DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE NEW GRANGE, 87 HIGH STREET CAMPBELL TOWN ON FRIDAY 5 MARCH 2010 12.35 PM

PRESENT

Ex Officio Members
- The Bishop
- The Vicar General
- The Dean of Hobart
- The Church Advocate
- The Diocesan Treasurer
- The Director of Business Services (non-voting)

Appointed by the Trustees
- Ms Anne Brown

Appointed by the Bishop
- The Reverend Sharon Green
- The Reverend Chris Thiele
- Mr Paul Cavanough

Appointed by Diocesan Council
- Mr Ken Pedley

Elected Members – Northern Mission Region
- The Reverend Will Briggs
- The Reverend Roger Hesketh
- Mr David Plumridge
- Mr Michael Walsh

Elected Members – Southern Mission Region
- The Reverend Stephen Carnaby
- The Venerable Helen Phillips

10/4 WELCOME AND PRAYERS

Bishop John opened the meeting. The Venerable Helen Phillips led a reflection on Mark 8:1-10 and prayed.

10/5 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Right Reverend Ross Nicholson, Mr Ken Moore and Mr Roger More.

10/6 PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was *RESOLVED* that so much of the By-Laws be suspended as would prevent Diocesan Council considering Agenda Item 3.1 no less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled 4.30 pm conclusion of the meeting.

10/7 PASTORAL MOTIONS

None.

10/8 MINUTES

It was *RESOLVED* that the Minutes of the Meeting of 27 November 2009 and of Standing Committee 9 December 2009, 23 December 2009, 2 February 2010 as circulated be confirmed.

10/9 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. *Reverend Bobby Knopwood painting.* It was *RESOLVED* that Mr Morton make further enquiries and report back to a future meeting of Council.

2. *Parish of the City of Devonport.* It was *RESOLVED* that Mr Alister McCrae, Mrs Tracey Muir and Mrs Annette Rockliffe be appointed as an interim Council of Management. Mr Cavanough will bring a further two recommendations.

10/10 PARISH MATTERS

1. *Parish of the City of Devonport.* It was *RESOLVED* that under the Closure of a Church Building Ordinance 1994, this Council requests the Bishop to issue a Mandate for the Closure of All Saints' Church Spreyton.

2. *Parish of Wellspring.* It was *RESOLVED* that the action of the Director of Business Services in applying the New Ministries Development Fund (NMDF) levy to the net proceeds of property sales by the Parish of Wellspring in the calendar year 2009 be ratified.

3. *Parish of Wellspring.* It was *RESOLVED* that approval be given to continue the arrangement under which the parish has been drawing down capital from the sale of the Bayley Street, Glebe, property to meet the stipendiary cost of the Reverend Mark Holland, these funds to be applied to the stipendiary costs of Ms Helen Behrens until the account is exhausted.

4. *Parish of St John's New Town.* It was *RESOLVED* that the parish be restored to full parish status with effect from 1 June 2010, and that the Director of Business Services be requested to convey the thanks of this Council to the Consultant Mr William Haas for his management of the consultancy.

5. *Parish of Sorell Richmond & Tasman.* It was *RESOLVED* that this Council, recognising that the refurbishment of the St George's Sorell Parish Hall is a capital project approved within the required two years of the date of the parish contribution to the New Ministries Development Fund, approves the return to the parish from the NMDF of a sum equal to 25% of the approved expenditure on the hall.

6. *Parish of Franklin Esperance.* It was *RESOLVED* that the parish be given permission to apply the balances in accounts 215001010 and 215001012, together with the proceeds of the sale of the Dover church property, to the Affordable Housing Project, provided the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.

7. *Parish of Franklin/Esperance.* It was *RESOLVED* that the Bishop and Registrar be authorised to approve the release from being under review of the parish if and when the Consultant provides satisfactory evidence that this action is appropriate.

8. *Decisions of the Property Board*

   a. *Meeting date 4 December 2009*

      i. That the *Parish of Claremont/Chigwell* be given approval to proceed with Stage 2 of planned improvements, being temporary offices and increased seating capacity and that the Trustees be required to sign the documentation, provided that
         A. the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor;
         B. the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met; and
         C. the total cost does not exceed $25,000.

      ii. That the *Parish of Wellspring* be given permission to purchase 9 Coolabah Road, Sandy Bay for an Assistant Minister, subject to a satisfactory building report coming in at a reasonable cost, and that the Trustees be required to sign the documentation, provided the

documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.

b. *Meeting date 5 February 2010*

i. That the *Parish of Sheffield* be given permission to lease St Barnabas' Church Sheffield for a period of three years and that the Trustees be requested to sign the lease provided the lease is approved for signing by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.

ii. That the *Parish of Dorset* be given permission to sell the parcel of land at Alberton Property ID 2897720 and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.

iii. That the *Parish of Circular Head* be given permission to enter into an Agreement with Circular Head Council to construct a toilet block adjacent to St Paul's Church, Stanley and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation provided the documentation has been approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met, subject to the term of the lease being clarified and included in the Agreement.

iv. That the *Parish of Buckland* be given permission to construct toilet facilities at St John the Baptist Church, Buckland and that the Trustees be requested to sign the documentation, provided the documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Director of Business Services are met.

9. *Decisions made by The Trustees of the Diocese of Tasmania at its meeting on 15 December 2009 and provided to Council for information purposes.*

a. That the Trustees advance a loan of up to $350,000 to the *Parish of Franklin Esperance* for a period of twelve months at the variable interest rate charged on mortgage loans, for application to the Social Housing Project, provided the requirements of the Secretary to the Trustees are met, any documentation is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor, and the Diocesan Council passes a motion that in the event of the parish defaulting on the loan the Trustees may sell any parish property or properties at their discretion, without reference back to Diocesan Council and sufficient to discharge the loan.

b. That the Trustees execute the Agreement with the Minister for Health and Human Services to secure the grant for the Social Housing Project to be undertaken by the *Parish of Franklin/ Esperance*, provided the Agreement is approved by the Diocesan Solicitor and the requirements of the Secretary to the Trustees are met.

10/11 APPOINTMENTS

1. *Glenview Community Services Inc Board of Management*

It was *RESOLVED* that Dr Michael Salter be reappointed for a further term of three years.

It was *RESOLVED* to propose that Mr Tim Swifte be appointed to the Board of Management.

2. *Audit & Risk Committee*

It was *RESOLVED* that Mr Malcolm McGinn be appointed to this committee to replace Mrs Dorle Mann.

10/12 FINANCE REPORTS

1. It was *RESOLVED* to receive the draft finance reports for the Diocese, The Imagine Project, Ministry Council and the New Ministries Development Fund to 30 December 2009 as presented by the Diocesan Treasurer.

2. It was *RESOLVED* that this Council recommends the Diocesan Estimates 2010-11 as presented to the Bishop with the following changes:

   a. That the difference between income and expenditure in relation to Safe Church Communities needs to be checked.
   b. That a CPI increase in the contribution from the parishes be factored in.
   c. That any surplus from this year be put aside for episcopal housing.
   d. Not to capitalize any interest on the major Diocesan accounts for the coming year.

10/13 REPORTS

1. *Trustees' Report.* Ms Anne Brown reported that the Trustees expect to maintain a financial return of 5% for the rest of the financial year. Bishop John thanked Ms Brown for taking on the role of Chair of the Trustees. It was *RESOLVED* to accept the report.

2. *Bishop's Report.* Bishop John spoke to his written report and added that the Prayer Pilgrimage will be launched just prior to Synod. It was *RESOLVED* that the report by the Bishop as presented be accepted.

3. It was *RESOLVED* that the report by the Director of Ministry Services as circulated be accepted.

4. It was *RESOLVED* that the report by the Director of Business Services as circulated be accepted. Of note are the following decisions taken under delegation since the last meeting of Council.

   a. Approval to vary cost of contract by up to $4,000 for painting of St Barnabas, Newnham, Parish of Launceston North.

   b. Leasing of 9 Coolabah Road, Sandy Bay for up to six months and with monthly extensions thereafter (Parish of Wellspring).

   c. Extension of lease on 39 Porters Road, Kayena for Revd Chris Thiele.

5. It was *RESOLVED* that The Imagine Project Report by Bishop Ross as circulated be accepted.

6. It was *RESOLVED* that the Mission Action Plan progress indicators report as presented by Mr Cavanough be accepted.

10/14 OTHER MATTERS

1. *Clergy Housing Policy.* It was *RESOLVED* to adopt the policy as amended.

2. *Assessment Authorisation Ordinance.* Mr Morton presented proposed changes to the Ordinance. The Bishop thanked Mr Morton Mr Carnaby and Mr More for the

commendable work done on a new, workable model for consideration at the 2010 session of Synod.

3. *Synod representation committee.* Mr Briggs presented a progress report on the work of this committee with a view to a final report and recommendations being presented to the 2010 session of Synod.

4. *Applications for grants from parishes.* Carried forward to next meeting.

5. *Expression of thanks.* As this is the last meeting of Council prior to Synod, Bishop John expressed his personal thanks as Bishop of Tasmania and Chair of Diocesan Council for the contribution the Council members have made to the work of God in the Diocese of Tasmania.

10/15 DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Friday 18 June 2010, venue to be advised.

10/16 MEETING CLOSED

The Bishop closed the meeting with the Grace at 4.30 pm.

Confirmed..... *Date* .....