

# **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

# Summary of Meeting

held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 3:30pm 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. ATB Board members were present for part of the meeting. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

#### **Opening**

The meeting opened with Eucharist in the Bishop's Chapel. Newly appointed members were welcomed to their first meeting.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> August 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

There was no meeting of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee in September 2024

# **Ministry Unit Matters**

#### Parish of Birkenhead - Scheme of Reconstruction

Diocesan Council agreed that a Commission be formed that will undertake a Scheme of Reconstruction for the Parish of Birkenhead.

#### Mission District of Bombay-Pokeno - Closure and sale of St Jude's Mercer

A request was received from the Mission District of Bombay-Pōkeno to close and sell the St Jude's church property at 43 Koheroa Road, Mercer.

This request was approved.

### Mission District of Tāmaki – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Mission District of Tāmaki for relief ministry while the Rev'd Noel Cox is on leave during October to December 2024.

This request was approved.

## Parish of Waimate North - Cemetery Expansion

A request was received from the Parish of Waimate North for approval to extend the cemetery at Holy Trinity Church, Pakaraka.

This request was approved and also referred to the General Trust Board as landowner.

# Mission District of Kerikeri - Heritage NZ Archaeological Authority

A request was received from the Mission District of Kerikeri to apply to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for an Archaeological Authority for repairs to the underfloor of the St James Church building at 209 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri.

This request was approved and also referred to the General Trust Board as landowner.

# **Other Business**

#### **Post Synod Actions 2024**

Diocesan Council discussed actions required by motions passed at Synod 2024.

#### **Covenant for Ministry and Governance – Local Shared Ministry**

Diocesan Council approved the draft Covenant for Ministry and Governance for consultation with Local Shared Ministry Units, as per the new Parish Statute (2024) coming into effect 1 January 2025.

#### **Vaughan Park Governance Board**

Dr Paul Woodfield was appointed to the Vaughan Park Governance Board as the Diocesan Council representative.

### **Digital Church Working Group**

Ms Gillian Barthorpe and Mr Mark Hangartner were appointed as members of the Digital Church Working Group.

#### **Material Damage Hardship Fund**

Diocesan Council provided seed funding for a Material Damage Hardship Fund to assist ministry units experiencing financial hardship with insurance claims excesses.

# **Quota - 2025 Relief Applications**

Quota relief applications were approved for 15 ministry units.

#### Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission – Mission Motivators Event

Diocesan Council provided a small amount of funding for the costs of the Mission Motivators event in October 2024.

#### Anglican Trust for Women and Children - Trustee Appointments

Nichola Christie, Evan Davies, The Rev'd Sarah Moss, Claudine Young, and Kevin Brewer were re-appointed to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children Board for another term.

# **Working Group Updates**

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

The Health and Safety Report was received.

Ms Elizabeth Witton was appointed as a Lay member of the Health & Safety Working Group. The Diocesan Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy was adopted.

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# **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

# Closing

The meeting closed at 6:27pm. The next meeting will be held on 31st October 2024.