

Minutes of St. Quivox Parish Pastoral Council 19th September 2014.

The meeting opened with Prayer led by Fr. Philip.

***Sederunt:* Marilyn McCann, Mary Davidson, Jan Fisher, Fr. Philip.**

***Apologies:* George Jaconelli, John and Christine McGiveron.**

***Minutes:* Moved: Mary Davidson Seconded: Jan Fisher**

Fr. Philip intimated to the meeting that he had received a letter from Marilyn McCann tendering her resignation as minute secretary of the PPC. On behalf of the PPC and the parish. Fr. Kitchen extended formal thanks to Marilyn for her services over the years. She had given unstintingly of her time and talents and this was greatly appreciated. In the absence of a secretary for the evening, Fr. Philip agreed to take a minute.

***Matters arising:* There was a question raised as to the box for receiving donations for the food bank being left in the porch all week despite the stipulation at the previous meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council that it would be there at weekends only. Fr. Philip accepted that he was responsible for the box being left there all week rather than just at weekends. He also apologised to the PPC for apparently just ignoring the decision that was taken. There had certainly been no intention on his part to flout the wishes of the PPC or to be seen to be ignoring what was their considered opinion, but he did agree that it must have seemed like that and for any insult felt, he apologised unreservedly. The fact was that circumstances had simply overtaken the decision, people had been bringing goods for the foodbank at times convenient to them and there seemed to be a fairly even distribution over the week. Since it was certainly never our intention to place unwarranted restrictions on giving to the needy, the box would remain in the porch all week and would be emptied on Sundays.**

The issue was raised as to the placing of a question box in the church porch in line with the suggestion noted at an earlier meeting (arising from an original suggestion made during our 'Vatican II' sessions at the beginning of the Year of Faith). Fr. Philip indicated that this would be taken care of.

In response to a question regarding the continuing problem of dampness in the interior wall of the church. Fr. Philip indicated that this was in hand.

***Correspondence:* An updated list of those parishioners registered in the PVG scheme had been received.**

Pastoral Issues:

Youth developments. Fr. Philip spoke to a very short paper he had produced (see attached).

Social/Fundraising: The Martin Aelred Christmas Concert would go ahead on Friday 13th December at 7-00pm.

Christmas Fayre: It was suggested that this might not take place this year since the same people tended to be left to organise it and there was a need for more workers for this event. Fr. Philip agreed to ask for volunteers through the parish bulletin.

Dance for Mary's Meals: An agreement in principle had been given for such an event to be held on 24th October, but nothing further had been heard.

Parish Website: Anne Faulkner had agreed to take over the management of the website from John McGiveron. The parish was extremely grateful to John for his many years of faithful service in the role of website manager and to Anne for agreeing to take it over.

Financial matter: Fr. Philip indicated that HMRC had acknowledged change of signatory for the covenant scheme and that last year's money had been received with this year's to follow.

Parish Priest's Report:

The Council of Priests was to meet the following Thursday to agree a new set of consultation documents on 'Embracing Change' which were to be put before the people of the Diocese.

A.O.C.B.:

Jan asked if an update to the Parish Booklet was required and it was agreed that it was.

It was agreed that we would ask Anne Faulkner to prepare a course of Advent reflections for us, following on the success of the 'Second Vatican Council' series. St. Matthew's Gospel was suggested.

The Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Parish would be reached on The Feast of Christ the King. Fr. Philip would approach the Bishop to celebrate Mass for us that day and Jimmy Murphy had agreed to assemble an exhibition of photographs and artefacts illustrating the history of the Parish.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday November 5th at 7-00pm

Youth Developments in St. Quivox.

- 1. Invite all the children who were at Scotland's Rio and Whithorn camp to come to St. Quivox for evening Mass and a meal afterwards.**
- 2. Establish as an annual event 'Whithorn Weekend'. Friday night is family night. Saturday Youth Camp and Sunday Jimmy's Bus or buses if we can increase nos.**
- 3. 3 Big events in the year for children of the parish: The Pantomime at Christmas, the Parish Trip and the Whithorn Weekend.**