



Christ Centred Compassionate Respectful Generous Responsive



Way Forward Group - Minutes of meeting held on 26th July 2022

Present: Sue Ellis, Kath Campbell, Mike Parish, Shona Paterson, David Farnsworth, Liz Farnsworth, Pat Keenan, Brian Rockcliffe, Freda Rockcliffe, Shirley Bamford, Marie Harrison, Ros McMullen, Kath Spence.

Apologies: Father Kevin, Sue Black, Bob Parr.

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome and opening prayer led by SE</p>	
<p>Chairing and minuting this meeting - DF</p>	
<p>2&3. Minutes of last meeting (plus approval), combined with Matters arising not on agenda</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting approved.</p> <p>Matters arising: SE submitted entries in two successive All Saints Newsletter to garner student interest in participating in a youth liturgy/Mass. Unfortunately, no response.</p> <p>Discussion followed re new approaches to engaging young people. SE introduced group to Million Minutes organisation (https://millionminutes.org/). SE has pencilled in organiser Beth Warren for weekend 15/16 Oct to come to York. St George's already on this path.</p> <p>Placing Minutes and ToR on website.</p> <p>ToR for St P. SE/SB are reviewing (light touch) in light of current Parish Council Constitution. Meeting on Way Forward with St P Parish, supported by Father Kevin, to be organized.</p>	<p>SE/SB/MH to form sub group to progress meeting with Beth</p> <p>DF/JDo</p> <p>SE/SB/Father Kevin</p>
<p>4. Specific Reports</p> <p>4.1 Update on meeting held with Deacon David 9.6.22. MP, KC and SE summarized their recent meeting with DD. Diocese still feeling their way as are we. The structure of an Administrator Priest overseeing a number of Parishes supported by a Parish Administrator is still being worked on. Job Spec for Administrator at advanced stage. MP/KC/SE have compared this Job Spec with role of lay assistant (as supplied by BP previously).</p>	<p>DF to copy the report of the meeting with DD to all members of the WFG.</p>



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4.2 Update from Finance Committee (BR). BR tabled a report as to what he has gleaned so far as new Chair of Finance Committee. Not sure how Committee is fulfilling its oversight role (as per Finance Committee's own ToR). Also had a productive meeting with Father Kevin.

Discussion identified major gaps remain in our understanding of financial management by the Parish and Diocese. Numbers on report (annual income/expenditure for last three years) did not appear to add up. Annual levy varies wildly. Where do annual surpluses and historical legacies appear? BR is to do more research including making contact at Diocese level.

Group thanked for this report as it represents a start in lifting the mystery surrounding Parish finances.

BR to arrange to meet finance lead at Diocese level.

5. Planning WFG meeting with Deacon David (27th Sept)

After some discussion, the following was agreed:

1. Invited audience of all group leads across both Parishes (up to 40 potential attendees)
2. Deacon David has requested Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the meeting
3. Need to ensure Father Kevin is available and supportive of format
4. After Exposition Group to move from Church to meeting room.
5. Agenda:
 - a. From a Parish Standpoint: WFG to present work to date, where we think we are now and what further work needs to be progressed
 - b. From a Diocese Standpoint: DD to present work to date, where we think we are now and what further work needs to be progressed
 - c. Q&A and facilitated discussion (identifying key priorities)
 - d. Subcommittee meeting to be arranged mid Sept for organisational issues.

KC to invite St MC leads. SE to invite St P leads. This to be actioned after SE has confirmed point 3.

DF to draft 5a and circulate to group for comment.

MP/KC to keep Deacon David in the loop with proposed format and agenda.

KC/PK/LF/SP/KS. KC to coordinate date.

6. Date of next meeting – TBC – pending outcomes of actions above.