

Notes of a meeting held at Bishop's Court 11.30 on Wednesday  
1 November 2000.

PRESENT: Don Owers, Archbishop, Peter Bleby, Phillip Aspinall,  
Andrew Luckhurst-Smith.

Archbishop opened meeting with prayer.

Archbishop thanked Don for his letter of 27<sup>th</sup> October  
and copies of notes provided earlier about suggested pastoral  
responses to the Bob Brandenburg situation.

Some Magill parishioners and some clergy have indicated to  
Don their disbelief that abuse occurred.

Don thinks we should be more proactive in encouraging people  
who ~~report~~ <sup>report</sup> ~~self~~ abuse to seek and obtain assistance.

No person has indicated an intention to proceed against the  
church legally.

Don asked does the position of our insurers inhibit pastoral  
response he might wish to take in the parish.

The process needs to be

- Don documents any pastoral initiative he wishes to  
take
- church office then would seek advice from insurers  
as to whether the proposed initiative would have  
negative effects on our insurance cover.
- insurers would have to justify any objection to the  
proposed pastoral response.

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The church needs to avoid any response which is tantamount to inviting legal claims against the church.

Circumstances of Brandenburg's death

What can be said about them?

Why was there no inquest?

Andrew indicated surprise that there was no inquest.

The facts known are:

1. There was a police investigation proceeding.
2. Brandenburg died.
3. No inquest was held.

Don concerned to contact people who may have been abused to come forward and seek assistance.

Archbishop's address to Synod was helpful but did not extend beyond Synod itself.

Don suggested he write to past members of CEBS.

Andrew questioned whether writing to CEBS as an organisation rather than to individual members might be a better approach.

The procedure would need to be

- proposal developed
- Archbishop's approval
- consultation with insurers

prior to proceeding.

It was suggested that this group meet with a group of CEBS leaders (State Executive) to explore appropriate pastoral responses.

Possible dates: Tues 5 December 2000, 9.30 am at Bishops Court.  
 10. also to be invited.

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Provision of funds for counselling

Diocese will need to provide such funds.

TPA to raise matter of budget provision and policy on expenditure with OAC.