

## ST. PETER'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 1 APRIL 2019

#### **Present**

Father Douglas (President) (from Item 4), Josephine Beech-Brandt (Chair), Liz Brown (Secretary), Ian Stewart, Aga Allan, Francis Katamba, Annie Royan, Jo Mulvagh, Ros Macaskill (from Item 9)

#### **In attendance**

Patricia Cairns, Sophie Bennett (from Item 6)

#### **Welcome**

All present were welcomed by Josephine Beech-Brandt.

#### **Opening prayers**

Josephine Beech-Brandt led.

#### **Minutes of the meeting 4 February 2019**

Minutes were approved.

#### **Matters arising**

- **Open meeting: Replacing the church heating** – Ian Stewart was able to attend the meeting, as were another 12 parishioners (5 of whom are members of the Property Committee). John Wastle had updated the comprehensive presentation he made at the last PPC meeting to include the proposed plan for the positioning of the radiators, pictures of the type of radiator proposed and a picture of the proposed siting of the air curtain (in the vestibule). The indicative budget is £100,000, which will be funded from parish reserves. Bruce Royan is also exploring grant funding and fundraising within the parish. It is likely that there will be another Open Meeting in June.
- **Easter Tridium** – following a meeting of representatives from both parishes, it had been decided that the Tridium will be celebrated in both St. Peter's and St. Columba's this year. Next year, Fr. Kevin will be the sole celebrant, and plans for this will ideally be in place by Christmas 2019.

#### **Reports from Parish Groups**

Reports from Outreach, Readers and Property Committee are attached.

#### **Finance Committee**

Fr. Kevin feels that we now have sufficient guidance to set up a Finance Council, which will be separate to the Parish Council. Fr. Kevin will liaise with those parishioners currently involved with Gift Aid and the parish bank account and will also appeal for volunteers from the pulpit and in the newsletter. **ACTION: Fr. Kevin**

#### **Parish Development/Strategic Plan**

Patricia Cairns talked to her paper (attached) about the need for detailed planning, to encourage open, continued and growing involvement from parishioners, especially using the

tool of Short Life Working Groups. (Parishioners may be more likely to volunteer for a project with a clear remit and timescale.) Recognising that there are many activities that are going very well in the parish, Fr. Kevin set out priority areas which he hoped would form part of the planning process.

- SOCIAL – refining the opportunities for reaching out to parishioners, not just those that are new, but those we recognise and might never have spoken to. Beyond that setting up a Social Committee, with the ideal of establishing a calendar of regular events (ideally 3, one per term; one of which, the St. Andrew's Ceilidh is already established.) To facilitate an appeal for volunteers, a job description will be produced.  
**ACTION: Annie Royan**
- CATECHISIS – Fr. Kevin will lead 4-5-week programmes, tailored as appropriate for different segments of the parish community.
- PROPERTY – Prioritising long term projects for the maintenance and patrimony of the church building e.g. Sanctuary, St. Andrew's Chapel, Lady Altar, Stations. Fr. Kevin has gathered a new group of parishioners to begin a review of this.

**ACTION: Fr. Kevin and Patricia Cairns to draw up headline plan.**

### **Working together with St. Columba's**

Fr. Kevin is seeking a joint meeting with the PPCs of St. Peter's and St. Columba's. **ACTION: Fr. Kevin (Meeting date now set for Monday 13 May 7.30pm at St. Columba's in the Middle Hall)**

### **Re-thinking how we use energy**

In seeking the best option for using renewable energy, it was agreed that the Eco-Group should explore bulk purchasing of energy with contacts at St. Columba's, and then with the Archdiocese (Fr. Basil Clarke). **ACTION: Francis Katamba**

### **Doors Open 2019**

Mark Dorrian has volunteered to take on the co-ordinator role. Mindful of the proposed timetable for replacing the church heating, the present position is that St. Peter's will not be bidding (in May) to be a Doors Open Venue for 2019.

### **Parish Magazine**

The editor was concerned that uptake of the current issue of the Parish Magazine had been less enthusiastic than for past issues. It was agreed that this highly valued communication should continue if at all possible.

### **AOB**

There was concern expressed about the tone and appropriateness of the comments made from the pulpit by the Archbishop during his last visit to St. Peter's, on the topic of child protection.

**Date of next meeting: AGM Monday 10 June at 7.45pm**

**Closing prayer** was led by Fr. Kevin.

