

**Catholic Parish of St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating St. Peter's, Bude
and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**

**Minutes of the Parish Annual General Meeting
held in the Charles Langdon Room, Launceston
on Sunday 12th June 2016**

Present: Fr. David Annear (Parish Priest), Val Williams (Vice-Chair), Dave Thomas (Treasurer), and about 15 parishioners

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

The meeting was opened at 11.37 with a prayer.

1.0 The Vice-Chairman welcomed people to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Kim Kinvig, Kevin Grant, Ed O'Kelly, Bohdan and Rosemary Meeson, and Lea Deely (Chair).

2.0 The Vice-Chair asked whether there were any matters arising from the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. Geoff Provis asked whether any progress had been made on the installation of a sound system. Fr. David explained that progress is slow because the work on the roof and lighting must be completed first.

Val Williams commented on the need to help integrate the Polish and Filipino communities, saying that everyone needs to encourage them by welcoming them and talking to them, and to get them involved in the parish. It was mentioned that whilst they attend Polish events such as the Blessing of Easter Food, they do not attend other events and it is difficult to know how to encourage them to do otherwise.

Steve Dauncey asked for clarification of point 3.8 in last year's Minutes, which dealt with evangelisation. Fr. David proposes to make more use of the PPC to help get more people involved in the parish: getting ideas from PPC members and recommendations and encouragement for new readers and Ministers. Val Williams suggested more parish functions. It was mentioned at this point that sometimes children are noisy in church and there is a need for a catechist to take them into the Hall. Geoff Provis pointed out the safeguarding issues regarding this, which puts people off. Fr. David pointed out that the Children's Liturgy had lapsed due to a lack of volunteers.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 31st May 2015 was proposed by Colin Barrett, seconded by Peter Ware and passed without dissent.

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

1. A lot of progress has been made with buildings and furnishings. Fr. David's aim is to build up the Mass Centres at Bude and Callington, and to this end has obtained a new tabernacle for Callington. He pointed out that Pope Francis has appointed Cardinals from all over the world, demonstrating the need to concentrate on the periphery and not just the centre. Fr. David hopes that he can persuade the Bishop to visit Bude and Callington, not just Launceston.
2. Fr. David apologised for the lack of Finance Committee Meetings, which is due to pressure of work.
3. Future plans:
 - To chase progress on the roof at Launceston
 - To fix the new tabernacle and re-paint the east wall blue at Callington
 - New pews from Penzance will replace chipboard at Callington
 - Extension of the boundary fence at Bude between us and the URC
 - The wooden doors at Callington to be removed and replaced with concertina style doors.

It was suggested at this point that it would be a good idea for our three communities to visit each other. Val mentioned the Harvest Supper held at Callington and suggested that this year it is held at Launceston. Val is happy to organise this and several people indicated their interest.

4.0 Dave Thomas presented the Financial Report (attached). This will be displayed on the notice boards of our churches, in accordance with Diocesan requirements.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Joan Fitzgerald, seconded by Dallas Barrett, and carried unanimously. Val Williams congratulated Dave Thomas on the production of such a high quality report.

5.0 Any Other Business:

- Geoff Provis pointed out the need for a Safeguarding Rep at Bude.

The Election of Officers:

Lea Deely has stepped down as Chair, although remaining on the Committee. Val Williams was elected as Chair, proposed by Colin Barrett and seconded by Peter Ware.

Kevin Grant was elected as Vice-Chair, proposed by Colin Barrett and seconded by Joan Fitzgerald.

The Meeting closed at 12.34 with a prayer.