

Newtownpark Parish of Guardian Angels  
Parish Pastoral Council

**Sixty First Meeting**

on  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Roisín Drury, Fr Bill Fortune, Fr. Dermot Leycock (President), Michael Morris, Jim O'Boyle, Eugene O'Connor, Gay Redmond (Chairman), Brendan Riordan (Secretary), Elva Tiernan, Bernard Walsh.

**Apologies:** Paul Cryan, Ray McNicholas, Veronica Shortt.

**Absent:** Paddy Duggan.

- 1) **Prayers** were led by Eugene – 'Come Holy Spirit'
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda adopted as circulated.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Agreed, signed and released for publication.

**4. Matters Arising**

**(i)- Community.**

**a) Parish Pastoral Centre:**

**Constitution:** It was agreed that the reason for the Constitution was to ensure that the Centre had clear objectives and achieved them effectively, despite any change in personnel that may occur. The following amendments were AGREED:

- Replace the section on the Annual General Meeting (paragraphs 6, 7 and 8) by a new paragraph 6 'The Management Committee shall report directly to the Parish Priest. The Management Committee shall meet the Parish Pastoral Council at least once every year to discuss progress and matters of common interest under the chairmanship of the Parish Priest.'
- That the name 'Management Committee' be used instead of 'Executive Committee' in all documents.

**Management:**

**Appointment of members of the Management Committee**

Noted that the following had accepted nomination to the Management Committee: Eithne Doyle, Peter O'Flanagan, Brendan Riordan and Bernard Walsh. It was also noted that two of these four were also members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). In addition, Fr Dermot as Parish Priest and Fr Bill would also be members, ex officio, of both the Management Committee and the PPC. The Chairman added that the key role of the Management Committee was to see that things got done and this called for a small group of no more than eight members, to be effective.

**b) Listening Sessions:**

Noted:

Listening sessions would be the subject of discussions over the Summer, between the **Chairman, Roisin and Brendan.**

Further efforts to develop interaction and creativity in the Parish would be discussed with Donal Harrington over the Summer by a group of PPC members headed by **Roisin.**

**c) World Meeting Of Families - WMOF – Dublin 2018:**

The hiring of a coach to take people, especially the infirm, to the Papal Mass in Phoenix Park was mentioned. **Fr Dermot and the Chairman** agreed to look into the possibilities..

**(ii)-Prayer and Liturgy:** Members to co-ordinate and assist in this would be sought at the September meeting.

**(iii) Education/Formation:** Members to co-ordinate and assist in this would be sought at the September meeting.

**(iv) Outreach:** Members to co-ordinate and assist in this would be sought at the September meeting.

**5) Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding**

NOTED:

- The Child Safeguarding Act entered into force in December 2017 with *Fr Dermot* and other priests being mandated. They would meet *Jim, Aileen* and *Roisin* who would be arranging Garda Vetting;
- A document on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults was expected in the near future.

**6) Any Other Business**

**Rotation in the Membership of the Pastoral Council.**

NOTED:

- Members going off the Council at the end of the year would include: Chairman Gay, Mike and Jim.
- Incoming members included: Paul Cryan, Eugene O'Connor, Ray McNicholas, Elva Tiernan, Bernard Walsh.
- That Leonard Kaye had laid the foundations for the PPC in a series of meetings to prepare potential members of the PPC for their work on the PPC. Few of these foundation members remain on the Council and now seems to be an opportune time for the newer members to engage in an exercise to strengthen their potential contribution to the Council.

**7) Next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018** with prayers lead by *Elva.*

**8) Closing Prayer:** Eugene