

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

### **Summary of Meeting**

*held at 4pm on Thursday, 28 May 2020 via Zoom  
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay*

#### **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 a prayer.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 30 April 2020 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 the Bishop's activities.

#### **Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports**

The Diocesan Manager provided a verbal update of Diocesan office activities.

The Property Manager's Report was received. Two resolutions were passed both subject to General Trust Board's agreement for (i) St Peter's, Pakuranga – to support the neighbour's application for resource consent; and (ii) Beachlands Maraetai – to provide delegated authority for the purpose of lodging a building consent application.

#### **Finance Reports**

Diocesan Council approved the Finance Report for April 2020 and subject to receiving all Back-to-Back representation letters and Subsequent Event forms, also approved The Diocesan Council of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland Group Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (Including the Diocesan Council and its 118 controlled entities).

#### **Presentation – Auckland Anglican Response to Climate Change (AARCC)**

Richard Milne and three colleagues joined the meeting to present the AARCC Plan. Each spoke on an area of action – Worship and Liturgy, Education, Mitigation, Outreach and Advocacy.

The aim of the AARCC Plan is to provide a framework for climate action by offering support and guidance for Anglicans to make changes at the personal, Ministry Unit, Diocesan and wider societal level, in order to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate change.

The AARCC requested Diocesan Council to (i) adopt the AARCC Plan as a framework for Climate Action across the Anglican Diocese of Auckland; (ii) support the release of the Season of Creation 2020 resource to all Ministry Units; (iii) provide financial support for the design and printing of the AARCC Plan into a simple brochure to be released at Synod 2020 (estimated cost: \$700); and (iv) request that the Diocesan Office Management report regularly to Diocesan Council and Synod on their carbon emissions and actions taken to reduce their emissions. These four requests were approved.

Diocesan Council further agreed to consider recommendations as the basis for forming a plan for Neligan House to reduce their carbon footprint. It was noted that a more detailed budget proposal and strategy will be forthcoming in September.

## **Ministry Unit Matters**

### **All Saints, Howick – Access to Funds**

All Saints, Howick, are installing display screens and related equipment to enhance the worship at their venue. The budget for this work is approximately \$60,000. The Parish requested access to funds held for general use in the GTB Howick Parish trust fund. This request was approved.

### **Christ Church, Ellerslie – Request for Funding**

Last year, Christ Church, Ellerslie, embarked on a major restoration project to preserve their heritage building and the historic windows. Due to Covid-19, the ministry unit requested funding to assist with cost overruns that were not recoverable by insurance. This request was approved.

### **Glen Innes Co-operating Parish – Auckland Transport Proposal**

Auckland Transport approached St Mary's, Glen Innes to discuss plans that were in place to move the pedestrian crossing from its existing position. This would render the second entrance to the church unusable. Diocesan Council agreed in principal, and subject to agreement from the General Trust Board, to the proposed project with a final plan that will include compensation for St Mary's which will be of benefit to the ministry unit.

### **Purchase of Diocesan house**

It was agreed that proceeds from the sale of the Orakei vicarage would be applied to the purchase of a diocesan house which will be used in the first instance to house clergy in the Glen Innes Co-operating Parish.

## **Other Business**

### **Diocesan Council/Northwest Anglican – Ministry partnership**

On the recommendation of Bishop Ross it was agreed that Diocesan Council will partner with the Intentional Community established in Northwest Anglican, providing some financial support as well as mentoring and oversight.

### **Disability Chaplain Working Group - Membership**

Diocesan Council agreed to assist with the process to appoint new members to this working group.

## **Working Group Updates**

### **Diocesan Health and Safety**

The Health and Safety Report was received.

### **Diocesan Development Fund**

Consideration was given to the recommendations received from the Advisory Group. As further investigation was required, Diocesan Council agreed to allow an extension of time for 5 of the applications.

### **Disability Community Working Group**

A verbal report was given on the survey "How welcoming is our Church to disabled people?". After extending the deadline, there were 76 responses from Synod members.

### **Diocesan Mission & Ministry Resource Team Report**

The Report was received.

## **Closing**

The meeting closed at 6.28pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 25 June 2020 in the Selwyn Library, St Stephens Avenue, Parnell (to be confirmed) commencing at 4pm.