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Minutes of the 2015 Parish Advisory Council AGM.

Held on the 23rd November 2015 at The Sacred Heart Church, Chirk.

1. Opening the meeting:

Father Moses opened the meeting at 7pm, by thanking those who had attended and then started procedures with an opening prayer. Father went on to thank all the parishioners for their individual commitment and contributions. There was also a silence in memory of Norman Callaghan. He also talked about attendance at

church and the number of Priests available. In some parishes this would mean the celebration of the Mass would have to be reviewed and that not all Masses may be covered. The Bishop is to organise a meeting on the 9th December to discuss this topic.

With regards to the refugee crisis the PAC had discussed this and a committee was drawing up plans.

2. Apologies:

Gail Flavell, Charles Longford, Nora Bircham.

3. Minutes of the last AGM:

Chris Ryan proposed and Sue Barnett seconded and they were formally signed as a true record.

4. Parishioner's questions:

a. Will the AGM rotate venues?

A: Geoff pointed out previous decisions were based on the problem of the stairs at Llangollen, which exclude less able bodied people. A suggestion was that we hold it in the church. Ruabon had the problem that it was a shared venue but it was suggested that if booked well in advance this should not be a problem. The meeting decided to rotate the venue and next year it will be at Ruabon with the first PAC meeting coming up with a firm date.

B. Parishioners pointed out the problems of working people and the times of the Masses. A 7pm Mass was discussed and father Moses suggested Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This was thought a good idea and Geoff suggested putting a question in the Bulletin to discover general opinion.

C. How is "Proclaim 15" being followed? David suggested a visit by Maim Restrepo, a lay speaker, in 2016. He pointed out how inspiring he was in the field of evangelization. Father Moses suggested local groups could share Bible studies. Chris Ryan commented on the need to help and encourage catholic children. Do we make it

known we are Catholics? Do we need a "Happy Clappy" mass once a month, rotated around all three churches? It was suggested we ask the children and Geoff stated we should start with Ruabon and then Llangollen, as they had a large youth following. Chris Ryan then outlined the financial year April 6th to April 5th and 6 months to September 2015. Income and expenditure largely balanced, within a few hundred pounds for the 6-month period. The previous year saw a small surplus. Celia questioned the running costs of the house at Llangollen and Chris reported it was very close to breaking even. Celia also queried the transparency of Diocesan accounts and was told these were all reported on the Charity Commission web site.

5. Confirmation of PAC Committee for 2015/16:

Celia Haywood tendered her resignation, citing journey times from Corwen. This leaves 2 members at Llangollen and an existing vacancy at Ruabon. Father Moses will initiate elections for new members.

6. AOB:

The meeting suggested looking into active lay participation currently carried out in Anglesey, Maria Pizzani is to follow up and arrange a possible visit.

7. Close:

Celia said the final closing prayer at 8.15 pm.

Refreshments were then enjoyed by all.