

Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Llay and Christ the King, Rossett
Minutes of the Parish Advisory Council
6 March 2014 at 7.45 pm
Parish Hall of St Francis of Assisi

Present:

Apologies:

Canon Lordan – parish priest Chris Pilsbury
Helen Zammit-Willson – chair Eileen Davies
Geraldine Downing Kathy Home
John Fernee Val German
Carol Wareing

Item

1.
The meeting opened with a prayer.

2.
Apologies
Apologies were received as above.

3.
Approval of minutes from last meeting
The minutes of the last meeting on 14 November were approved.

4.
Action points from last meeting
The action concerning compiling a list of parishioners' skills will not now be done in the same way. It was decided that, as there is so little parish response to general appeals this would be a waste of time. It was decided to make an appeal in the bulletin when specific tasks are needed to be done or to invite certain parishioners personally if they have the appropriate skills. Alternatively, the parish is in a strong enough financial position to pay for some tasks to be done at the present moment.

A collection at the Sumy Soup Supper raised £700 to provide equipment for a diabetic child in Sumy.

The income from the solar panels will be included in the next annual accounts.

No young person has yet asked to go on the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Several names were suggested, and Canon will approach the individuals concerned.

All the other actions from the previous PAC meeting were carried out.

5.
Update of parish finances

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| Current Account | £65,498.20 |
| Reserve Account | £ 8,079.80 |
| No 2 Account | £ 2,169.90 |

The sum of £40,000 has been deposited in an investment account with a 3 year term and an interest rate of 0.5%.

6.

Update from Property Group

After an appeal in the parish bulletin one new member, Paul Cotter, has joined the Property Group.

The following actions have been completed since November 2013:

Llay hall: Two faulty tap washers replaced
Toilet handle in disabled toilet repaired
Overflow problem in ladies' toilet fixed
Extraction fan sensor replaced in ladies' toilet
Batteries in emergency lights replaced
Display boards have been installed.

Greenhouse Broken panes replaced

Shed Broken glass replaced

Church Statue of St Francis beside organ secured by bracket to wall

New boiler installed 6 March

There are several outstanding actions from the quinquennial inspection, including some H&S actions.

7.

Update from social and fundraising committee

A Christmas lunch outing was organised for parishioners who had attended the summer outings.

Hospitality was provided for the Cytun Christmas meeting.

A raffle was held in aid of the Wednesday Club

Hospitality was provided for First Holy Communion

Prizes were organised for the Christmas raffle in aid of Ricardo's fund

A Christmas coffee morning was held, along with a raffle

Future events:

Friday 7 March Women's World Day of Prayer

16 March Ricardo's coffee morning

Valentina's cake stall

First Holy Communion hospitality

Social evening in aid of Wednesday Club funds

Summer outings will be held again this year. The numbers will depend on the number of drivers/cars available.

Many thanks to those who made donations for raffle prizes.

8.

Update from Sumy

As no response to our letter of invitation to visit our parish has yet been received from the Sumy parish priest, it is very unlikely that there will be an exchange visit this year.

It was suggested that we should ask the priest whether they would prefer us to send money instead of having them to visit us.

9.

Issues from Parish Groups

There were no issues raised.

10.

Lent and Easter services and other arrangements

All Easter services, etc will be as last year.

Geraldine will arrange the readers for the Easter Triduum, while Canon will organise the servers.

Readers for Stations of the Cross will be similar to last year. Stations will be combined with a penitential service on 4 April at 7 pm.

It was suggested that we do not need to make a collection for flowers for Easter, as the parish has sufficient funds to buy flowers, although a plate can be left at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate.

11.

Any Other Business

Youth Mass: there will be no Youth Mass on the Good Shepherd Sunday, as it is difficult to organise so close to Easter.

We will host the Diocesan Youth Mass on the feast of Christ the King and liaise with Chriss Humphreys.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on 3 July 2014 after 7 pm Mass.