



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE CYNTHIA POULTON HALL
AT 12.30PM ON 7 APRIL 2019
MINUTES**

1. Opening Prayer

The Dean opened the meeting in prayer at 12:30pm

As Convenor of the Cathedral 150 celebrations, Pauline Brooks spoke about the successful Bishop's Court Garden Party the previous day, thanking God for the beautiful autumn day, Meredith Hercus and her team for catering, the Boys on the Bar, Oliver Morris and Stephen Pash, Bob Hercus, those who set up and those who cleared up, Lorna Horton who did flower arrangements, the Choir for their wonderful singing, and thanks to the Archbishop and Mrs Smith, who were gifted with a bee hive to mark the occasion and to those who attended.

Robert Birks expressed a vote of thanks on behalf of Vestry to Pauline for her work

All of the above were greeted with **ACCLAMATION**

Thank you to Carol Sim for the collection of photographs being shown on the new portable television screen, showing the project in restoring the Cathedral and the Organ.

2. Recording of attendance and apologies.

79 people signed the attendance sheet.

21 people had offered their apologies.

3. Appointment of Minute Secretary.

Christine Beal was appointed Minute Secretary, unopposed

Baden TEAGUE/Kym RAMSAY

4. Report concerning confirmation of Minutes:

- a. The Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held 18 March 2018 were confirmed by Cathedral Council at its April 2018 meeting.

Motion: *"That the Minutes of this Meeting be confirmed by Cathedral Council at its earliest convenience."*

Moved: Pauline PAYNE Seconded: Cricket FOX **CARRIED**

5. Appointment of Scrutineers:

Coby Mellor and Stuart Langshaw were appointed scrutineers without objection.

6. Elections:

The Dean thanked those who had served as Synod representatives for the triennium and as members of Council. The Dean explained the makeup of the Cathedral Council and reported that Rebecca Bailey has been appointed to Council by the Archbishop. Helen Carrig is Diocesan Council appointment.

Kevin Stracey has accepted the Dean's invitation to be the Dean's Warden. Carol Sim has accepted the Dean's nomination to Cathedral Council and will chair the Cathedral Conservation Committee.

- a. People's Warden Elect 1 (1 yr term)
Angela EVANS elected **UNOPPOSED**
- b. Cathedral Council Elect 2 (2 yr term). Two nominations received for Cathedral Council, Jan HORSNELL and Oliver MORRIS **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

7. Nomination Committee

(2018 Committee: Bill Nicholls, Joe Thorp & Christine Beal)

Five people were nominated: Christine Beal, Joe Thorp, Michael Neale, Kathy Teague, Di Nicholls. Kathy Teague, Joe Thorp and Di Nicholls were elected for 2019.

8 Representatives to Synod

Christine Beal, Angela Evans, Reuben Jacob, Oliver Morris, Kevin Stracey and Joe Thorp were nominated for five positions. Angela Evans, Kevin Stracey, Reuben Jacob, Joe Thorp, and Christine Beal were elected with Oliver Morris as Alternate Synod Representative
All appointments and elections were greeted with **ACCLAMATION**

Dean's report

The Dean presented his report in the booklet *Between the Spires*. He was thanked for his excellent report. He added additional matters as follows:

Organ restoration

As part of the Dean's report The Dean requested Kevin Stracey as Treasurer speak about the Organ Project. Mr Stracey noted the project was nearly complete, and at present we are undertaking final transactions with Harrison and Harrison. Following this the only outstanding expense will be the Warranty Visit next year. The bottom line is \$1.5m against an original target of \$2.1m. The well managed project and the exchange rate are responsible for this excellent result. The approximate figure for donations to date is \$1.44m. The Music Foundation has agreed to fund the gap around \$65K. So the Cathedral dream of bringing the Organ home debt free was achieved. The Dean paid tribute to David Heah, Carol Sim, Don Donlan, Kathy Teague, Rick Sawers, Penny Bowen and Kate Palmrose for their part in making this happen.

Director of Music

Leonie Hempton has indicated her intention to retire as Director of Music at the end of the year, and a search will occur for an appropriate person to lead the musical life of the Cathedral, noting this will be a challenging role to fill. The Dean will meet with the Lay Clerks to talk about what is important to them and there will be a meeting for the congregation at large to look at how best to fill this position. He invited people to speak with him if they were interested in providing ideas about this important position.

Security

The Dean has been having conversations with SAPol about security following the terrorist attack in Christchurch. He reassured members of Vestry about security measures already in place and counselled them to remain calm in the face of such events.

It was moved that the Dean's report be received Angela EVANS/ Peter GARLAND **CARRIED**

9. Financial Reports:

- a. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts.

The Treasurer, Mr Kevin Stracey, presented the accounts and spoke to them, noting 2018 was an unusual year, with the Cathedral closed for a prolonged period due to organ restoration.

Questions

The Treasurer responded to questions about the following issues from accounts and budget:

- The need for ongoing conservation work, and noted this would be an ongoing process. He spoke about the way in which Diocesan Council works with the Cathedral to find ways to work together on conservation projects and to support the work of the Cathedral.
- Responding to a question about scheduled conservation works the Dean explained the schedule of phased work established by Janny Spilsbury-Schackel and Andrew Klenke. The hope was in 2019, Stage 2 of the conservation work, planned for 2019/20, has proved to be too expensive to be undertaken now. Instead, seismic bracing of the Lantern Tower, which is the oldest part of the Cathedral will be done at a cost approximately \$150K.
- The Treasurer confirmed the reports presented today have been audited.
- Lighting in the nave of the Cathedral was planned in the past – clarified this plan has not disappeared but at present it has not been scheduled.
- Request to consider mounted fans, will be discussed offline.

Motion: *"That the Annual Accounts 2018 be adopted."*

Kevin TRACEY/Jan HORSNELL **CARRIED** Greeted with **ACCLAMATION**

b. Presentation of Budget for 2019

The Treasurer spoke about the budget which was distributed at the meeting of Vestry. He reminded Vestry the budget attached to the papers was for noting. Noted this year would be budgeting for a deficit in 2019, and cautioned the importance of taking the long term view. The reason for the deficit is because of the planned conservation works, which is important.

Motion: *"That the Budget adopted by Cathedral Council for 2019 be received."*

Kevin TRACEY/Jan HORSNELL **CARRIED**

Thanks

The Treasurer thanked the following people for their work, help and general support, especially:

- His wife, Lizzie Dodd
- The wonderfully meticulous collection counters,
- Robin Shilcock the financial person in the office two days a week.

c. It was moved that HLB Mann Judd be appointed as Auditors for 2019.

Kevin TRACEY/Penny BOWEN **CARRIED**

10. Reports:


a. **Dean's Report** occurred earlier in the meeting

b. **Between The Spires Annual Review**

- The Dean apologised to the Friends, whose report was inadvertently omitted. It was available at the meeting. The Dean read over the report and spoke to some of the important events and ministries in the life of the Cathedral. He noted during this year we had given thanks for the life of David Swale and more recently, Allan Perryman.
- Wendy Morecroft spoke about the new home group for newcomers.
- Angela Evans as People's Warden thanked members of Vestry, Clergy and staff, for the love showed to one another especially with recent difficult times following the deaths of Allan Perryman, Bp Bruce Rosier and Derek Robertson. The pastoral care showed to all is appreciated.

Motion: *"That the reports as distributed to members of Vestry are received and those presenting them be thanked for their contribution."* Kathy TEAGUE/Ian CHESTERMAN **CARRIED**

11. **CLOSE** The Dean closed the meeting, leading Vestry in the Grace, at 1:40pm

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