

Catholic Parish of St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating St. Peter's, Bude

**Minutes of the Parish Annual General Meeting held in the Charles Langdon
Room, Launceston on Sunday 12th May 2013**

Present: Fr. David Annear (Parish Priest), Philip Stephenson (Chair), Lea Deely (Deputy-Chair), Dave Thomas (Treasurer), Peter Hazard (Buildings Consultant) and about 24 parishioners

In attendance: Alison Moore (secretary), taking minutes.

The meeting was opened at 11.20 with a prayer.

1.0 The Chairman welcomed people to the meeting.

1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 6th May 2012 was proposed by Peter Ware, seconded by Catherine Abbots and passed without dissent.

3.0 Fr. David presented the Parish Report (attached) and made the following comments:

1. In this Year of Faith Catholics are asked to "spread the word". Fr. David has been working at raising the profile of the parish via the local press, especially through the Parish History and tourist leaflets.
2. In respect of plans to demolish the old buildings, progress is being made but is disappointingly slow.
3. Mass attendance is still rather disappointing overall and there is a need to boost attendance.
4. Money: funds for improvement works are ring-fenced, but more Gift Aiders are needed.

The Chairman commented that the Parish is rightly proud of Fr. David's efforts in the community.

4.0 Dave Thomas presented the Financial Report (attached). Although there was an operating loss this year of just under £6,000, much of this figure relates to

architect's fees, etc. in connection with the proposed building works and is therefore "one-off" expenditure.

The Bude bank account is still open because two Gift Aiders are still using it despite letters asking them to transfer to the Launceston account.

5.0 Peter Hazard presented the Buildings Report (attached). The planning stages are making very slow progress and a bat emergence survey is now required. The proposed improvements to the interior of the church are to be considered by the Historic Churches Committee, whose next meeting is in November, so progress is also slow in this area.

6.0 The election of officers: Philip Stephenson was re-elected as Chairman and Lea Deely was re-elected as Deputy Chair. Both were proposed by Kim Kinvig and seconded by Steve Dauncey.

A prayer was offered for the repose of the souls of PPC members Jackie Oldham and Deacon Neil Quirk, both of whom died during the year.

7.0 Other Business:

Lea Deely asked about the progress of any work at Bude. Fr. David replied that there had been some delay due to the possibility that the URC Church might wish to sell their building to us. They have recently advised us that they do not wish to and therefore the proposed improvements to the Church at Bude are to proceed. Fr. David proposes to re-decorate the interior and restore the Sanctuary to its original position. The Liturgy Commission have visited – they have not formally agreed to the proposal but they have not vetoed it either and Fr. David thinks it is safe to proceed. Lea Deely will check on the planning position.

Philip Stephenson spoke about the Red Boxes. APF have published a report for the year ended December 2012 and the parish as a whole raised almost £700. In the first six months of this year, Launceston have already raised £650 and Bude £500. Joseph Hickey and Philip Stephenson co-ordinate the scheme at Launceston, Debbie Vickerstaff at Bude.

The meeting closed at 11.52 with the "Glory be..."