

# **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

# Summary of Meeting

held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 4:00pm Boardroom, Neligan House 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 prayer.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were adopted as a true and correct record. The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

#### **Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports**

The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received.

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#### Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council received the Finance, Risk and Audit report for July 2023.

The Operating Reserves Funds Policy was reviewed and approved. An Independent Review of Diocesan Insurance was approved. The Trust Management Ltd Quarter 2 Distribution was received.

# **Ministry Unit Matters**

### Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central – Delegated Authority for Consents Applications

A request was received from the Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central to appoint Salmond Reed to apply for council consents for the building works at St Matthew's Church, Auckland Central. This request was supported and recommended to the General Trust Board.

### Local Shared Ministry Unit of Mauku – Access to Funds

The LSM of Mauku requested to draw down funds from their investments towards maintenance works on the St Bride's church building and the Waiuku Vicarage.

These requests were approved.

#### Parish of Clendon - Sale of Property

The Parish of Clendon requested permission to sell a residential property.

This request was supported and recommended to the General Trust Board.

### Mission District of Bream Bay - Access to Funds

The Mission District of Bream Bay requested to draw down funds from their investments towards interior renovations to the St Peter's church building.

This request was approved.

#### **Other Business**

# **Clergy Remuneration and Housing Allowance Rates**

Advice and recommendations were received from the Clergy Retirement & Remuneration Committee regarding increases to Clergy Stipends, Housing rates, and levies for 2024.

The recommendations were approved.

#### Ministry with the Deaf Trust

Diocesan Council authorised the Rev'd Marilyn Welch to represent the Anglican Diocese of Auckland on the Ministry with the Deaf Trust Board.

# **Working Group Updates**

#### **Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group Report**

The Health and Safety Report was received.

#### Digital Church Working Group (Synod Motion 9, 2021)

An update was given on the progress of the Digital Church Strategy.

### Ministry Unit Property Working Group (Synod Motion 6, 2022)

An update was given on the progress of the work of the Group towards the aims of the synod motion.

### Centralised Accounting Services Review (Synod Motion 7, 2022)

An update was given on the progress of the work of the Group towards the aims of the synod motion.

### Synod Review Working Group (Synod Motion 2, 2022)

An update was given on the progress of the work of the Group towards the aims of the synod motion.

#### **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

### Closing

The meeting closed at 5:55pm.

The next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.