

# Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, at the Charles Langdon Room, St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (after 10am Mass) The meeting began at 11.20am.

Present: Fr David Annear. President, PPC.

Mr JP Stephenson, in the Chair, Mrs L Deely, Deputy Chairman, Mr G Penn, Treasurer, together with twenty-one parishioners. Attendance sheet filed with the minutes.

In attendance: Mrs R Bourgoïn, Secretary.

Opening prayer; Fr David Annear opened the meeting with a prayer.

## Chairman's opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for attending. He said that this was the first formal general meeting of the parish for some years and he hoped it would become, in every sense, an Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman said how impressed he was with young readers at the Youth Mass each month. They were a credit to themselves and their families.

Apologies for absence. There were seven apologies recorded. Apology sheet filed with the minutes.

## **3. Reports:**

3.1 Chairman's Report. Mr Stephenson reported that he had been invited to Chair a Pastoral Parish Council in June 2010, within two months of the arrival of the new Parish Priest. The PPC had met on three occasions since and established a Constitution which had been published on the Parish notice board.

Fr David had been working hard, had become popular in the parish and had a significant positive impact. He had also become well known among church-goers of other denominations in the area.

3.2 Finance Report. The Treasurer produced written reports on accounts held for each of the parish communities of Bude, Holsworthy and Launceston. The report showed the parish in substantial credit. Copies of the reports held with the minutes.

The Treasurer said that for the next Annual meeting a single report for the whole parish would be produced as the three communities were now officially one parish.

3.3 Parish report from Fr David. The Parish Priest presented a written report giving a diary of his activity since his arrival in April 2010. He said that his experience in the four parishes in which he had worked was of a failure to keep any meaningful records. He was determined to do better in Launceston; the Parish Census had made possible the setting up of a register and an annual diary of activity would also be an advantage.

Mrs L Deely proposed that the reports be received with thanks and Mr D Thomas seconded.

Approved unanimously.

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4. Council membership. The Secretary reported those nominated or volunteering to serve in relation to the numbers allocated in the constitution. There was one vacancy in Bude and four in Launceston. There were no nominations from the floor and the Chairman said that the PPC would carry the vacancies to be filled during the course of the year. Agreed.

[Note: After the meeting Dr & Mrs Meeson and Mr P Hazard agreed to join the PPC.]

4.1. Election of Chairman, [currently J P Stephenson] -

And Deputy Chairman [currently Mrs Lea Deely]

At this point Fr David as President took the Chair and having confirmed that the incumbents were prepared to serve asked for nominations.

JPS and Lea were nominated by Mrs A Hammond and seconded by Mr P Ware. There being no other nominations the incumbents were elected for the ensuing year.

The Chair declared the business of the meeting concluded and closed the meeting at 11.35.

The Chairman announced that Parishioners may, at this point, make general comments and ask questions and that Fr David was available to reply.

Notes on this section to be recorded separately.

Closing prayer. Fr David led those present in a closing prayer.