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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

23 July 2023

### **PRESENT:**

Fr Philip Bua, Ian Salmon, Kenny Stark, John & Cathleen McFadden, Marian Pallister, Pat Singal, Tony Jones, Mary Mcpherson, Marie Therese Brannigan, Tony Fenlon.

### **Apologies:**

John Gleeson, Eunice Salmon, Ann McCartan, Denise McDermott, Agata Koloziak,

**Opening Prayer:** Fr Philip led the opening prayer.

### **Minutes of the meeting from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

These were read and proposed by Marian and seconded by Ian.

### **REPORTS FROM SECTORS/GROUPS**

**Inveraray:** - Kenny reported that Mass attendance is boosted by summer visitors and two families have moved into the parish and are very active parishioners.

**Parish Finance Report:** - Kenny advised that the parish finances have been transformed largely due to the review of expenses carried out since the arrival of Fr. Philip and there is now a surplus of £5,614. Accounts have been prepared covering the period from May 2023 until the present time. Ian will present a summary to the Parish at the end of next Sunday's Mass. It is proposed that in future a report showing the current state of the Parish finances will be presented 4 times a year. Fr. Philip advised that the weekly newsletter will now show the total of the previous week's plate takings plus the total of any special collections and then each month will show the total parish income including Standing Orders, Church fund etc.

**Justice and Peace:** - Marian advised that the group meetings will now resume and will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. There is a 'Season of Creation' from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October and

the Parish will adopt a campaign. The Worldwide 'Day of Prayer' is on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Full details will be provided shortly on the Parish website, Facebook and on posters.

**Prayer Group:** - The group will now resume from 2 August 2023 and will meet at 5pm to 6pm in the church every Wednesday.

**Church Singing Group:** - Phil will lead the singers. Every 6 weeks they will meet to learn new material and will practice this before Sunday Mass.

**Hospitality Group:** - The group will continue to serve tea/coffee and juice after Sunday Mass. A rota will be drawn up of 2 volunteers needed each week. The money raised from the donation made during the tea/coffee will be used to buy more items and also used it for other church social events

**Gardening Group:** - The group and any additional volunteers will meet for approximately one hour on a date to be announced shortly to tidy up church grounds.

### **PARISH'S CALENDAR:**

The pastoral council proposed the following events for the parish.

- There will be a short Prayer Service in St Margaret's Peace Garden following Sunday Mass on 6<sup>th</sup> August to commemorate Hiroshima Day.
- 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 , a barbecue 'Know your Priest' day as a Parish social
- 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2023 Parish's gardening day
- Every Wednesday Exposition, Adoration, Reflection, Sharing 5pm to 6pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2030 Parish's recollection day ( From 11 am to 3pm)
- Parish's Walking day ( Date will be announce)
- Parish's Social evening (Quiz, Bingo, raffle etc. Date will be announce)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023, Sunday at 3.00pm Pastoral Council Meeting
- Remembrance Day Wreath – The Parish will again purchase a wreath for the occasion.
- All Saints Solemnity, Mass will be in the evening (November Book Remembrance the names will be collected for the following day of all Souls)
- Parish Christmas Fare/Social: The date will be announced shortly when we have confirmed the venue is available.

All these events a poster will be made to advertise it as a reminder to the parishioners on the parish website and Facebook page.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

**Parish Website and Facebook Page:** - Fr. Philip has now negotiated a new broadband deal and the Parish is now once again online. Fr Philip has agreed to manage the website and keep it updated. Details of group activities and links to the various groups will appear on the site. Tony Jones will manage the Facebook Page.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Sunday 3rd September 2023 at 3.00pm

### ***Closing Prayer:-***

The closing prayer was led by Pat.

Tony Fenlon  
Parish Pastoral Council  
23 July 2023