

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council held in St Peter's, Bude, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011** (submitted by Rachel Bourgoin 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011)

Attendees: Fr David Annear (Parish Priest), Philip Stephenson(Chairman), Rev Neil Quirk, Anne Hammond, Peter Ware, Nikki Ware, Sheila Granger, Catherine Abbots, Lea Deely, Gina Dias, Derek Clark, Bridie Clark, Steve Dauncey, Kim Kinvig, Jackie Oldham, Colin Barrett, Rachel Bourgoin (secretary). Observers by invitation: Slawomir & Barbara Rakowski

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 6.40 pm.

Fr David said an opening prayer.

1.0 Chairman's opening remarks and welcome to Mr & Mrs Rakowski.

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from: Geoff Provis, Dr & Mrs Meeson, David Thomas, Peter & Chris Hazard and Anne Reece-Pinchin.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 were approved.

2.1 There were no matters arising

2.2 Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May were approved.

3.0 Parish Reports from Fr David:

3.1 Renovation proposals:

Nov 2011 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the church at Launceston and 2011 is the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the church at Bude. Events, (including a concert by the Mediaeval Baebes in Launceston church Dec 14th, and a reading of Dickens Christmas Carol, date tbc) are planned from Nov. 2011 – Nov 2012.

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November: St Cuthbert Mayne's feast day. The Bishop will be present for evening Mass.

Plans for renovation: these are based on the survey which was long overdue (previous one was in 2003). The church buildings at Bude and Launceston have been neglected and they need to be smartened and made less shabby. Not all estimates are in but the total is expected to be approx £50,000. There is this money in the bank account.

Some members questioned the spending of so large a sum on an organ. Would not an electronic organ be adequate and cheaper? Fr David emphasised that this is a long term investment; a new organ should last for 40 – 50 years.

The poor condition of the sacristy roof and possible need for total re-painting at Bude were raised.

Fr David asked the PPC for general approval for the renovation proposals which would then be made available to the parish for consultation. Permission would then be sought from the Bishop, and then planning permission, listed building consent and Historic Churches Trust approvals etc will be needed.

Derek Clark proposed that the meeting support the renovation proposals.

This was seconded by Kim Kinvig. For: 12 Against: 0

3.2 The future of Holsworthy:

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Father David finds it a strain to get to Holsworthy and thinks he should withdraw by Advent Sunday. Canon law states that no priest should say more than two Sunday Masses except in exceptional circumstances.

Members from Holsworthy said that the community there felt shocked and surprised. Many already travel long distances to get to Mass. The Catholics are well regarded locally and are part of the town's fabric. The fear is of losing the Holsworthy Catholic community. The figures on the discussion document were questioned. Monies could be banked directly from Bude and Holsworthy, there is no need for Fr David to carry them to Launceston. If the Holsworthy parishioners go to Bude for Mass there may be problems with parking as many are elderly and would have difficulty walking up from the public car park. Official support for house Masses was queried.

The east side of the parish is poorly served – Bude and Launceston are both to the west. Could a regular weekday Mass be said in Holsworthy? (The town hall has suitable rooms @ £12 per hour). Fr David will consider a regular mass in Holsworthy, possibly by changing or adjusting his Wednesday routine.

Would the Catholic community still be welcomed into the Anglican church for Stations of the Cross in Lent? It is thought that with consultation this tradition could be maintained.

It was pointed out that Bude parishioners were neglected as Fr David hurries from Mass on Saturday to get to Holsworthy. The health of the Parish Priest is of utmost importance.

Fr David suggested that a weekday house Mass at Holsworthy might be possible. As the present Rector was retiring next year there are uncertainties about future use of the Anglican church.

Colin Barrett proposed that the meeting support the proposals concerning Holsworthy.

This was seconded by Catherine Abbots. For: 9 Against: 4

#### 4.0 Financial Report:

The figures remain unchanged from the Annual meeting.

#### 5.1 Meeting schedule:

It was agreed that: the Annual meeting to be in May, meetings to be in September and January.

Finance committee to meet every quarter.

#### 6.0 Other Matters:

Geoff Provis (Safeguarding rep) reported that Safeguarding matters are progressing well. Eucharistic Ministers must be fully CRB checked before they administer at Mass.

No-one from the parish is going to the Safeguarding Training Day.

Peter Hazard reported that he is in possession of papers associated with lighting, sound etc at Launceston. He expects to make progress on these in the next months.

Fr David said a closing prayer.

The meeting was closed at 7.35.

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and St Peter and Paul (C of E), Holsworthy

Amendments: Ann Hammond and Lea Deely did manage to attend the Diocesan Safeguarding Conference on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.