

Parish Pastoral Council AGM Monday 3rd September 2018 7.30 p.m.			
Present			
Canon Lordan	Mrs Erica Rowland (Chair)	Mrs Rachel Acton	
Mr Peter Burke	Mr John Fernee	Dr Sarah Hazel	
Mr Brendan McDonald	Miss Oonagh Thompson	Mrs Alison Williams	
Mrs Geraldine Downing			
No.	Item		Action
1.	Opening Prayer		
	Canon Lordan opened the meeting with prayer.		
2.	Apologies		
	Mrs Margaret Brown; Mrs Liz Davies		
3.	Absences		
	Mrs Rhian Barnett		
4.	Welcome		
	Erica welcomed everyone to this the first AGM since the relaunch of the Council in 2017. It was noted that only members of the Council and the parish secretary were in attendance this evening, parishioners had not taken up the invitation to attend.		
5.	Agenda		
	This being the first AGM and no previous minutes to consider the meeting proceeded to review its performance during the last year.		
6.	Election of Officers		
	Alison Williams and Rachel Acton, both agreed to remain on the PAC for a further 12 months. Erica thanked them for their generosity of time.		
7.	Review		
	<p>Erica posed the question “How is it working?” and asked for comments. Erica advised that for herself she enjoys being involved within the Parish in this way and that it has been a sharp learning curve in the issues facing the parish.</p> <p>Alison asked “Are we effective?” which led to a deep discussion on “How to engage more parishioners in the life of the parish?”</p> <p>The parish cannot run by itself and neither can all the necessary work be left to the parish priest and a few others. There are a number of tasks that need to be done on a regular basis to ensure a well-maintained parish and there are some tasks that can be done very sparingly throughout the year not forgetting the “One-Offs”.</p> <p>Geraldine advised that bulletin notices of requests for help generally go unanswered and even appeals “from the front” have only marginal success. The discussion that followed acknowledged that there is a perception that “groups” are “a closed shop” that is to say, the group members see to that issue and don’t need or want anyone else.</p> <p>Canon spoke about the parish being a home and that we need to take care of it just as any other home. So often at home – mother does everything. Very few give time to think how the cupboard remains stocked; why there are always clean clothes in the wardrobe or coal in the bucket, and a myriad of other things. As parishioners we need to become aware of this and do our share in looking after the parish where we are able.</p> <p>Following discussion of our own life experiences it was readily acknowledged that the personal approach is the best way to engage anyone. Posters and bulletin requests have their place and should not be dismissed but it is the</p>		

	<p>personal invitation that will bear the most fruit. Everyone was asked to embrace this acknowledgement and to not be afraid to speak with other parishioners about what they do and encourage others to think about becoming involved. It is believed that many parishioners are unaware of what needs to be done as do the council members.</p> <p>As a first step in trying to address parishioner participation – Geraldine and Oonagh will draw up a comprehensive list of tasks and duties that need to be carried out. This will then be emailed to all PAC members.</p> <p>The second step will then be to take one of these duties and approach parishioners on a Sunday to ask if they would be willing to help in that area.</p>	<p>Geraldine & Oonagh</p>
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