

Minutes

Warkworth/Puhoi Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 24 November at Warkworth Parish Hall.

1. **Prayer** -- Fr Ralph
2. **Attendance** -- Linda Williams (Chair), Fr Ralph, Tim Holgate, Trish Coupe, Christine Greig, Rick O'Flaherty
3. **Apologies** – Jerome Hardy
4. **Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting** – Accepted Christine and seconded by Rick
5. **Matters Arising**
 - Alpha Course; rather than Kristin Price, the PPC is to contact Stephen Frazer about presenting on this opportunity. Jerome to follow up.
 - Christmas Newsletter; reports from Parish Group Leaders for inclusion in the Christmas Newsletter are due to be with Berny Straka today.
 - Kiribati driver licences; the possibility of assisting members of the Kiribati Community with a drivers licence course is being looked into by Chris Martin. He is in touch with appropriate colleagues in the Police and will also talk to Francis to get a list of who wants help.
 - Nativity Play; the PPC is keen to have the nativity play as usual at the Christmas Eve Mass at Warkworth. Kristin and Fran to be contacted again.
 - Warkworth Working Bee; a very successful morning of tidying up and cleaning on the 9th November. Thank you to all involved.
 - Men's Breakfast; whilst not up to the usual standard the November men's breakfast was held. Jerome and his helpers Noah and John was unfortunately away.
 - New Parishioners; Rick and Trish confirm they will, in the new year, look into updating the process for welcoming new Parishioners into the Parish.
6. **Correspondence** – Nil
7. **General Business**
 - Parish Finance Committee; Notes from Robert Dye, Chairman of the PFC, were received with appreciation. A special thank you for the recent maintenance work around the Warkworth Parish. It is also the wish of the PPC to have a PFC member attend PPC meetings on a regular basis so clear communication and collaboration between the two committees is achieved.
 - New Projector Systems; A projector system is now up and running at Puhoi. The Warkworth system has been updated and a projector now affixed to the ceiling. The system worked without a hitch this morning and it is so much tidier. The next step is

to transfer the task of power point preparation from the Martin family to the Parish Office. Christine Grieg and Jenny Schollum will liaise with Berny Straka on that. With the installation of this new technology, some investigation into the use of a monitor in the Warkworth Hall on busy occasions is suggested.

Filipino Community Choir; the Parish, in Warkworth at least, is blessed with a sizable Filipino community. Their choir is to provide musical accompaniment on the 5th Sunday of any given month and they are rostered to sing on the 29th of December 2019. The PPC acknowledges the important part migrant communities play in the Parish and hope a welcoming atmosphere is prevalent.

Warkworth Cuppa after 10.30 Mass; It was suggested that the ethic group that is singing on that Sunday could be invited to provide the morning tea and so share their culture. The Liturgy committee will investigate this.

New Signage at Warkworth; there is a concern the signage may not comply with Council bylaws, and whilst we understand it was erected to satisfy health and safety issues, it may be creating its own hazard. The PPC is concerned that the presentation and content of the signs may be off-putting to parishioner groups.

Parish Pastoral Council Meetings; Jerome is to be asked if an Agenda can be circulated at least a week before each meeting and also posted on the Church notice boards and Parish website. Also Berny Straka will be asked to post the ratified minute on the website.

- De Paul House; Tim reported on a site visit which occurred on the 22nd on November and that he had also meet casually on site with the property owner, who commented that he is pleased with the way the tenancy is working out. All is going well, and Tim is liaising with the Emergency Housing Group based in Warkworth. There is no playground equipment so perhaps a notice could go in the Parish bulletin asking for any from parishioners.

Warkworth Property; Tim reported that he had a conversation with the rear neighbour at 16 Percy Street. The neighbour wants to build a wall on part of the boundary so it will be an opportunity to look at upgrading all of the carpark fencing. The Kiribati community will be asked about washing down the property buildings again as they have in the past.

Volunteers; we need to keep a focus on this particular aspect of Parish life, draw an all the talents available and somehow get real commitment. On that note the PPC acknowledges the valuable and selfless contribution of Emily Martin who will soon be leaving home to attend Otago University. Christine will organise an appropriate gift.

Morning Tea for Volunteers; Rick will investigate and look at options to hold this before Christmas at Warkworth most probably after 10.30 Mass.

8. **Next Meeting** – February 16th at midday at Warkworth

Meeting closed a 1.03pm with a prayer from Fr Ralph.