

# Minutes of the Pastoral Parish Council Meeting of St Cuthbert and the First Martyrs of Rome

held on Thursday, March 10th 2016 at St Cuthbert's Unity Hall.

**Meeting commenced at** 7.30 pm

**Present:** Paul Cryer (PC), Yvonne Coppin (YC), Hermie Davy, Tony Hanney (TH), Gregory Knowles (GK), Mick Moriarty (MM), Philip Walsh (PW), James Wierzbicki (JW) and Jo Geoghegan (JG)-Secretary.

## 1 Welcome and Opening Prayer

TH welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked Fr. Gregory to lead us in an opening prayer.

**Action**

## 2 Apologies for Absence

Anne Balson (AB), Eileen Boyle (EB), Jennifer Clarke (JC), Liz Firth (LF), Mary Gilmartin (MG), Catherine Taylor (CT) and Christine Walker (CW),

## 3 Any Other Business

1. FM: outside rail from church to hall
2. Bradford Girls' Choir Donation-GK
3. Heating at FM Church-YC

## 4 Minutes of the Meeting November 2nd 2015

These were accepted as a true record, proposed MM, seconded PW.

## 5 Matters Arising January 12<sup>th</sup> 2015

None other than those on the published agenda

## 6 Reports

### Finance-PW:

PW showed accounts comparing the first ¾ of current financial year with full year 2014/15. These show a slightly less balance for the current year. Major expenditure is on repairs and maintenance as usual although these can be offset by an insurance payment. Offertory collection figures are shown weekly on the Parish Newsletter. There was a discussion with reference to the Diocesan Assessment on the parish and the position of legacies which might be left to the parish,

### Property-JW

The 'Property and Finance' group has not yet been set up.

A clear-out at the back of St Cuthbert's has taken place in order to deter any further flooding which seems to have been avoided this winter. The lighting in St Cuthbert's car park has been deemed adequate for the moment and no further action is required.

### Youth-LF via TH

Guide and Brownie groups are having a sleep-over at FM this coming weekend. They took part on a live radio broadcast with Bradford Community Radio for International Women's Day for which they got feedback on Twitter! Goods have been packed to take to Keith Thompson for distribution at the food bank with some left at the presbytery for GK to give out as required.

There will be another 'Messy Church' session at FM on March 19<sup>th</sup> with the theme of Palm Sunday: information has been put out locally to primary schools. It would be good to reach other communities. It is hoped this will happen in time.

### Hospitality-EB & YC

The Coffee after Mass continues to do well. Christmas cakes were purchased for Carol Service refreshments along with other items for kitchen use. The donated cooker isn't working so another is being sourced. Water heater purchase is still ongoing.

SVP PW reported that 'awareness raising' would take place at the weekend masses, highlighting its work and encouraging more members to get involved. Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

### St Cuthbert's Players-TH

Dick Whittington was performed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>; it was voted a great success. Thank you to all those who took part in whatever way. A play set around the character of Margaret McMillan would be put on later in the year.

**GK**

## Social Calendar- MM, JC, HD, AB, CT & TH

A small group has met to discuss putting together a possible calendar for social evenings and events.

The following are planned:

March-Messy Church Pantomime and Quiz (very successful in all ways)

April-Bingo monthly restarts April 8<sup>th</sup>. Murder Mystery Evening April 22<sup>nd</sup>

May 20<sup>th</sup> Traditional Parlour Games

June-Treasure Hunt

July-BBQ

August-Parish Pilgrimage (ideas for destinations would be appreciated)

September-Harvest Festival (Youth). Heritage Opening at St Cuthbert's

October-International Evening

November-November Fayre

### **7 Website**

LF has met the Cartins and would be spending an evening with CH in the near future.

Hopefully the site will be updated soon with weekly bulletins and PPC minutes uploaded regularly.

### **8 Disability Access at First Martyrs**

This will be a standing item until progress has been made! There are difficulties but it is hoped that one day access will improve at FM.

### **9 Safeguarding**

Since the safe guarding committee was set up there has been a change in circumstances; there are 2 churches and 3 weekend Masses now. The following points need to be addressed:

DBS checks ?up-to-date, risk assessments for e.g. Children's' Liturgy, First Aid boxes (filled) in both social areas, accidents book at both churches, food hygiene matters, appropriate cleaning materials.

### **10 Young people and parish life-MM**

There are a number of areas where young people are taking part in parish life: Guides and Brownies, Messy Church, St Cuthbert Players, Sunday Liturgy, Readers, harvest festival, Outreach (Toy Sunday etc.) & Offertory Procession.

### **11 St Cuthbert's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Parish Feast Days**

TH proposed that the weekend of September 11/12<sup>th</sup> should combine both the Heritage Open Day and St Cuthbert's Feast Day. Ideas are needed to augment the established Open Day, Mass to reflect St Cuthbert's Feast. The schools could be involved. Proposals for the next meeting to TH.

### **12 'A Poor Church for the Poor?' at Leeds Trinity Report-TH**

A national conference exploring Pope Francis' vision for the Church with speakers Michael Czerny SJ, Julia Unwin of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation & Timothy Radcliffe of Las Casas Institute. It was a very positive day with 8 workshops. TH & PH attended 'Parish Resources' and LF a session on 'Immigration'.

### **13 A.O.B.**

1. FM outside rail from church to hall is in a poor state.

JW to address.

2. Bradford Girls' Choir Donation

They sang at FM recently so Fr G would like to send a donation (£75) to them. N.B. Quiz profits (raised £513 less £60 expenses) went to Messy Church activity. A good evening!

3. Heating at FM Church

It has been too cold this winter, GK & CH to discuss when church needs heating and a timetable drawn up.

### **13 Date & place of next meetings**

May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Tuesday) at First Martyrs Hall @ 7.30pm

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Sunday) at First Martyrs Hall @ 11.45am

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

**Action**  
**Various**

**LF &  
CH**

**All**

**JW**

**GK &  
CH**