

Minutes of the Wellington South Parish Council
26 February 2019, 6.30pm, St Anne's Church

Present: Fr. David Dowling, Rachael Cahir, John Whiting, Penny Holden, Francis Fanning, Stephen Neal, Joe Green, Joy Anderson, Ivan Moss

Apologies: Andrew Pozniak, Fr. Dennis Nacorda, Melania Luka-Lui,

Reflection: Joy led the reflection from *Seeing the world through the eyes of love* by Joy Cowley.

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Proposed Penny **Seconded** Francis

Matters arising

- Positive feedback for the new Parish letterhead.
- Parish anniversary event went ahead at St Francis. Very successful and well attended event. There are a few logistical issues to iron out for future events.
- Architects currently drawing up plans to go for tender for Brougham St property. This work will not be affected by recent correspondence from the Cardinal.
- Insurance – work has been done to insure properties in line with available funds.

Youth Co-ordinator

The key idea is that this person would be in a co-ordination role to ensure that someone has an overview of all activity across the Parish. There was agreement that there is a need for this. Discussion focused around support for the role and the potential for this to be a fixed term contract initially. This role would be in effect part of the Pastoral team (but employed by the Parish) 15 hours per week.

Melania's email was discussed. Agreed that it would be important to consult with young people in Parish but we need to be mindful of not setting unrealistic expectations around what we can deliver. Agreed to involve Lifeteen representatives in the recruitment process.

Joe to develop a business case for to go to the Finance Committee.

Planning for Consultation

Communication from Cardinal was discussed in detail and a broad process agreed:

Phase1: March/April - Gathering of data including updated Mass attendance, school attendance numbers, current and projected financial sustainability of maintaining the current building stock.

- This will also need to involve School Principals providing info re roll numbers and trends.
- The Leadership team will look at issues around Ministry working on the assumption of 1 priest and 1 lay pastoral leader.
- The Finance Committee will be asked to gather the information requested relating to maintenance/insurance /operating costs.
- Fr David will issue an invitation to neighbouring parishes to meet and discuss their plans. Particularly Kilbirnie and St Mary of the Angels.

Phase2: May/June/July - Consultation with parishioners to present the information and gather feedback on preferred options in regard to the buildings. The exact process for this is yet to be determined.

Phase3: Aug/Sept - Decision making and proposal formulation. The exact process for this is to be developed.

It was agreed that regular communication with the Parish will be critical. Message will go out in the upcoming newsletter outlining the broad process.

Items requiring further clarification from the Cardinal:

- Is it possible to share the letter more widely eg school community (where there are significant numbers of non-practising Catholics)
- If property is disposed of where would those funds sit?

Next meeting – demographic data to be discussed. This will be circulated when received.

Meeting dates for 2019.

In view of the current workload it was agreed to continue to meet monthly

Future dates: 26 March, 23 April, 28 May, 25 June, 23 July, 27 August, 24 September, 22 October, 26 November. December meeting to be confirmed as 4th Tuesday would fall on Christmas eve!

Reflection for next meeting: Rachael
Next meeting date: Tuesday 26 March, 6.30, St Anne.