

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday, 30 September 2021 at 4pm
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay
Held on Zoom due to COVID-19 Alert Level 3*

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 prayer.

General Business

Minutes of 26th August 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 August 2021.

Audited Financial Statements 2020

The Audited Financial Statements for the Diocesan Council of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland for year ended 31 December 2020 were approved for signing and lodgement with Charities Services.

Financial Policies – drafts

Draft policies on Imprest Account, Credit Card, and Supplier Account use were approved for a consultative process with ministry units.

Ministry Unit Matters

Waiheke Island Mission District – Access to Funds

The Waiheke Island Mission District requested to access funds from their investments to reconfigure the driveway at 20 Pacific Parade, Surfdale, Waiheke Island.

This request was approved.

Parish of Howick – Access to Funds

The Parish of Howick requested to draw down funds from their investments for maintenance on the Selwyn Church.

This request was approved.

St John’s Campbells Bay – Access to Funds

St John’s Campbells Bay requested the use of their investment funds to pay their insurance bill.

This request was approved.

St Paul’s in the Park, Flatbush – Approval for New Church Build

St Paul’s in the Park, Flatbush, requested that Diocesan Council support the commencement of stage one building works to begin at 141 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, as soon as possible, and when the total funding for that stage is secured.

This request was approved.

St Matthew-in-the-City – Deed of Lease

St Matthew-in-the-City requested Diocesan Council support the signing of the Deed of Lease for the St Matthew-in-the-City’s offices at 2B/198 Federal Street, Auckland City.

This request was supported.

Holy Trinity Cathedral – MOU for Corner Site

The General Trust Board requested that Diocesan Council approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Holy Trinity Cathedral, the General Trust Board, and the Diocesan Council.

This request was approved.

Other Business

Clergy Stipend, Housing, and Levy Annual Review

Advice and recommendations were received from the Clergy Retirement & Remuneration Committee regarding increases to clergy stipends, housing rates, and levies for 2022.

The recommendations were approved.

LSMU – Enabler Housing Allowances

Diocesan Council discussed holding regional meetings with LSMU representatives to discuss together funding structures that support the LSMU housing allowances.

Wage Subsidy and Resurgence Support Applications

Advice was received from KPMG on Diocesan Council’s status as a Commonly Owned Group as it pertains to the criteria for application for COVID-19 government financial support. It was decided that, based on this status, it would not be appropriate for the Diocese or ministry units to apply for either of these supports.

Diocesan COVID-19 Relief Funding

Global funding relief for all ministry units was approved.

Quota Relief 2022

Quota relief applications were approved for 15 ministry units, with an average grant of 45% relief. Three (3) quota relief applications were declined.

Te Tai Tokerau – Bishop's House Trust

A request was received to approve funding from the Bishop's House Trust for repairs to the Bishop's House at Paihia.

This request was approved.

In Committee

The Council discussed one agenda item in committee.

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 7.10pm with a prayer.

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