

Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Llay and Christ the King, Rossett
Minutes of the Parish Advisory Council
19 November at 7.45 pm
Parish Hall of St Francis of Assisi

Present:

Canon Lordan – parish priest
Helen Zammit-Willson – chair
John Fernee
Carol Wareing
Geraldine Downing
Don Downing
Roger Chandler
Eileen Chandler
Liz Davies

Apologies:

Oonagh Thompson
Eileen Evans
Ashley Rogers
Charlotte Hannaby
Derek Hannaby
Mike Smiga
Kathy Home

Item		Action								
1.	The meeting opened with a prayer.									
2.	Apologies Apologies were received as above.									
3.	Approval of minutes from last meeting The minutes of the last meeting on 23 July 2015 were approved.									
4.	Action points from last meeting All action points from the last meeting were completed.									
5.	Action points from AGM There were no action points from the AGM.									
6.	<p>Update of parish finances</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80,187.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30,738.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 9,883.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sumy Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 4,834.45</td> </tr> </table> <p>All 3 ordinary parish accounts are to be amalgamated into one.</p> <p>In November the sum of £8,499.95 was received from HMRC as a refund from Gift Aided donations. It is important to highlight this fact in the bulletin to encourage more people to gift aid their donations.</p> <p>The Living Wage will soon increase to £8.25/hour. This will increase the parish wage bill.</p> <p>David Davies, a retired accountant, has volunteered his services to assist with the parish accounts.</p>	Deposit Account	£80,187.21	Current Account	£30,738.58	Business Reserve	£ 9,883.26	Sumy Account	£ 4,834.45	
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	We need more people to help count money each week.	
7.	<p>Update from 100 Club</p> <p>Total receipts came to £1435 up to 19 November 2015. As the Christmas gift voucher scheme brought in £220 of this, it is planned to offer the scheme again this Christmas.</p> <p>One young person has applied to go to the Youth Conference in Krakow, and will receive some funding from the money raised.</p>	
8.	<p>Update from Property Group</p> <p>Bulbs in various spotlights replaced in the hall.</p> <p>A pole for banners, etc, has been installed over the stage.</p> <p>Hedge trimming has been completed.</p> <p>The poor lighting above the organ at Llay still remains to be sorted. Consideration will be given as to the best method to resolve the problem.</p> <p>A request was made to remove bubbles in the flooring at St Francis church.</p>	
9.	<p>Update on Health and Safety</p> <p>Risk assessments need to be updated for events taking place in the hall.</p>	
10.	<p>Update from Sumy</p> <p>Some consideration was given to the best use of the funds raised for Sumy. The funds raised for Valentina's care and for the Soup Kitchen do not cover the total needed. It was suggested that we could top up these funds rather than inviting parishioners to visit the parish. The orphanages have less need of funds, as government policy now is to place children with foster carers rather than orphanages.</p>	
11.	<p>Update from social and fundraising committee</p> <p>Good feedback was received from the parish retreat at St Clare's convent in September. Twenty five parishioners attended.</p> <p>The Jazz night on 7 December was also successful. Ticket money covered the costs.</p> <p>There will be a Christmas Draw</p> <p>The parish Christmas lunch at the Ramada Hotel is now full.</p>	
12.	<p>Issues raised by parishioners</p> <p>There were no issues raised.</p>	

13.	<p>Advent and Christmas preparations</p> <p>The panto will take place on 14 December. This cost £672 plus VAT. We are not allowed to charge for the tickets for this event and no alcohol may be served. It is hoped that some of the money may be recouped through voluntary donations. At present only 60 tickets have been taken, with 40 still remaining. It was proposed to make them available to St Mary's school.</p> <p>4 December 7.30 pm Sumy Soup Supper</p> <p>6 December 6 pm Ecumenical Advent Service at St Martin's church, Llay.</p> <p>10 December 7 pm Reconciliation service.</p> <p>28 December 2.30 pm Christmas Carol Service at St Francis church.</p> <p>There will be no Christingle service.</p> <p>Preparations are under way for the outdoor crib, which will be installed from 19 December to 6 January.</p> <p>Masses will be at the usual times. There will be no collection for flowers, as the parish has sufficient funds.</p> <p>Liz Davies will provide a Christmas tree.</p>	
14.	<p>St Stephen's Mass at cathedral Only one altar server eligible this year.</p>	
15.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>A CD holder will be provided in the porch for CDs with inspiring and instructional content – to be available for parishioners to buy at a nominal charge – part of our initiative to “Proclaim the Joy of the Gospel”.</p> <p>Catechists are needed for confirmation classes.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 4th February 2016.</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended with a prayer.</p>	