



Anglican Diocese of Auckland

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 4:00pm
Via Zoom*

Chaired by The Right Reverend Ross Bay (Bishop of Auckland)

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 was opened with a devotion.

Minutes

Minutes of 27th November 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.

Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee

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

Parish Matters

Parish of Waiheke Island – Septic Tank Repairs

A request was received from the Parish to utilise funds for repairs at 20 Pacific Parade, Surfdale, Waiheke Island.

This request was approved.

Parish of St Kaitaia - Vicar Role

Following recommendations from a Commission for a Scheme of Reconstruction, Diocesan Council agreed that the appointment of the Vicar of the Parish of Kaitaia be terminated due to insufficient finances to support the role.

Parish of Grey Lynn – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of Grey Lynn for relief ministry while the Rev'd Brent Swann is on leave during March – May 2026.

This request was approved.

Other Business

Purewa Cemetery Trust Board - Trustee Appointments

Mr Connal Townsend was appointed to the Purewa Cemetery Trust Board for a term of three years and Mr John Tik was reappointed for a further term.

Tikanga Pākehā Conference Sub Groups

Diocesan Council agreed that the current representatives to the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Sub Groups be invited to continue in those roles.

TML Reporting 2026/2027

Diocesan Council agreed that the reporting from Trust Investments Management for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027 in relation to the capital investment continue.

Diocesan Archives – VESDA Smoke Detection Unit Replacement

Diocesan Council approved the cost of repairs to the VESDA smoke detection unit in the diocesan Archives subject to further investigation to the necessity of the system.

Estate of Sylvia Doris Stringer

A request was received from the trustees of the Estate of Sylvia Doris Stringer for the life interest to be surrendered and the Estate to be wound up.

The request was approved.

Suitable Housing Policy – Review

Diocesan Council approved the updated Suitable Housing Policy.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 5:36pm. The next meeting will be held on 26th February 2026.