

ST. FRANCIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

15TH OCTOBER 2013 7.30PM

Attending : Fr. Tom Taaffe, Tony Berkeley, Wyn Vickers, Jacqueline Power, Val Greive, Kay Field, Joe Corless, Terry Enga, Wendy Cullen.

Apologies : Jane Gow, Mary & Micheal Looney.

Chair's Report : Tony welcomed all to the meeting, and thanked all members for their reports that were received by email.

Agenda : Proposed Parish Community Centre

Part one outlined current Parish facilities. It also included activities of the various parish groups and their needs and requirements. Most groups had been consulted and provided information about their activities and the need for additional adequate space and privacy for meetings and activities.

Part two examined two other Parishes' Community centres outlining their arrangements and t

The proposed Parish Centre would be a vitally beneficial to both St Francis Parish and the primary school next door, where additional space is paramount.

After completion of the Church Restoration project, discussion took place about the need to remind the Parish that they had voted in favour of a Parish Centre, and they had overwhelmingly indicated that this was their wish.

Fr. Tom added, while we will need to access Maintenance Funds, we also need to take on board the task involved in the day to day running of a Parish Centre which will need to be formally organised. This cannot be left to good will or chance. It was agreed that there will be a requirement for a Parish Centre management committee to achieve this aim.

The Parish has now reached the stage where formal Permission from the Diocese and the Trustees is required and in conjunction with the Diocese Professional Architects need to be on board to understand requirements and standards. All instructions will need to be quantified.

Reports must be made available to the whole Parish Community.

Any feedback on the report is to be sent to Val Grieve and Fr. Tom Taaffe.

The Parish Centre Building Committee must be involved and present at the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the next possible steps.