

ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 30th August 2017



PRESENT Father Eamonn, Bridie Lamont, Pat Nicol, ,Thomas Allison, Angela McNulty, Patrick Ironmonger,

APOLOGIES Ann McQueeney, Roger Townley, Maeve Jones

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes were read and approved. Fr Eamonn welcomed Thomas Allison, new member, to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

After many years of service Fran O'Brien has retired from the Council. Her contribution to the Council in terms of forward planning and minute taking was officially recognised. Gordon Sutherland has also retired but will continue to work in his role as Safeguarder.

PPC CORRESPONDENCE BOX

- No correspondence

FORWARD PLANNING

- The Mass for the Deceased will take place on Wednesday 15th November. Arrangements are in hand.
- Fran's role in Forward Planning needs to be defined so that her replacement knows the nature of the tasks. Patrick or Roger to contact Fran

YOUTH GROUP

- The Youth Group will start back on Friday 15th September, Primary 5-7 age children from 3.00 – 4.30. S1 3.30 – 5.00
- There are 4 leaders at the moment but it is desirable that more helpers come forward. A notice asking for support will be put in the church bulletin and St Mary's School newsletter.
- The group is planning a sponsored walk to raise money for children's charities.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A discussion took place about the place of social media in terms of sharing the life of the Parish with our congregation. There are challenges, mainly due to the demographic of our community but it was decided to continue with Twitter and think of ways to share the load.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

- Closure still to be reached. Cladding panels at the front are of varying shades of green. The builder, McLaughlin, has intimated that, if they can't be replaced, respraying might be an option. A sum of £50,000 is still being held back until the works are completed satisfactorily.
- Windows are stained on the inside and will need to be professionally cleaned.
- After acquiring three quotes for a new sound system, a Glasgow based company has been chosen at a cost of £3,600.
- Two quotes have been secured to install security cameras and this contract will go to Brian McMillan.

EMBRACING CHANGE

- Fr Eamonn reported that the Maryvale distance learning course starts in September and that six members of our Parish have enrolled.

GOLF OUTING

- Despite poor weather conditions, twenty people played and a good day.....and evening..... was had by all.

A.O.B.

- Angela reported that the Chat and Do group which meets on a Wednesday continued throughout the summer at the request of its members. It is proving to be a very valuable meeting place for our parishioners.
- It was decided to continue to use the rotational system of minute taking adopted last year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th October at 7.00