

MINUTES OF THE CPoN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD
SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2015 at 3pm, Parish Centre

PRESENT:

Father Peter Head, Father Mike Wooller, Colleen Fuohy, Kaye Lafferty, Craig Lewis, David Marshall, Nui O'Malley, Keryn Powell, Clare Shirkey, Alasdair Williamson. Jan Downing (Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Elly Govers, Ruth Smithies

OPENING PRAYER:

Nui O'Malley

1. Matters arising from PPC meeting held 9 July 2015

There were no formal minutes from this meeting

2. Matters arising from combined PS, PPC, FC meeting held 2 August 2015

Recommendation:

It was the sentiment of a number of people of how important it was for these groups to meet on a regular basis. There was a great feeling within the meeting to build on the way of the future.

3. Correspondence

Outward: Letter to Tony Foley of 14 July was read out to the meeting.

Moved Kay Lafferty/David Marshall

4. Hui on "Homelessness in Napier"

To be held on Friday 14 August from 10am-2.30pm. Father Peter will be our representative. If anyone wishes to attend, contact Father Peter. It was explained that there is nowhere in the inner city for people who are in need of overnight accommodation. Inner City Churches (Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican and Catholic) meet every two months. This is quite independent from the Swannell House. David Marshall expressed concern as to why the City Council is not taking a stand in doing something about this.

5. Formation of the PPC

David Marshall presented and spoke to a document outlining the possible formation sessions.

It was suggested that there be two sessions: one to be held in November, and a second in February 2016.

For the 1st formation programme in November 2015, only the Parish Staff, PPC and FC. All agreed to that suggestion. This would be an ideal number for input and implementation. Father Peter suggested that there be an observer at that meeting who is not involved in any of the above committees. Rhonda Poon has worked closely with the Anglican Church and he believes she has the skills needed. Kaye Lafferty said there is a need to clarify her role and her participation in that meeting. This was agreed to.

The 2nd formation programme would be held in February 2016,

6. Youth Co-ordinator

Father Peter gave an update of this position and is going to meet with Joseph Penitito this coming week.

7. Encyclical "Laudato SI" – Care of our Common Ground

Father Peter brought this to the attention of the meeting. There is a need for a Facilitator to run this, and he suggested Bev Turnbull who was on the National Justice and Peace Commission, and has been here for 5 years. It was suggested Ruth Smithies and Bev could run a few workshops on the Encyclical. When Ruth returns from overseas, Father Peter will talk to them and see if they are willing to do this. And if so, get back to him with a proposed programme. It was also suggested that it be an ecumenical programme with some sessions held day and night, so that it would be possible for workers to attend. Maybe October/November. Part 1 this year and Part 2 next year.!

Year of Mercy

8 December 2015 through to 20 November 2016. There will be information received from the Diocese re suggestions as to how we can localise and celebrate this.

8. Insert re St. Patrick's Site

This insert was included in last week's newsletter of the decisions made. There was to be a public meeting next Sunday, but Bishop Charles said there was no need to have this meeting as a decision has already been made, so Father Peter cancelled it.

9. Meeting with Bishop Charles, Tony Murphy, Mark Richards and PS, PPC, FC

It was stressed of the importance of a public meeting **after** the meeting with Bishop Charles, Tony Murphy and Mark Richards on Tuesday, 8 September to talk about the vision for the future. Keryn Powell expressed concern that there should be a forum to give parishioners to talk about things. The Steering Committee stated that it would be transparent, and it's aim was to let people have their say. That is where forums are important. It was agreed that a Forum is necessary and a date would be

announced a month beforehand. The next stage is crucial regarding the people. It is their building, they are giving finance, and they must be kept informed.

The meeting on 8 September at 12.30 at St. Mary's meeting room with Bishop Charles is just for leadership group. **Apologies noted from David Marshall who is overseas.**

10. One Liturgy Committee

Initially, it was agreed that each community within the Catholic Parish of Napier would retain their own Liturgy Committee. The Bishop wanted one Liturgy Committee for the CPoN. After comments from the public meeting, we would stay with the three liturgy committees. Father Peter is now proposing that from February 2016, we have one Liturgy Committee. Father Peter has been and spoken to each of the communities and raised this issue, and has asked them to come back to him with a response, so we can work towards one Liturgy Committee by 2016. A final decision hasn't yet been made. After some discussion, Father Peter clarified how a central Liturgy Committee will work. This central committee would make the decisions. Then each community needs to be responsible to enable those decisions to be implemented in their community.

Father Mike stated that all three communities are different, but they need to be guided by the Central Liturgy Committee, then passed on to the community liturgy groups. The Liturgy Committee is one of the pivotal committees of the parish. Keryn Powell said "don't let unity crush diversity".

11. Hubs

David Marshall reported on a paper he prepared and presented to the meeting about the working of the three hubs. Kay Lafferty suggested that appreciation should be expressed to those volunteers who run the hubs. David was thanked for his report.

St Thomas More:

A busy hub operating well each weekday morning.

St Patrick's

A busy hub operating well each weekday morning. There are now 22 volunteers and is situated in the main foyer of the church.

St. Mary's

Is open weekday mornings. Colleen Fuohy expressed negativity because of the situation of the hub, and not many visitors know where they are. She felt it should be advertised in the newsletter, so it can be continued and expanded.

Appreciation and acknowledgment was also expressed to Keryn Powell for her help in setting up the hubs and the work she did to make them happen.

12. Name Tags

This to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. Nomination of Chairperson for PPC

Father Peter gave an update on this, and expressed the need to move towards the election of a chairperson at the September meeting.

14. Confirmation of proposed meeting dates

The following dates were confirmed:

Sunday 13 September	Meeting	3.00 - 4.30pm
(Election of Chairperson to take place at this meeting)		
David Marshall apology		
Sunday 4 October	Meeting	3.00 - 4.30pm
Sunday 8 November	Formation	1.30 - 4.30pm
Sunday 13 December **	Meeting	3.00 - 4.30pm
**A decision will be made about the date for the December meeting		
Sunday 14 February	Formation	1.30 - 4.30pm
For PS, PFC, New Liturgy Committee, PPC		

15. General Business

It was suggested we have a Communications Officer to convey information to the wider community. David Marshall gave a notice of motion as follows:

1. That the PPC appoint a communications officer.
2. That Clare Shirkey be asked to take on this role
3. That a comprehensive communication strategy be prepared
4. That this plan be discussed during the formation programme.

This is a notice of motion for the next meeting.

End of Life Petition

David Marshall spoke of the End of Life Petition being presented to the Health Ministry. Could this Council make a submission to the Select Committee. Make your views known to the local MP, and send individual letters.

Closing Prayer: Kaye Lafferty

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.