

## ST. PETER'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 12 JUNE 2017 IN THE PARISH ROOM

#### **Present**

Father Douglas (President), Peter Nicholson (Chairman), Liz Brown (Secretary)  
Roger Eggins, Joyce Cullen, Salvatore Callea, Anne Donnelly, Aga Allen

Apologies: Alan Chudziak, Ian Stewart, Jacqueline Heron.

#### **Welcome**

1. The Chairman welcomed the good number of parishioners also in attendance for the Annual General Meeting that followed this meeting.

#### **Opening prayer**

2. Father Douglas led those present in the Parish Pastoral Council Prayer.

#### **Minutes of the meeting on 10 April 2017**

3. Subject to two minor changes to the name of the person giving the training session on Protection of Vulnerable Groups, and the PVG clearance status of Allan Whyte, the minutes were approved.

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

4.1 Eco-Congregation Award – The presentation of the award plaque has taken place and is displayed with our first award on the front gates.

4.2 Facebook page – It will be necessary for someone with a personal Facebook page to take over the Admin from Stephen Dolan. **ALL** We are still looking for a volunteer.

4.3 Parish Dance – A suggestion from the floor was a Ceilidh. It was noted that we have contacts within the Music Group who may be able to field a band, also it is hoped to resurrect the ceilidh band at St. Thomas'. **ALL** We will need a volunteer to take this forward.

4.4 Doors Open Day – Following a survey of past volunteers it was decided to make an application to open on Saturday 23 September 1-6pm. Our application has been acknowledged and we wait to see if we have been successful. New volunteers will be most welcome to join the team. **Bruce Royan and Liz Brown are monitoring.**

4.5 Contributions for flowers. **John Wastle** confirmed that he was sourcing a suitable collection box, and leaflet stand.

4.6 Liturgy – Father Douglas summarized the outcome of the last meeting of the Liturgy Links Group. It is his opinion that the Liturgy is a very public thing, and it is important that people have a say in changes, rather than them being imposed. In the medium term, he is concerned about safety of the altar servers on the

sanctuary. He would also like to review the statue of Our Lady on the Our Lady Altar.

Josephine Beech-Brandt raised the issue of a Saturday Vigil Mass, and there was some debate about the efficacy of a second Mass, in view of the pressure put on families by the sporting activities of their children and the inconvenient timing of 11.30 from a family perspective, but also recognizing that the 11.30 Mass is very busy and seemingly popular. It was left that Liturgy Links, taking opinion from parishioners and communicating across the cluster, should debate this matter.

**Action: Ian Stewart**

### **Volunteering Sunday**

5. It was felt that this is a good vehicle for attracting volunteers, and also for making parishioners feel welcome to volunteer. It was decided to repeat again this year on Sunday 3 September. **Action: Liz Brown will coordinate.**

### **Library**

6. Anne Donnelly raised the difficulty of curating the collection of books, particularly as a result of the unsolicited donations that appear in the room. She also raised the conflict that arises in the room designated as the Library by the multiplicity of demands on the space for storage. Would it be a solution to resite the books, for example? It was agreed the **Bruce Royan** will convene a meeting of the various users of the room to suggest a way forward. There is also a safety issue with the step that leads to the area used for music storage. **Alan Chudziak** could be consulted for a solution.

### **Any other business**

7. Roger Eggins queried whether we had heard anything from our contribution to the Scottish Churches survey. **Liz Brown** will investigate.

The Parish Directory available in paper form at the back of the Church needs updating. **Liz Brown** will investigate.

The meeting concluded in order for the Annual General Meeting to take place.