

Minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting held in the Diocesan Offices, Parker and Stibbard Rooms, Level 3, 134 King Street Newcastle, at 5.30pm on Thursday 27 May 2010.

Item No:	SUBJECT
2010.037	<p>PRAYER: The Reverend Canon Brian Gibbs led the meeting in opening prayer at 5.30pm.</p>
2010.038	<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 Rev'd Canons Hugh Bright, Keith Dean-Jones, Brian Gibbs, Dr Julia Perry, Sonia Roulston and Stephen Williams; The Rev'ds David Battrick and Mandy Wheatley; Messrs WK (Keith) Allen, Alan Green; Ms Beverly (Bev) Birch, Mrs Glenyce Armstrong, Mrs Margaret Flannery and Mrs Sue Williams.</p> <p>Mr Alan Green entered the meeting at 6.35pm</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs Geoff Kelly (ESPC Services) and Michael Elliott addressed the meeting in relation to Professional Standards processes and entered the meeting at 5.40pm and left at 6.50pm.</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Nil</p>
2010.039	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST The Reverend Canon Keith Dean-Jones – Manning Valley Anglican College</p>
2010.040	<p>BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL The Bishop welcomed The Reverend Mandy Wheatley and Mrs Glenyce Armstrong to their first meeting as newly elected members of this Diocesan Council.</p> <p>The Reverend Canon Keith Dean-Jones left the room during the report on the Manning Valley Anglican College Review.</p> <p>This was <i>Received</i></p>
2010.041	<p>ASSISTANT BISHOP'S REPORT TO COUNCIL This was <i>Received</i></p>
2010.042	<p>MINUTES OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING 22/4/2010 Moved The Reverend David Battrick Seconded Mrs Sue Williams Carried <i>'That the minutes of 22 April 2010 were a correct record of the proceedings.'</i></p>
2010.043	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: (A) Morpeth – Rationalisation of Trusts Carried over to the June meeting.</p>

	<p>(B) Parish Administration Ordinance (Running Minute) Following discussion on the impact of this ordinance, the Chancellor agreed that he would rewrite the Ordinance and present it at the next meeting.</p> <p>Part 1. Moved The Right Reverend Peter Stuart Seconded The Venerable Arthur Copeman</p> <p>The Draft was discussed in detail.</p> <p>It was <i>Resolved</i> <i>'That further consideration of this be deferred to the next meeting.'</i></p> <p>Part 2. Moved The Chancellor Mr Paul Rosser QC Seconded The Right Reverend Peter Stuart</p> <p>It was <i>Resolved</i> <i>'That The Diocesan Business Manager, the Assistant Bishop, the Archdeacons and the Chancellor develop an outline of the operation of the parish Contribution as proposed in the Bill for consideration by regional consultations. Further that the Diocesan Business Manager undertake financial modeling which was to include the impact on the parishes.'</i></p> <p>Part 3. Amendments were proposed and discussed but withdrawn when the Chancellor stated that he would bring a copy of both drafts to the next meeting of this Diocesan Council for discussion.</p> <p>Moved Mr Keith Allen Seconded The Venerable Stephen Pullin Carried <i>'That the Chancellor brings a copy of both proposals to the next meeting of Diocesan Council for discussion.'</i></p> <p>(C) Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College (Running Minute) Carried over to the next meeting.</p> <p>(D) Professional Standards Sub-Committee: (Running Minute) (i) Motion from Bishop</p> <p>Moved The Right Reverend Dr Brian Farran Seconded Mrs Sue Williams Carried <i>'That this Diocesan Council authorises the Diocesan Business Manager to engage an independent and external reviewing body or individual to review the Professional Standards processes undertaken in 2009 and 2010 whenever the current non-police Professional Standards matters are concluded and report to Diocesan Council, and that the Professional Standards produce for the next Diocesan Council meeting draft Terms of Reference for such as enquiry'</i></p>
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	<p>It was Agreed <i>'That the Bishop approaches Professor Patrick Parkinson of Sydney University, to ascertain if he would be willing to undertake the review of the Professional Standards processes.'</i></p> <p>(ii) Motion from the Chancellor This was withdrawn</p>
2010.044	<p>REPORTS:</p> <p>(A) Bishop's Official Acts and Record These were received.</p> <p>(B) Report by Property Approvals Board</p> <p>(i) Minutes 6 May 2010 – these were for information.</p> <p>(ii) Singleton – St Clement's Camberwell Both Bishop Farran and The Venerable Stephen Pullin had met with the Parish Council on Monday 24 May 2010.</p> <p>At the meeting, the Parish reported that following their research and discussions, some centres had indicated their willingness to close. The Parish had also indicated their intent to employ an outside consultant to assist them with their Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The Bishop felt that it was appropriate for members of the Bishop's Advisory Group to provide assistance to the Parish.</p> <p>In relation to Camberwell, The Bishop had informed them that he was happy for St Clement's to be retained as an historical site or, handed over to a community group.</p>
2010.045	<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS:</p> <p>(A) Financial Statements: Unavailable. The new Diocesan accountant Mr David Hartley had commenced on 10 May 2010 and year to date figures will be available for future meetings.</p> <p>(B) Parish Debtors as at 30 April 2010. This was received Ongoing discussions had been undertaken with Swansea and Waratah. Waratah had informed the Diocesan Business Manager that they wished to have an independent arbitrator confirm the amount they owed.</p> <p>(C) Mission Giving Statement as at 30 April 2010 This was received</p> <p>(D) Episcopal Certificate Schedule as at 30 April 2010 This was for Information. In answer to questions the Diocesan Business Manager noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the "Balance Owing" had increased mainly due to the fact that Aged Care groups had commenced drawing down for their building works. • "Certificate (Liability)" on the other hand had declined as Episcopal Certificates which had been paid back or lapsed had been identified. In addition, the Diocesan Schools had commenced

	<p>repayments of their Episcopal Certificates. The banks had been written to, requesting that they also cancel these Certificates.</p> <p>(E) Professional Standards Costs –Tabled at the meeting. The Diocesan Business Manger noted that from 1st January to 30th April 2010, costs were \$162,815. This amount incorporated some of the investigation costs plus the stipendiary costs to the Diocese.</p> <p>It was agreed that in future, professional standards costs would be presented to the Diocesan Council with the other financial information.</p> <p>The Bishop noted that a number of areas were to be reviewed in relation to the Professional Standards procedures which it was hoped, would improve the process and reduce costs.</p> <p>It was agreed that The Chancellor and Mr Keith Allen would meet and define the appropriate changes to section 39D in the Professional Standards Ordinance. These would be presented at the next meeting of Diocesan Council for consideration only.</p>
2010.046	<p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>(A) The Reverend Terry Frewin’s request to live in his own house. The Bishop advised that he had given his approval.</p> <p>(B) Manning Valley Anglican College – Episcopal Certificate It was noted that The Reverend Peter Laurence’s Report would require Manning Valley Anglican School to undertake substantial restructuring however, it should also be noted that the school was deemed to be in a very disadvantaged area; as a result the school attracted significant government funding.</p> <p>Moved Diocesan Business Manager, Mr John Cleary Seconded Mr Alan Green Carried <i>‘That this Diocesan Council gives approval to the Manning Valley Anglican College to draw on the unexpended balance of the Episcopal Certificate.’</i></p> <p>The Diocesan Council acknowledges that this is a change on purpose for the funds, supported on the condition that the funds will be repaid by 21 July 2010.</p> <p>Moved Mr Keith Allen Seconded Mrs Sue Williams Carried <i>‘That the Diocesan Business Manager report to the July meeting of the Diocesan Council on Manning Valley Anglican College’s repayments and their actions towards the implementation of The Reverend Peter Laurence’s Report.’</i></p> <p>(C) MICA Ministries</p> <p>(i) Request for release of funds from Temporary Trust T0145 to complete works at St Marks Islington. It was questioned if this was an appropriate use of Capital Funds.</p> <p>Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin</p>

	<p>Seconded Mr Paul Rosser Carried <i>'That this Diocesan Council supports the proposal in principle and seeks a firm recommendation from the Property Approvals Board.'</i></p> <p>(ii) Proposal for Spirituality Centre at St Marks Islington It was noted that this request had not followed the appropriate process.</p> <p>Moved The Venerable Stephen Pullin Seconded Mr Paul Rosser Carried <i>'That this Diocesan Council supports the proposal in principle and seeks a firm recommendation from the Property Approvals Board.'</i></p>
2010.047	<p>ORDINANCES: [Under Synod Delegation of Powers Ordinance 2009]</p> <p>(A) Mangrove Creek Land – Land Sale Ordinance Deferred until further response from Gosford Council regarding the valuation was received.</p> <p>(B) Exceptional Purpose Expenses Permanent Trust Ordinance 2009 Amending Ordinance 2010. It was noted that the Synod Clerical and Lay Secretaries as well as the Chairman of Committees were to Certify this.</p> <p>Mr Paul Rosser was to draw up a set of protocols for Diocesan Council acting under Synod Delegation of Powers Ordinance 2009.</p> <p>Mr Paul Rosser spoke to this and noted the following amendment. That square brackets be inserted at:</p> <p>a) [The full text of Clause 3 ... and after “The Diocesan Budget for the exceptional purpose.”] and all words included within.</p> <p>b) [The full text of Clause 4 ... and after “not be reduced to less than \$500,000.”] and all word included within.</p> <p>Moved Mr Paul Rosser <i>That this be agreed in principle</i> Carried</p> <p>The Chancellor answered questions put by members of this Diocesan Council.</p> <p>Alternatives to using this trust money were discussed and evaluated. The Capital would not go below the designated amount.</p> <p>The Diocesan Business Manager wished the proposed amendment to section 39 D of the Professional Standards Ordinance be noted.</p> <p>Amendment: after 2. SHORT TITLE <i>“3. That the Ordinance shall commence on Assent.”</i></p> <p>Moved Mr Paul Rosser Seconded The Right Reverend Peter Stuart</p>

	<p><i>That the Bill do now pass.</i> Carried</p> <p>The Bishop gave his Assent</p>
2010.048	<p>BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:</p> <p>(A) Panel of Triers – Replacement for Mr Jim Helman To continue</p> <p>(B) Diocesan Council – Replacement for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ann Taylor – election • Professor Peter Ravenscroft – election To continue <p>(C) Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation – Replacement for Mr Noel Herbert (resigned) Moved The Reverend Canon Brian Gibbs Seconded The Venerable Arthur Copeman Carried <i>‘That this Diocesan Council appoints Mr John Deasey as a Diocesan Council appointment to the Board of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation replacing Mr Noel Herbert (resigned).’</i></p> <p>(D) Professional Standards Panel Mr Keith Allen with the consent of the Seconder, asked that, due to his other commitments that Mr Malcolm McDonald's name be withdrawn.</p> <p>The Chancellor advised that there could be a maximum of 5 Laity and 5 Clerical representatives noting that the President and Vice President were not members.</p> <p>As there were 2 lay people nominated. It was Resolved <i>‘That this Diocesan Council approves the appointment of Mrs Judy Walsh and Mrs Deidre Peebles as Lay Members to the Professional Standards Panel.’</i></p> <p>A secret ballot was held to select the two Clergy representatives from those nominated. It was Resolved <i>‘That this Diocesan Council elects the Reverend Chris Butterworth and The Reverend Canon Keith Dean-Jones as Clerical Members to the Professional Standards Panel.’</i></p> <p>(E) Provincial Synod - replacement for The Reverend Paul Robertson Carried over to the next meeting.</p> <p>(F) General Synod – replacements for The Reverend Paul Robertson, Professor Ravenscroft and Mr Alan Green. The Right Reverend Peter Stuart and The Reverend Canon Stephen Williams were nominated. It was noted that Bishop Stuart would be voting in the house of Clergy and not the house of Bishops if he was elected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reverend Paul Robertson A secret ballot was held to select a Clerical representative to replace the Reverend Paul Robertson for General Synod.

	<p>It was Resolved <i>‘That this Diocesan Council approves the appointment of The Right Reverend Peter Stuart as the elected Diocesan representative of General Synod to replace The Reverend Paul Robertson (retired).’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement for Mr Alan Green Mrs Bev Birch and Mr Howard Benson were nominated. It was Resolved <i>‘That this Diocesan Council approves the appointment of Ms Bev Birch as the elected Diocesan representative of General Synod to replace Mr Alan Green (resigned).’</i> <p>(G) Clergy Emoluments Advisory Board – replacement for The Reverend Les Forester. <i>It was Resolved</i> <i>‘That this Diocesan Council appoints The Reverend David Battrick to the Clergy Emoluments Advisory Board.’</i></p> <p>(H) Election to the Samaritans Board. <i>It was Resolved</i> <i>‘That this Diocesan Council appoints The Reverend Ruth Brand to the Samaritans Board.’</i></p> <p>(I) Scone Grammar School request to reduce quorum It was noted that for any change to the quorum of a board, an amendment to the Ordinance would be required; this was to be for all the schools. It was Resolved <i>‘That The Chancellor be requested to bring to a future meeting of this Diocesan Council legislation that would enable each of the Diocesan Schools and the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation to meet with a minimum of four people.’</i></p>
2010.049	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 24 June 2010
2010.050	THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS the meeting closed with prayer led by The Bishop at 8.55pm

Confirmed: _____ (Chairman)

Date: _____