

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 4pm at Neligan House, Parnell
chaired by The Ven Carole Hughes, Vicar General*

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.

The Council has received a resignation from Ms Amanda Mark. As per the provision of the Diocesan Council Statute no replacement will be required prior to Synod in September.

Opening

The meeting opened with a prayer.

General Business

Minutes of 25 June 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 a written 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.

Finance Reports

Diocesan Council approved the Finance Report for June 2020.

Auditor Appointment 2021

Diocesan Council agreed to adopt the Auditor Appointment Policy.

COVID-19 Wage Subsidy

Diocesan Council agreed that ministry units should only allocate the wage subsidies of lay employees to the cost of the staff included in the subsidy application. This will be communicated to ministry units.

Finance, Risk and Audit and Committee

Ms Amanda Mark has tendered her resignation to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee. Two Diocesan Council members were appointed to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee. A potential candidate for the "other member" vacancy was identified.

Ministry Unit Matters

Holy Trinity Cathedral – Request for funding

Holy Trinity Cathedral requested assistance from Diocesan Council as a ministry unit experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis. This request was approved.

North Hokianga Co-operating Parish – Access to funds

North Hokianga Co-operating Parish (Anglican and Methodist) sought access to funds held in trust to install air-conditioning units in the St Mary's Church and attached hall. This request was approved in principle.

Parish of Panmure – AGM date change

Parish of Panmure requested permission from Diocesan Council to hold their AGM in November 2020 with a special general meeting to be held in March 2021 to adopt the financial statements for year 2020 and to continue this pattern in subsequent years. The request was approved.

St Paul's Symonds Street – Access to funds

St Pauls requested access to the St Pauls Trust to fund some unexpected costs related to COVID-19, lighting/audio/visual upgrades, and urgent plumbing and electrical maintenance discovered after lockdown, as well as funds for Phase 2A –Part 2 and the preparation of professional reports towards Phase 2B of the church building restoration project. The request was approved.

St Peter's, Takapuna – Building Report Findings

The General Trust Board provided advice to the Diocesan Council in relation to an engineer's report regarding the structure of the St Peter's church building.

Work on the Diocesan Earthquake Prone Building policy will recommence.

Bream Bay Local Shared Ministry Unit – Request to use investment cash distribution

Bream Bay LSMU requested that the cash distribution received from the capital investment paid to the ministry unit due to the uncertainty in the property market related to the COVID-19 pandemic, be held to cover part of the costs to repair the roof at St Peter's Church, Waipu. The request was approved.

Other Business

In Committee

Diocesan Council went In Committee to discuss a confidential matter.

ATWC Trustee appointments

Diocesan Council re-appointed Dianne Kenderdine, Nichola Christie, Evan Davies, Norman Johnston, Sue Zimmerman, and Rev'd Sarah Moss for a further term to the Board of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

Diocesan Council Member Rotation

Ms Amanda Mark tendered her resignation to Diocesan Council. As per the provision of the Diocesan Council Statute no replacement will be required prior to Synod in September. Amanda was thanked for her time and contribution to the work of the Council and the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee.

In accordance with the Diocesan Council Statute 2019, three members from the house of clergy and two members from the house of laity are required to be elected at Synod 2020.

Diocesan Development Fund – First Round

Diocesan Council agreed to the recommendations of the Diocesan Development Fund Advisory Group in allocating funding for the First Round of the Diocesan Development Fund.

Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau – Hui Amorangi 2020 – Invitation

A number of Diocesan Council members expressed an interest in attending the Hui Amorangi of Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau from 10-13 September 2020.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Report was received.

Reminders will be sent in relation to Diocesan Council members regarding H&S visits to ministry units, and to ministry units about incident reporting.

Diocesan Mission & Ministry Resource Team Report

The Report was received.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

Closing

The meeting closed at 6.05pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 August 2020 commencing at 4pm.