



Standing Committee of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki
MINUTES

13th June 2020, 9.00am
Via Video Conference at Members' Houses

Present
Bishop

The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

Vicar General

The Reverend Trevor Harrison

Clergy

The Venerable Malcolm French
The Venerable Jacqui Paterson
The Reverend Julian Perkins
The Venerable Canon Pat Scaife

Laity

Ms Mary Bourke
Canon Robin Brockie
Mrs Pip Harrison
Mrs Sue MacLean

In attendance

Diocesan Registrar-Manager
Minutes' Secretary
Chair WDTB
Vicar General-elect

Mr Simon Cayley
The Reverend Trevor Harrison
Mrs Elizabeth Bang
The Very Reverend Wendy Scott

1. **Welcome:** The Most Reverend Philip Richardson
2. **Opening prayer:** Mrs Pip Harrison
3. **Bible study:** The Venerable Canon Pat Scaife

Luke 12:1-7 The reading for the day as we remember Antony of Padua and the Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution of the Church in 1857. Pat raised the question of statues being removed. ++P referenced Tiki Raumati and his strong view that the hatchments should stay in the Taranaki Cathedral as they reminded us of the history we need to own and acknowledge and Banksie's comments about the fallen statue in Bristol.

4. **Apologies:** Mr Simon Cayley *for lateness*. Mr John Eagles, Chair TATB.

Notice of motion: That the apologies received be sustained. *Archbishop*. **CARRIED**

5. **Confirmation of Minutes**

That the minutes of the meeting of April 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

Pat Scaife/Sue McLean

CARRIED



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6. Matters Arising

- 6.6 Property Lease Work – ongoing – Elizabeth Bang reported that the lease should have been signed by now and this is being chased up by the lawyer.
- 6.7 Renewal and Review of TML Management Services Agreement – Canon Gerald Bailey has discussed the Trustees' concerns about liability with Norris Ward McKinnon. A response was due by the time the Combined Diocesan Trusts Boards met last week. Elizabeth Bang reported that three options were provided. Trustees believed that the liability should be struck out.
- 6.8 Strategic Planning Day: A small group of Senior Staff have been working on a strategic plan for the Diocese going forward and a webinar will be held shortly. Strategic Planning Day for Standing Committee, Bishop's Staff Team and Trustees would be held after that and the proposal, as reported by Simon Cayley, is that Chris Clarke would facilitate this day.
- 8.6 Delegation of Investment Strategy: Covered in Simon Cayley's report where he reported "*Further to discussions at the April meeting The Episcopal Budget Advisory group have also reviewed the proposed strategy and have asked the Trust Boards to hold off agreeing to it until TE BAG has had a chance to meet with Trust Investment Management and discuss the strategy further. TE BAG do not think the proposed strategy offers the best outcomes for the episcopal endowment.*"

7. Finance:

- 7.1 Standing Committee: Robin Brockie referenced the report supplied: Standing Committee travelling well on budget at present. Acknowledged work being done by Anne Edwards and TML on assessing the landscape going forward and liaising with Finance and Audit, Diocesan Manager and himself. Audited statements for end of financial year have been worked on by KPMG and work is now complete and we should have those shortly and to date no problems have been flagged. Archbishop Philip reported that freewill offerings have held up well across most parishes. Any great decrease in income for parishes is in those that have Op Shops and cattle schemes. Overall across all parishes there is a 31% decrease in income.

MOTION: "We go into Committee to discuss Diocesan finances." *Archbishop*

CARRIED

9.48am *Archdeacon Malcolm French joined the meeting.*

MOTION: "We come out of Committee." *Archbishop*

CARRIED

- 7.2 Taranaki Anglican Trust Board March 2020
- 7.3 Waikato Diocesan Trust Board March 2020
- 7.4 Minutes from the Finance and Audit meeting
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MOTION: "That we receive the reports of the Taranaki Anglican and Waikato Diocesan Trust Boards March 2020." *Archbishop*

CARRIED



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MOTION: “That the Standing Committee accounts for the end of April and minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee be received.” *Archbishop* **CARRIED**

8. Items for discussion:

- 8.1 Trustee declarations – *as previously supplied.*
- 8.2 Conflict of Interest – *as previously supplied.*
- 8.3 Health and Safety – covered in Manager’s Report.
- 8.4 Risk – covered in Manager’s Report.

- 8.7 Synod 2020 – The meeting recommended that Synod 2020 be virtual with a focussed agenda around our required decision making and that, for working on our Strategic Direction, we have open regional gatherings with a virtual opt-in.

10.48 *Morning tea adjournment.*

11.00 *Meeting resumed and Simon Cayley joined the meeting.*

- 8.5 Manager’s Report – as supplied, and spoken to by Simon Cayley and Archbishop Philip.

- 8.6 Ratification of e-mail decision:

MOTION: “That we ratify our emailed decision SC.709.” *Archbishop* **CARRIED**

SC.709: Granting of Faculty – Taranaki Cathedral

“That this Standing Committee approves the granting of a Faculty for the movement of the historic Vicarage at Taranaki Cathedral within the Cathedral site as the first stage of the Cathedral redevelopment and the remediation. This approval notes the cost of moving the building is \$240,323.17c, that the funds are in hand and the Vicarage will be fully redeveloped as a centre for hospitality and learning.”

- 8.8 Induction Process and Parish Manual – an induction process is needed for Vestry members, Standing Committee members, Trustees and all staff, lay and ordained. This will be progressed by the Diocesan Manager and Bishop’s Staff accessing work done at a Provincial level.

9. Items for Information

- 9.1 Tikanga Giving for Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – March 2020
- 9.2 Minutes from the April meeting of the Combined Diocesan Trust Boards
- 9.3 Revised Pandemic Regulations for AGMs
- 9.4 Outwards Correspondence

MOTION: “That the items for information 9.1 to 9.4 be received.” *Archbishop* **CARRIED**

10. General business – none.



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11. Meeting closed at 11:59am.

Date of next meeting: 13th August 2020, 6.00pm, by Video Conferencing.



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