

Present:

Fr. Peter Mansfield, Gerry O'Donnell, Liz Conway, Brenda Eydman, Truda Hobbs, Michael O'Callaghan, Karen Swain, Peter McFall.

Minutes:

Bernadette Hallett

Agenda:

1. **Welcome** given by Gerry to Peter McFall, **Opening Prayer**
2. **Apologies for Absence** received from Bridget Hanlon

Discussion about Parish Council Constitution

This extra-ordinary meeting has been called in order to discuss the Parish Council Constitution. The Parish Council is herewith to be referred to as the Parish Pastoral Council. A draft Constitution was distributed for discussion; the document circulated is an example of something that has worked in other parishes. The term PPC will be used to refer to the Parish Pastoral Council.

With reference to -

Section 2 Rules:

2. What is the best way to appoint people to the Parish Council? Currently the PPC profile has a very narrow demographic yet there is a desire to reach out to the youth, or to people newer to the parish. The PPC would benefit from more diversity.
7. Which groups could be represented? How? We need to find a way to deal with this fairly and justly.
12. The secretary will be a full member of the PPC. The appointment is made in conjunction with the Parish Priest and the Chairman..

Responsibilities:

Job descriptions of both Chairperson and Secretary were accepted and agreed. The Vice-Chairperson will chair a meeting in the case of the absence of the Chairperson.

Quorate for a vote: after discussion it was agreed that the quorate for a vote would be at least half of the current membership.

A draft of the amended Constitution will be circulated to the PPC members, and they will be asked for their comments and response by a given date, as chosen by Gerry.

The draft, once agreed, will be adopted at the next PPC meeting.

Gerry thanked everyone for their thought and input.

Amended Constitution will be drawn up and sent to Gerry for first reading.

It was agreed to inform the parish there are now two vacancies on the PPC. This number is increased to 3 on the indication one member is happy to stand down when a replacement found

AOB

Organ Recital:

22nd June Organ Recital for fundraising.

We will meet in the hall at 7.00pm and go into the church at 7.30pm.

Edward (organist) will make a poster.

Cost - £10 agreed.

Need to further discuss what we will provide? The Bar? Promotion?

Brenda is organising the event and will be supported by Bridget, Liz, and Bernadette.

The organ will be played at the 9.00am mass on Easter Sunday.

Closing Prayer said by Fr. Peter.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 10th May

Time: 7.30pm

Place: The Presbytery, Portnalls Road.