Saturday 29 April, in the afternoon, and he will receive a collection from parishioners.

### **Parish Clusters**

7. Mgr Kerr understands that the final report from our Cluster is with the Archbishop. He is unsure of the timetable of reply.

### **Reports on parish organizations/activities**

8. Outreach Group reported. Key dates which double as social events follow in point 11 below.

Alan Chudziak reported on establishing a compliant Health and Safety framework. This included a review of the procedure for key holders. Ideally, no one should be alone when working in the church, and all who may be working should carry a mobile phone in case of emergency.

### **Building fabric and maintenance report**

9. Alan Chudziak reported on work that had taken place on the building. It is likely that renewal of lighting and the boiler could be due in the medium term, and a discussion then followed about the need for a reserve to cover expenditure. The parish is permitted to spend up to £9000 without reference to the Archdiocese: if a building fund needed to be raised, this would be held within the Archdiocese but could be earmarked for St. Peter's.

In response to an enquiry about insulation, he confirmed that insulation was now in place where it could be, but given that the building is brick with stone cladding, there is no cavity. This limits the amount of insulation that can be done, as does the A listing of the building.

### **Protection of Vulnerable Groups**

10. Joyce Cullen reported that the Parish training event is still to be arranged; this was not a requirement of the annual audit now submitted. In line with Archdiocesan policy, it will be necessary for existing applicants to renew PVG membership periodically and each year, she will contact those who need to do this. **Action: Joyce Cullen** to explore options for training event, preferably in March.

### **Consideration of social events**

11. Parish Celebration to mark the retirement of Mgr Kerr – Saturday 29 April – afternoon buffet at Gillis Centre.

In date order other events, which parishioners can join, are:

- SCIAF Malt Whisky Tasting Friday 17 February 7.30pm
- Fairtrade Aveda Beauty Evening Friday 10 March
- Lenten Lunch Saturday 1 April
- SCIAF Afternoon Tea – June date to be finalised.

### **Date of next meeting**

12. Monday 10 April at 7.30pm

**Any other business**

13. - 40 Days for Life campaign – Salvatore Callea gave details and sought support from PPC. **Action: Peter Nicholson** will contact Patricia MacLennan to see what support might be needed.

- Our Lady of Aberdeen – concern has been raised about whether agreed opening times will allow enough people access for prayer over this period.

- Doors Open 2017 – will be on agenda for next meeting.

**Closing prayer**

14. Peter Nicholson led.