

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 4pm
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.

Ms Jessica Newton has resigned her membership from Diocesan Council and as General Synod representative. Diocesan Council will move to appoint a replacement.

Opening

The meeting opened with prayer.

General Business

Minutes of 4 March 2021 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 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.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee Minutes

Diocesan Council approved the Finance, Risk and Audit report for January and February 2021.

Budget 2021

Diocesan Council approved an additional entry for inclusion in the 2021 Diocesan Council budget.

Ministry Unit Matters

Holy Trinity Cathedral – Trust Deed – Ministry, Music and Mission

Holy Trinity Cathedral, via an initiative of the Cathedral Resource's Board, wishes to establish a Trust for Ministry, Music and Mission. It was agreed that Diocesan Council will seek independent legal opinion regarding the terms of the Deed.

Parish of Campbells Bay - Purchasing an Investment Property

The Parish is requesting that the Diocese permit them to purchase an investment property as an alternative to a vicarage.

This request was approved.

Parish of Meadowbank – St Chad’s - Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Date Change

Parish of Meadowbank requests permission from Diocesan Council to hold their AGM in May 2021 as a one-time change, with a return to the normal timeline of March in 2022.

This request was approved.

St Matthew-in-the-City – Stipend Support

The Rev’d Cate Thorn, Priest for Community Engagement, will be on sabbatical leave from April to July 2021. During this period, the Rev’d Diana Rattray will be continuing Rev’d Thorn’s ministry in her absence. The Parish are requesting funding for Diana’s stipend and housing allowance at a 0.4 rate.

This request was approved.

Other Business

Health & Safety Working Group – Provider – Managing harassment, bullying, abuse, and discrimination complaints

The Diocesan Health & Safety Working Group (HSWG) has been developing anti-bullying, harassment, abuse and discrimination policy, guidelines and procedures for use across the diocese and has conducted a tender process to find a suitably qualified organisation to provide services to implement and manage the procedures where concerns or complaints of bullying, harassment, abuse, or discrimination are raised. The HSWG has recommended The Ripples Project as the preferred provider.

Diocesan Council approved that The Ripples Project be engaged to provide these services.

Diocesan Council approved that funding for the set-up, communication, education and training of these services be available and that Diocesan Council consider establishing a funding model to assist ministry units to make full use of the service.

Diocesan Council approved that the programme be extended to encourage ministry units to use Employee Assistance Programme services where needed.

Clergy, Retirement and Remuneration Committee – Sale of 4/75 Williams Road, Paihia

The Committee recommended that 4/75 Williams Road, Paihia that was purchased as a house for retired clergy no longer required by the Committee be sold.

This request was approved.

Seasons for Growth Warkworth/Wellsford - Request for approval to submit funding application

Seasons for Growth Warkworth/Wellsford requested the support of Diocesan Council to make an application to Foundation North.

This request was approved.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Report was received.

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 5.45pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 29 April 2021 commencing at 4pm.