

**Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating Bude and Holsworthy**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council held at St Cuthbert Mayne

31st January 2012 (submitted by Rachel Bourgoïn 7th February 2012)

Attendees: Fr David Annear (Parish Priest), Philip Stephenson (Chairman), Colin Barrett, Rachel Bourgoïn (secretary), Derek Clark, Bridie Clark, Steve Dauncey, Lea Deely, Gina Dias, Anne Hammond, Peter Hazard, Kim Kinvig, Rosemary Meeson, Bohdan Meeson, Anne Reece-Pinchin, Gill Thomas, Dave Thomas (Treasurer), Jackie Oldham, Peter Ware.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 6.35 pm. Fr David said an opening prayer.

1.0 Chairman's opening remarks.

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from: Rev Neil Quirk, Catherine Abbots, Chris Hazard, Geoff Penn and Geoff Provis.

Since the last PPC meeting Nikki Ware and Sheila Granger have resigned.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2011 were approved.

2.1 There were no matters arising.

3.0 Parish Report from Fr David:

- Patronal Festival: 29th November. Good clergy presence, Bishop unavoidably absent, poor attendance from parishioners, excellent reception afterwards.
- Closure of Holsworthy: Advent Sunday. Most of the regulars come to Bude but several have been lost to Okehampton where there is a late Sunday morning Mass. Holsworthy parishioners integrated, eg readers are encouraged to read at Bude.
- Anniversary events to raise profile of Parish:
 - 14th Dec: Mediaeval Baebes concert. Very successful, about 100 people. Tasteful and very good musicians. Good local support.
 - 21st Dec: reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol by Anthony Suter. About 20 people.
 - 28th Dec: Oscar Wilde reading by Anthony Suter. Many away because of illness, but enjoyable. Held in the Hall.

All 3 events: No charge to church. Voluntary collection for Launceston Food Bank which totalled £200.

- Christmastide services were well supported.
- Year of Faith: first held in 1967, led to *Credo of the People of God* by Pope Paul VI in 1968. Not a good year for the Catholic Church with many defying *Humanae Vitae*.
 - Proposed by Pope Benedict: from Oct 2012 – Nov 2013, Anniversary of Vatican II (Oct 1962) and Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992)
 - My gentle build-up:
 - 1. January: Parish pens
 - 2. February: prayer card for priests
- Buildings: survey of Launceston just completed. Site meeting re Bude sanctuary, 14th Feb.
- Positive visit from Mgr Robert Draper, Vicar-General. Very appreciative of the parish's efforts to keep together during Fr David's illness.

It was pointed out that the Parish pens don't mention Bude.

It was asked why 'Holsworthy' remains on newsletter and Parish stationery when it is no longer a Mass centre as it 'rubs salt into the wound'.

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3.1 Renovation proposals report from Peter Hazard: (see attached)

Until now there has been no topographical record of the buildings and ground at Launceston. This will be useful not only for current plans but also be valid in the future.

Because the church is a listed building everything in the grounds is also included and permissions must be sought before any demolition work is undertaken.

Volunteers are needed to form a working party (Fr David has already approached: Philip Stephenson, Colin Barrett and David West).

It was asked if access for the disabled could be improved; this will be looked into.

Lights (automatic) are needed between the church and the hall.

Fr David pointed out that organ repairs are not a luxury but a necessity, its electrics were dangerous.

Further fund-raising will be required to support the works and it will be necessary to prioritise improvements according to budgets.

Peter Hazard will make a presentation at the AGM (6th May).

The Chairman thanked Peter Hazard for his work.

4.0 Financial Report from Treasurer: (see attached)

The bank balance figures remain unchanged from the Annual meeting.

Dave Thomas is working at getting to grips with the Parish finances, there are some confusions etc. but he expects to get on top of it all.

The Bude bank account should be closed by 31st March 2012.

Fr David proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, this was seconded by the Chairman.

5.1 Meeting schedule:

It was agreed that: the Annual meeting to be May 6th 2012 after Mass at Launceston.

Finance committee to meet at least 3 times per annum:

- 1st meeting to agree budget
- 2nd meeting to monitor budget
- 3rd meeting to approve accounts for AGM

The Treasurer will have the accounts ready for the AGM, but does not expect budgets to be prepared by then.

Peter Hazard added that the Diocese recommends budgets be prepared asap. Only then can builders' estimates be sought.

Finance committee meeting scheduled for Tues. 28th February at Launceston (after evening Mass). Gift-aid co-ordinators need to be present.

6.0 Other Matters: It was reported that there are problems with the outside lights at Bude.
Anne Hammond will ask the electrician to make repairs.

Fr David said a closing prayer. The meeting closed at 7.35.