

(D) Synod Business Agenda [pages 216-225 of the business papers]

The Synod Agenda was to be determined by the Synod Business Committee. The Council's request that the budget appear early in the agenda was **noted**.

(E) Timetable [page 111 of the business papers]

The Synod Timetable was to be determined by the Synod Business Committee noting that The Glades premises needs to be vacated by 2.30pm on the Saturday as there is an evening booking for the venue.

(F) Draft Synod Business Paper

The Synod Business paper was referred to Synod Business Committee. The Council requested that members be asked before being noted as presenting an ordinance or motion.

(G) Ordinances for Synod [pages 114-215 of the additional business papers]***General Synod Ordinances***

The Council was reminded that General Synod Canons cannot be amended, but simply accepted or declined by the Synod. An explanatory paragraph is to precede each Canon printed in the Synod papers.

Diocesan Ordinances**Professional Standards Ordinance 2005**

The Professional Standards Working Group had made recommendations for the amendment of the Faithfulness in Service document. The Council raised the issue of copyright and requested the Venerable IS Palmer to contact Mr Philip Gerber (Director of Professional Standards) to ascertain further detail regarding copyright and any requirement to change the title of the document if it was amended and became the Diocesan code of conduct.

With particular reference to section 7 of the Faithfulness in Service, Anglican organisations raised the question of how they handle the sexual behaviour of employees without breaching defamation laws. Archdeacon Palmer requested that Diocesan Organisations forward their existing Code of Conduct to him.

Concern was expressed regarding whether acceptance of the Faithfulness in Service document will place obligations on schools which are greater than their current statutory requirements.

It was **agreed** that school principals should in the future be licenced as Principals by the Bishop.

The Council felt that this Ordinance should be an item of business on the Friday with amendments to be received prior to Saturday. Mr WK Allen was to liaise with The Venerable IS Palmer to determine the way in which the ordinance would be handled.

It was **resolved**:

'To append to the Ordinance presented to Synod, as a draft, the amended version of Faithfulness in Service.'

Moved: Mr JA Helman Seconded: The Venerable AJL Copeman

CARRIED

It was further **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council defer adoption of Code of Conduct until the October meeting of Diocesan Council.'

Moved: Mr JA Helman Seconded: The Venerable AJL Copeman

CARRIED

Members of the Professional Standards Working Group were to attend pre-synod meetings to give Synod members an outline of the Ordinance.

Ministry Development Fund Appropriation Ordinance 2005

Following the Chancellor's recommendations it was agreed to change line 10 by deleting 'a' and inserting the word 'way'.

Further that Clause 2 read:

2. *The provisions of Clause 1 of this Ordinance shall not apply to land the subject of a gift or devise for a specific purpose without the consent in writing of the donor or the executors of the will of a deceased donor.'*

It was **resolved**:

'The Diocesan Council consent to the Ministry Development Fund Appropriation Ordinance 2005 going to Synod after the Diocesan Council Executive have refined it.'

CARRIED

Schools Commission Ordinance 2003 Amending Ordinance 2005

It was **resolved**:

'That the Schools Commission Ordinance 2005 Amending Ordinance 2005 be withdrawn until consultation has occurred with school principals at the Diocesan Schools Commission meeting on 2 September.'

Moved: The Revd Canon PS Robertson Seconded: The Revd HN Bright

CARRIED

The Capital Needs Financing Ordinance 1966-2003 Amending Ordinance 2005

It was **resolved**:

'That the Capital Needs Financing Ordinance 1966-2003 Amending Ordinance 2005 be withdrawn until consultation has occurred with school principals at the Diocesan Schools Commission meeting on 2 September.'

Moved: The Revd Canon PS Robertson Seconded: The Revd HN Bright

CARRIED

Diocesan Management Ordinance 2003 Amending Ordinance 2005

It was **resolved**:

'That the Diocesan Management Ordinance 2003 Amending Ordinance 2005 proceed to Synod.'

CARRIED