

DIOCESE OF CASHEL FERNS AND OSSORY
ITEMS FROM DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Heritage Council Kilkenny on Tuesday 2nd December, 2014

The Meeting opened with prayer by the bishop, who welcomed all to the first meeting of the new triennium 2014-17, especially any new members attending for the first time. In future that Council Meetings should begin at 7 p.m.

Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

It was felt that Select Vestries should make more use of the government's tax incentive

Correspondence: some application to the Priorities Fund.

Application from St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin and the RCB Library Fund for financial assistance approved.

Application for the funding of cost of making a new die to incorporate the adjusted name of the Diocese to appear on medals - passed to the Diocesan Finance Committee for consideration.

Insertions in Golden Pages concerning parishes and clergy should be correct.

Letters from the RCB regarding Water Charges for rectories, and vacant rectories.

Information had been sent to both diocesan secretaries from the RCB regarding consultation events on the production of a 'Dignity Policy' to enhance relationships and best HR practice in the life and structures of the church

There was an update on Charities Legislation.

Elections: Co-options to Diocesan Council:

Lay:

Mrs M. Thompson Cashel Union of Parishes

Mr K. Stephens Tinahely/Carnew Union of Parishes

Mr G. Symes Abbeyleix & Killermogh Union of Parishes

Election of Diocesan Finance Committee:

It is the Bishop's privilege to chair this committee and the Diocesan Honorary Lay

Treasurers are ex officio to the Committee - Mr. N. Dagg and Mr V. Horan.

Elected:

The Venerable C. Long

The Venerable A. Orr

Canon R. J. Gray

The Revd M. Hilliard

The Very Revd P Mooney

The Very Revd G. Field

Mr. W. Galloway

Ms G. Purser

Mr R. Syme

Mr R. Boyd

Ms H. Corrigan

Ms M. Jacob

Mr S. Harper

Mr R. P. Codd

Mr D. Richardson

Mr P. Hudson (consultant)

Glebes & Property Committees:

Glebes & Property North - elected

Chairperson/Secretary: The Revd Canon B. Y. Fryday as nominated by the Bishop
The three Rural Deans of the Area: The Revd L. Scott, The Revd P. Tarleton, The Revd P. Burke (do we need names of the RDs in this case.. they are not provided with the other similar committee)

(lay) personnel: Ms. I. Jackson – Killeslin Union; Mr R. Corrigan – Dunleckney Union; Mr C. Wellwood – Abbeyleix & Killermogh Union

Glebes & Property South - elected:

Chairperson/Secretary: Mr. P. Clifton Brown – as nominated by Bishop.

The three Rural Deans of the Area: Ms R. Kennington – Fiddown Union; Ms C. Daniels – Kells Union with Inistioge; Mr J. Peavoy – Mountrath Group

Glebes & Property – Ferns - elected

Chairperson/Secretary: The Venerable C. Long as nominated by the Bishop.

The two Rural Deans of the Area: The Revd Canon R. Harmsworth; The Revd Canon M. Hayden

& the following: The Revd R. Stotesbury; Mr R. Syme; Mr T. Sargent; Mr W. Masterson; Mr V. Horan

Diocesan See House Committee - elected

Ms D. Hughes (Bishop's Nominee); Mr P. Clifton Brown; Mr W. Masterson.

Review of Membership of Diocesan Synod: In order to fill the vacancy owing to the death of Ms M. Lanigan, it was agreed that Mr Simon Thompson (new Principal of Kilkenny College) be elected as a diocesan synodsperson.

Diocesan Representation on Church of Ireland Complaints Committee:

It was agreed that the Revd J. Mulhall and Ms Mary Goodall-Turner should be the diocesan representatives on this committee and that they will serve for six years from January 2015.

Financial Matters: The situation relating to outstanding assessments for both districts was discussed.

Regarding the legacy received from the Revd I. Knox, the Bishop reported that it will be invested at best possible rates with the RCB in order to create a fund to be available to promote publishing endeavours of interest to the diocese in various formats

Youth activities in the Diocese:

A Youth Council will be set up in 2015 in the Diocese and the Ms A. McCrea, Church of Ireland Youth Council will give assistance in this matter. Youth affairs were outlined in the areas of Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny, Bagenalstown, Mountrath, Carnew-Tinahely and Ferns.

Church of Ireland Council for Mission

The Rev P Burke made a presentation re their recent all – Ireland conference on the theme of 'a wider us' with suggestions for working towards a deeper engagement with mission for the Church of Ireland.

Review of Diocesan Synod 2014:

It was generally agreed that the day was very positive and that attendance was good. The atmosphere was upbeat and there was freedom for people to speak their minds. It was useful to encounter members of the Episcopal needs and Structures Commission.

As regards Motion passed at the Diocesan Synod as follows:

'that the Diocesan Finance Committee investigate the feasibility of establishing a fund to enable those for whom otherwise the cost would be prohibitive, to attend the General Synod and or Diocesan Synod.'

This matter is being progressed delicately by the finance committee with a view to discerning where there is real need

National Ploughing Championships 2014:

It was generally agreed that under new circumstances the Diocesan participation was good. However, in relation to 2015, when the venue will be similar, a group should be established to make plans sooner rather than later

There being no further business the meeting closed with the saying of The Grace and all proceeded to the Bishop's House for light seasonal refreshments.
