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Dear Fr's,  
Replies as to this morning's opening of the E-mail, the one below from Fr. Peter wrote "Let me know when and where"

Conrad, I think the ball is in your court, if only by slowness/delay in opening and replying to the E-mail!

Please convene the meeting soon.

Can I suggest all 4 are kept in the loop on this.

Kind Regards  
Ken

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ken Pidgeon [mailto:**REDACTED**]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 August 2002 2:26 PM  
**To:** Peter Coote; Conrad Patterson; Barry Davis  
**Subject:** CEBS Query - Archdeacons' Meeting

Dear Fr's,  
I'm not sure what the correct collective Noun is for a collection of Archdeacons, I just wish I was able to achieve such a meeting between the three of you, as has been promised.

I was reminded of my lack of achievement of the required meeting once again when I chaired the CEBS State Executive last night, Monday 19th August.

I do not believe there is any need for any further delay, especially as the Meeting between you three does not involve the Archbishop, so I'd very much appreciate it if the meeting could occur and I was formally advised of its outcome, so the Church doesn't appear to be "pussy footing" around the matter. I urge you to deal with it, and let the consequences flow, so some conclusion can be reached.

Yours, getting somewhat impatient and frustrated and close to going direct to the Diocesan Response Group on this matter on behalf of CEBS SA.

Ken

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Ken Pidgeon  
**To:** Barry davis  
**Cc:** Peter Coote ; Conrad Patterson  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2002 12:49 PM  
**Subject:** Re: CEBS Query

Dear Barry,

The note regarding Fr.'s Conrad and Peter discussing the matter reported to me by Fr. Peter, was current as the situation was at the time of the CEBS Executive Meeting of 11th April, the evening of the day on which Fr. Peter told me of his misgivings regarding the activities of leaders previously associated with Plympton (and Ascot Park) CEBS.

The note was lifted directly from the draft Minutes of that CEBS Executive Meeting, confirmed last night.

I informed Fr. Conrad as he was Chair of the CEBS AGM in March, as the Archbishop's appointee, at which he showed us the draft of Archbishop's then proposed letter to parish's where CEBS Branches had and continue to exist.

I understand that the Archbishop has now decided not to use this letter.

I am also aware that this approach was not favoured by The Murray.

At the CEBS AGM we drew what I considered to be a "line in the sand" for the CEBS organisation, indicating that, as of that time, none present were aware of any further allegations regarding Child abuse associated with the organisation, and this has been minuted.

If I recall correctly mention was made of suspicions about the use of fast and flashy cars and suspected illegal drugs and alcohol by some at Ascot Park and Plympton. Mention was also made that I had written to Sydney reporting to them what had been reported to me as suspected inappropriate behaviour of a couple of their leaders at the CEBS NSW National Camp to which I took a group as SA State Contingent leader.

When I received the information from Fr. Peter, (we were both at The Murray DC Meeting, and had been discussing Diocesan Protocols regarding the Safety of Children, and I was wondering how CEBS as a separately incorporated independent organisation would cover leaders not associated with branches), I felt duty bound to report his comments formally to CEBS at the Executive Meeting that night, and I also informed Fr. Conrad, who also helped with the final wording of the Minute.

Subsequently Fr. Conrad suggested that, as you were involved at Plympton, but also had pastoral oversight now for Ascot Park, which in those days shared many CEBS leadership people with Plympton, it would be appropriate if you were involved with he and Fr. Peter.

I think you were on leave at the time, so the matter awaited your return.

I haven't maintained a diary of exactly when I have chased the matter up, but it has been on quite a few occasions, and I'm concerned and somewhat frustrated that the meeting between the three of you has not occurred.

The latest two chases have been by E-mail late last week, to which Fr. Peter replied "Haven't heard from anyone", and you replied today.

I talked to Fr. Conrad late yesterday afternoon prior to our latest CEBS Executive Meeting last night, as I will maintain this matter on our books until CEBS are advised that the matter is investigated and some conclusion has occurred which will then be minuted to close it.

Fr. Conrad confirmed no meeting had yet been held and, if I understood correctly, indicated that such matters are "on hold", my words, whilst the Archbishop is away. I hope I've reported that correctly.

I am somewhat frustrated that nothing has yet occurred and wish that you three, if necessary with members of the Diocesan Response Group, meet soon, so the situation can be addressed, and if need be, healing begin.

I am aware of the depth of the tentacles of these matters, with this being reinforced again at the CEBS farewell to the Skeins and Daulby's the other week, where, as a consequence of the Brandenburg situation, I was told, in conversation with a person there who knew and trusted Bob, and I don't think was directly involved, that this person currently refuses to let his son have anything to do with organisations such as CEBS now, even though both he and his wife were

former leaders. To my mind the child is missing out on the chance for association with the Church, and the Church is missing out on the presence of these people. This is just another of many illustrations of the consequences of the breaking of trust.

I do not expect to need to be involved in the meeting. I just wish that due process would begin.

I trust this brings you up to date, and will copy this to Fr.'s Conrad and Peter, so the communication circle is complete and if I have misinterpreted anything, clarification can occur.

Kind Regards  
Ken

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ken Pidgeon [mailto:REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 June 2002 10:39 AM  
**To:** Barry Davis; Conrad Patterson; Peter Coote  
**Subject:** CEBS Query

Dear Fr's,

As you are aware I reported to the CEBS State Executive information received from Fr. Peter which related to people formerly associated with the Plympton and Ascot Park Branches of CEBS.

The draft Minute on our records reads:

"Ken has been officially notified, as of today, that there is a report of purported sexual misconduct by leaders, formerly associated with Plympton Branch. Father Conrad Patterson and Father Peter Coote will be discussing the matter."

We have our next CEBS State Executive Meeting this coming Wednesday June 12th.

I am keen to be able to accurately report progress about the meeting which is expected to occur between you three and recommendations to come from it.

My feeling is that we should be seen not to delay in this matter.

I would also appreciate knowing if this matter has been formally brought to the attention of the Diocesan Response Group, since my feeling is that this is logically perhaps the next required step.

Kind Regards

Ken