

**Minutes from St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish
Combined Leadership Meeting, the Pastoral Team, the Pastoral Council, the Finance
Committee
St Peter & Paul's Church Hall
Tuesday 20th February 2018, 7.15pm**

Subject: St Andrew's Church

Present: Eustie Kamath, Bernie Brown, Bill Cooney, Mary Byrne, Shane Dinnan, Robert McClean, Graham Cooper, Mark Westerbeke, Noel Miranda, Rod Fabish, Fr Doug, Fr Peter, Tony de Joux, Shirley O'Brien, Oliver Hartwich, Carol Burns (Minutes)

Absent: Eric D'Souza, Marita Basabas

1. Opening Prayer was read by Fr Peter

2. Introductions – Eustie

Fr Peter tabled the Cardinal's letter dated 24 November 2017. Received by the committee.
Address by Fr Peter - ***The "EXPO" and Now***

Fr Peter spoke about the EXPO, now that we are turning our attention to St Andrew's Church. He suggested that there be no plan to address the other issues raised in the 2017 EXPO until the Newlands issue is resolved. When further large buildings issues arise, the Parish at the time will need to engage afresh in further consideration of its building requirements.

Fr Peter tabled his address. All agreed.

3. Recommendation that the H & S closure be revisited, with a view to the building being reopened temporarily on a day to day basis, with terms and conditions to be understood and observed.

Eustie opened this up to debate.

Mark began by stating that a Health & Safety report had been done and noted that the building was able to be used provided risk assessment and isolation of risk areas had been undertaken. Mark tabled a plan to address these issues.

Graham asked for clarification on point 3. Was it the committees understanding that we were looking at reopening the Church?

The Chairman said Yes.

Bill added that a local committee was to be appointed to establish what was needed, how the funds were to be raised and to move towards ADW approval.

Robert related that Newlands College had closed today due to flooding and that the School had a process in place to email and text parents immediately when a weather event happened.

More discussion took place on how we could mitigate the current problems in the Church building.

Eustie proposed the motion that item 3 on the agenda "Recommendation that the H & S closure be revisited, with a view to the building being reopened temporarily on a day to day basis, with terms and conditions to be understood and observed" be passed.
All agreed

4. Recommendation that priority consideration be accorded the possibility of a project to fix the Newlands roof.

Mary asked if the Expo consultation was on hold. She understood that we were adhering to an advertised timeline and consultation process. She believed that parishioners were waiting on feedback.

Graham suggested that the recommendation in point 4 was not clear and should be reworded. Much discussion took place around the issue of short term fix versus long term strategy.

Bill mentioned subsidiarity and giving authority back to the local people to come up with recommendations. We are not ready to finalize a long term plan.

Mary stated that we already have 2 quotes for the roof from 3 years ago and the previous work of the roofing committee should be revisited.

Eustie proposed the reworded motion "That the proposal to fix the roof should be of manageable proportions and subject to Parish approval." All agreed.

5. Proposed:an invitation to Newlands people to:

(a) Devise and manage mitigation of H & S risks, particularly during and after rainy weather events.

Mark stated that work had already commenced on this.

(b) Provide a schedule of work for the remediation of the building, together with a payment plan and associated costs.

Refer to the motion: "That the proposal to fix the roof should be of manageable proportions and subject to Parish approval"

(c) Select a committee of four persons to submit reports on (a) and (b) above to a contact person.

Fr Peter announced that the contact person for the Newlands group would be Fr Doug. Mark said that he had made progress on establishing a committee already.

6. General discussion

St Andrew's reopening: Shane suggested that a celebration event might be in order. Bill said that a celebration might not be practical at the present time.

Fr Peter when asked said that the date for the reopening would be Sunday week at 12pm Mass. Mark inquired whether the Mass time could be changed to 11am. Fr Peter responded that he had conferred with Fr Doug and that this left no allowance in the priests schedule if one of them was unavailable on a Sunday.

The Newlands Presbytery was having major plumbing work done to allow Sr Judith to rent the premises

Eustie thanked everyone who came to the meeting and suggested that a combined meeting once or twice a year would enhance unity in the Parish.