

Newtownpark Parish of Guardian Angels
Parish Pastoral Council

Sixty Third Meeting

on

22nd October 2018 at 7.30pm.

Draft Minutes

Present: Fr. Dermot Leycock (President), Ray McNicholas, Michael Morris, Eugene O'Connor. Gay Redmond (Chairman), Brendan Riordan (Secretary).

Apologies: Paul Cryan, Roisín Drury, Fr Bill Fortune. Jim O'Boyle, Elva Tiernan, Bernard Walsh. **Absent:** Paddy Duggan.

1) **Prayers** were led by *Ray*.

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:

Fr Dermot reported:

- **Opening:** NOTED: *Archbishop Diarmuid Martin* has agreed to open the Centre on Sunday 28th October and all parishioners will be welcome to this ceremony, in addition, *Josephine Fitzpatrick* had arranged invitations for people outside the parish who had helped create the Centre and would also liaise with the school. *Peter O'Flanagan* would welcome the Archbishop to the Centre, as Chairman of the Management Committee, while *Gay* would welcome the Archbishop to the Parish, as Chairman of the PPC.
- **Funding:** Cash on hand amounted to €400,000, while it is anticipated that in the end there may well be an overdraft of €300,000. It was NOTED that the task of raising money to build the Centre had been entrusted to a Fund Raising Committee, who had done very well to raise most of money that was needed, including a handsome amount from the sale of the Community Hall site. It was also NOTED that the management of the Centre was entrusted to the Management Committee. It will take them some time to achieve a level of receipts from leasing of the rooms to cover the cost of operating the Centre. The next target would be to put enough of the net income (receipts minus operational costs) into a Sinking Fund to provide for expenditure on maintaining the fabric of the Centre and its contents. After that, any further net income would go to service and pay down the debt.
- **Management:** The Management Committee had appointed Deirdre Dornan to manage the Centre and the contract was signed on 24th September.

- **Volunteer induction:** Courses for volunteers would start at the end of the month.
- **Users:** The Coffee Dock would open in the Centre on Sunday 4th November and groups would start to use the Centre on 5th November. Groups currently using the old Community Hall would move to the Centre and additional groups were being recruited to use the Centre.
- **Appreciation:** Jimmy and Bridie Griffin had written a letter saying how they were speechless on entering the Centre as it more than fulfilled their dreams of a successor to the Community Hall.

b) Listening Sessions:

This will be a topic for the December meeting, as agreed at the October meeting.

(ii)-Prayer and Liturgy: No new initiatives mentioned.

(iii) Education/Formation: Fr Dermot NOTED that the biggest challenge facing the PPC is to put its thoughts into action. He RECOMMENDED that Eileen Foley be contacted by the next person to take on this brief as she could address the topic of how to pray.

(iv) Outreach: No new initiatives mentioned.

5) Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding

NOTED:

- There had been a meeting of Fr Dermot, Jim, Aileen and Roisín.
- At future PPC meetings a member of this group *would report* on which groups in the parish had been vetted.

6) Any Other Business: None

7) Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Monday 26th November 2018 with prayers lead by *Roisin*

8) Closing Prayer: Ray