



# Anglican Diocese of Auckland

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

### Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 4:00pm  
via Neligan House Boardroom and Zoom*

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

#### **Membership**

A quorum for all houses was present. The Venerable Carole Hughes (Vicar-General), 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.

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 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.

#### **Finance, Risk and Audit Committee**

The Finance Risk and Audit Committee Report was received.

Diocesan Council received the financial reports for February 2026.

### **Parish Matters**

#### **Whangarei – Sale of Properties**

A request was received from the Commissioner of Whangarei to sell the properties at Mangapai and Maungakaramea to release funds to support the repurposing of the church site for mission and ministry in Whangarei.

This request was approved.

#### **Parish of Kaitaia – Scheme of Reconstruction**

The Archdeacon Liz Martin (as priest in charge), John Holland (Mangonui) and Tina Bibb-Kirtlan (Kaitaia) were appointed as an Interim Management Committee to attend to governance requirements for the Parish.

### **Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven – Exclusive Rights Option Agreement**

A request was received from the Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven to enter into an Exclusive Rights Option Agreement for the use of a portion of the Cedar Centre site by a third party. This request was supported and referred to the General Trust Board.

### **Parish of Northern Wairoa – Access to Funds**

A request was received from the Parish for access to funds held in their investments for the capital improvements to the property at 58 Hokianga Street, Dargaville. This request was approved.

### **Parish AGM – Election Protest**

An election protest under Clause 90 of the Parish Statute was received in relation to a parish AGM. This protest is being investigated.

### **Parish of Takapuna – AGM date change**

A request was received from the Parish of Takapuna to change the date of their AGM in 2026. This request was approved.

### **Mission Venture of Whitford – AGM date change**

A request was received from the Mission Venture of Whitford to change the date of their AGM in 2026. This request was approved.

## **Other Business**

### **Strategy – Working Groups**

Episcopal Team members for each of the four strategic working groups (Resource Review, Parish Structure and Cooperation, Ministry Strategy, and Coordinating Group) were approved.

### **Diocesan Development Fund Advisory Group – Membership**

The Rev'd Rebecca Conolly was appointed as a member to the group.

### **Diocesan Council Standing Delegations**

Diocesan Council approved a schedule of standing delegations to the Diocesan Manager for a trial period of three months.

## **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 6:36pm. The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.