

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 4pm at Neligan House, Parnell
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.

General Business

Minutes of 29 October 2020 were adopted as a true and correct record.
The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Bishop's Matters

Bishop Ross provided a verbal 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.

Building Contract Variation – Approval Process

Diocesan Council agreed to adopt a contract variation process that includes two members of Diocesan Council nominated to work with the Property Manager to approve variations on behalf of Diocesan Council. The process will include reporting back to Council of decisions made.

Finance Reports

Diocesan Council approved the Finance Report for October 2020.

GST Registration for Ministry Units

Diocesan Council approved the GST Registration project and for KPMG to provide an initial advisory report.

Accrued Amount for St John's College

Diocesan Council approved the repayment of an accrued amount for St John's College Trust Board from 2017.

Depreciation Threshold

Diocesan Council approved the recommendation from KPMG to increase the depreciation threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000 from January 2021.

Draft Budget 2021

The Diocesan Manager presented an updated draft budget for 2021. Diocesan Council will finalise the budget at their meeting in January 2021.

Ministry Unit Matters

Ruawai Cooperating Parish – Dissolution Agreement

Diocesan Council agreed that the certificate of title be signed over to the Ruawai Community Church with a mortgage agreed and noted on the title for the amount owing on the original Dissolution Agreement Schedule plus the projected increase in value of the Hukatere site at 17.3% (percentages agreed initially).

St Matthews-in-the-City – Access to Funds/Contractor Approval

St Matthews in the City sought to access capital funds held in Trust for the purposes of renewing their sound system and upgrading the carpark barrier. This request was approved.

Parish of Clevedon – Request for Financial Assistance – Stipend

A request for stipend financial assistance has been received from the parish due to loss of income during the pandemic. This request was approved.

Clergy Remuneration & Retirement Committee – Merriman Trust funds distribution

The CRRC recommended to Diocesan Council a distribution in December 2020 from the Merriman Trust funds to all stipendiary clergy licenced to an office in the Diocese of Auckland, including chaplains. This request was approved.

Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group – Terms of Reference

The TOR has now been reviewed for 2020 by the HSWG members and some changes have been made to reflect the current and future role of the Working Group as well as its membership. The updated TOR were approved by Diocesan Council.

Diocesan Council appointed Ms Elizabeth Witton to the Working Group.

Parish of One Tree Hill – Ministry Unit closure and Disposal of Chattels

The Parish of One Tree Hill, St Oswald's has agreed to close. Archdeacon Michael Berry will assist the Parish with items to be distributed, and seek approval of Diocesan Council for any items of significance. This request was approved.

South Kaipara Anglican & Methodist Cooperating Venture – Mission District

On the Sunday 8th November 2020, the church members held a Special General Meeting agreeing to request Diocesan Council's permission to operate as a Mission District. They will also move to engage a stipendiary minister under Methodist oversight. This request was approved.

Parish of Epsom, St Andrew's – Stipend support – Maternity Leave Cover

The Revd Sarah Stevens-Cross, Parish of Epsom (St Andrew's) will be on maternity leave for 7 ½ months from February 2021. During this period, Revd Bob Hornburg will be providing relief cover and the Parish are requesting funding for Bob's stipend and housing allowance at a full-time rate. This request was approved.

Parish of Northern Wairoa – St Peter's, Te Kōpuru – Funding application

The Parish has secured funding through the Provincial Growth Fund for major exterior restoration work at St Peter's Te Kōpuru, a historic church site.

The funding agreement has been received from the Provincial Growth Fund and the process requires the agreement to be signed by the General Trust Board (GTB), as the property owner. This request was approved.

Other Business

General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui - Membership appointment

Rev'd Tim Meadowcroft resigned as diocesan representative in October 2020 and Diocesan Council is required to make an appointment in the case of a vacancy. The Clergy Members of Diocesan Council have recommended that The Rev'd Bryan Haggitt be appointed to fill the vacancy and he has agreed to the nomination. The recommendation was approved.

Synod Motions

Diocesan Council agreed to consider ways it can honour/action motions agreed at Synod 2020 and include these discussions at their Strategy meeting in February 2021.

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 6.00pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 January 2021 commencing at 4pm.