



## Parish Pastoral Council

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### Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**Present:** Lorraine Coulter (LC), Raymond Twohig (RT), Sarah Barreto (SB), Brigid Kelly (BK), Mary Stocker (MSt), Deacon Anthony Carey (AC), Father Mark Skelton (MSk), Nici Newbery-Thornton (NNT), Joanna Bowery (JB) and Jillian Wilce.

**Apologies:** Lorraine Thornton (LT) and Paul Doherty (PD)

	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	MSk opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lorraine Thornton (LT)</li><li>- Paul Doherty (PD)</li></ul>	
3.	<b>Actions outstanding from last meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- JB to let NNT know the fire safety cap on numbers of people in church</li></ul>	JB to write a separate actions list
4.	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Agreed</li></ul>	
5.	<b>Safeguarding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- JB and EV have received training and can now tackle the list of overdue DBS checks.</li><li>- MSk noted that there will be a new system rolling out in June or July.</li></ul>	
6.	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- RT shared a finance report. He drew the PPC's attention to the fact that giving continues to fall short of covering the Parish's costs and highlighted the need for us to engineer a debate because he would hate to see the Parish hit the buffers when the reserves run out.</li><li>- A lively and lengthy discussion ensued which addressed questions about what the Diocese would do if the Parish ran out of money; suggestions about generating income from wider community activities or a renewed appeal asking current parishioners to reconsider their giving. The problems involved in managing the Parish property portfolio were also discussed. There is a need to support Chris Clarke (CC) and to come up with a 5 year plan on maintaining the repair of our buildings. However, we also need guidance in how to use our assets. MSk pointed out that the Diocese wants to fund 3 buildings mentors,</li></ul>	

	<p>which might help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RT stated that the issue of the Parish consistently running at a loss is a strategic one and needs highlighting both within the Parish and at a wider Diocesan level.</li> <li>- RT summed up that pastorally, the Parish is very vibrant – but financially, things are bad.</li> <li>- MSk thanked RT for all that he does, noting that his is a tough job.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Buildings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSk reported that the work on the Rose Window at St Agatha has entered its second phase. In Teignmouth, David Gridley (DG) has indicated that he will be starting on the organ the week after the Arts Festival and should be finished before Christmas.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>JB to update LC on current fundraising total.</p> <p>JB to put a piece in the newsletter about sponsoring an organ pipe.</p> <p>JB to set up a stall in the marketplace for the organ fundraising project.</p>
8.	<p><b>Parish Vision Day Going Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plans for a Parish Marketplace were discussed and the PPC generated a list of potential stalls. We will also be asking parishioners for input on other areas they might be able to help and suggestions for better ways we can use the Parish room. SB will look at the Clifton Skills finder to see if there is a way we can help Parishioners identify their skills. MSk noted that this marketplace/skills day is about helping people identify talents they may not even realise they have.</li> <li>- SB presented a draft strategic plan for the Parish that had been developed by LC, SB and MSk – a senior leadership team who will be appointed by MSk will help to further develop the plan. The priority in the plan is to get Alpha up and running because the transformation of people will bring about a transformation in the church.</li> <li>- The next steps are to get a wider view of the Parish by doing the DR values exercise perhaps at the Marketplace Day or at the end of Mass so that we could possibly have the results by the AGM.</li> </ul>	<p>SB will look at the Clifton Skills Finder to see if there is a way we can help Parishioners identify their skills.</p>
9	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSk read out the statement from CAST regarding the Diocesan Schools Commissioner and the PPC congratulated SB on her new role. SB stated that she would be stepping down from the PPC but that she will remain in the Parish.</li> <li>- At the AGM we will need to elect new PPC members as NNT, BK, SB, TW and LP are/will no longer be serving.</li> </ul>	<p>JB to inform NNT or numbers cap for Parish Room.</p> <p>JB to prepare nominations slips.</p>

14.	<b>Meeting closed</b> - The meeting closed with a prayer.	
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: AGM 6pm 17 July 2019