

# ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WAIAPU

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE held at the Anglican Diocesan Centre on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 10.30am

PRESENT: Mr Hugh McBain (Chairman), Reverends Brian Hamilton, Jo Crosse, Ron Elder and Eric Fairbrother, Mr Brian Watkins, Miss Alison Thomson, Ms. Colleen Kaye (Diocesan Registrar), and Mrs. Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Ms Susanna Shelton, Mr Ray James

OPENING PRAYER: Led by the Reverend Brian Hamilton.

### SC 14.8.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Resolved:**

*'These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record.'*

### SC 14.8.2 VICAR GENERAL'S REPORT

Brian presented his written report.

Topics raised included the Vicar General's discussion with Reverend Arthur Bruce clarifying the pre-establishment history of the Kowhai Centre in Opotiki.

**Resolved 1:**

*"That Standing Committee accept and endorse the report received from the Vicar General regarding the Kowhai Centre, after his interview with Arthur Bruce".*

**Resolved 2:**

*"That a response from the Chairman of the Waiapu Social Services Trust Board regarding the Kowhai Centre report, be sought".*

**Resolved 3:**

*'That the Vicar General's report be adopted.'*

### SC 14.8.3 MATTERS ARISING

***Electoral College Feedback***

It is important to collect feedback from participants at the recent Electoral College. The Registrar is to send a letter to Electoral Synod members asking for feedback, and suggestions how future elections can be improved.

### SC 14.8.4 FINANCE ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee considered the diocesan budget for 2015 and set some priorities, taking into account that the next financial year will begin in January 2015. There will be a small deficit next year and we look forward to aligning future budgets with the strategic plan which will be completed with the new bishop.

**Resolved:**

*"It was agreed the Finance Advisory Sub-Committee minutes be adopted."*

### SC 14.8.5 STRATEGIC PLANNING – ERICE FAIRBROTHER

Eric reported on the recent meeting of the Strategic Planning Group. The establishment of three key areas to help with the ongoing categorising and order of specific Diocesan priorities have been discussed - Nurturing Faithful Discipleship; Faithful Stewardship; Faithful Inclusive Partnerships.

*Oenone Woodhams, Diocesan Ministry Educator was welcomed and thanked for her contribution and valued ministry. Oenone will retire from her position in late September. In parting Oenone expressed her hope that curacy initiatives become a priority in Waiapu.*

SC 14.8.6 **2014 REGIONAL CONFERENCE MINUTES**

Minutes from the three regional conferences were provided. It was noted in the Hawke's Bay minutes that Reverend Heather Flavell had been omitted from the Standing Committee nomination list.

All members agreed that a more proficient process of names received for nomination to Standing Committee and other respective groups/committees is required. It is important that the discussions regarding suitable candidates take place before each Regional Conference. It was suggested Regional Deans oversee these discussions at the regional clergy training days immediately before each Regional Conference.

The lack of action taken over the Child Poverty motion at both the Bay of Plenty and Hawke's Bay Regional Conferences was raised as a concern. Clarity of action for each motion should, in the future, be stipulated on the conference agenda ie. 'only for Regional Conference' or 'only for Synod'.

Important also to record in the minutes whether a motion was endorsed or not.

**Review of Motions**

Members reviewed the 2013 motions and the action/s taken since.

The 2014 motions and the response received at each of the Regional Conferences were reviewed.

**a. Motion 1: Extension of Vestry Elections to Biennially and Limit to Time on Vestry**

1. *That members of vestry including elected members, appointed wardens, regional representatives, youth representatives be elected/appointed to their respective roles for a two year period, aligned with the election of synod representatives.*
2. *That no member of vestry with the exception of the vicar appointed warden be on vestry for more than three two year terms. The member on reaching such time must step down for a minimum of one two year term before being able to be nominated for a position.*

Part one of the motion was approved at the Bay of Plenty and Eastland Regional Conferences, and rejected at Hawke's Bay. Part two was rejected at all three Regional Conferences.

**b. Motion 2: Elections at AGM's**

*That all elected parish positions shall require the vote of at least 50% of those present at parish AGMs to be declared elected.*

*Rationale: to ensure that those nominated for parish positions have the full confidence of those on the parish electoral roll, especially applicable where there is only one person nominated for a position.*

Both the motion and rationale were discussed and amended by members. The motion and Rationale amended to read:

*That all elected parish positions shall require the vote of at least 50% of those present at AGMs to be declared elected.*

*Rationale: to ensure that those nominated for positions have the full confidence of those eligible to vote, especially applicable where there is only one person nominated for a position.*

**It was agreed** that the principle of the motion be adopted by the diocese and incorporated into the Canons revision.

**c. Motion 3: Child Poverty**

**It was agreed** 4c be deleted due to it being an action point for Regional Conferences only. Also ensure the references are included with the motion.

Ron Elder tabled copies of his draft postcard addressed to 'a member of parliament', campaigning for the adoption of a national strategy for Child Poverty. Ron requested permission to use the Waiapu Diocese crest on the front of the postcard.

**Resolved:**

**'Standing Committee approves the use of the Waiapu crest on the Child Poverty postcard subject to Motion 3's approval at Synod'.**

It was suggested individual effort was necessary to draw greater attention to the child poverty issue, by perhaps asking the necessary questions at election meetings and emailing or writing to candidates.

**d. Motion 4: Policy for Buildings for the Waiapu Diocese**

A robust discussion is needed at Synod to obtain more fluidity to determine the criteria for closing a building not compliant with earthquake strengthening standards.

**e. Motion 5: Canon 15 Cathedral Chapter**

**It was agreed** when raised at Synod, Standing Committee's recommendation of a four year cycle be made known. Currently the motion suggests a two year tenure.

SC 14.8.7 **WAIPUKURAU PARISH: BUILDING ISSUE**

Standing Committee has received a letter from members of St Mary's Anglican Parish, Waipukurau. It is their hope that a compromised position might be sought allowing limited access to the church building pending receipt of further specific engineering reports.

**It was agreed** that the Diocesan Registrar respond to the letter, and that ongoing support to the Parish be received from Standing Committee.

SC 14.8.8 **ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WAINUI, GISBORNE**

Standing Committee have received recommendations from the Eastland Regional Dean how best to address the matter of the possible disposal of St Nicholas Church.

**It was agreed** the Registrar, together with the Eastland Regional Dean write a letter of apology to Tairawhiti. That the Vicar General, as a Standing Committee representative, speak with members of the Gisborne Parish.

SC. 14.8.9 **PORTFOLIO REPORT BACK**

**i. Missions – Hugh McBain**

Plans for a joint pilgrimage to Papua New Guinea in late August/September 2015 is underway. The Dioceses of Norwich, Rockhampton and Waiapu will be involved. A planning meeting will take place at the Diocesan Office on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and will include the respective diocesan bishops, and the Archbishop of Papua New Guinea.

**ii. General Synod – Jo Crosse**

Jo reported on the GSSC meeting in Tonga including:

**Motion 30 Working Group** – members are now in place excluding a representative from the LGBT community. Jo is, however, aware of the appointment of an LGBT advocate to the working group who is willing to offer a supportive voice.

**iii. Youth and Families Group – Joan Edmundson**

Joan reported on the proposed Waiapu youth mission trip to Tonga next year.

The 2014 Youth Intern, Tame Tui'ifua is progressing well at St Andrew's, Taupo. Tame is hoping to attend St John's College in 2015.

**iv. Cathedral – Alison Thomson**

The Cathedral deficit will be significantly reduced thanks to the recent sale of a Ford Road property partly owned by the Cathedral.

**v. Social Justice and Care for Creation Issues – Ron Elder**

Ron reported, much time over the last two months, has gone towards preparing the Child Poverty motion for Synod and assisting with its guidance through the three Regional Conferences.

**vi. Communication – Brian Watkins**

Video conferencing is expected to be delivered to two sites in the Diocese within the next week, and up in running within a month.

The Diocesan website is currently under development with a meeting scheduled for next week with the developers to prompt greater action.

**vii. Anglican Women's Studies Centre Council Report – Erice Fairbrother**

Erice's report outlined the work undertaken by the AWSC over the last year.

**viii. Tikanga Pakeha Liturgical Working Group – Erice Fairbrother**

The next meeting of the TPLWG takes place in November. An electronic version of the NZ Prayerbook is being worked on and a progress report is expected at the TPLWG meeting in November.

**SC. 14.8.10 WAIAPU ANGLICAN SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD**

The full financial statements for Anglican Care (Waiapu) Ltd and Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board were provided.

Waiapu Anglican Care is currently completing their Strategic Plan, to be presented to Standing Committee at the next meeting.

**SC 14.8.11 BISHOP ANDREW'S ORDINATION**

Invitations to Bishops have been dispatched through the General Synod Office. The Waiapu invitation list is underway and the invitation is currently in draft form.

**SC 14.4.12 ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

***Waipawa Parish Election of a Warden***

Due to the absence of a Bishop and the recent election of Judy Butler as People's Warden, the Waipawa Parish has requested approval of her appointment.

***Resolved:***

***'Standing Committee approves the appointment of Judy Butler as People's Warden in the Parish of Waipawa.***

***People Trafficking International Conference***

Erice Fairbrother reported on her recent experience at the conference held in Porirua, Wellington.

***All agreed that*** Erice's report be submitted to the next General Synod Standing Committee as a means to keep the committee informed.

**Waiapu News Editor**

Jo Crosse reported Reverend Noel Hendery has announced his retirement at the end of the year

**All agreed** the position should be advertised through Enews and Latest News.

*Given that new members will be elected to Standing Committee at the upcoming Synod, gratitude was offered to those members who will not be re-elected.*

*Of particular significance was the committee's gratitude to Hugh McBain, Chair of Standing Committee as he steps down from Standing Committee after 10 years of valued service.*

The meeting closed at 3.40pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_