

**Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Llay and Christ the King, Rossett**  
**Minutes of the Parish Advisory Council**  
**12 February at 7.00 pm**  
**Parish Hall of St Francis of Assisi**

**Present:**

Canon Lordan – parish priest  
Helen Zammit-Willson – chair  
Ashley Rogers  
Carol Wareing  
Sheila Humphreys-Jones  
Geraldine Downing  
Christopher Graffius  
Mike Smiga

**Apologies:**

Derek Hannaby  
Charlotte Hannaby  
Lorraine Pizzey  
John Fernee  
Roger Chandler  
Eileen Chandler

Item		Action										
1.	The meeting opened with a prayer.											
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received as above.											
3.	<b>Approval of minutes from last meeting</b> The minutes of the last meeting on 20 November 2014 were approved.											
4.	<b>Action points from last meeting</b> The finance committee had decided to put a further £40,000 into the Diocesan Deposit Scheme.  The uptake of Christmas gift vouchers has increased the membership to 102 with an increased income of £1579. This will mean that a total of £739 will have been raised by April.											
5.	<b>Update of parish finances</b>  <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Current account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37,418.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,299.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 2 account (Sumy)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,466.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80,058.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£131,241.50</b></td> </tr> </table>	Current account	£37,418.51	Reserve account	£9,299.67	No 2 account (Sumy)	£4,466.30	Deposit account	£80,058.02	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£131,241.50</b>	
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6.	<b>Update from Property Group</b> New entrance mats have been fitted in Llay church and presbytery.											
7.	<b>Update from social and fundraising committee</b> No report was available, as the secretary was away from home and unable to submit by e-mail.											



	<p><b>Synod family life issues:</b> The parish has also been asked to give a response to various questions regarding family life. The material on this topic will be available for circulation shortly, and will also be discussed at the meeting on 26 February, to decide how to take this item forward.</p> <p><b>Format of PAC:</b> As the PAC membership is less formalised than it has been in previous years, it was suggested that it is no longer officially a “Parish Advisory Council” according to the constitution. A discussion took place on the way forward. If parishioners wish to return to a more formal basis with elected representatives, instead of the present system of an open meeting with all parishioners invited to attend, then they need to offer themselves to serve on the PAC.</p> <p>However, as the parish meeting does in fact support the parish priest and performs an advisory role in its present format it may be necessary simply to change the title of the meeting. Various titles were suggested, including Parish Advisory Meeting. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.</p> <p>It was suggested that an agenda should be posted on the noticeboard prior to every meeting, with the opportunity for any member of the parish to add items to it for discussion – however, they would need to attend the meeting to add to the discussion, or submit background to the item in writing for discussion.</p>	Helen
10.	<p><b>Lent and Easter Services</b></p> <p><b>Stations of the Cross</b> Fridays of Lent, 7 pm – the following people would be approached to organise this service:</p> <p>20 February Canon 27 February Anne Aitken and Margaret Robbins 6 March Geraldine Downing 13 March Young people of the parish 20 March Helen Zammit-Willson. Stations followed by Penitential Service 27 March Ashley Rogers</p> <p>All Easter services will be as last year.</p> <p>Canon will organise the altar servers for the Easter services</p> <p>Geraldine will arrange the readers for the Easter Triduum</p> <p>There will be no collection for flowers as the parish has sufficient funds.</p> <p><b>Parish stations at Pantasaph:</b> If there is enough interest it was suggested that the parish goes to Pantasaph during Lent to walk the outdoor Calvary. A coach could be arranged if numbers warrant it.</p>	Geraldine

11.	<b>Any Other Business</b>  The issue of parish music was raised. This was held over for discussion at the next meeting.  The next meeting will take place on 2 July 2015.	
	The meeting ended with a prayer.	