

**St Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Advisory Council**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Zoom on Thursday, March 4th 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Fr Dwayne Bednar
Madeleine Walters

Chair
Secretary

Claudiu Bulai
David Roblin
Angela Jones
Gerry Lewis

1. Opening Prayer

Claudiu said the Opening Prayer.

2. Welcome and Apologies

Madeleine welcomed everyone.

Apologies were received from Helga Evans, Christine Lewis, Clare Loveluck and JR.

Madeleine agreed to take the Minutes.

3. Introductions

This item will be put on the Agenda of the next meeting as members not present at the February meeting were again not present at this one.

4. Minutes – Matters arising

The Minutes of the last Meeting on February 4th 2021 were approved as a true record.

Agreed by Claudiu and seconded by David.

Matters arising:

- Madeleine said, under Matters Arising, that Helga's introductory piece will be added. It was agreed to take out a sentence as requested by Christine. Madeleine will do this on the Minutes on file. Madeleine said that she was not keen on adding to or removing from the Minutes between meetings. She said it was a dangerous precedent.
- Clare mentioned that she had spoken to a number of people when out walking who were not happy that the Church was not open. Some of them were going to other churches. She said it was of some concern that some of these may not come back. Fr. Dwayne said that there was a meeting the following Monday, which he would attend, to discuss this same issue. He would let Madeleine know the outcome of this meeting and it will appear in the newsletter.
- Point 11 of the Minutes of 04.02.'21
Claudiu said that he had had a look at parish websites in Cardiff. He found that there was nothing for teenagers. All had stopped with the Coronavirus. Some churches were having Masses for the youth. He had spoken of this to JR. They

suggested having a Mass Intention for the Youth of the Parish, maybe once a month. It would be an opportunity to pray for the youth.

5. Canon Isaac – Update from Fr Dwayne

Fr. Dwayne reported that Canon Isaac was doing well. He will be going into the Heath later in March. He said he was communicating with Canon through SMS messages. Sometimes he sees him through the window. Canon will be in hospital a week longer than usual so that he is able to help himself when he comes out. There was some concern expressed as to how Canon will manage for himself but Fr. Dwayne said that he rather thinks that Canon will have taken the initiative to set up the support he wants.

6. Elections

- Madeleine said that she had actually been in post 20 years not 25. She said it was rather alarming to realise how long she had been the Chair. She reminded members that at election times in the past, she had been prevailed upon to stay in post, by both parish priests and members. At certain times, such as the amalgamation with OLOL, she had been asked to continue in the post to provide continuity. Angela Jones said it was what members had wanted.
- Madeleine presented to members the previous documentation that Dick Dicketts had prepared and used every time, as he had always organised the elections. May he rest in peace.
- She reminded members that Constitution members are elected for two years and for not more than two consecutive terms. They should then stand down and should not be re-elected for two years. It was agreed that this was not followed. Madeleine said that if the Council does not want to abide by this procedure, the Constitution needs to be changed accordingly.
- It was agreed to record the fact that the PAC recognises that elections are due to happen, both of the PAC members and of the officers. Elections will be held as soon as it is possible to hold meaningful elections.

7. Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Fr. Dwayne said that he would like two or three Readers to take the various parts of the Readings. He would also like people to bring in the Cross. He said that the volunteers were meeting on the following Monday, as stated above, and it will be obvious from that meeting what can be done for the Triduum.

8. Post Pandemic Plans

It was considered good to have a plan to have a parish social event, such as a barbecue or parish social.

9. Financial update – David Roblin

David Roblin had circulated the Statement of Accounts to members through Madeleine, ahead of the meeting. Madeleine reminded members that these Accounts are confidential and should not be shown to or discussed with other people. David said he was pleased with them. Big legacies have compensated for the lack of income. He explained that just before the lockdown, he had sent for quotes for decorating the inside of the Church. It has not been decorated for fifteen or twenty years. David said he had ideas on colours but another priest may have other ideas. However, it was

felt that it was important to do the work now and not wait for a new priest. The timing is perfect and people need the work.

10. Fr. Dwayne's Points

Fr. Dwayne expressed his concern about a section of the wall in the drive which had collapsed. It was agreed that it should be inspected for the sake of safety. David will contact Jimmy Foley.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12. Concluding Prayer

Fr. Dwayne said the concluding prayer, an intercession to St. Teilo, and gave a blessing.

13. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 22nd via Zoom at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.