

Minutes of the Parish Advisory Council Meeting held at Chirk Parish Rooms on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Fr Anthony, Geoff Bullen, Sue Barnett, Hanora Bircham, Geraldine Gilbert, Helen Wiesinger Muriel Silverstone and Veda Williams.

1. Fr Anthony opened the meeting with prayer at 6.30 pm. GB welcomed Fr Anthony to his first official meeting. Veda was welcomed as the new representative for Llangollen.

2. **Apologies** were received from Christine Jones and David Connolly.

3. **Minutes of the meeting** of 19th May 2016 had previously been approved by the committee.

4. **Matters Arising** not on the Agenda MS reported that the Parish pilgrimage had been very successful. HW and David Hornak were thanked for arranging this successful day.

5. **Programme for the remainder of the year** Fr Anthony reported that Bishop Peter would be visiting Ruabon on Sunday 20th November to celebrate the Diocesan Youth Mass with us, and on Friday 2nd December for Fr Anthony's Induction as our Parish Priest.

a) **Youth Mass:** HW will be meeting with Christine Humphreys, Youth Worker on Saturday 5th November at 2 pm at Ruabon to finalise arrangements for the Mass. HW will update the parish through the bulletin after this meeting. Gabriella and Maria Pizzoni will be assisting HW to plan this service and to encourage the young people of the Parish to take part. GB will contact Moreton Hall School to invite their students to attend. Ruabon will cater this event. HW will put a note in the bulletin inviting the 11-18 year olds to attend.

b) **Fr Anthony's Induction** Holy Mass at 7 pm will be followed by a celebration meal. Geraldine is to ask Halina to book the Anglican school hall, as she did for Fr Moses' celebration. HB, GB and SB have offered overnight accommodation for some of Fr Anthony's guests. A sub-committee of PAC members will organise the meal. GB will put a note in the bulletin to invite parishioners and to ascertain the number we will be catering for. He will also ask them to bring drinks of their choice.

c) **The AGM of the PAC** will be held at Chirk Church Rooms on Wednesday 23 November at 7 pm. GB asked that each of our communities send him details of memorable occasions during this year so that he can include these in his annual report.

d) **Christmas Services** will be held at the same places and times as last year. Fr Anthony will take the rest of his 2016 holidays from 26th December and will be away for 10 days. Supply priests have been arranged.

e) **The Parish Trinity Lunch** will be postponed until Spring 2017.

f) **Llangollen Epiphany Lunch for Pensioners** from the three communities Muriel is negotiating with the Hand Hotel in Llangollen to provide a carvery meal for us, and to allow us to take our own desserts. We will be asking those attending to make a contribution of approximately £5 toward the cost. (Previously the event was at Llangollen Parish rooms and free of charge). GB will ask the Rotary Club for a contribution towards this event. The lunch will be held on Monday 9 January 2017.

6. Update on Sunday Mass for Llangollen This item has been under discussion for over a year. HW suggested that it would be easier for Chirk to have the vigil mass once a month rather than Ruabon. For Ruabon, changing would mean additional heating costs and the need to get the consent of the Anglican Bishop.

MS gave two reasons for requesting the change: a) that as a tourist town, visitors expected to be able to attend mass on a Sunday and b) that it would be easier for families with young children and for the elderly to attend mass on Sunday morning.

Fr Anthony said he needed time to consider all the implications of Llangollen having mass on a Sunday once a month, instead of the Saturday vigil mass. It was suggested that a proposal be put forward at the AGM which would give parishioners the opportunity to express their views.

7. AOB a) GB read out a letter of thanks which Muriel had received from Fr Moses.

b) MS reported that The Legionnaires who were in Llangollen in June had left a folder with details of people who had asked for follow up. This folder cannot now be found. Fr Anthony agreed to get the feedback notes from Fr Moses.

8. The next meeting of the PAC will be on Wednesday 1 February 2017 at Llangollen in the sacristy, at 7 pm.

9. Fr Anthony closed the meeting with prayer at 8.00 pm