

ST. PETER'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 6 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE PARISH ROOM

Present

Father Douglas (President), Josephine Beech-Brandt (Chairperson), Liz Brown (Secretary), Aga Allen, Salvatore Callea, Joyce Cullen, Anne Donnelly, Ros Macaskill, Jacqueline Heron, Jo Mulvagh

In attendance: (from item 6) Andrew Thackrey

Welcome

1. The Chairperson welcomed to the Council Francis Katamba (see apologies below) and Jo Mulvagh

Apologies

2. Annie Royan, Francis Katamba, Ian Stewart, Bruce Royan, Patricia Cairns

Opening prayer

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

Minutes of the meeting on 11 September 2017

4. Minutes were approved

Matters arising

5.1 Facebook page - Trish Dolan has taken over administration of the page and has been posting. **ACTION: Liz Brown will liaise with Trish about arrangements for requesting special posts.**

5.2 Mass times – Liturgy Links Group reports (see attached) that views of parishioners will be sought via a short questionnaire. **ACTION: Ian Stewart**

5.3 Re-introducing the organ at Sunday Mass – Liturgy Links Group recommends that the organ should not be reintroduced at Sunday Mass unless a suitably qualified parishioner comes forward who is willing to work in full collaboration with Sophie Bennett and with the Parish Music Ministry. Discussed further at the meeting, it was decided to follow this recommendation.

5.4 Library – Bruce Royan had submitted a very detailed paper (attached), which was given very careful consideration. Fr. Douglas explained that restoration of the Chapel is a long term possibly 5 year plan, with the intention of making it a place of prayer which could be open, when the main church is not. With this timescale in mind, the meeting thanked Bruce for research presented so far on the re-instatement of the Library as a Chapel. It is assumed that detailed plans and costings will follow including an investigation about the possibility of grants to help with restoration work.

In terms of short and medium term actions, further information is sought about the necessity of new chairs for the Music Group. **ACTION: Liz Brown**

5.5 Annual Report of Parish Activities 2016/2017 – Jacqueline Heron presented an example of the final printed report. 200 copies are to be printed. **ACTION: Jacqueline Heron**

5.6 Changes in the Archdiocese – Josephine Beech-Brandt presented a draft letter to the Archbishop, which was broadly accepted subject to some suggested editing. **ACTION: Joyce Cullen**

Mass for the Sick and Elderly will take place in St. Peter's this year instead of the Gillis Centre. (Saturday December 9)

5.7 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Fr. Douglas has obtained CTS explanatory leaflets, which will be available at the back of the church.

Reports from parish organisations/activities

6. For ease of reference, all reports received have been amalgamated in the attached document, which was reviewed in detail by all present. The number of trained altar servers is now 32, and people have been encouraged to see them also serving at the Saturday mass, and on Wednesday evenings. The Welcome given by the readers was debated, and some slight amendments suggested. **ACTION: Fr. Douglas**

Parish Ceilidh

7. Collumcille Ceilidh Band is booked for the Parish Ceilidh on Friday 1 December 7-11pm. Ticket sales are going very well.

Wooden Notice Board

8. It was agreed by all present that the wooden notice board should be refurbished, rather than removed. Anecdotal evidence mentioned at the meeting suggested that the board had been helpful to new parishioners, and that removal of it now would be a negative signal. Patricia Cairns had researched the cost of refurbishment and update at £65 plus VAT, which information can be shared with the Property Committee. **ACTION: Josephine Beech-Brandt**

Date of next meeting

9. Monday 5 February

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10. Andrew Thackrey raised the disrepair of the grave of Andre Raffavolitch, the benefactor that funded the building of St. Peter's Church. He will investigate the possibility of repair, and the costs involved. **ACTION: Andrew Thackrey.**

