

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 inaugural meeting held at St. Wilfrid's, Blyth on 31.05.17

Present : Gerry Killen, Rob Wareing, Fr. Lee Barrett, Anne Hardy, Fr. Philip Quinn, Paula Battersby, Pauline Johnstone, Ken Little, David Brown, Fr. Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, John Hawthorne

Apologies: Fr. Harriott, Tony Turner

1. Welcome

Fr. Jim welcomed the group and led a period of silent prayer.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made.

3. Prayer

The group prayed together using the Prayer for New Partnerships.

4. Elections

Elections were conducted: Ken Little - chair, Paula Battersby - Vice-Chair, Jo Shepherd - secretary. Ken Little led the meeting from this point.

5. Communications

The following points were made:

- New Hartley, Blyth and Cowpen do not have parish websites
- Imperative to keep information updated
- Partnership communication could be used to help develop a sense of identity eg parishes could provide short pen portraits

The following actions were agreed

- Paula Battersby offered to compile a contact list for communications. This will be made up of PDG, PPCs and those with responsibility for parish bulletins/websites.
- Paula will be the initial point of contact and will set up a dummy for the partnership newsletter. Mid July will be the target date for the first publication.

6. Review of social/liturgical/spiritual activities

Already completed:

- St. Patrick's night ceilidh at the Benedictine Club
- Mass and social at Sacred Heart
- May procession at St. John's
- Life in the Spirit Seminars at Sacred Heart and St. John's

Future events:

- Garden party at St. John's – 9 July 2017
- Day of reflection to be led by Sr. Sheila McNamara rscj at Sacred Heart - 3 June 2017
- Adoration and Corpus Christi procession at St. Paul's - 18 June 2017

7. Partnership groups

- These will be ancillary to the PDG which will be responsible for co-ordinating Partnership activities.
- Finance Group will meet at St. Paul's on 7 June 2017
- There will be a joint account, final details of which will be finalised following instructions from the Diocese.
- Social events will continue to be organised by parishes with invitations sent out to the whole Partnership.
- Spiritual events in parishes will continue as previously with invitations sent out to the whole Partnership.
- A spirituality group will be established to organise events specifically for the whole partnership. As a first step Station Masses will be held.
- Department for Spirituality is able to offer any necessary support.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

18 July 2017 at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart

9. AOB

- Sharing information with schools was discussed. Fr. Jim will liaise with Newcastle Partnerships. Information will be shared.
- Agenda items for AOB to be submitted to Jo Shepherd 2 weeks prior to meeting