

## ST. PETER'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 11 JUNE 2018

#### **Present**

Father Douglas (President), Josephine Beech-Brandt (Chairperson), Liz Brown (Secretary), Annie Royan, Salvatore Callea, Aga Allen, Ros Macaskill, Ian Stewart, Francis Katamba, Anne Donnelly, John Wastle, Mary Wastle, Agnes Martony, Anne Marie Douglas, Bill Douglas, Patricia Cairns, Margaret Anderson, Peter Nicholson, Ana de Bonrostro, Aoife Palmer, Sophie Bennett (from Item 8)

Apologies: Tina O'Donoghue, Andrew Thackrey, Joyce Cullen, Sophie Bennett, Ian McCafferty, Jacqueline Heron, and Jo Mulvagh

This meeting followed the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Minutes of meeting dated 23 April 2018**

1. Minutes were approved.

#### **Matters arising**

2.1 Parish Directory – Up to date information available on website notwithstanding, it was agreed that it was still important to have a paper document for parishioners, new and old, and visitors. Liz Brown apologised for failing to take up the offer from Mary Wastle to produce a new simplified Parish Directory, produced in-house, which could then be updated more easily. **Action: Liz Brown**

2.2 Meeting with Vicar General Mgr. Burke – It was a great shame that the meeting set for 16 May to explain changes within the Archdiocese, had been postponed at short notice. Fr. Kevin will keep chasing for a new date. **Action: Fr. Kevin**

2.3 Raffalovich grave – Andrew Thackrey has been taking the lead on this for the parish. The stonemason has confirmed that a full repair to the Florence Gribbell gravestone is recommended, and he has been instructed to commence work. Total costs likely to be circa £750 including Mount Vernon costs. It was suggested that St. Peter's should also have a Mass said each year for our founders, Andre Raffalovich and Canon Gray. **Action: Liturgy Links**

2.4 John Duncan Picture (Mural) – Auction was held on Thursday 7 June. There had been interest shown in the mural (via auctioneers), and bidding was invited above £6000. Since the reserve price set by Lyon & Turnbull (£7000) was not met, a sale did not proceed. We await advice from Lyon & Turnbull. The debate re-opened about a permanent loan to St. Thomas' School, or another parish. Fr. Kevin cautioned that it was his intention to be as transparent as possible about the disposal of the Mural, but such was the nature of the piece, in particular its size, it may be necessary to take a quick decision without consultation with all interested parties.

2.5 Data Protection (GDPR) – Guidance still awaited from Archdiocese. In the meantime, Joyce Cullen had suggested that those holding data relating to St. Peter's have a tidy up, and also consider emailing groups by sending to our own personal address, using Bcc to avoid sharing email addresses. **Action: Joyce Cullen/Liz Brown/Fr. Kevin**

2.6 Doors Open September 2018 – Application has been made for St. Peter's to be a venue for the fourth successive year (Saturday September 29 1-6pm). We expect a positive response, and our volunteer team is on standby in sufficient numbers.

### **Reports from parish organisations/activities**

3. Volunteers seem to be particularly needed by SVDP and for the Reader Ministry.

Safeguarding – Joyce Cullen is coordinating dates in September/October with the Archdiocesan team for training sessions at St. Peter's for volunteers who require PVG accreditation.

### **Library & other property matters**

4.1 Library – Anne Donnelly reported that the audit of the Library was now complete. Fr. Kevin will make arrangements to house the books that remain. **Action: Fr. Kevin/Anne Donnelly**

4.2 Other property matters – John Wastle reported that a full report was awaited on a survey of known interior and exterior damp. Consultation had also started about options to upgrade or replace the heating system. Glass had been replaced where needed for safety reasons, in the Side (Crying) Chapel. The Property Committee manages the programme of routine testing, which must take place, and other repairs, where possible doing the work themselves to keep costs as low as possible.

### **Volunteering Sunday**

5. This successful event will be repeated this year after Mass on Sunday 9 September. **Action: Peter Nicholson**

### **Parish Socials**

6. **Sunday 2 September – Parish Picnic** – in addition to the usual games for the younger children, there will also be an all-age cricket match. St. Columba's to be invited. There will be no after Mass refreshments: it is hoped that parishioners will go straight to the St. Peter's School field to join in.

**Friday 30 November – Parish Ceilidh** - St. Columba's Hall.

Also under discussion is an International evening. Fr. Kevin is keen that St. Peter's and St. Columba's form a joint social committee. **Action: Fr. Kevin/Josephine Beech-Brandt**

**Date of next meeting**

7. Monday 10 September at 7.45pm

**Any other business**

8. Amalgamation of parishes – affected parishes have started receiving letters, but to date Fr. Kevin is not in receipt of a letter for St. Peter's or St. Columba's. Concern was expressed that despite having been involved in a detailed consultation process, information was being "drip fed" from the Archdiocese, and this causing unnecessary anxiety. It is felt that communication of strategy could be greatly improved.

Clusters – it was felt that fear of closure had affected parishes working together. Fr. Kevin would like a Joint Social Committee (St. Peter's and St. Columba's) to be formed. It is also his intention that there will be a joint Easter Triduum in 2019, venues and responsibility for liturgy to be shared.

Letters from Archbishop – feelings about the recent Corpus Christi Pastoral Letter had been a complete mix. Also debated was the timing of the letter about Abortion, which was read out at a Mass during which P3/P4 children who might otherwise have been at Children's Liturgy, were present to later receive a Rite as part of the Christian Initiation for Children programme.

**Closing prayer**

9. Fr. Kevin led all present in a closing prayer.