

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held at 4pm on Thursday, 30 April 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 26 March 2020 were adopted as a true and correct record.
Two items were added to the Agenda.
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 an update of Diocesan office activities.

Finance Reports

Diocesan Council approved the Finance Report for March 2020 and the Investment Report for the period ended 31 March 2020.

2019 Annual Report – Flat Plan Summary

Two members volunteered to assist with writing content for the Diocesan Council Report.

Wage Subsidy Application

The Diocesan Manager reported on the Wage Subsidy Application.

Ministry Unit Matters

All Saints, Howick – Access to Funds

Howick Parish applied to access funds from a bequest that was left to maintain the Selwyn Church an historic building (1847) that sits on the Parish grounds. The request was approved.

Glenfield Mission District

The Glenfield Mission District will be re-established as a Mission Venture under the oversight of St John's, Northcote. The buildings will be leased in consultation with the General Trust Board and the Mission Venture.

St Pauls in the Park, Flat Bush – Foundation North Application

St Paul's in the Park, Flat Bush requested approval to apply to Foundation North for funds to develop Community Meeting Spaces being included in the new St Paul's in the Park Anglican Church. The request was approved.

St Paul's Symonds Street – Funding Application

St Paul's Symonds Street sought permission to apply for funding from the Regional Historic Heritage Fund and other specific external funders for the St Paul's church building restoration project to increase the project balance to enable to continuation of Phase 2A of the restoration. The request was approved.

South Hokianga Co-operating Parish – Covid-19 Financial Assistance

Diocesan Council considered a request from the South Hokianga Co-operating Parish for financial assistance to pay rates now payable for the All Saints Church at Rawene and the vicarage at Omapere. Due to the temporary suspension of services they are expecting no income for the next 3 months. This request was approved.

Warkworth Anglican Parish – Foundation North Application

Diocesan Council considered a request from Warkworth Anglican Parish to apply to Foundation North for funds to support the Seasons for Growth programme. The request was approved.

Other Business

Annual Clergy Stipend Review 2020

Diocesan Council agreed to the budgeted increase of 1.8% to clergy stipends for the period of 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021; and the same increase for permanent lay employees included in the Diocesan Council budget from 1 May 2020.

Investment Funds – Quarterly Distributions

Trust Management advised that quarterly distributions of some investment funds had been paid in cash due to material uncertainty on property valuations. Due to Diocesan Council policy, ministry units will be required to reinvest these funds at the appropriate time or apply to Diocesan Council to use the funds in accordance with policy. Governing bodies can make local decisions regarding amounts under \$1,000.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety

The Health and Safety report along with the Bishop's letter to the Diocese with a COVID-19 update was received.

Diocesan Development Fund

The Advisory Group had met and considered the applications. There had been 7 applications and the applicants are to be notified of decisions by end of June 2020. An interim report to be given at the Diocesan Council meeting in May.

Disability Community Working Group

Survey/audit regarding ministry units building and programme accessibility has been developed and will be going live 1 May 2020.

Closing

The meeting closed at 6.20pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 May 2020 in the Boardroom, Neligan House, Parnell or via Zoom (to be advised) commencing at 4pm.