

Standing Committee of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Minutes

of a meeting held by Video Conference Link on 17 August 2017

Present:

Bishop and Chairperson

The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley

Vicar General

The Venerable Trevor Harrison

Clergy

The Venerable Malcolm French
The Reverend Carol Hancock

Laity

Mrs Cheryl Anderson
Canon Dr Bryan Bang
Canon Robin Brockie

Diocesan Registrar-Manager

Vacant

In Attendance

Mrs Pip Harrison as minute secretary
Mrs Elizabeth Bang – Chair of the Waikato Diocesan Trust
Board

The meeting opened at 6.00 pm. Bishop Helen-Ann welcomed Standing Committee.

Opening Prayer: The Venerable Trevor Harrison opened in prayer.

Apologies: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson, Mrs Susanne Rowse, the Reverend Jacqui Paterson and the Reverend Jason Grainger.

Motion: That the apologies received be sustained.

Carried

Bishop's notes

Both Bishops have been busy, including Archbishop Philip's hosting the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. The Lift course continues well with 140 people taking part. A question that arose this week was to ask at the start of every church meeting how will this meeting contribute to the work of the Kingdom.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of 24 June 2017 Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2017 be confirmed.

Carried

Items for Discussion:

Report on BAF Board Discussion of 17 August 2017

Bishop Helen-Ann reported the BAF Board had held a robust discussion about the proposal as to how the Diocesan Registrar Manager's role will proceed. The BAF Board would like a scoping report done concerning Mr Simon Cayley's role and costings for the project but the BAF Board was unanimous in offering continued support.

Canon Robin Brockie commented it was agreed there was some urgency around this matter. He and Mr Simon Cayley would meet tomorrow to discuss the role of the Diocesan Manager and how that would relate to the existing team and how it would impact on Mr Cayley's role. Mr Cayley will be in Hamilton at the end of next week to explore further the nature and extent of the work in order to get a better idea of what he would be doing. A draft Service Agreement would be written at the same time to bring back to BAF for further discussion and agreement. Canon Robin Brockie said he would be away for five weeks from the start of September, making contact difficult. Also staff at Charlotte Brown House needed certainty. He had committed to Judge Anne McAloon that she would be able to pull back from her role by 30 September at the latest. These factors created some important deadlines. Further support would need to be engaged but the nature of this was still unclear. It was unlikely this would be done by 30 September, necessitating other solutions being needed to cover an interim period. Canon Robin had approached Chris Thompson about doing some of this work and had someone else in mind also. As Mr Alan Davies and Canon Gerald Bailey will be away at the same time as Canon Robin Brockie, this would be particularly important.

Bishop Helen-Anne asked that this matter be kept confidential at present.

SC.596: Letter of Thanks to Retired Judge A McAloon

That the Standing Committee thank Retired Judge Anne McAloon for her amazing contribution over a difficult time.

**Brockie/Bang
Carried**

Update on SWEEP Account Closure Process

Canon Robin Brockie reported there was ongoing communication between ministry units and the Diocese over the process, which was nearly completed. The Debt Agreement with Ngaruawahia was the last to be finalised and it was being addressed urgently. It was important that people understood that the actions of some affect the rest of the diocese. Canon Robin Brockie said he would report progress by email. It was agreed that Canon Robin Brockie enable TML to copy figures from the Sweep Account directly to the Venerable Malcolm French.

Update on Parish Review Process

The Venerable Malcolm French reported he'd had at least two meetings with each of the parishes involved in the review. There had been frustration around lack of timely information on figures but parishes have moved on from this to some extent. A survey was done in each parish using the NCD tool. The data had been collected and Mrs Cheryl Anderson had started to enter the data for all of the parishes. The Venerable Malcolm French would look at the results of the MCD and parish

returns and then meet again with Vestry and/or Parish Action Groups to make mission plans for the parishes.

Bishop Helen-Ann said the Chancellor was of the opinion that the review process continues until Standing Committee makes a decision. (The financial responsibility for six months' of stipends would at that point become Standing Committee's). She asked that the Venerable Malcolm French discuss a timeline with each parish to clarify expectations especially for their clergy.

With regard to the bank loan to cover the Sweep Account: Canon Robin Brockie said the loan facility covered the sweep account debt plus an allowance for providing support with the process until 31 December. Parishes would need to have their finances sorted out by the end of the year. The Venerable Malcom French said that would be a useful deadline. He said he hoped there would be greater clarity on at least some of the parishes' positions by the September meeting.

Bishop Helen-Ann thanked the Venerable Malcolm French for his leadership in this area.

She withdrew the report re the parish of Nawton, pending further work on it and on a paper on Trusts to be produced for Synod. Canon Dr Bryan Bang said the Statutes Revision Committee would meet soon to work on this.

Minutes of Synod 2016 Minutes as prepared by Retired Judge Anne McAloon

Mrs Cheryl Anderson agreed they were full and correct record and would communicate a couple of typos to Canon Dr Bryan Bang.

SC.597: 2016 Synod Minutes

That Standing Committee sign off on the Synod 2016 Minutes.

**Brockie/Bang
Carried**

Petition for Faculty (St Andrew's, Cambridge)

The Venerable Malcolm French reported that the current faculty was no longer valid but a new one would be presented in due course.

MRS Minutes

Canon Robin Brockie reported the 2 August Minutes of MRS would be circulated shortly.

Next meeting: 16 September in Te Kuiti.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.