

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL HELD IN THE
DIOCESAN OFFICES, PARKER AND STIBBARD ROOMS, LEVEL 3, 134 KING STREET
NEWCASTLE, AT 5.30PM ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2010.**

| Item No: | SUBJECT |
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| 2010.008 | PRAYER: The Venerable Arthur Copeman led the meeting in opening prayer. |
| 2010.009 | <p>PRESENT: The Right Reverend Dr Brian Farran; The Right Reverend Peter Stuart (Assistant Bishop); The Chancellor Mr Paul Rosser QC; Mr John Cleary (Diocesan Business Manager); The Venerables Stephen Pullin and Arthur Copeman; The Very Reverend Dr James Rigney; The Reverend Canons Hugh Bright, Brian Gibbs, Dr Julia Perry, Paul Robertson, Sonia Roulston and Stephen Williams; The Reverend David Battrick; Ms Beverly (Bev) Birch, Mrs Margaret Flannery and Mrs Sue Williams.</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Nil</p> <p>APOLOGIES: The Reverend Canon Keith Dean-Jones; Professor Peter Ravenscroft; Messrs Keith Allen and Alan Green.</p> |
| 2010.010 | <p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:</p> <p>7. (D) The Relationship Proposal: Newcastle Grammar School and Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College: The Right Reverend Peter Stuart, Mr John Cleary, Ms Bev Birch.</p> <p>11. (E) Lakes Grammar- An Anglican School: The Right Reverend Peter Stuart</p> |
| 2010.011 | <p>BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – P1-5 This was <i>Received</i></p> |
| 2010.012 | <p>ASSISTANT BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – TABLED This was <i>Received</i></p> |
| 2010.013 | <p>MINUTES OF</p> <p>(A) DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING 17/12/2009 – P6-20 The minutes of 17 December 2009 had been circulated and were a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting after the following amendments had been made.</p> <p>P9 (B) Newcastle Anglican School Corporation Ordinance 2007 Amending Ordinance 2009 Was to read "<i>The Chancellor noted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '<i>a' included both the singular and plural.</i>' <p>P18 should read "<i>The Right Reverend Peter Stuart.</i>" P 19 The motion should read. "<i>That this Diocesan Council appoints the Medical Panel as recommended by the Bishop.</i>"</p> <p>Moved The Reverend Canon Dr Julia Perry Seconded The Very Reverend Dr James Rigney Carried</p> <p>(B) SPECIAL DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING 28/1/2010 – P21-23 The minutes of 28 January 2010 had been circulated and were a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.</p> <p>Moved The Venerable Arthur Copeman Seconded The Very Reverend Dr James Rigney Carried</p> |

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| 2010.014 | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:</p> <p>(A) Morpeth – Rationalisation of Permanent and Temporary Trust Accounts Carried over to the next meeting.</p> <p>(B) Parish Administration Ordinance (Running Minute) P24 Moved The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright seconded The Venerable Arthur Copeman Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council notes the form of the report proposed by the Parish Administration Ordinance Issues and Options Working Group and agrees that the Working Group present their report at the March meeting.”</i></p> <p>(C) Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College (Running Minute) It was noted that enrolments had dropped by 12 students and as a result, adjustments had been made to the school’s budget.</p> <p>Mr Alan Green had reported to The Bishop that the changes were progressing well at the school.</p> <p>(D) Relationship Proposal: Newcastle Grammar School and Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College (Running Minute) The Diocesan Business Manager had communicated this Diocesan Council’s decision to Newcastle Grammar School and requested that if possible, Newcastle Grammar School inform this Diocesan Council of their decision before the September deadline.</p> <p>The Diocesan Business Manager had also requested that the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation develop alternative plans if Newcastle Grammar did not exercise the proposed option.</p> <p>(E) The Children Special Religious Education and Youth Ministries Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2009. No further information</p> <p>(F) Property Approvals Board – recommendation re: Camberwell – P25 This was for information only. An independent valuation of the property had also been sought by the Property Approvals Board.</p> <p>(G) Discretionary Funds/Surplice Fees Policy – Review P26-28 The Diocesan Business Manager spoke to the proposed policy and answered questions. The position of OLM’s had also been taken into account.</p> <p>The resolution was put to the vote after amendments suggested by The Chancellor Mr Paul Rosser QC. Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin Seconded Mrs Sue Williams Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council adopts the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Discretionary Funds / Surplice Fees Policy, with the agreed amendment.</i> <i>Required Diocesan Procedure for all Stipendiary Clergy, number 2. which was to now read:</i> <i>“2. All fees or other income from weddings and funerals and</i></p> |
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| | <p><i>other pastoral offices wherever conducted will be banked into a working account to be named 'Parish of XYZ (or XYZ Chaplaincy) Discretionary Account provided that such fees or other income may be banked into the general account of the Parish or Chaplaincy if such funds are identified separately in the books of account of the Parish or Chaplaincy.'</i></p> <p>(H) Professional Standards Sub-Committee To be carried over to the next meeting.</p> <p>(I) Croudace Bay Land – PAB to consider a recommendation at their March meeting – any recommendation would then be referred to Diocesan Council in March 2010.</p> |
| 2010.015 | <p>REPORTS:</p> <p>(A) Bishop's Official Acts and Record – Tabled – new format The Bishop noted that the new format was to show only those appointments which had been made and not future appointments. The Bishop also noted that: Page 2: 15.02.2010 – the appointment for the Reverend Pauline Anne Grabham as a Priest in Local Ministry licence, assisting in the Parish ministry team of the Parish of Williamtown-Medowie-Mallabula, was for an exceptional circumstance and was specific to the needs of that particular Parish.</p> <p>These were Received with the following amendment: Page 1: 19.01.2010 The Reverend Selwyn Dornan's appointment to Callaghan Ministry Team was to be removed as this was a future appointment.</p> <p>(B) Property Approvals Board Minutes 3 February 2010 – P29-34</p> <p><i>Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin Seconded Mrs Margaret Flannery Carried "That the Property Approvals Board minutes be accepted after the following amendments: P30 Singleton – St Clements, Camberwell. The Resolution contained 2 items. Item number three should be (D) and the following items adjusted accordingly."</i></p> |
| 2010.016 | <p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>(A) Financial Statements for Year End 31/12/2009 – P35-44 The Diocesan Business Manager spoke to the Financial results and answered questions.</p> <p>The Diocesan Business Manager noted that, on advice from the Diocesan Auditors, that the balance, upon winding up of the Sickness and Accident Fund (\$125,713) become part of the Diocesan General Fund. This amount brought the Diocesan Council Budget into a surplus of \$53,329 year to end 2009. The adjusted deficit to 31 December 2009 was \$72,384 against a budgeted deficit of \$35,000. Part of this deficit was due to Professional Standard Costs of approximately \$68,000.</p> <p>It was noted that the mechanism to reimburse the budget was through the Exceptional Special Purposes Trust (D0272) and this could be triggered by a joint submission from The Bishop and</p> |

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| | <p>Diocesan Business Manager to the Trustees of Church Property.</p> <p>It was further noted that the current Professional Standards costs of approximately \$19,000 per month would be increased due to the referral of one case to the Professional Standards Board. Under the Ordinance (Section 51) there was provision for reimbursement of legal fees.</p> <p>Moved Diocesan Business Manager Seconded Ms Bev Birch Carried <i>“That the Financial Statements for Year End 31/12/2009 be Received.”</i></p> <p>(B) Outstanding Parish Debtors as at 31 January 2010 – P45 The Diocesan Business Manager noted that Swansea, Waratah and Birmingham Gardens Parishes had been referred to the Diocesan Pastoral and Financial Advice Board.</p> <p>It was Resolved <i>“That the Parish of Blue Gum Hills be referred to the Diocesan Pastoral and Financial Advice Board to provide assistance and guidance regarding their financial situation.”</i></p> <p>The Bishop noted that The Archdeacon of the Central Coast had been requested to develop a Strategic Plan for the Central Coast and to include the Parish of Swansea in the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>(C) Mission Giving Statement as at 31 January 2010 – P46-47 The last Column on Page 46 should read Actual 2009. These were Received</p> <p>(D) Episcopal Certificate Schedule as at 31 January 2010 – P48 This was Received</p> |
| 2010.017 | <p>SYNOD:</p> <p>(A) Confirmation of Synod Minutes – P49</p> <p>(i) First Day Moved The Right Reverend Peter Stuart Seconded The Venerable Arthur Copeman Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council accepted the report of the Synod Minutes Sub-committee.”</i></p> <p>(ii) Second Day Moved The Right Reverend Peter Stuart Seconded The Venerable Arthur Copeman Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council accepted the report of the Synod Minutes Sub-committee.”</i></p> |
| 2010.018 | <p>BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:</p> <p>(A) Panel of Triers – replacement for The Reverend Geoff Piggott No nominations had been received. To continue.</p> <p>(B) Diocesan Council – Replacement for :</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ann Taylor – Election • Mr Richard Turnbull – Election <p>It was requested that nominations be submitted on the form which had been provided. It was also noted that nominees must be members of Synod. To continue.</p> <p>(C) Letter from the Reverend Canon Paul Robertson – P50 The letter was <i>Received</i>. The Bishop requested that, for the time being, The Reverend Canon Paul Robertson remain a member of the Professional Standards Committee.</p> <p>(D) St Luke’s (Scone) Grammar School – P51 Moved Mrs Sue Williams Seconded The Reverend Canon Stephen Williams Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council approves the election of Mrs Jane Gorman, School Board appointment to the Board of St Luke’s (Scone) Grammar School for a term of 3 years, expiring 25 February 2013.”</i></p> <p>(E) Lakes Grammar, An Anglican School – P 52 Moved The Right Reverend Peter Stuart Seconded The Reverend Canon Paul Robertson Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council approved the re-election of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Paul Bolton as a School Board appointment for a further 3 years, expiring 25 February 2013.</i> • <i>Mr Graeme Peters, as a School Board appointment for a further 2 years, expiring 25 February 2012.</i> <p>Moved The Right Reverend Peter Stuart seconded The Venerable Arthur Copeman Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council approves the appointment of Mr Geoff Wooden as a Diocesan Council appointment to the Board of Lakes Grammar, An Anglican School for a further term of 3 years expiring 25 February 2013.”</i></p> |
| 2010.019 | <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>(A) Cockle Bay – Clergy Housing – Tabled The Archdeacon of Newcastle answered questions relating to this. The Chancellor, Mr Paul Rosser QC spoke to this and proposed amendments to the original recommendation. It was also noted that the rectory in question had no disabled access, nor was it practical for this to be installed. After careful consideration of all the available facts and circumstances:</p> <p>Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin Seconded Mrs Sue Williams Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council approves in principle and recommends to The Bishop that the housing issues of the Priest in Charge of the Parish of Cockle Bay Ministry Area be resolved as follows:</i></p> |

1. That permission be granted subject to Bishop's approval of final details.

2. That financial reimbursement to the Priest in Charge be determined by the Diocesan Business Manager in accordance with usual Diocesan practice.

3. That if necessary, the Parish be supported for a period of up to 2 years for any shortfall in funding arising from this matter, up to a figure of \$2,500 per annum.

4. That this approval not be regarded by this Diocesan Council as a precedent or as an expression of general policy."

(B) Anglican Outback Fund – request for support P 53-55

Moved The Reverend Canon Paul Robertson

Seconded The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright

Carried

"That this Diocesan Council approves funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the Special Purposes area of the Diocesan Budget to assist the Anglican Outback Fund to meet the needs of mission and ministry in under-resourced dioceses working with isolated Anglicans, indigenous people, and in drought affected areas of Australia."

(C) Price Waterhouse Coopers – Letter of Engagement P56-61

This was *Received*

(D) General Synod 2010 Bills and Motions P62

This was *Received*

(E) Proposed sale – 80 Kingsford Drive, Berkeley Vale – minimum price - P63-64

The Archdeacon of Newcastle spoke to this.

Moved The Archdeacon of Newcastle

Seconded The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright

Carried

"That this Diocesan Council accepts the offer of \$280,000 in respect of 80 Kingsford Smith Drive, Berkeley Vale and that the minimum sale price be reduced to \$280,000 to effect the sale."

(F) The Singleton (Glendon) Land sale Ordinance – minimum sale price and extension of currency requested P 65

Moved The Archdeacon of Newcastle

Seconded Mrs Margaret Flannery

Carried

"That this Diocesan Council grants an extension of currency for the Singleton (Glendon) Land Sale Ordinance 2006 for a further 12 month period until February 2011 and that the minimum price for the land be reduced to \$170,000 and the Parish be authorized to accept the current offer."

(G) Southlakes Dora Creek Property – minimum sale price P66

The Archdeacon of Newcastle spoke to this.

Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin

Seconded Mrs Sue Williams

Carried

"That this Diocesan Council sets the minimum sale price for

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| | <p><i>the Southlakes (Dora Creek) Land at \$205,000.”</i></p> <p>(H) Property Sales – Property Approvals Board request P66 The Archdeacon of Newcastle advised this Diocesan Council on the background to this request. Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin Seconded The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council gives approval for the Diocesan Business Manager and the Chair of the Property Approvals Board to use discretion to vary the sale price of a property by no more than 5% in order to effect all property and land sales.”</i></p> <p>(I) Diocesan Council meeting notice P67 The Right Reverend Peter Stuart noted that this was a suggestion for consideration.</p> <p>(j) The Anglican Parishes of Mount Vincent and Weston – Tabled Moved The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright Seconded The Reverend Canon Sonia Roulston Carried <i>“That this Diocesan Council grant permission to the Parishes of Mount Vincent and Weston to vary the membership of the Parish Council in the following manner:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1 Rector’s Warden for each Parochial District;</i> • <i>1 Peoples Warden fro each Parochial District;</i> • <i>2 Councilors for each Parochial District</i> <p><i>For a period of 3 years.”</i></p> |
| 2010.020 | <p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 25 March 2010 at 5.30pm.</p> <p>Diocesan Council Members are reminded that the 22 July meeting has been moved to 29 July 2010.</p> |
| 2010.021 | <p>THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS the meeting closed with prayer led by The Bishop at 7.55pm</p> |

Confirmed: _____(Chairman)

Date: _____