

Minutes of Our Lady of Kirkstall Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 27th June, 2018, Holy Name Church Hall

Participants:

Margaret Barnes (Chair), Eric Liddell (Vice Chair), Rev Patrick Smythe, Michael Emly, Julie Trumble, Marian Emily, Eddie Aitken, Anne Waddington, Alicja Dale, Teresa Todd, Peter Hughes

Apologies:

James Moreland, Rev Emmanuel Adinsu, Claire Lees.

AD asked it to be noted that she sent her apologies for the previous meeting.

Opening prayer was given by Fr. Pat.

MB opened the meeting, welcomed all present.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting.

- Liz Andrews spoke very movingly at all churches re: Medaille Trust.
- Eric gave update on Refugees & the Homework Club. It is progressing well with many helpers and even some from Cardinal Heenan School. They are in need of books and syllabus of work. PH offered to give them books from both Primary schools. They are also in need of hardware. EL agreed to write a piece for the Parish Bulletin to alert parishioners to this and say what they can do to help.

3. Live Simply Award Update

It was noted that in relation to the action plan we started with, good progress has been made!

- The bulletins have been well received. There will be a Live Simply bulletin coming out in technicolour this weekend.
- A lot of effort has been put into the Gardening Project
- Recommendations have been put forward re the use of disposable plates & cutlery
- People who use the Parish Kitchens are to be encouraged to use eco-friendly products (eg washing up liquid) where at all possible
- The Parish continues to Live in Solidarity by supporting a number of charities and the Homework Club as mentioned above.

Two main points were put forward;

- Thoughts about next year. A meeting has been planned of the sub-committee for 25th July, 2018. Discussion to take place on how to take things forward next year. Any thoughts to be sent to Michael by e-mail prior to meeting.
- There may well be things now which groups of people in the Parish/wider community may want to be involved in, more specific things. Possibly the 'Family Mass'/ Children's Liturgy Group. P.A's. may also want to be involved.
- At the beginning, we held a survey. It was felt it would be worth revisiting to see the impact/outcomes to-date? It may identify areas in which we need to move forward. It was suggested this could be looked at in March prior to the submission for the Award

Live Simply Sub-committee will begin to look at submission following the meeting on the 25th July, 2018.

At the next meeting of the Pastoral Council meeting in September, we can look at outcomes and form a timeframe for moving forward.

4. Schools & mini -vinnies

PH spoke about the work the schools are doing in the light of the Live Simply project and their work with Mini Vinnies.

He also announced that both schools have been awarded their eco-schools award.

Parishioners are invited to follow the schools on Twitter and also by looking at the schools websites.

5. AOB

- JT asked that an item re mass attendance & what, if anything we can do to improve this, could be added to the agenda for the next meeting
- Discussion re Quarante ore for the next agenda also.

6. Date of next meeting

26th September at HN 7.30 p.m.