

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL
HELD AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST HALL,
MOREHEAD STREET LAMBTON,
ON 11 OCTOBER 2007 THURSDAY**

ITEM NO:	SUBJECT	PAGE NO:
2007.089	<p>PRAYER The meeting opened with prayer.</p>	
2007.090	<p>PRESENT The Reverend Dr B Farran (Chairman); The Right Reverend GS Rutherford; His Hon Judge J Lincoln; The Very Reverend GR Lawrence; Mr JP Cleary (Diocesan Business Manager; The Venerable DS Simpson; The Rev'd Canons SL Benson, PS Robertson, S Roulston; The Rev'ds HN Bright, AJL Copeman, M Davies, B Pate, SR Pullin; Messers WK Allen, AG Green; JA Helman, JC Price, C Shevels; Mrs B Fenwick; Ms R Brand.</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: The Rev'd Rod Moore, Chaplain Co-ordinator Corrective Services</p> <p>APOLOGIES: The Rev'd Canon CL Bullock</p> <p>Late: The Rev's M Davies and S More arrived at 12.45pm Left: Mr A Green left at 1.45pm; Mr J Helman left at 2.20pm</p> <p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil</p>	
2007.091	<p>(A) BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL The Bishop Report on pages 1-6 of the Business Papers which was Received</p> <p>(B) CHANCELLOR'S ADVICE ON THE ASSISTANT BISHOPS CANON 1966 Moved The Dean Seconded K Allen Carried That this Diocesan Council gave thanks to The Chancellor for his comments. The chancellor noted that it was not necessary for the Diocese of Newcastle to change the legislation to elect a woman to the position of Assistant Bishop. It would however, be necessary to notify that a sufficient stipend was provided. It was noted that only General Synod could amend the Canon.</p>	<p>1-6</p> <p>Attachment 1</p>
	<p>(C) ASSISTANT BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL Was tabled on pages 1-2 of the Business Papers which was Received</p>	<p>7</p>

2007.092	<p>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING had been circulated and were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting after the amendments had been made as follows: P8 Bishop's Report to Council 2007.077 Line 7 - Delete Archdiocese and replace with Diocese Line 9 - Delete Castillo and replace with Cursillo P9 Ministry Needs of certain parishes Line 11 - Should read: ...the parishes of Clarence Town, Stroud; Bulahdelah, Branxton Greta Lochinvar and Gresford Paterson with a ...</p> <p>(A footnote was inserted into the June Minutes to reflect these changes and when they were noted.)</p> <p>It was noted that the June minutes were inaccurate when approved in August. 2007.062 Professional Standards Panel The motion in question: " That this Council notes the advice of Mr Gerber that most Dioceses set a limit on the assistance pursuant to clause 57 (2) of this Ordinance and authorises the Diocesan Business Manager to reimburse a defined "Church Worker" upon production of a paid invoice in accordance with Annexure A but not exceeding \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars)."</p> <p>Mr Allen as Leader of the Council proposed the following amendments. Moved Mr K Allen Seconded The Dean Carried That this council notes the advice of Mr Gerber that most Diocese set a limit on the assistance pursuant to clause 57(2) of this Ordinance and authorises the Diocesan Business Manager to reimburse a defined "Church Worker" upon production of a paid invoice in accordance with the scale set out in "Annexure A."</p> <p>Moved Mr K Allen Seconded The Dean Carried This Council authorises the Diocesan Business Manager to pay an invoice of up to \$2,000 for initial advice. It was noted that the current respondents were covered by the June motions.</p>	
2007.093	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
	<p>(A) Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme Running Minute Work was proceeding</p>	
	<p>(B) Integration of Diocesan Services Running Minute Work was proceeding</p>	

	<p>(C) Clarence Town Ministry Needs: Report from DC Sub-Committee</p> <p>Moved The Rev'd S Pullin Second Mr K Allen Moved</p> <p>That this council declines to accept the recommendations of the Committee and asks that the MDO, Area Dean and the Archdeacon meet with the parish councils of both parishes to explore future directions and report back to Diocesan Council.</p>	15-22
	<p>(D) Episcopal Certificates</p> <p>Information only.</p> <p>It was noted that further updates of outstanding Episcopal Certificates was required.</p> <p>It was requested that the last column be used to indicate any school in serious default.</p> <p>That the Diocesan Office should obtain back from the banks any Episcopal Certificates not current.</p>	23
	<p>(E) East Maitland - Tower Fund</p> <p>It was Resolved</p> <p>That the parish again attempt to contact donors as per the Chancellor's points 3 and 4, that if this proves to be unachievable that the parish at the forthcoming AGM (or a Special General Meeting at a later date) determine by resolution how the fund is to be used. That in the light of this determination, the Diocesan Council considers the advisability of a variation of Trust Ordinance to resolve the matter.</p> <p>The DBM noted the Dean's comments.</p> <p>To ensure that this property matter was properly executed, the Chancellor was to write a letter for the Bishop of Newcastle.</p>	24-26
2007.094	REPORTS	
	<p>(A) Bishop's Official Acts and Record</p> <p>Moved Mr A Green Seconded Ms R Brand The Bishop's Official Acts and Records were Received</p>	27-28
	<p>(B) Property Approvals Board Minutes: 9 August 2007</p> <p>Moved The Archdeacon Seconded Mr A Green Carried</p> <p>That the currency of the 'Southlakes (Dora Creek) Land Sale Ordinance 2003' be extended to 26 June 2008.</p> <p>Moved Mr A Green Seconded Mr J Price That the currency of the 'Singleton (Glendon) Land Sale Ordinance 2006' be extended to 16 February 2008</p>	29 30

2007.095	FINANCIAL MATTERS:	
	No questions were received within 24 hours of the meeting	
	<p>(A) Budget Account as at 31 August 2007 This was Received.</p> <p>It was noted that there was currently a small surplus see P 35.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennium Development Goals was included. • Synod expenses were slightly higher than expected. • Professional Standards were starting to impact - see P 46 	33-65
	<p>(B) Mission Giving Statement as at 30 June 2007 This was Received It was noted that excellent results continued with the amount at \$4,000 ahead of last year see P67</p>	66-67
	<p>(C) Diocesan Budget 2008 The amendment to the Millennium Development Goals was on P69</p>	68-69
2007.096	<p>NEWCASTLE ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CORPORATION – Appointment of Board Nominations were to be forwarded to the Diocesan Business Manager no later than 23 November 2007.</p>	
2007.097	<p>DIOCESAN COUNCIL AS SYNOD Diocesan Council moved into Synod.</p>	
	<p>(A) Newcastle Anglican Schools Incorporation Ordinance 2007 Moved J Helman Second Mr K Allen That the Ordinance be passed The Bishop gave his Assent It was noted that this would hopefully allow for this Ordinance to be entered into the Government Gazette prior to Christmas.</p>	70
	<p>(B) Anglican Care (Diocese of Newcastle) Ordinance Moved 2007 Moved Mr J Helman Second Mr Price Carried</p> <p>In the Preamble of CA Brown , Paragraphs 1,2 & 3 in the Preamble of CA Brown, be inserted as 1, 2 & 3 before No:1 in the Preamble on P71 and further that the items in the Preamble be renumbered to reflect this change.</p>	71-79
	Synod moved back into Diocesan Council.	

2007.098	<p>SYNOD DIRECTIVES TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL</p> <p>(1) NEWCASTLE ANGLICAN SCHOOLS INCORPORATION ORDINANCE 2007 The Diocesan Business Manager hoped to bring these (changes to the individual school's Ordinances) to the Diocesan Council in December. 80</p> <p>(2) UNIFIED ORDINANCES The DBM hoped to report back to Diocesan Council in December 80</p> <p>(3) PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE Moved The Dean Seconded Mr K Allen That the working party consists of five (5) members. 80</p> <p>Proposed and Accepted by Diocesan Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reverend Stephen Williams - approved • Mr John Price – approved <p>Proposed-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda Hartwig– proposed • Warrick Gilbertson – proposed • Dr Sandra Smith – proposed • Helen Keevers – proposed <p>These people would be approached by their respective nominators.</p>	
2007.099	<p>ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AT DECEMBER MEETING It was noted that one month's notice was required to Synod and as a result nominations for two (2) Trustees would be undertaken at the December Diocesan Council when it sits as Synod. 81</p> <p>It was noted by Mr J Helman, that Mr Price was still a Trustee until his successor had been elected.</p>	
2007.100	<p>ST JOHN'S COLLEGE LIBRARY BOOKS - Disposal of multiple copies of library books. 82</p> <p>It was Resolved That the books first be offered for sale via Encounter and further, that any books not sold by January 2008 were to be offered to the University of Newcastle for their book sale.</p> <p>If was noted that none of these books were considered to be valuable.</p>	

2007.101	<p>SYNOD RESOLUTION 2006.009 Extra day off each month for parish clergy and church workers (Amendment to Ordinances)</p> <p>Moved Mr K Allen Seconded Mr A Green That this resolution be drafted by Mr J Helman and brought before the next Diocesan Council in December.</p>	
2007.102	<p>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS MATTERS</p>	
	<p>(A) Director of Professional Standards Moved Mr J Cleary Seconded Mr J Price Carried That the Diocesan Council authorises the Diocesan Business Manager to make this appointment.</p>	
	<p>(B) Certification by Organisations That Laws of The State of NSW and The Commonwealth Have Been Complied With This was noted.</p>	84
	<p>(C) Request for Full Reimbursement of Legal Fees</p> <p>Moved Mr J Price Seconded The Rev'd A Copeman Carried That a revision be undertaken of the implications of Annexure A and presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Allen noted that there had been an error in the minutes of June 2007 in respect to legal assistance to be offered to the respondents. See footnote for motions to correct this error. <i>This is also in the note of changes to the minutes.</i></p>	85
2007.103	<p>SCONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL It was Resolved That the Diocesan Council would not receive the document.</p> <p>It was noted that this was a very sensitive situation and to allow for further dialogue with the Scone Grammar School Council It was Resolved That The Bishop, Rev'd Canon P Robertson and the DBM, would arrange to meet with the School Council to discuss the document and that The Rev'd Canon P Robertson would co- ordinate the relevant historical documentation which would include submissions from Mr J Helman, The Rev'd C Bullock and the Rev'd B Hunter.</p> <p>The Rev'd C Bullock and the Rev'd B Hunter were given permission to view the document.</p>	86-95

<p>2007.104</p>	<p>GUIDELINES FOR ANGLICARE AGENCIES WISHING TO EXTEND THEIR SERVICES ACROSS DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES Moved Cec Shevels Seconded A Green Carried That this Diocesan Council approves this document in principal, subject to language clarification of point 2, i) second point on P97 of the Business Paper.</p>	<p>96-98</p>
<p>2007.105</p>	<p>BRANXTON GRETA LOCHINVAR and Historic Church Maintenance Fund – Repairs to St John’s Church Moved The Archdeacon Seconded The Rev’d Canon Paul Robertson Carried That a Grant of \$15,000 be made from the Historic Churches Maintenance Fund.</p>	<p>99</p>
<p>2007.106</p>	<p>AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL GROWTH FUND ORDINANCE (For information only. This was for consideration at December Diocesan Council meeting.)</p>	<p>100</p>
<p>2007.107</p>	<p>SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE – NSW Criminal Justice System. Information only</p>	<p>101-102</p>
<p>2007.108</p>	<p>MEETING DATES – 2008 Diocesan Council Diocesan Executive It was Resolved That these dates be noted and approved</p>	<p>103-104</p>
<p>2007.109</p>	<p>VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (A) Anglican Care – New Board The Bishop noted he wished to appoint Mr J Kilpatrick as Chair. Diocesan Council approved the following to take effect from 1 January 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hayes • Lee Hughes • Pat Korsman. <p>(B) Audit Committee – Replacement for Mr Jim Helman This was to be held over to allow a personal approach to be made.</p> <p>(C) Social Responsibilities Committee It was Resolved That the Rev’d Deborah Tinney and Dr Alison Hamilton’s membership was confirmed by Diocesan Council.</p>	<p>105</p> <p>106</p>

	(D) Diocesan Council – Replacement for the Rev'd Chris Bullock (Synod Election) Moved The Dean Seconded Rev'd Hugh Bright Carried That the Rev'd Stephen Williams was appointed by the Diocesan Council to replace Chris Bullock retired.	
2007.110	ASDF Appointment It was resolved To accept the nominations on Attachment 2.	Attachment 2
2007.111	BUSINESS DEFERRED TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXUCUTIVE	
	nil	
2007.112	ADDITIONAL BUSINESS	
	Moved Mr J Price Seconded Mr K Allen That a donation of \$1,000 be made from the Extra Special Purpose Account be made to St Andrews Church Lismore, to assist them with repairs caused by the recent storm.	
2007.113	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	13 December 2007	
2007.114	THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS the meeting closed with Grace at 2.40pm	

CONFIRMED.

Chairman

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Date