

St Joseph & St Patrick Parish - Wemyss Bay

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

Thursday 10th March 2022 – Church Hall

Minutes of PPC Meeting

In attendance:

Canon Berry, Helen McMunn (Chair), Marcus Barry, Louise McAuley, Pauline Redmond, Isobel Quinn, Anne Clark, Christine Malcolmson, Gerry McAuley, Michael Tormey, Owen Quinn (minutes)

Apologies Brian Blacklaw, Debbie Galbraith, Gillian Hall, Hazel Mitchell, John Wilson

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

Father Berry opened the meeting with a prayer And the chair welcomed the council members to the meeting

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Matters Arising

The meeting received an update on matters arising.

- a. Care & Kindness Group – the Chair had received an update on progress and, in consultation with CM advised that the Group will report at next Council meeting.
- b. A short discussion ensued on Heartstart with a further review noted for June 2022, CM will follow up on this matter.
- c. The item on social media, was reviewed and a proposal to form a small group to review the scope of proposals, was agreed.

4. Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC)

The Chair briefed the Council on the last DPC meeting, which was well attended and addressed by Monsignor Gallagher, with discussion of status of activities in the Parishes, no minutes had yet been issued.

5. Papal Synod 2023

The Chair introduced the topic with a review of the document which emanated from the meeting held in the Church and led by Monsignor Carlin and June Clunie. A discussion followed on the merits of the document and the possibility of further meetings to establish a consolidated response on behalf of the Parish.

Proposal: The PPC should convene another meeting to discuss the Parish response to the Synod questions issued by the Diocese. Proposed Father Berry / Second Marcus Barry.

Carried unanimously

Date for meeting: Thursday, 24th March at 7 pm

6. Planning the way back to “normal”

- a) GMc briefed the meeting on the Covid Infection rates and Mass attendance
- b) After discussion on the present requirements for wearing masks, hand sanitising and social distancing, Council decided that the status quo should remain in place for the time being.
- c) Discussion ensued on the role of the stewards and proposals to extend the role of the stewards and to increase their numbers. A number of different views were aired, and it is proposed that the status quo should remain for the present and a meeting of stewards may be held to discuss the matter further.
- d) Eucharistic Ministers will not return in the near future.
- e) The wearing of mask and hand sanitising was raised again, and the meeting relied on the previous decision to stick with the status quo
- f) It was proposed and agreed that the seats removed from the church earlier in the pandemic would not be returned.
- g) A discussion took place on the topic of using the hall by interested groups and for social events. A number of views were expressed and discussed. It was decided that no change would be made in the short term but use of the hall to interested groups might be considered during the school holidays. The further extension of usage of the hall would be considered following the First Holy Communion Mass in May.
- h) LMcA confirmed that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place. The Chair suggested that we might consider holding a Garden Party during the summer months. AC advised that a parishioner was very keen to take such an event forward. The Chair will make contact.
- i) It was noted that the Alpha course had indeed been completed and it was decided that it was inappropriate to introduce further Faith Development in the short term due to Covid restrictions but that the Church rather than the Hall might be considered for Faith talks.
- j) The subject of the Foodbank was raised by CM, and the Chair agreed to explore the matter further.

7. A.O.C.B.

Parishioners raised with a council member the matter of large cars obstructing exiting vehicles view of oncoming traffic by being parked on the verge adjacent to the Church. Father Berry noted that the piece of land in question was not owned by the Church and so we were limited in what action could be taken. Father agreed he would address the issue from the pulpit.

The meeting concluded at 8:38 pm.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 21st April 2022