

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

# **Summary of Meeting**

held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 October 2023. The Terms of Reference for the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee were updated. The suite of Ministry Unit Financial Policies was reviewed and updated.

## **Ministry Unit Matters**

#### Whangarei Mission District - Scheme of Reconstruction

The membership of the Commission for the Scheme of Reconstruction at the Mission District of Whangarei was approved.

### Parish of St Paul Auckland Central – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of St Paul Auckland Central for relief ministry while the Vicar, The Rev'd Matt Bruns is on sabbatical leave from March to June 2024. This request was approved.

## Parish of St Andrew Epsom – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of St Andrew Epsom for relief ministry while the Vicar, The Rev'd Sarah Stevens-Cross is on sabbatical leave from May to August 2024. This request was approved.

#### Parish of Clevedon - Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of Clevedon for relief ministry while the Vicar, The Rev'd Sarah Park is on sabbatical leave from April to June 2024.

This request was approved.

## Parish of Clevedon - Access to Funds

The Parish of Clevedon requested the use of their investment funds to pay their insurance bill.

This request was approved.

#### **Cathedral District - Local Collection**

A request was received from the Cathedral District to be granted permission to follow Local Collection accounting procedures from 2024.

This request was approved.

#### Parish of Ponsonby - Overdraft

A request was received from the Parish of Ponsonby for permission to apply for a bank overdraft to assist with building project costs.

This request was approved.

#### Mission District of Tāmaki – Foundation North Funding Application

A request was received from the Mission District of Tāmaki to apply for funding from Foundation North to repair and make watertight two large stained-glass windows.

This request was approved.

#### Parish of St Andrew Epsom – Funding Applications

A request was received from the Parish of St Andrew Epsom to apply for funding from the Auckland Council Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme 2023 – 2024 Round One and the Ohinerangi Charitable Trust to go towards their St Andrew preservation and restoration project.

This request was approved.

## Parish of Ponsonby – Auckland Regional Historic Heritage Funding Application

A request was received from the Parish of Ponsonby to apply for funding from the Auckland Council Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme 2023-2024 Round One to go towards the cost of protecting the roots of the notified pōhutukawa tree beside the church building.

This request was approved.

## Mission District of Balmoral – Auckland Regional Historic Heritage Funding Application

A request was received from the Mission District of Balmoral to apply for funding from the Auckland Council Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme 2023-2024 Round One to go towards the replacement of the corrugated iron roof on St Alban the Martyr church.

This request was approved.

#### Other Business

#### **Material Damage Insurance Premium Subsidy Scheme**

Diocesan Council agreed to apply to the General Trust Board for a distribution from the Diocesan Trust towards a Material Damage Insurance Premium Subsidy scheme.

#### **Merriman Trust - Distribution 2023**

The annual clergy Christmas distribution was approved to be distributed from the Merriman Trust.

## Waiuku Church Building

Utilisation of funds from the Waiuku O'Hara bequest for repairs and maintenance to the exterior of the Waiuku church building, cnr Queen & Victoria Street, Waiuku was approved.

#### **In-Committee**

Diocesan Council discussed one confidential item in-committee.

## **Dilworth Report**

Diocesan Council agreed to the membership for the Working Group to engage with the learnings and recommendations of the report from the Independent Inquiry into abuse at Dilworth School.

## **Working Group Updates**

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

The Health and Safety Report was received.

## 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.

## **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

## Closing

The meeting closed at 6:25pm.

The next meeting will be held on 1st February 2024.