

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL HELD AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST HALL, MOREHEAD STREET LAMBTON, ON THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST 2006 AT 10.00AM.**

**2006.087 THE MEETING** opened with Prayer.

**2006.088 PRESENT** The Right Reverend Dr B Farran (Chairman); The Right Reverend GS Rutherford; His Honour Judge JF Lincoln (Chancellor); Mr MS Campbell (Diocesan Business Manager); The Very Reverend GR Lawrence; The Venerable Dr JF Perry; The Venerable DS Simpson; The Reverend Canons CL Bullock and PS Robertson; The Reverends HN Bright, ML Davies, B Pate, SR Pullin and S Roulston; Messrs WK Allen, Mr AG Green, JA Helman, JC Price and C Shevels; Ms R Brand and Mrs B Fenwick.

**APOLOGIES** - The Reverend Canon SL Benson and The Reverend AJL Copeman

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr D Smith (Finance Officer), Ms Anne Tinsey (Schools Officer), Mr TS Mawson (Diocesan Secretary) and Miss K Stevens (Minute Secretary).

**2006.089 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Keith Allen declared an interest in business concerning the Parish of Terrigal.

Mrs Beryl Fenwick declared interest (as a College Council member) in the nominations concerning Manning Valley Anglican College Council.

**2006.090 BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL** [pages 1-8 of the business paper + supplementary paper circulated at the meeting]

The Bishop read to the Diocesan Council from a paper he had written regarding his understanding of the vision for the Diocese of Newcastle to become a missional church.

The Bishop noted what he viewed as the strengths and weaknesses of the Diocese. Noting with celebration that we have a high public profile.

The Bishop noted that the MDO has been visiting parishes and 12 parishes have now 'signed on' to becoming Ministering Communities.

In respect of the Child protection seminars the Bishop advised that non-attendance by clergy would be referred to the Professional Standards Commission for action.

The Bishop also referred to saboteurs and detractors to the ministry of change and ended with a quote from Bob Jackson's book 'Hope for the Church'. (Bob Jackson was a proposed speaker to the 2007 General Synod.)

The bishop sought responses to his paper. The following responses were made:

- Waratah – reaching out into the community – healing of the broken community at Waratah – the need to encourage and build on where we are. What is the distinction between pastoral and missional? Does one not lead into the other? It is important not to devalue the work of the past.
- The Bishop responded in respect of Hugh McKay's comment regarding the changes in Australian culture over the past 30 years. Today's young people have only known change and therefore are more tribal, and live in a tribal way. Saying that we cannot continue with ministry models of the past. It is time to capture the imagination of the community with fresh ideas and stimulation. The Bishop noted that he was an optimist, but felt that opportunities are being lost and that action needed to be taken.
- Enthusiasm for the vision, but wonder about sadness attached to the closure of some of our previous ministries.
- The Bishop indicated that the Archdeacon for Diocesan Development was to prepare strategic plans regarding where we need to look at buying land etc and getting into more strategic locations and again quoted Hugh McKay in referring to single and two person households that were developing. It was noted that current Anglican liturgy related to family, however most people no longer live in the traditional family model.

- At the present time the focus was on maintaining certain buildings and that absorbed much energy and commitment. The Bishop believed that perhaps this focus should be re-evaluated.
- The Chancellor commented that the Church suffers from political issues which had existed over many generations. It was his view that the Church should revisit the experiences of the original Christians and get back to basics.
- The Archdeacon for Diocesan Development believed it was important not to overlook goals 5-8 listed in the Bishop's paper and that in attempting to achieve these goals we need to have people on the ground to do the actual work.
- The Bishop believed that the Diocese should be directing its thinking towards larger regional churches with leadership skilled to operate this size of church. He hoped that there could be people identified within the diocese to be mentored in taking leadership of communities of faith.

The Bishop's Report was **received**.

**2006.091 ASSISTANT BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL** [pages 9-10 of the business papers]

The Assistant Bishop's Report was **received**.

**2006.092 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 22 June 2006** [pages 11-23 of the business papers]

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and **approved** for signature as a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting after the titles of Archdeacon Simpson and Canon Benson were inserted in minute 2006.068(B) on of the Council minutes.

**2006.093 DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN** [pages 24-26 of the business papers]

Covered by the Bishop in his introductory paper.

**2006.094 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**(A) Weston: Ability to Pay a \$200K Loan** [page 27 of the business paper]

The DBM reported that in his opinion, Weston could not afford a \$200K loan. The Bishop foreshadowed that there may be future changes for Weston and asked that the matter lapse.

It was **resolved**:

'That the Diocesan Business Manager be requested to further investigate the matter and report to the next meeting of Diocesan Council.'

Moved: The Very Revd GR Lawrence

Seconded: The Rt Revd G Rutherford

**2006.095 REPORTS**

**(A) Bishop's Official Acts and Record** [pages 28-29 of the business papers]

The list of Bishop's Official Acts and Record was **received**.

**(B) Property Approvals Board Minutes** [pages 30-43 of the business papers]

It was **resolved**:

'That the notes of the Executive Meeting held on 13 July 2006 and the Minutes of the Board Meeting on 10 August 2006 were **received**. The recommendations to Diocesan Council contained in those minutes were **adopted**.'

The text of the resolutions were as follow:

**The Camden Haven – Use of part of Laurieton land sale proceeds to reduce bank debt**

It was **resolved**:

'That the disposition of proceeds be affirmed as the purchase of the adjacent residential property (6 Mission Terrace) and the renovations required to that residence. Further, that the Parish be required to contribute \$20,000 to the Ministry Development Fund. The reduction of the bank loan to be further considered after the above three matters had been honoured.'

**Dungog – Acquisition of hall**

It was **resolved**:

'The Diocesan Council grants permission for the Parish of Dungog to proceed with the purchase of the Masonic Hall.'

The Council suggested that the Parish might consider putting aside an annual sum to deal with the maintenance issues arising from the purchase of this building.

**Toukley Budgewoi – Asbestos in Budgewoi Church**

It was **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council notes with sadness the need for the closure of St John's Budgewoi as a worship centre and requests the parish to indicate urgently what it intends to do with the site.'

The Archdeacon of Newcastle indicated that the Parish had advised him that it intended to demolish the building and clear the site as soon as possible after closure as a worship centre.

The Assistant Bishop indicated that the formal closure of the Church as a worship centre would be on 10 September.

**Terrigal – Purchase of Rectory**

It was **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council grants permission to proceed with the purchase on the basis of an amendment to the disposition of proceeds approved by Diocesan Council at its meeting on 15 December 2005. Such amendment to permit the purchase of this residence as a rectory for the Parish of Terrigal.'

Mr WK Allen abstained from voting.

Mr Allen noted his concern about the apparent lack of planning relevant to this acquisition.

The Archdeacon of Newcastle indicated that the Parish found itself in a very complex and difficult position but that it had developed a plan to progress the overall matter of relocation of the Parish centre and that plan was being implemented.

**Reactivation of Sites Acquisition Working Group**

It was **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council approves the use of funds generated by the Ministry Fund Appropriation Ordinance 2005 for property acquisitions only and

not necessarily for ministry development and that we further recommend amendment of the Ordinance to effect this.'

The Council noted that this recommendation was partially superseded by the Ministry Development Fund Appropriation Amendment Ordinance 2006 which was circulated at the meeting. The Council concurred with the provisions of the Draft Ordinance.

### **Morpeth Cemeteries**

It was **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council requests the Board to investigate the problems of cemeteries and their maintenance and prepare a report on the issues so that a plan of management of cemeteries in the Diocese could be considered and if approved, adopted.'

The Dean indicated that it was possible that some preparatory work had already been done in that some years ago there was a list made of the cemeteries in the Diocese.

### **(C) St John's College Minutes 20 July 2006** [pages 44-49 of the business papers]

It was **resolved**:

"That these minutes by way of report be received."

## **2006.096 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **(A) Budget Account as at 31 July 2006** [pages 50-81 of the business papers]

The Diocesan Business Manager advised that he had received no queries to date. He reported that for the year to date the diocese operating in surplus of \$26K despite starting the year \$53K in deficit. The Manager thanked the Trustees for the 7% return on investments which has contributed greatly towards this surplus. The Manager was to continue monitoring closely the costs of clergy removals.

The budget was **received**.

### **(B) Ministry Development Fund as at 31 July 2006** [pages 82-84 of the business papers]

The Council noted that this Fund was in deficit, however the addition of \$20K from The Camden Haven sale would rectify the situation.

The statement was **received**.

### **(C) Mission Giving Statement as at 31 July 2006** [pages 85-86 of the business papers]

The Bishop noted that there was a fantastic result, and that there would be an article in the Encounter about the level of giving. It was noted that ITIM was no longer on the diocesan mission agency schedule.

The report was **received**.

### **(D) Statutory Accounts** [pages 87-113 of the business papers]

The Council nominated Mr Jim Helman and Mr Keith Allen to sign off the Statutory accounts.

It was **resolved**:

'That Statutory Accounts for the General Fund and Budget Account, and the Newcastle Grammar School Fund be adopted.'

Moved: Mr JA Helman Seconded: The Venerable D Simpson

**(E) 2007 Diocesan Budget** [pages 114-146 of the business papers]

The Diocesan Business Manager thanked Anglican Care staff, Mr Darren Smith and Ms Lyndall Day for the hard work they had put into creating a much clearer budget document.

Discussion covered the following topics:

- Is 10% a fair Parish Contribution to expect? It was noted that in Adelaide and Perth the Parishes were assessed at approximately 16%.
- The Council's attention was bought to page 115 of the business paper and the fact that in the past the Manager had been responsible for finding funds to support a decision which has already been made. It directed that for future Synod motions, budgets and sourcing must be presented along with the initiative.
- The Diocesan Schools Commission did not appear in this budget as it was separately funded.
- This budget contained no burst capacity for spontaneity for new ideas. The Council was aware that there was no allocation for fresh initiatives.
- The Diocesan Business Manager pointed out that on page 120 of the papers \$46K had been added to the Administration section (from the 'wishlist') to support Archdeacon Peter Stuart's recommendation for another \$30K position within the Diocesan Office and an incremental pay increase for existing employees.
- Ministry Development Officer budget (page 127) – the Council noted that if the MDO continues at his current consumption rate, he will have cost too much by comparison with the Archdeacon for Diocesan Development. Based on this forecast, it will be necessary to develop a work management plan for 2007 with the Bishop's Advisory Group. The Council further noted that the MDO's telephone accounts in 2006 were excessive and that they would need to be bought into line.
- *office rental and oncosts* – each person who is working within the office is charged a certain amount of rental and oncosts, to account for the \$90K rental paid to trustees and other costs such as electricity etc. The Manager was aware that CEY Ministries probably won't be in a position to pay their rental costs and the Diocesan Budget will have to carry that.
- The Manager drew the Council's attention to the fact that on page 143 the total Chaplain deficit is \$51K.
- The Dean pointed out that the 2007 budget did not provide any funding for support of the Cathedral. This support included such things as printing for Diocesan Ordinations \$600-700, music scholarships for vocalists, ordination flowers \$300-400, etc. The 200 people who give weekly direct giving feel that they have to provide for more than those in smaller parishes. Mr Campbell advised that it was a Trustee directive to cease supplying funding to the Cathedral.

**At this point the Council adjourned for prayers/lunch at 12.02 pm.**

**The meeting resumed at 1.17 pm.**

**Anne Tinsey was welcomed to the meeting.**

- Mr Allen, as a Diocesan Trustee reminded the Council that when Brenda was sold additional trusts were created, but that after great difficulties were experienced by the Diocese in 2001 diocesan reserves were in part expended. The Trustees currently hold reserves which had been used to either create additional trusts or reserves. After the 2004 decision to adopt the Tyrrell Trusts it was agreed that only the income could be used by the Diocese. Mr Allen pointed out that the Trustees investment portfolio had enabled the capital of the trusts to be increased from \$29M to \$34.6M.

**Recommended changes to the 2007 Budget were to be sent in writing within seven (7) days to the Diocesan Business Manager who would present these changes to the next meeting of the Bishop's Advisory Group/ DC Executive for approval prior to Synod.**

It was **resolved**:

'That this Diocesan Council notes the draft budget for 2007, expresses thanks to the Business Manager and finance staff and takes note of the comments and views expressed at the Diocesan Council and empowers the Bishop's Advisory Group, the Diocesan Council Executive and the Chairman of the Audit Committee to bring a final 2007 budget for the consideration of the Synod.'

Moved: The Very Revd GR Lawrence Seconded: The Revd B Pate

The Bishop reminded the Council of the need to inject further resources to reverse the current decline.

**(F) Use of Morpeth Development Proceeds** [page 147 of the business papers]

It was **moved**:

'That the net proceeds arising from the development of the Morpeth land (through Dobler Consultants Pty) be invested as a Permanent Trust and that the interest earned be directed to providing funding for theological education and for lay training.

That if, in any one year, income from the investment is more than is required the balance of interest be used as directed by Diocesan Council.'

Moved: Mr M Campbell Seconded: The Venerable DS Simpson

Mr Helman spoke to this motion expressing his opposition on the basis that money should be used for various purposes within the diocese, and that the Synod had not been of the impression that monies should be used specifically for theological education.

The Motion was **Amended** as follows:

'That net proceeds arising from the development of the Morpeth land (through Dobler Consultants Pty) be disbursed as follows:

- 1 a percentage to be allocated by the Trustees to consolidating existing Permanent trusts to maintain the interest earned on these trusts;
- 2 a percentage to be allocated by the Trustees to be invested as a Permanent Trust and that the interest earned be directed to providing funding for theological education and for lay training.

- 3 That if, in any year, income from the investment is more than is required the balance of interest be used as directed by Diocesan Council.

Moved: The Revd Canon PS Robertson Seconded: Mr JA Helman

This Motion was not proceeded with.

Debate ensued and it was agreed that Council could be provided with further information by the October meeting.

It was **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council defer the decision to the October meeting of Diocesan Council.'

## **2006.097 DIOCESAN COUNCIL AS SYNOD**

The Bishop declared Synod constituted for the purpose of considering the following draft ordinances.

The Reverend HN Bright and Ms R Brand were appointed Clerical and Lay Secretaries respectively

### **(A) The Anglican Care Incorporation Ordinance 2006** [page 148 of the business papers]

It was **resolved**:

"That the Anglican Care Incorporation Ordinance 2006 be approved in principle."

Moved: Mr JA Helman Seconded: Mr J Price

Synod did not move into Committee to consider the bill in detail.

It was **resolved**:

"That the Bill do now pass."

Moved: Mr JA Helman Seconded: Mr J Price

The Bishop gave his Assent to the ordinance as passed.

The Council moved out of Synod.

## **2006.098 SYNOD BUSINESS** [Draft Ordinances]

At this point, the following draft ordinances appeared to be ones to be presented to Synod:

### **(A) Synod 2006 Arrangements** [verbal Malcolm Campbell]

A report was circulated detailing the Synod Agenda and the arrangements which had been made.

### **(B) Draft Diocesan Council Report to Synod** [pages 149-151 of the business papers]

The report was endorsed pending the inclusion of attendance statistics and the closure of the Church at Budgewoi.

### **(C) Declaration of Synod Roll** [pages 152-158 of the business papers]

The roll was declared as the roll for Synod.

### **(D) Synod Ordinances** [pages 159-175 of the business papers]

The following Ordinances were reviewed for presentation to Synod:

#### **Retirement Age Ordinance 2006**

The Diocesan Council endorsed the insertion of the words "*The Diocesan Bishop shall cease to hold office during his or her 70<sup>th</sup> year.*"

Into the Retirement Age Ordinance 2006 at point 4(i)(a), and requested the Chancellor to draft changes to a separate Ordinance regarding an Episcopal retiring age.

The Diocesan Council proposed that the Mover of the Clergy Retirement Age Ordinance be Mr J Colvin and the Seconder be The Very Revd GR Lawrence, and that the Mover of the separate Episcopal Retirement Age Ordinance be Mr WK Allen and Mr JC Price.

### **Professional Standards Ordinance 2005 Amending Ordinance 2006**

This Ordinance was referred to the Diocesan Council Executive pending further legal advice in consultation with the Chancellor.

### **The Appointment of Clergy to Parishes Ordinance 2006**

The following changes were adopted by the Council:

The word 'BACKGROUND' was altered to 'PREAMBLE'

In the sixth line the word 'agreed' was changed to 'ordained'

The word 'clause' was inserted before the designator 4.5 in the definition of Diocesan representatives.

In the definition of Diocesan Secretary, the letter 's' was deleted from the name where secondly appearing.

In Clause 4.3 the word 'resigns', was inserted after the word 'dies'.

In Clause 4.6 the designator 4.6 was deleted and 'Clause 4.5' insert in lieu.

In Clause 4.7 the word 'Clause' was inserted before designators 4.5, 4.6 and 4.8.

In Clause 4.8 the word 'incapacitated' was deleted and the words 'unable to perform their duties' insert in lieu.

The Diocesan Council proposed that the Mover of the Appointment of Clergy to Parishes Ordinance 2006 be The Venerable Dr J Perry and the Seconder be Mr J Helman.

### **Ministry Development Fund Amendment and Property Acquisition Fund Appropriation Ordinance 2006**

The Council adopted the draft Ordinance for presentation to Synod.

The Diocesan Council proposed that the Mover be The Venerable D Simpson and the Seconder be Mr J Helman.

### **National Register Canon 2004 Adoption Ordinance 2006**

The Council adopted the draft Ordinance for presentation to Synod.

The Diocesan Council proposed that the Mover be The Reverend AJL Copeman and the Seconder be Mrs B Fenwick.

## **2006.099 UPDATE ON MORPETH DEVELOPMENTS** [Verbal Malcolm Campbell]

The Diocesan Business Manager advised he had been reporting to deaneries and would be meeting with Mr Zavolokin next week to review any progress.

**2006.100 ASBESTOS IN BUILDINGS** [page 176-177 of the business papers]

The circular published in the papers has been distributed to parishes and the Council endorsed the action taken. The information sought was a preliminary gathering of data prior to approaching the insurers to undertake the survey.

**2006.101 SCONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL** [page 178 of the business papers]

The Bishop advised that a letter had been received from Mark Heanley advising they had found a philanthropist to underwrite them for a minimum period of five years.

The school had requested that the matter be removed from the business of the Council.

It was noted by Mr Helman that an Episcopal Certificate for \$2.2M had been signed but not issued to date. This was a Diocesan school and was owned by the Diocese, and in recent times financials had not been supplied by the school to the diocese when requested.

The school was in severe financial difficulty.

The Diocesan Business Manager had arranged to visit the school on Friday 25 August with the Diocesan Schools Officer, Ms Anne Tinsey and to examine the school finances with the part time finance clerk.

The Bishop noted the outstanding work that had been done via the Diocesan Schools Commission and Ms Anne Tinsey in unearthing these current difficulties.

Canon Chris Bullock expressed the view that the resolution of the Trustees on page 178 of the business papers denied board members the right to oversight of the schools finances. He felt this would disenfranchise the school and had the potential of sending a message to the community that would be disastrous for the school and implored the Trustees to amend the motion.

The Diocesan Business Manager had been working with the Diocesan Solicitor and Westpac. The school had been financially administered from Sydney by Westpac. Westpac was pleased that the Diocese was becoming involved in the responsible management of the school.

Mr Campbell indicated that Westpac would not support further loans to Scone Grammar School unless the resolution of the Trustees was adhered to.

The Diocesan Business Manager advised that it would cost approximately \$705K to keep the school operating to the end of 2006. Any reduction of fees to make it a competitive school would cost a further \$250K per quarter. If fees were not reduced, the school would have to close by end 2007.

The bank will continue to pay school employees with the understanding that the diocese will manage the school centrally and the importance of Mr Campbell's visit to the school was paramount.

Mr Allen expressed concern on behalf of the Trustees that they were required to provide assistance when schools in the Diocese got into financial difficulty. An inordinate amount of time by the Trustees had been spent on school issues generally.

**Motion:**

"That the Trustees be asked to review their decisions in the light of new information now received.

Moved: The Revd Canon CL Bullock Seconded: The Revd Canon P Robertson  
Motion LOST.

**Motion:**

'That the approval given to the Bishop on 22 June 2006 to issue an Episcopal Certificate of \$2.2M be revoked.'

Moved: Mr WK Allen Seconded: *none*

Motion LAPSED.

It was **resolved:**

'That this Diocesan Council requests the Diocesan Business Manager to complete a proper assessment of the financial situation of Scone Grammar, and the offer to underwrite the school finances, and requests these issues to be dealt with again by an extraordinary meeting of Diocesan Council to be called by the Bishop.'

Moved: The Very Revd GR Lawrence Seconded: Mrs B Fenwick

The Bishop commented that it was interesting to note that centralism had brought this to light.

**2006.102 GOSFORD CHRISTIAN COLLEGE** [pages 179-185 of the business paper]

The Diocesan Business Manager spoke to the report prepared by Ms Anne Tinsey.

The Council needed to decide whether it would adopt the recommendations in the report and this led to considerable discussion. Many questions were raised regarding:

- Was the Parish of Gosford in a financial position to assist?
- What was the ethos of the school?
- How difficult would it be to change this?
- What kind of educational institution might we be buying? Was it of high quality or average?
- What managerial input would be required and would this overtax the Diocesan Business Manager and the Diocesan Office?
- The missional opportunity for connection with the community.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss further details regarding the school.

It was noted that two Diocesan Office staff and the Diocesan Schools Officer were present and the question was raised as to whether the staff should leave the meeting while further details were being discussed. It was noted that these employees had signed confidentiality agreements and they were permitted to remain.

The Reverend Stephen Pullin declared an interest being a board member of the Lakes Grammar – An Anglican School Board.

The Dean left the meeting at approximately 3pm.

It was **resolved:**

'That Diocesan Council supports in principle the purchase of Gosford Christian College for the best purchase price able to be negotiated by the Diocesan Business Manager. That the Diocesan Business Manager be requested to report back to the extraordinary meeting of the Diocesan Council.'

*It was noted that the report had indicated that the estimated purchase price was between \$7.5 and \$8 million (plus legal and conveyancing process).*

The Council then moved out of Committee.

Ms Anne Tinsey left the meeting at 3.35pm.

**2006.103 COUNCIL OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE MINISTRY CENTRE** [page 186 of the business paper]

It was resolved:

'That the Council of Saint John's Ministry Centre cease to continue, and that a BOARD OF STUDIES be established to work with Examining Chaplains for the future planning implementation of theological education and priestly formation in the Diocese of Newcastle; and that the Council of Saint John's College Ministry Centre hold its final meeting on Thursday 21 September 2006.

In moving this motion we acknowledge the valuable contribution that Saint John's Theological College, Morpeth has made to the life and development of the Australian Church. We give thanks to Almighty God for the many years of faithful service, education and Godly examples, acknowledging the dedication and commitment of those who have taught and shared their own faith-journey.

We give thanks for the members of the College Council who have served faithfully over the years, and more especially those who have worked in these recent times of challenge and transition.

We pray for the those who will continue the good work of theological education (begun at Saint John's College) in another forum. May they be able to build on the strong foundation of our heritage and history.'

Moved: The Venerable D Simpson Seconded: Mr WK Allen

**2006.104 CATHEDRAL FOOTPRINT DEVELOPMENT** [page 187 of the business paper]

The Bishop reported his being present at the last meeting of the Cathedral Chapter and explained there was an impetus to sell the site.

It was **resolved**:

'That members of Diocesan Council, Trustees of Church Property and Property Approvals Board as well as the Cathedral Chapter, start a process of meetings to advance the issue of reasoned accommodation on the Cathedral footprint.'

Moved: The Rt Revd Dr B Farran Seconded: The Revd SR Pullin

**2006.105 REMOVAL OF INTERCHURCH TRADE AND INDUSTRY MISSION (ITIM) FROM THE MISSION SCHEDULE** [page 188 of the business paper]

It was **resolved**:

'That the Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission (ITIM) be deleted from the schedule of those organisations approved as a mission target.'

Moved: The Revd Canon PS Robertson Seconded: Mr WK Allen

**2006.106 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP: Anglican Society for Welfare to Animals** [pages 189-191 of the business paper]

This matter was deferred until further investigation could be conducted by the Diocesan Business Manager.

**2006.107 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES****(A) Storm Retirement Village** [pages 192-194 of the business papers]

It was **resolved**:

'That Diocesan Council ratify the existing appointment by Council to the Board of Storm Village of Mr Kevin Sharp and Dr Colin Rose, effective from the original date of appointment of each of the said Board members,

FURTHER,

That Diocesan Council renew the appointment of Mr Kevin Sharp and Dr Colin Rose to the Board of Storm Retirement Village effective immediately, for a period of three years.'

Moved: Mrs B Fenwick      Seconded: Ms R Brand

**(B) Manning Valley Anglican College Council** [pages 195-206 of the business papers]

It was **resolved**:

'That Mrs Ann Moore and Mr Adam Sharpe be appointed to the Manning Valley Anglican College Council.'

Moved: Mrs B Fenwick      Seconded: Ms Ruth Brand

**(C) Samaritans Board** [page 207 of the business papers]

It was **resolved**:

'That Mr Robert Caddies be appointed to the Samaritans Board.'

Moved: Mr J Helman      Seconded: The Rt Revd GS Rutherford

**2006.108 BUSINESS REFERRED TO THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

- 2007 Budget
- Professional Standards Ordinance 2005 Amending Ordinance 2006

**2006.109 OTHER BUSINESS****(A) ARCHBISHOP ELECT – MELBOURNE DIOCESE**

It was **resolved**:

'That the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Newcastle at its meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2006, resolved to congratulate The Right Reverend Dr Philip Leslie Freier, Bishop of the Northern Territory, on his election on Tuesday 22 August 2006, as Archbishop of Melbourne. Council notes the time he spent at St John's College Morpeth, in the Diocese of Newcastle, graduating with a BD in 1984; that while serving as Priest in Charge of the Church of the Ascension in the Diocese of Carpentaria from 1983 to 1988, he was officially the only 'clergy with special links with the Diocese of Newcastle'; that he has joined other former students of St John's College who have gone on to give distinguished leadership in the Church. Council further assures Archbishop-Elect Freier of the prayers of the people of the Diocese of Newcastle, that he be given wisdom and discernment in the important office to which he has been called.'

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

TB  
wrote  
to him

**(B) ANGLICAN CARE – Episcopal Cert \$2.4M**

Mr Helman introduced a late item in respect of this issue.

It was **resolved**:

'That this Council recommend to the Bishop that he issue an Episcopal Certificate for \$2,141,000 to replace existing certificate 191 issued to the Greater Building Society in connection with the purchase by Anglican Care in 2005 of Intracare properties, Scenic Lodge and Buchanan Court, Merewether.'

Moved: Mr J Helman

Seconded: Mr WK Allen

**2006.110 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date will be **Thursday 26 October 2006** at 10:00 am at the parish hall of St John the Baptist Church, Morehead Street, Lambton.

**2006.111 THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS** the meeting closed with The Grace at 4.37pm.