

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

held on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 4:00pm Neligan House Boardroom and Zoom

Chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay (Bishop of Auckland)

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. The CEO of Trust Management Ltd was present for part of the meeting. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

Opening

The meeting opened with a devotion.

General Business

Minutes of 25th July 2024 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.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council received the Finance, Risk and Audit report for July 2024.

Diocesan Council reviewed the Operating Reserves Fund Policy and approved its ongoing use.

Diocesan Council approved that current insurance cover be rolled over for one year so that quotes from other providers may be sought for establishing ongoing insurance coverage for the Diocese.

Diocesan Council reiterated support for the Capital Investment into Trust Management Ltd.

Delegated authority was given to Marie Nickalls (Finance Manager, TML) to hold Executive Officer Status with the IRD for certain diocesan-managed accounts.

Ministry Unit Matters

Mission District of Whangarei - Commission of Reconstruction

Diocesan Council delegated authority for the implementation of the recommendations of the Report on the Whangarei Commission of Reconstruction to Bishop Ross Bay, Diocesan Manager Sonia Maugham, and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale.

Co-operating Parish of North Hokianga

A request was received from the Co-operating Parish of North Hokianga to access funds held in investments for the painting of the exterior of St Mary's church.

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 2025.

The recommendations were approved.

Clergy Housing Allowance Policy

Clarifying amendments to the Housing Allowance Policy were approved.

Clergy Appointments Policies

Clarifying amendments to the suite of Clergy Appointments Policies were approved.

St John's College Trust Board – 2025 Funding Application

Diocesan Council approved the Diocesan Manager to apply to St John's College Trust Board for funding for Continuing Ministry Education Programmes for 2025.

Anglican Trust for Women and Children - Board Appointment

Diocesan Council appointed Claudine Young as a Trustee to the Board of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

Whangārei Anglican Care Centre

Requests were received from the Whangārei Anglican Care Centre. These will be referred to the Commissioner for the Reconstruction of the Mission District of Whangārei.

In-Committee

Diocesan Council discussed one confidential item in-committee.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group Report

The Health and Safety Report was received.

The Term of Reference for the Working Group was updated and approved.

Ministry Unit Property Working Group

Diocesan Council received the report to Synod on Synod Motion 6, 2022 – Ministry Unit Property and approved its distribution.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

Closing

The meeting closed at 6:52pm. The next meeting will be held on 26th September 2024.