

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10 July 2002 at 7.30pm
at St Francis of Assisi, Edwardstown**

PRESENT: The Ven John Collas, (Chairman), the Ven Ian Mussared, the Ven Bob George, the Hon Justice Bleby, Mr Peter Casson, the Very Rev'd Steven Ogden, the Revd Stuart Langshaw, the Rev'd Dr Don Owers, the Rev'd John Stephenson, the Rev'd Peter Stuart, the Rev'd Dr Cathy Thomson, the Rev'd Peter Williams, Mrs Dianne Bradley, Mrs Helen Carrig, Mrs Gwenda Cunningham, Mr John Dibben, Mr Fred Field, Miss Margaret Flint, Ms Sue Henry-Edwards, Mr Euan Miller, Dr Peter Nicholls, Mr Tim Pennington, Mr Chris Purton, Dr Warren Rogers, Mr Tim Saunders, Dr Billie Slater, Dr Baden Teague

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: The Archbishop, the Ven Bart O'Donovan,
Apologies: The Ven Barry Davis, Ms Rebecca Pannell, Miss Christine Solomon,
Ms Rosemary White,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Anne Jarvis

127 Mr Michael Hewitson

The meeting was preceded by a brief ceremony from 7.15pm in honour of Mr Michael Hewitson, retired Head of Trinity College Gawler, and Mrs Ros Hewitson.

128 Opening Prayer

At 7.45pm the meeting commenced and Ms Sue Henry-Edwards led the opening prayers.

129 MINUTES :

It was moved: **That the minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2002 be confirmed and signed.**
CARRIED

130 ARCHBISHOP'S FORUM

.1 Issues the Administrator wishes to raise

Archdeacon Collas thanked members for their early arrival in order to share drinks and nibbles with Mr and Mrs Hewitson. It was moved

That the Minutes note that this meeting began by honouring Mr Michael Hewitson for his work for Anglican Schools in the Diocese of Adelaide over many years.

CARRIED

The Chairman repeated his request for members to arrive early for the August meeting at Walford Anglican School for Girls, to share drinks and nibbles with the School Council. Members were particularly asked to note the proposed amendments to the School's Constitution

.2 Issues members of Council wish to raise with the Administrator

Dr Rogers moved a procedural motion: **that the Chair be authorised to order the agenda in respect of matters of urgency.**

CARRIED

The Diocesan Secretary was given leave to withdraw item 6.4 – Anglican Schools' Issues from the agenda.

131 STRATEGIC MATTERS131 .1 Sexual Abuse Response (DC Minute 118.2)

In response to issues raised by Dr Owers at the previous meeting, the Revd Peter Stuart tabled a submission about responding to victims of sexual abuse by people undertaking ministry on behalf of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Adelaide. After speaking to the report, he moved

- .1 **that the submission be adopted; and**
- .2 **that the Administrator establish a committee to examine identified and other options of responding to people who have been abused by people ministering in the name of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Adelaide and such committee be requested to report to the August meeting of the Diocesan Council.**

Justice Bleby advised the Council that he is presently chairing a committee of the Standing Committee of General Synod which is doing similar work that was covered by tonight's submission, and that it was hoped that national guidelines would be produced before the end of the year. He noted however that there was no simple, suitable response for all cases. If a Diocese had an immediate problem, that case should be directly addressed and dealt with specifically.

During the debate the following points were noted

- Ministry to the alleged offender also needed to be considered, as well as to the victim
- If the Diocesan Response Group was not able to deal with a specific issue, the Diocesan Council itself should do so
- A real degree of urgency applied to the case presently being discussed
- No contact had been made with the Contact Person from a victim of this abuse
- The DRG was not established to ensure that what should happen does happen and the Group was necessarily restricted by its terms of reference
- Concern was expressed for the victims who were not yet known
- A letter had been prepared for distribution to CEBS' leaders, but had not yet been sent.

The Revd Peter Stuart was given leave to withdraw his earlier motions, and moved

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Justice Bleby moved

That all matters connected with the sexual behaviour of the late Bob Brandenburg and its ramifications be referred to a committee appointed by the Administrator to consult expeditiously with such persons and bodies, including the DRG, as they consider necessary and to make recommendations to the next meeting of Diocesan Council and thereafter from time to time as may be necessary, about any action that should be taken by or on behalf of the Synod or any agency of the Church in connection with that behaviour and its consequences.

CARRIED

131 .2 Parish of Modbury – Sale of Land

A memo dated 3 July 2002 from David Plumridge, together with a sketch and letter dated 28 June 2002 from the parish, was distributed. During the discussion the Chancellor noted that a proposed right of way may need to be described as an easement, in order to allow for car parking by the parish.

It was moved:

1. **That approval be given to the Parish of Modbury for the subdivision and sale of part of Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 58035 (CT Volume 5863 Folio 81) being an area of land of approximately 565 square metres, to Health Partners for the sum of \$100,000 (Plus GST);**

CARRIED BY THE REQUIRED TWO THIRDS MAJORITY

2. That the sale be subject to and in accordance with the Special Vestry and Parish Council resolutions as set out in the letter from the Parish of Modbury dated 28 June 2002; **CARRIED**
3. That 20% of the interest from the invested funds be retained to preserve the capital and that the proposed use of the proceeds from the sale be approved in principle and subject to a further submission detailing proposed capital expenditures;

Dr Nicholls moved an amendment, that .3 be amended to read, "That each year, an amount equal to the opening value of the capital multiplied by the CPI for the year, be retained from the income of invested funds to preserve the real value of the capital, and that the proposed use of the proceeds from the sale be approved in principle and subject to a further submission detailing proposed capital expenditures;"

Mr Dibben foreshadowed an amendment, deleting the words, "to preserve the capital".

After further debate, the Revd Peter Stuart moved a procedural motion:

That 6.3.5. be referred to the Diocesan Administration Council for appropriate and preferred drafting. **CARRIED**

It was moved

4. **That the sale process be overseen by the Diocesan Secretary in conjunction with two (2) parish representatives and the Property and Insurance Committee.** **CARRIED**

131 .3 Para Hills – Development Proposal

A memo dated 3 July 2002 from David Plumridge was distributed. During the discussion the following points were raised:

- The need to establish whether the land title was in the name of the AHMS
- The need for the Diocese to enter into formal debate about its policy of selling land
- The size of the proposed residential site.

It was moved:

That subject to confirmation of the resolutions to be presented to the Parish Council Meeting of 7 July 2002, the Diocesan Council

1. **Approves the subdivision of the land at 101/103 Kesters Road into three allotments as per the plan, Ref. No. 02 0103 Ref B/01 dated 17 January 2002, prepared by Symonds, Ryan and Cornish (Ref CT 5261/883);** **CARRIED**
2. **Approves the subsequent sale of allotments 1 and 3 including the house formerly used as a rectory;**

The question was raised whether the proposed sale complied with the new Rectories Policy. Following further questions it was suggested that Mr Plumridge be invited to attend meetings in order to respond to questions.

Justice Bleby moved **that the first motion be recommitted.**

CARRIED

The original motion was reput.

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He then moved **that this item be deferred to the August meeting of Diocesan Council, and that in the meantime it be referred to the Property and Insurance Committee.** CARRIED

131 .4 Walford Constitution

A letter dated 2 July 2002 from the School, and proposed amendments to the Constitution were distributed. A draft protocol for the nomination of members to the Walford Council was tabled. Dean Ogden spoke to the proposed amendments and responded to questions.

Justice Bleby noted that the Legal Committee had developed a policy for the use of incorporated Anglican bodies and that the proposed school constitution complied. He moved **That the congratulations of the Diocesan Council be given to Walford for the preparation of its new Constitution, and that congratulations and thanks be given to Dean Ogden for his work.** CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION

It was moved:

- .1 **That the amendments proposed to the Constitution for Walford Anglican School for Girls Inc be approved.** CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In respect of the draft protocol, it was requested that the definitions of “member” and “communicant” from the Diocese of Adelaide Constitution be included in the protocol, and that spelling be amended. With these amendments it was moved

- .2 **That the protocol for the nomination of Council members be approved.**

CARRIED

131 .5 Kidman Park – Purchase of New Rectory

A memo dated 3 July 2002 from David Plumridge, and a letter dated 27 June 2002 from the parish were distributed. Archdeacon Mussared spoke to the report and moved

1. **That approval be given to the Parish of Kidman Park for a Synod Guarantee for a bridging loan of \$300,000 for a period of six (6) months to facilitate the option to purchase a new rectory; and**
2. **That this approval be in addition to previous approvals and subject to the same conditions as determined in November 2001.** CARRIED

131 .6 ABM – Space in Church Office

A letter dated 2 July 2002 from Mrs Anne Chittleborough was distributed.

It was moved: **That approval be given for 80% of the distributable income of the Maylands ASTF Fund in 2002 to be made available to the ABM-A towards the cost of office accommodation, and for stipend costs of ABM-A staff located in Adelaide.** CARRIED

132 FINANCE

- .1 Superannuation: The Revd Mara Di Francesco

It was moved: **That approval be given for the Revd Mara Di Francesco to remain a member of the complying fund, ACPT Superannuation Fund.** CARRIED

133 REPORTS AND MONITORING

- 133 .1 Diocesan Administration Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of 26 June 2002 were distributed.

It was moved: **That the report be received.**

CARRIED

- 133 .2 Ministry Development Council

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2002 were tabled.

It was moved: **That the report be received.**

CARRIED

133 .3 Use of the Synod Seal

The Report of the use of the Synod Seal for the month of June 2002 was distributed.

Motion: **That the report be received.**

CARRIED

133 .4 Legacies Received

The Report of Legacies received from 1 April – 30 June 2002 was distributed.

It was moved: **That the report be received.**

CARRIED

134 CORRESPONDENCE

- .1 The Revd Chris McLeod – Thanks for donation to Poonindie Appeal
- .2 The Revd Chris McLeod to the Archbishop - Thanks for donation to Poonindie Appeal
- .3 The Hon Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs re Synod motions (enclosed)
- .4 Bishop of Singapore – Thanks to Synod for resolution re Indonesian Christians
- .5 Her Majesty the Queen – Thanks for Jubilee Greetings

It was moved: **That the correspondence be received.**

CARRIED

135 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made

Diocesan Council

The Revd Caroline Pearce (vice The Ven Bob George) – to Synod 2004

Mr Allan Perryman (vice Ms Lavinia Gent) – to Synod 2004

Observers at Synods of Other Dioceses - The Murray

The Revd Nigel Mitchell – to Synod 2004

Pulteney Grammar School

Mrs Bev Tolliday - to December 2003 (vice The Revd Ruth Mathieson)

Social Responsibilities Committee

Mrs Elizabeth Loan (vice The Revd Flo Walters) to Synod 2004

Dr Rogers moved a procedural motion: **That the Chair of the Social Responsibilities Committee be authorised to coopt Ms Helen Kitson.**

CARRIED

Ministry Development Council

The Revd Tim Harris (vice the Revd Margaret Rowell) to Synod 2004.

136 FINAL FORMALITIES

.1 Leave of Absence

Leave was granted to Dr Teague for the August meeting, and to Dr Owers for August and September.

.2 Vote of Thanks

Mrs Carrig moved **that a vote of thanks be given to the members of the Parish of Edwardstown for hosting this evening's meeting and for providing the luscious supper.**

CARRIED

.3 Next Meeting – 14 August – Walford Anglican School for Girls

137 MATTERS DEFERRED

Due to the lateness of the hour the following items were deferred to the next meeting:

- .1 Review of Diocesan Structures (DC Minute 118.2)
Appointment of Consultant – Verbal report from Diocesan Secretary
- .2 Social Responsibilities Committee Motions (Synod Minute 55) (DC Minute 119.8)
Report from Dr Peter Nicholls, Mr Euan Miller and the Diocesan Secretary
- .3 Superannuation - Proposed Increase
Deferred from June meeting.
A memo dated 4 June 2002 from the Diocesan Secretary was distributed.
Motion: **That this Council approve an increase in contributions by parishes / diocese / agencies for clergy remunerated by stipend and allowances from 16-18% of the approved minimum stipend from 1 July 2002.**
- .4 Chaplaincy Funding (Synod Minute 74)
Deferred from June meeting.
Dr Peter Nicholls has asked for this matter to be an agenda item. He is concerned that “unless Diocesan Council does something, 1.5 FTE hospital chaplain positions will be lost. Can we explore the possibility of being slightly over our budget position so that this important outreach and pastoral mission work is carried out?
Presentation from the MDC and the Revd Peter Williams
- .5 Synod Small Group Reports
The questions and collated reports from the Small Groups at Synod were distributed for information.
- .6 Provincial Council Minutes 17 June 2002
The minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2002 were distributed.
- .7 Synod 2003 : Date and Venue
- .8 Correspondence
Archbishop of Brisbane – Re Status of Clergy Ordinance and Royal Commission

CLOSURE:

The meeting closed with the Grace at 10.40pm.