

**ST CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**ON**  
**SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024**

**1. Opening Prayer**

**2. Present**

Anthony Ashworth, Ann Black, Julia Bradley, Sue Cannon, Rob Cranston (Chair), Deacon Owen, Fr Don, Christine James, Karen Proctor, Sylvia Shaw, Nuala Shepley

**3. Apologies**

Nick Collins, Marie Ginnis, Derek Handley, Anne Heard

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2024**

Accepted as correct.

**5. Matters Arising**

a) Defibrillator

Now installed in the kitchen. RC queried about costings and surplus from the money raised. Some will be needed for long term maintenance. DH will provide this information.

b) Barbecue

Planned for June but date not set. (CJ)

c) Wine Tasting

Date brought forward to May but as only 24 places available another event may take place in October. (AA)

**6. Parish Safeguarding**

EMs who home visit have submitted DBS details and KP is awaiting return of the information from the diocese.

**7. Home Visits**

There is no active care group visiting parishioners although it is acknowledged visits take place to the housebound/sick by individuals on an unofficial basis. Revitalising visits to local care/nursing homes is a possibility. There is merit in categorising those in need of support in the community. FD home visits regularly and is willing to point EMs in the direction of those who would welcome such contact.

## 8. Amalgamation Working Group

Minutes of the first meeting of the working group circulated. This meeting covered the various concerns of those present and the Glossop visitors spoke about the Five-Year Divine Renovation programme. Fr Martin has asked that the group is given a name and develops a formal approach to the work undertaken.

## 9. Divine Renovation

### a) Discussion

At the meeting for St Charles' parishioners on 5th March Liz Nash and Ann King delivered a presentation about their involvement and experience of the Divine Renovation programme. KH has written to RC in response and is interested in being involved in the working group. FD is keen for all parishioners to feel engaged and to be part of the changes and it is felt that future meetings should be open to anyone wanting to attend rather than being seen as a closed group. Fr James Mellon has written a book on Divine Renovation and this is recommended reading for all.

### b) Name Tags

Mixed views about the use of name tags in church. Recognised that not everyone would feel comfortable wearing these. There is a need to canvass views and only move slowly. Any use would be for adults only. No child should have a badge. Felt there was some merit in PPC members wearing a badge to show they were on the Council. This might encourage parishioners to raise issues directly with them. KH has offered to facilitate in producing badges if required.

## 10. PPC Meeting Schedule

### a) Annual Open Meeting at Pentecost

Last year there were no questions asked at the meeting. This year RC suggested the review be kept brief and circulated before the meeting so that parishioners have time and opportunity to read and ask any questions. After this the PPC could hold its usual meeting. FD pointed out that he had another meeting that day and the meeting date was changed to **26th May** to accommodate this.

### b) Proposed Meeting Schedule for Future Meeting

RC proposed the PPC met bi-monthly rather than quarterly given the amount of business needed to be covered. Currently the agenda is long and there is a big gap before matters are revisited. It is recognised though that given his heavy workload that FD may be absent on occasions. Any matters at meetings that require FD involvement to be

held back awaiting his decision. FD happy for Deacon Owen to fill in during any absence.

### **11. Parish Website**

Requires some updating. Clergy and Parish Safeguarding details out of date. Meeting minutes not posted since November'22, RC proposed that all minutes from any formal meetings should be posted on the website. RC undertook to look into this and FD will provide him with details.

### **12. Any Other Business**

#### **a) Wine Tasting**

Proposed date is 18th May between 6-8 pm. Maximum of 24 people. AA to confirm.

b) Inter parish barbecue will involve the Confirmation candidates with ages ranging from 12-22. (CJ)

c) School choir to sing at the Glossop Heritage weekend with a Sound of Music theme. (CJ)

d) Ground maintenance is a problem now that the volunteers are unavailable.

e) Beechwood House is likely to be defunct and liability for the parish. Has some leaking.

f) NS thanked AA for the excellent EM rota he has produced.

g) SH suggested an initiative to work more closely with the other churches in Hadfield to develop a greater sense of community involvement. SH/RC to canvass views from the other churches.

### **13. Date of next Meeting**

**SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2024**

Closing Prayer