



**Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul
Pastoral Council**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6 DECEMBER 2016
held in Cathedral House at 1900**

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed members.

Attended by Canon Bosco McDonald, Peter Bush, (Chair), Chris Brennan (Vice Chair) Deacon Kevin, Barbara Rusbridge, Becky Nicholls, Deacon James, Stephen Stansfield, Ruth Mather, Stuart Henry, Kate Long and Hetty Wiles.

Apologies were received from Carlotta Kramskoy, Cath McCarthy and Mary Manners.

2 Opening Reflection

From Chris Brennan. CB centered his reflection upon "sanctity of life".

3 Minutes of meeting on 18 October and matters arising

i It was noted that Pro Life Activity was omitted from the Minutes but it is noted now as a matter of importance to the parish.

ii Canon Bosco informed the meeting that he is still working on the revision of the CPC constitution and hopes to present this at the February 2017 meeting.

ACTION: BM

iii PB reported on a very successful "Somme 100" Celebration attended by some 450 in the Cathedral and thanked Mary Manners, Cath McCarthy and Paul Hill in particular for initiating the event and for their hard work in ensuring its success.

4 Oral update on Year of Mercy hexagons

Collection of the hexagons is ongoing and we hope it will grow on the wall. PB thanked the team who worked hard to put all these together. It was suggested that perhaps a scrap book of all the hexagons be collated and a photographic record be developed.

ACTION: BN/MM

It was agreed that the hexagon display be photographed before it is dismantled

5 Report from Parish Treat Day on 15 October

PB presented a full report and also a summary of discussions from the day, attended by 9 parishioners, including 4 CPC members. Following discussion, CPC

i endorsed the value of a Deanery Pastoral Council to learn from good practice in other parishes and the pooling of ideas for the future;

ii agreed to redraft the parish mission to emphasise the collaboration between lay and ordained people to support the parish community, using their spirituality and special talents in spreading the joy of the gospel of mercy;

iii supported a "formation" set of activities, noting the current RCIA programme, the opportunities for the training of Catechists, and the need to promote more widely Diocesan formation opportunities;

iv agreed to support interested parties in setting up a discussion group to take forward the messages from the Autumn Talks on the writings of Pope Francis;

v agreed to support the establishment of "House Groups" as additional foci for discussion on a variety of church matters;

vi endorsed the principle of a group meeting with representatives from the 5 Masses and/or a social event aimed at widening parishioners' experiences parish activities and opportunities .

ACTION: re ii - PB

ACTION: re others – ongoing discussion at future CPCs

6 Report on recent inter-faith activities

PB presented CK's comprehensive report. Whilst the inter-faith "mercy" service on 6 November and the inter-faith Conversation on "mercy" on 16 November were stimulating and enthusiastically received, parish attendance at the former was disappointingly low. CPC thanked CK for her commitment and hard work in the organisation of the events.

7 Oral update from Welfare Group

KM informed the meeting that in order to keep this group fresh in the minds of parishioners, there will be announcements in the newsletter on the activities of this group.

ACTION: KM

8 Oral update from Welcome Group

PB gave an update on behalf of this group. A meeting of "welcomers" has been organised for 19 January 2017; BN agreed to act as the CPC link person with Callum Mcmillan who had agreed to co-ordinate the Welcoming Ministry

ACTION: BN

9 Oral update on Autumn Talks

PB gave a brief update about the Autumn Talks. The talks on three of the Pope's recent letters had been well received by attendees who participated enthusiastically in the discussions. The Pope's letter on our common home, "Laudato Si", offered the potential for some parish project work.

ACTION: PB to convene team of about 3 members to take the "Laudato Si" proposal further

10 Proposals from the Clifton Charismatic Renewal team

On behalf of the Clifton Charismatic Renewal team, PB gave a brief insight into this group and informed the meeting about its forthcoming 50th anniversary of its formation and its intention to arrange a seminar series in 2017, CPC welcome the proposal and agree that the chair would contact the group advising them to book the Apostle Room whilst noting that Clifton Churches Together is planning a series of talks in Lent.

ACTION: PB

11 Summary of parishioner comments

Comments were received from parishioners over the weekends of 26/27 November. Among the matters raised was the timing of the Christmas "midnight" Mass in future years. CPC agreed with the suggestion that the response to the Psalm and the Alleluia text might be printed in the Newsletter

ACTION: PB to liaise with RN on the inclusion of the Psalm response and the Alleluia texts in the weekly Newsletter.

12 Any Other Business

- CB reminded the meeting of the Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers on 10 June 2017 in St Joseph's Home
- BR informed the meeting about the Cephas Folk evening on 17 March 2017. [now arranged for 03 February] This is an event that has been organized to raise funds for the Cathedral.

13 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday, 21 February 2017, 7 for 7.30pm

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