

# SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Parishes of

St. Wilfrid St. Cuthbert Our Lady and St. Joseph  
St. John St. Paul Sacred Heart

Minutes of the meeting held at Sacred Heart, North Gosforth on 18.07.17

**Present :** Rob Wareing, , Anne Hardy, Fr. Philip Quinn, Paula Battersby, Ken Little, Fr. Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, John Hawthorne, Tony Turner, Paul Marley (Head Teacher, St. Oswald's Primary School), Angela Gray (Chair of Partnership Finance group), Kathryn Maggs (representing St. John's in the absence of Gerry Killen)

**1. Opening prayer**

Led by Tony Turner

**2. Apologies for absence**

Fr. Harriott, Fr. Lee Barrett, Gerry Killen, David Brown

**3. Communications.**

- a. Paula Battersby reported on progress so far
  - She has received most of the information requested at the last meeting. Copies will be circulated to PDG members
  - She will now work on a secondary list to contain names/contact details of people involved in a wider range of parish activities. Copies of this will be lodged with Jo Shepherd (Secretary) and Fr. Jim.
  - A prototype of a PDG bulletin has been produced. Paula will now produce a dummy bulletin which will be circulated to the PDG. The aim is to produce this on a quarterly basis.
  - A PDG website will be considered in the future.
  - The group would like to record its thanks to Paula for the time and energy which she has put into completing these tasks.
- b. Fr. Jim reported on the Diocesan Implementation group and circulated details of the situation at the moment.

**4. Spiritual activities/Formation/Outreach**

- Fr. Jim reported on planning of the Partnership Mass to be held at New Hartley on 22 September 2017. Fr. Philip Quinn will be the principal celebrant. Refreshments after the Mass.
- There will be a Harvest Festival Mass on October 7 at 11.00am at Sacred Heart. Refreshments after the Mass.
- John Hawthorne will co-ordinate the Spirituality Network. Members of the group will elect a chair etc.
- The role of young people will be considered when the group has been fully constituted.

**5. Finance**

- Angela Gray, Chair of the Partnership Finance Group, circulated information.
- Funding of the Partnership was discussed. This will be continued at Finance Partnership Group meeting.
- Angela will summarise options/recommendations.

**6. Social activities.**

- Thanks from St. John's were offered to those who attended the Garden Party. £1060 was raised for CAFOD.
- There will be a candlelit Carol Service at Sacred Heart followed by refreshments. Provisional date 18 December.

**7. Property and facilities.**

- New Hartley requires a new roof. Approximate cost £28000. The parish is able to meet the cost from the deposit account held with the Diocese. Application to the Diocese will be made for the release of the necessary funds.
- St. Paul's is likely to need a new roof next year. **NB Fr. Lee has confirmed that the roof has been fixed this week.**

**8. Planning.**

- Guidelines are on the Diocesan website. Jo Shepherd will forward this document to members of the PDG.
- Fr. Jim pointed out that the Vision Statement, upon which planning will depend, will be discussed and agreed by the Spirituality Group.

**9. Matters arising (not covered above)**

- St. John's would like the issue of Mass times on Holy Days to be discussed. This matter was deferred to the clergy.
- Query regarding Baptismal information and Confirmations was clarified.
- Confirmations are planned for Sacred Heart Parish. Information regarding the date will be communicated to the members of the Partnership when this has been confirmed. Young people are welcome to join this group if they so wish.

**10. Any other business.**

The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesday 4 October at **7.30pm**

**11. Closing prayer.**