

DIOCESE OF CASHEL FERNS AND OSSORY
ABRIDGED MINUTES OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 1st JULY, 2014

THE LADY CHAPEL, St LASERIAN'S CATHEDRAL, Co. CARLOW

The meeting opened with prayer by the chairperson, the Right Revd M. A. J. Burrows, who welcomed and thanked all for coming to St Laserian's on a beautiful summer's evening. He thanked the Dean of Leighlin, the Very Revd. T. Gordon, for his efforts in making it possible.

Correspondence was received including a letter from the Revd and Mrs. J. & I. Murray thanking all for the presentation at the special reception prior to the May Council Meeting. Council allowed the DCO to address those present and Mr Sharman informed that the New Look Website was now up and running. There is still some work to be done, particularly in relation to maps, locations, etc. and he urged all to check details on <http://cashel.anglican.org>

Finance: The Diocesan Accountant reported on outstanding Assessments for 2014.

The Kathleen Day Bequest: allocations of grants for 2014 were agreed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Chairman then advised that the Finance Committee had agreed to recommend to Council that a working group be set up to consider the fairest practice to be used for the calculation of assessment and diocesan budget for the year 2017 and onwards. Terms of reference were agreed with names already identified by the Finance Committee including outside expertise, and on contact all had agreed to accept the invitation.

Glebes & Property:

Ferns Area: The Diocesan Architect had inspected Enniscorthy Rectory and all appears satisfactory.

C & O North: Work is progressing on Baltinglass Glebe and the building of the new rectory in Stradbally. The need for repairs to the Adelaide Memorial Church, Myshall was reported.

C. & O. South: Work on the tower of Waterford Cathedral, on the great west door of St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny and on the roof of Cashel Cathedral all to proceed.

Vacancy inspection had been carried out on Rathdowny Glebe.

Vacancy updates:

Bishop Burrows reported that vacancies have occurred in New Ross/Fethard Union (Diocese of Ferns) with the retirement of the Revd Richard Greene, Stradbally Union (Diocese of Leighlin), to be filled on a similar part-time basis as heretofore and Fiddown Union (Diocese of Lismore) to be filled as a part time residential ministry. Also becoming vacant were Templemore Union (Diocese of Cashel) with the retirement of the Revd Canon P. Cole-Baker and Portlaoise & Ballyfin Union with the resignation of the Revd Dr S. Monkhouse. Boards of Nomination to be called for Rathdowny Union and Baltinglass Group.

Upgrading of Diocesan Rules & Regulations: All members were in receipt of these draft rules that had been prepared by Bishop Burrows. Thanks were extended to him for the work involved and also to Mr P. Clifton-Brown and The O'Morchoe for what they had carried out previously in some areas. After clarification it was agreed as proposed that the draft Rules & Regulations for the Diocese of Cashel Ferns & Ossory be examined in detail. Legal clarification regarding certain points be sought prepared for recommendation to Diocesan Synod in October.

Co-option of additional synodspersons – 2014-2017: In addition the Council adopted eight places and two additional lay persons to balance every clergyperson with a general licence. It was agreed that the following fill the vacant places: Mr Glascott Symes, Mr Peter Clifton-Brown, Ms Elaine Grothier, Mrs Phyllis Grothier, Mr Frank Jenkinson, Ms N. Williams, Mrs Suzanne Barrett, Ms Geraldine Walsdorf, Ms Louise Deacon, Mr William Galloway, Ms Joan Blake, Mr Henry Burrows, Ms Emma Purser, Mr Eric Driver, Ms Maureen Lanigan, Ms Rachel Treacy, Ms Caroline Botha, Mr Lesley Bayley, Mr Sam Harper, Ms Elizabeth Keyes, Ms Emma Lalor, Mr Robert Deacon, Mr George Steacy, Ms Avril Forrest.

Chairperson's Remarks: Bishop Burrows outlined the findings as presented to the Church of Ireland Standing Committee recently on the National Census taken last November, and particularly in relation to this Diocese as per Appendix 2.

The Meeting closed with the Grace wishing everyone a good Summer.

The first Diocesan Council in in the refurbished Lady Chapel in St Laserian's Cathedral.

DC1

The members getting ready for action.

DC2

The Bishop and the Officers preparing the paperwork!