

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WAIAPU

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE held at the Anglican Diocesan Centre on the 27 November 2014 at 10.30am

- PRESENT: Bishop Andrew Hedge (Chairman), Reverends Brian Hamilton, Jo Crosse (General Synod Standing Committee rep), Ron Elder, Alex Czerwonka, Arthur Bruce, Paul Williamson, Revd Dr Howard Pilgrim, Mr Brian Watkins, Mr John Binns, Dr Peter Minchin, Miss Alison Thomson, Ms. Colleen Kaye (Diocesan Registrar), and Mrs. Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)
- APOLOGIES: Mrs Frances White
- OPENING PRAYER: Led by Bishop Andrew Hedge.

SC 14.11.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th August 2014

Amendments are as follows:

- a. It was noted Reverends Joan Edmundson and Alex Czerwonka had been excluded from the list of those present at the meeting.
- b. Page 4 – Cathedral – Alison Thomson

Amended to:

“The Cathedral will receive a sum of money thanks to the recent sale of a Ford Road property partly owned by the Cathedral. This will be invested to provide income to reduce the budget deficit.”

- c. Page 2 - Motion 2: Elections at AGM’s
That all elected parish positions shall require the vote of at least 50% of those present at AGMs to be declared elected.

Amended to:

‘That all elected positions in the Diocese shall require a vote of at least 50% of those present to be declared elected.’

- d. Page 3 – 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.”

Amended to:

“...members are now in place excluding a representative from the LGBT community.”

Resolved:

‘These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record.’

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 61ST SYNOD HELD ON 20TH TO 21ST NOVEMBER 2014

Amendments are as follows:

- a. **Page 21 – Overseas Mission**
Mr Mike Hawke *to be amended* to the Reverend Mike Hawke.
- b. **Page 18 - Elections at AGM’s**
Amended to:
“That all elected positions in the Diocese shall require the vote of at least 50% of those present to be declared elected.
- c. **Page 18 - Elections at AGM’s**
Amended to:
“That all elected parish positions shall require the vote of at least 50% of those present at AGMs to be declared elected.”

Resolved:

'These minutes are received and are to be confirmed by Synod.'

SC 14.11.2 **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

24th September 2014 – Ruahine Anglican's Review – Oenone Woodhams

Much discussion took place. Additional insight was offered from the Reverend Dr Howard Pilgrim, currently serving as Interim Regional Convener for the Ruahine Anglicans.

24th September 2014 – Two Liturgical Changes – Michael Hughes

An email was received, drawing attention to two liturgical matters changed at General Synod/te Hinota Whanui 2014.

1st October 2014 – Application on Motion 30 of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui 2014

Due to his recent appointment onto the Judicial Committee and his need to remain impartial, Bishop Andrew left the room prior to the commencement of discussion. Brian Hamilton was asked by the Bishop to Chair the meeting in his absence.

It was determined; the purpose of the letter was to give opportunity for the diocese to submit a statement of case to the Chairperson of the Judicial Committee.

Resolved:

"We affirm the general principle announced by the Archbishops that the work of the Way Forward Working Group should proceed unimpeded.

Secondly, in regard to Motion 30 in general

We note, the application before the Judicial Committee has a view. Clause 4 (which is an interim measure) and that the Judicial Committee should confine its present deliberations to the legality of the clause."

At the conclusion of discussions Bishop Andrew returned to the meeting and resumed his duties as Chairperson.

1st November 2014 - Synod Living Wage Discussion – John Palairt

A letter was received from the Chairman of Anglican Care Waiapu. The letter included information indicating the number of employees employed by Anglican Care Waiapu in each payroll band below the 'Living Wage'.

Resolved:

"Standing Committee respond to Anglican Care Waiapu saying that it appreciates the information provided but repeats its request for analysis as originally requested".

13th October 2014 – St Nicholas Church, Wainui Beach, Gisborne – Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne

A letter was received from the Convener of the Gisborne Parish Finance Committee expressing process concerns over the delayed proposed sale of St Nicholas Church.

Bishop Andrew will meet with Archbishop Brown Turei to discuss the future of St Nicholas Church during his upcoming visit to Eastland. Following that meeting he will respond to the Parish Finance Committee accordingly.

17th October - Opus Engineering Report – St Augustine's Parish

The report identifies a low IEP rating for the Church building of 5%. St Augustine's Church is considered to be "Potentially Earthquake Prone", while St Augustine's Parish Hall should be considered a "Potential Earthquake Risk".

The Registrar reported new building standard changes to legislation pertaining to buildings used part-time are expected to take place in March. Any decisions concerning the St Augustine's plant should therefore be delayed, until the release of the legislative changes are made known.

Some discussion followed regarding the best process going forward.

It was agreed the Registrar and Bishop Andrew (or a member of Standing Committee), meet with vestry members to discuss the immediate future of St Augustine's. This includes advising them that with the information currently available to both Standing Committee and Vestry, and given the low IEP rating, the church should not be used at all. There should be no restriction around the use of the hall at St Augustine's or St Luke's Church. The timeframe for this will be to meet with Vestry one week following this meeting.

10th November 2014 – St Mary's Earthquake Risk Costs – St Mary's Anglican Parish of Waipukurau

A letter was received from the Warden of St Mary's Parish asking for financial assistance with costs associated with assessing and improving the structural status of St Mary's Church.

It was agreed a letter be written asking St Mary's to wait until the new building legislation is released in March before proceeding further.

SC 14.11.3 **OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

11th September 2014 – General Synod Office – Judicial Review Committee

Letter sent to Judicial Review Committee noting that Standing Committee would not be meeting prior to the due date for submissions in response to the application, but outlining that Standing Committee would be unhappy if the application to the Judicial Review Committee impeded the process put in place by Motion 30.

Information noted.

SC 14.11.4 **STRATEGIC AND POLICY REPORTS**

Finance Advisory Committee

The Finance Advisory Committee has not met since the last Standing Committee meeting in August.

Financial reports, prepared by the Finance Manager were presented by the Registrar. They consisted of:

- Income and Expenditure Summary for the period 1st April 2014 to 30th September 2014 including commentary.
- Parish Financial Health report to 31st October 2014.

Resolved:

"It was agreed the reports provided by the Finance Manager be accepted".

Committees

Bishop Andrew reported the following committees are either not meeting currently, or need reforming, and/or current membership is to be reviewed:

- Diocesan Ministry Committee
- Diocesan Property Committee
- Diocesan Canon Review Committee
- Diocesan Communications Committee

It is the Bishop's intention to establish/reform the listed committees in the New Year.

SC 14.11.5 **OTHER REPORTS**

General Synod Standing Committee Report – Jo Crosse

Jo tabled her report regarding the GSSC meeting held on 13th to 14th November and summarized the topics of discussion at that meeting.

Of particular interest, Waiapu is to host General Synod/te Hinota Whanui in 2016. The General Secretary is to meet with the Diocesan Registrar to discuss venue options.

Youth & Families Oversight Committee Report

Bishop Andrew informed members of his decision to cancel the proposed Youth mission trip to Tonga in 2015. It had been determined, after discussions with Archbishop Winston Halapua in which he suggested that such mission trips were no longer effective in Tonga.

Anglican Mission's Board Report

The Waiapu Diocese contributions are 100% on target to those budgeted.

SC 14.11.6 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Clergy Home Ownership Regulations – D11

Alex Czerwonka, Vicar of St Luke's, Rotorua, is preparing to relocate from the Vicar to his own home. Alex has raised this with Vestry and now needs Standing Committee approval for the Parish to pay him a housing allowance in accordance with the guidelines.

Resolved:

"It was agreed Alex Czerwonka be granted approval for the parish to begin paying him a housing allowance in accordance with the guidelines as per Clergy Home Ownership Regulation - D11."

A request was made for the Diocesan Home Ownership Regulations to be reviewed. Currently there is an inequity with the current guideline penalizing clergy who own and live in their own home, where there is a vicarage available.

Bishop Andrew agreed that the guidelines will need to be reviewed along with all of the Canon's.

SC 14.11.7 **MEETING DATES 2015**

Suggested dates:

26th February
9th April
28th May
30th July
26th November

Alison Thomson's apologies were received for the meeting on the 26th February 2015.

Jo Crosse will not attend the first two meetings of 2015 due to her studying at St John College for the first semester of 2015. She will however, endeavor to link into each meeting via video conferencing.

The meeting closed at 4.05pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

Date: _____