

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 4pm
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay
Held on Zoom due to COVID-19 Alert Level 4*

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

Opening

The meeting opened with prayer.

General Business

New Diocesan Council members as appointed at Synod were introduced. Minutes of 28th October 2021 were adopted as a true and correct record. The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Bishop's Matters

The Right Rev'd Ross Bay provided a verbal update of the Bishop's activities.

Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports

The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan office activities was received.

The Property Manager's Report was received.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee Minutes

Diocesan Council approved the Finance, Risk and Audit report for October 2021.

Ministry Unit Matters

Mangere East – Selwyn Church Easement Request

A request was received from the owners of the neighbouring property to access the easement for the purposes of a wastewater connection.

This request was supported and the General Trust Board was informed of the Council's support.

Waiuku Hall - Demolition

A quote from Access Partners in Property for demolition works on the Waiuku Hall was approved.

St Saviour's Kaitaia – Access to Funds

The Parish of Kaitaia requested to draw down funds from their investments for operational purposes due to the pressure put on the parish due to Covid-19.

This request was approved.

Birkdale Beachhaven – Covid-19 Financial Support

A request for financial support due to Covid-19 lockdowns was received from the Parish of Birkdale Beachhaven.

This request was approved.

St Matthew in the City – Quota Relief Response

A response to the quota relief decisions was received from St Matthew-in-the-City. This response has been forwarded to the Quota Advisory Group for consideration.

St John's Campbell's Bay – Request for Funding

A request was received from St John's Campbell's Bay for Diocesan Council to fund pieces of technology related to offering online worship.

This request was declined.

Parish of Devonport – Hall Project Funding and Loan

The Parish of Devonport requested approval to proceed to negotiate and finalise a construction contract for the Hall redevelopment as well as to draw down a loan to partially fund the project.

The request to negotiate was approved.

The request to draw down a loan is pending further information.

Other Business

Covid Response Policy (draft)

The Diocesan Covid-19 Response Policy (draft) was tabled for approval. The draft policy was approved for consultation with ministry units.

Diocesan Development Fund – 2021 Applications

Diocesan Council received five applications to the Diocesan Development Fund. Three are pending further information from ministry units, one was declined for not meeting the criteria, and one was approved to the value of \$20,608 over three years.

Post Synod – Synod Motions

The Council approved a process for appointing representatives to General Synod due to two vacancies. Work related to all other motions will be attended to at the January 2022 Diocesan Council meeting.

Licensed Ministry Policies

Diocesan Synod enacted the Licensed Ministry Statute 2021. This came into immediate effect. This new statute calls on Diocesan Council to set a number of policies in relation to licensed ministry. The draft licensed ministry policies were approved for consultation with ministry units.

Tax Gift

Approval was given to the Diocesan Manager to sign an agreement with Tax Gift on behalf of St Paul's Symonds Street.

Merriman Trust – Funds Distribution

The annual clergy Christmas distribution was approved to be distributed from the Merriman Trust.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Report was received.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

Closing

The meeting closed at 7.06pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 January 2022 commencing at 4pm.