

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held at 4pm on Thursday 26 September 2019 at Neligan House, Parnell
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay*

The Standing Committee Statute 2001 states that..."A summary of the business of each meeting of Diocesan Council shall be circulated to all members of Synod after each meeting."

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Secretary and minute taker were also present. Members disclosed interests in relation to particular agenda items.

General Business

Minutes of 29 August 2019 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 an update of Bishop's activities.

Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports

The Diocesan Manager provided an update of diocesan office activities.

Orakei

The Orakei church and vicarage have now been sold, the Diocesan Council approved a recommendation there was there was no immediate urgency to purchase a new clergy house. Funds (the net amount excluding any costs incurred) from the St James property sales should be invested in the TML balance fund until further decisions have been made regarding allocations.

Tairua

Diocesan Council agreed to the improvements to the entrance of the Tairua church and will inform the General Trust Board in relation to the Resource Consent Application.

Finance Report

Diocesan Council approved the August 2019 Finance Report. The Committee confirmed that KPMG to be the auditors for 2019/2020. The Annual confirmation and Audit engagement letters were signed by the Chair.

Ministry Unit Matters

Cedar Centre, Birkdale-Beach Haven – Cedar Centre Community Trust

Over many years Cedar Centre have had a desire to establish a Community Trust. Diocesan Council agreed to seeking independent legal opinion.

Christ Church, Alfriston – Request access to funds

Christchurch Alfriston (part of the Parish of Clevedon) requested to access funds to repair their driveway entrances as they require significant repair. This request was granted.

Coromandel Mission District – Loan Increase

Coromandel Mission District requested that Diocesan Council consider increasing an existing loan so that the ministry Unit can repay a loan from a parishioner. This request was granted.

Holy Trinity, Dargaville – Request for approval to submit funding approval

The Parish of Northern Wairoa are restoring the pipe organ in Holy Trinity, Dargaville. In order to fund this restoration, the Parish is wishing to apply to the Lottery Heritage Fund. This request was granted.

St John's, Royal Oak – AGM Date Change

St John's, Royal Oak requested to hold their next AGM in November 2019 to elect officers early so they can be in place from the beginning of the year. A Special General Meeting will be held in early 2020 to adopt the annual accounts for 2019. This request was granted.

St Bride's, Mauku – Land Title Caveat

The General Trust Board requested instruction from Diocesan Council as to whether a land caveat should remain or be lifted to enable the property to be sold in the future if the need arises.

Other Business

Quota Adjustments 2020

Diocesan Council approved the following adjustments;

1. Parish of North West Anglican
2. St Pauls by the Sea, Milford
3. St Andrew's, Kohimarama
4. St Chad's Meadowbank
5. St Elizabeth's, Clendon
6. Hibiscus Coast Parish

Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee – Member Appointments

Current members of the Committee are Mr Ian Pallas (current chair), Mr Colin Dale, Rev'd Anne Moody and Ms Sonia Maugham.

Diocesan Council approved the appointment of Mrs Angela Blundell, Ms Claire Belch, The Rev'd Tony Surman, Ms Tina Chen until the commencement of Synod 2022 and invited The Rev'd Richard Hancock to consult for the Committee.

Motion 5 – Climate Change Action & Motion 6 – Diocesan Zero Carbon Plan

The Rev'd Rebecca Conolly agreed to be the Diocesan Council link with whom the Zero Carbon Plan steering group can liaise with.

Robert John Adamson – Historical Bequest of Land at Taipa-Removal of Caveat

The late Robert John Adamson (d.1898) of Taipa, Far North bequeathed land (2 acres) to the Church for use as a "church reserve or public burial place". The land contains a small family cemetery. All surviving evidence suggests that the Church did not want or accept the gift. Diocesan Council agreed to the Diocesan Manager writing to Te Tai Tokerau to establish any interest they may have in the site.

Friendship House Foundation – Appointment of Board Member

Neil Denny, Chief Executive, Friendship House requested endorsement from Diocesan Council to appoint Sasha Lockley as the Trustee representative of the Anglican Church. Diocesan Council requested more information on the applicant before making a decision.

King’s College Trustees to Grant Mortgages

Minter Ellison Rudd Watts representing the King’s College trustees to requested authorisation from Diocesan Council to grant a mortgage in favour of ANZ National Bank. This request was carried.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group

New Representative

Formerly this role was held by The Rev’d Claire Barrie. The Chair requested that Council members consider this vital role and let the Diocesan Manager know of their interest.

Information and Correspondence

The following information papers and correspondence were recorded as received.

- ACAN Minutes July 2019
- Letter and statistics Auckland City Mission parish campaign
- Social Justice Committee Minutes July 2019
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Closing

The meeting closed at 6:35pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 31 October 2019 in Neligan House Boardroom commencing at 4pm .