

Final Minutes of the Parish Advisory Council

Meeting held at Ruabon Presbytery, Ruabon at 18:30 pm on 19th May 2016

Present: Fr Moses Amune, Geoff Bullen, Sue Barnett, Geraldine Gilbert, Muriel Silverstone, Hanora Bircham, David Connolly, Christine Jones, Helen Wiesinger

1. Fr Moses opened the meeting with a prayer at 18:30pm. Fr said that he had had a good vacation and that Fr Jude had said that he had been well received and taken care of during his stay. Muriel said that Fr Jude had done a sterling job in Fr's absence and that we were all very happy to have Fr return to us safely.

2. Apologies: None

3. Minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2016 were approved.

It was agreed that once the minutes had been agreed electronically via email within two (2) weeks of being submitted for checking, it would then be a general consensus that the minutes were approved and could be included in the folder in each of the parishes. Helen asked if it would be possible to also include a copy of the minutes onto the website. It was agreed that this was a good idea and **DC** would include these on the website after final approval.

SB will email a copy the AGM minutes onto the PAC members so that a copy can be put in each of the parish binders and on the notice boards.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 The 'hotpot supper' that took place at Cefn Druids Sports & Social Club on May 6th was a resounding success, with a little under £500 raised. **HB** was sorry she could not attend but was pleased that it had been received so well. Muriel said that the evening was wonderful and that it was so nice to see so many children at the event. Even though many tickets were sold, many of the ticket purchasers were not able to attend the event. Also the inclusion of Halina and some of her Choir group really helped fill the hall. The disco was received well and there was more than enough Hot Pot made.

4.2 Two (2) additional volunteers from the Legion of Mary have been added to the numbers expected for their visit to the area and require accommodation. **HB** has kindly offered to host these two volunteers.

4.3 Brian Eadon has not concluded a final figure for the cost of supporting a refugee family. However, when the time came we know that Brian will have covered all bases as he is very well organised. Geraldine shared that there were about 5 people allocated to the Wrexham area but to date there has been not further information from the local authorities, who have been made aware of our likely help.

4.4 It was recommended that the church website should be added to the newsletter letterhead so that more awareness could be created about the website. All agreed that this would be a good idea and **HW** would send a request onto Halina to include this in the future newsletters/bulletins.

5. Anglesey Representative Feedback:

The talk in the Ruabon Parish Hall by Anglesey Parish member/leader Pamela was well received and gave insight into how the 8 various parishes in the Anglesey area are coping with having only two (2) priests service the area. Currently as the Llangollen, Chirk & Ruabon parishes are being tended to by Fr Moses we are not in the same situation. However the laity from the three (3) parishes would still need to work together. Initiative groups are being formed in each of the parishes.

6. Pilgrimage Update

There was some issue around the pub that we had originally booked the lunch so we were looking at exploring new options. It was suggested that as a back-up plan if we could not get anywhere to host us that Muriel, Hanora, Christine and Helen would make some salads, quiches and other picnic type foods. It was agreed however that a pub would be a better option so options are being considered and will be sent out in the next available news letter. Fr. Moses and David Hornak had been to Trawsfynydd earlier that day and met with the historian Keith who would be leading the walk. The walk itself is approximately 20 minutes of reasonable walking ground and would be suitable for most parishioners. a mass would be held in the little church around 11:30 and thereafter we would walk around the area and head for lunch. Concerns were raised about those joining the pilgrimage if there would be things to do to keep the interest of children and those not joining the mass. **HW** will make some activity packs for the kids - colouring pages, worksheets etc and it was believed that there was enough open space and other short walks to keep the interests of those not in mass.

7. Events planned for the year:

May 2016:

- 21st Chirk Coffee morning at St Mary's in support of Christian Aid 09:30
- 22nd Chirk Sacred Heart - Christian Aid service at 18:00
- 26th Ruabon Wedding of Tara and Wayne at 13:00
- 28th Ruabon Wedding of Claire and Rhys at 13:00
- 29th Ruabon First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass

June 2016:

- 3rd Chirk Sacred Heart Feast Day 18:30
- 6-10 Clergy Retreat (NO WEEKDAY MASS)
- 11th Parish Pilgrimage of St John Roberts Birthplace
- 18th Llangollen First Holy Communion
- 18-25 Evangelization Project by the Legion of Mary
- 26th Diocesan Pilgrimage to St Winifred (Holywell) 15:00
- 29th Holy day of Obligation: Saints Peter and Paul
 - Chirk Mass time: 28th at 19:00
 - Llangollen Mass time 29th at 10:00
 - Ruabon Mass time 29th at 18:30
- 29th Ruabon Home Style Bingo (hosted by Val Cochran) 19:15

7. Events planned for the year continued...:

July 2016:

- 3rd Chirk Baptism of Benjamin at the 09:00 mass
- 5-10 Llangollen Eisteddfod
- 8th Llangollen Mass time at 18:00 (to be confirmed due to choir timing)
- 7th Wedding of Nicola and Steve

October 2016:

- 12th Ruabon P Divine Mercy Discussion/Corporal works of Mercy 19:00

HB: the Sacred Heart Feast Day could only accommodate so many parishioners (approx 30) and as this event was free of charge the cost last year did mount up. This year it will be a first come first serve. Fr Moses has offered that the parish help with the cost. If each parish could please advertise and support this event.

MS: The 2016 Eisteddfod: It was agreed that due to the poor response of last year, Llangollen would not open a café stall. There could possibly be a small stall selling bits and bobs but this would depend on volunteers.

8. AOB:

MS raised a request from the Llangollen parish that it would be nice to have a mass in Llangollen on a Sunday. MS had chatted to some on the parish members in Ruabon about this being the case once a month and the response from Ruabon had been relatively positive.

The members agreed that this would be a good idea and maybe if the First Sunday of every month would be allocated to the Llangollen parish and that the normal Saturday mass would then transfer to Ruabon.

Fr Moses has asked that the relevant PAC members in the Llangollen and Ruabon churches chat to the other parishioners about this to get a sense of what they all feel. HW suggested a yes/no vote, which was well received. DC made a valid comment that the dates would need to be well advertised to ensure everyone was aware. Fr would also need to let the Bishop know and ensure that the Bishop was ok with the changes. As there was no reduction or increase in masses but a simple location swap this should not pose too many difficulties. The children's liturgy groups would need to take this into consideration when planning their rotas. The Ruabon and Llangollen PAC members will discuss their findings and report back.

SG enquired about a new PAC member from the Llangollen parish. Fr Moses apologised for not following up on this matter and that he has received a nomination and that he will invite her to the next PAC meeting. The nominated member is Veda.

9. Next Meeting

Sacred Heart Chirk, Thursday 22nd of September at 18:30

10. Closing prayer

Geoff closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00pm