

Newtownpark Parish of Guardian Angels
Parish Pastoral Council

Sixty seventh Meeting

on

13th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Draft Minutes

Present: Roisín Drury, Ray McNicholas (Chairman for this meeting), Eugene O'Connor, Brendan Riordan (Hon. Secretary), Bernard Walsh.

Apologies: Fr Bill Fortune, Fr. Dermot Leycock (President). **Absent:** Paddy Duggan,.

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

2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was adopted as circulated.

3) **Minutes of the previous meeting** was agreed and signed.

4) Listening Meeting aims:

NOTED aims agreed at the previous meeting as follows

- ✓ *'A time for people to sit back and think of what they want from the parish and what they could do for the parish community.'*
- ✓ *'An invitation to think deeper.'*
- ✓ *'An opportunity to hear new voices.'*

To these the meeting added:

- ✓ *To prepare for the future*

It was suggested that the PPC should think of the longer term evolution of the parish, particularly forced by a steep decline in numbers in the Ordained Ministry, while at the same time working to develop our Parish in the here and now. A number of views on the future of the Church and these are expected to be heard in the listening process.

- ✓ *Establish priorities of the development of the Parish*

5) How might we enable parishioners to express their concerns?

One **proposal** was to consult people of the parish at breakfast round tables. This would be rather like the shared meals in the Alpha Course. There would be numerous tables and at each there would be a facilitator to coax people to speak their mind about a number of issues related to the development of our parish. In this connection it was also **proposed** that the Manager of the Pastoral Centre be asked to accommodate such a breakfast in the Centre's Conference Hall at 10 am on Saturday 11th May. (*Brendan*)

Another **proposal** was to have a small questionnaire survey of people in the parish on what days and times they would find convenient for speaking their minds on what needs to be done to develop the parish. For example, some people might find it convenient to drop into the Centre early in the morning after taking their children to school.

A further **proposal** was to seek the views of students in the higher classes at Rockford Manor School.

Agreed: that the preparation of facilitators group discussions begin with a meeting on Wednesday 6th March. [subsequently deferred]

Agreed: to explore the possibility of having a well known speaker set the scene for a major consultation.

5) Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding: *Roisin* undertook to report to the next meeting on the progress that was being made in this area.

6) Dates for future meetings

Next meeting set for Wednesday 6th March [Subsequently deferred to 13th March].

10) Closing Prayer: *Eugene*.