

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

VIA ZOOM, 7pm TUESDAY 13th APRIL 2021

1. WELCOME

Present: Craig D'Alton (Vicar)
Christine French (Warden)
Sarah Benfield (Warden)
Sandra Ivory (Warden)
Simon Barrie (Treasurer)
Brian Hauser (Secretary)
Judith Armstrong
Mandy Burritt
Garry McCarthy

In attendance: Emily Fraser (Assoc. Priest)

Apology: Jack Lindsay

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2021 are a true and correct record of the matters discussed.

Moved: Sandra I, seconded: Sarah B. PASSED

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. VICAR'S REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed by Parish Council.

Craig D reported relatively strong numbers for the Easter services given the number of people away and the broader COVID recovery. PC agreed a more inclusive approach should be explored next year for the Good Friday service for families and that the Saturday Vigil moved to a 6am on Easter Day followed by breakfast.

PC noted the need to reduce the mask wearing area at the rear of the church to 2 pews.

PC recognised the need to do more work to improve inclusivity around indigenous issues via education and structured engagement. There is a need to widen the multi-cultural conversation and awareness also.

5. WARDEN'S REPORTS

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed by Parish Council with the following agreed:

Toilet Conversion Project

- The quote received by the builder was double what was anticipated and will now go out to tender as agreed by PC to ensure a competitive quote.

Garden

- This is being reviewed with expert advice to better manage the trees that need to be removed.

Stonework Grant Application

- As agreed at the last meeting, the Living Heritage \$200k grant application has been submitted for the stonework project and a decision is likely in July'21.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the accounts 6 months to March'21 noting the following:

- Income is \$31,482 (11%) above budget.
- Expenses are \$70,135 (27%) above budget.
- Net loss is \$19,442 to a \$18,404 budgeted profit.

Simon B noted that while a deficit is recorded for the year to date, this is principally driven by capital expenditure to property. Pleasingly the levels of giving are now above our budget income with a significant improvement in open plate giving and this period has also benefitted from JobKeeper income.

The invoice for the CCGS quarterly lease payment was due in Holy Week but was not issued.

ACTION: Craig D

All other items are mostly performing to budget.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Moved: Sarah B, Seconded: Christine F. PASSED

Given there are only four people using giving envelopes it was agreed these would be suspended in future.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Follow up the April installation date for the new stained-glass window.

ACTION: Craig D

PC discussed the need to improve the social media management for the parish. This may require the future appointment of a Digital Media Officer to improve outreach. Currently Craig D manages the Facebook account on an ad hoc basis.

8. NEXT MEETING

The following dates for meetings were agreed:

Date	Time	
Sat 17 April'21	10am to 1pm	Planning Day (in person)
Tue 11 May'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 8 June'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 13 July'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 10 Aug'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 14 Sep'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 12 Oct'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)

The meeting closed with the grace at **8:10 pm**