

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

held on Thursday 31st July 2025 at 4:00pm Neligan House Boardroom, Parnell

Chaired by The Venerable Carole Hughes (Vicar-General)

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Deputy 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 a devotion.

General Business

Minutes of 26th June 2025 were adopted as a true and correct record. The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Diocesan Reports

Bishop Ross's report on activities over the past month was received.

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

Diocesan Council received the report of the Health and Safety Advisory Committee.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council received the financial report for June 2025. The Operating Reserves Fund Policy was reviewed, updated, and approved. The 2026 Quota Exceptions were approved.

Parish Matters

Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven - Loan

Diocesan Council approved the addition of a small amount of funds to an existing Diocesan Council loan for the Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven.

Parish of Bream Bay – Access to Funds

The Parish of Bream Bay requested the use of their investment funds for capital expenditure on the Opportunity Shop.

This request was approved in-principle.

Other Business

Anglican Trusts Board

Mr Graham Thomlinson and Mr Angus Ogilvie were appointed as trustees to the Anglican Trusts Board for a term.

Diocesan Insurance

Delegated authority was given to the Insurance Working Group to appoint the diocesan insurance broker for the period from 1 October 2025.

Privacy – Third Party Disclosures

Diocesan Council approved an authorisation process for disclosures of personal information to third parties under the Privacy Act 2020.

Police Vetting Policy – Review

Diocesan Council approved the existing Police Vetting Policy for a further year.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

Closing

The meeting closed at 6:17pm. The next meeting will be held on 28th August 2025.